

# Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss Dies During Night

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# FRENCHMEN FIRE MARINE BUILDING

## JURY FINDS JOE BRAATON NOT GUILTY

Charge Was Assault With Dangerous Weapon With Intent to Rob.

## VERDICT REACHED MONDAY AFTERNOON

Acquits Defendant of Alleged Attempted Hold-up of Boys Last Christmas Night.

Joe Braaton was cleared of the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to rob late yesterday afternoon by a jury in the circuit court. Braaton was charged with having held up Dwight Smith on Christmas night when the latter was returning to his home from the La Grande hotel where he had been practicing boy scout work.

Judge J. W. Knowles presided over the case which was tried by District Attorney Carl G. Helm and R. J. Kitchin, attorney for the defense. Jurors were Victor Johnson, Frank Ricker, Ernest Bugh, Emil Miller, C. L. McKinnis, Harlan Koger, Reese McAllister, J. J. Peck, Ray Knight, Charles Holmes, H. J. Neilson and P. M. Huffman.

Braaton alleged that he stopped the boys with the intention of giving them a drink, but when he saw that they were young he tried to send them home. Dwight Smith testified that Braaton stuck something against his ribs and told him to "stick 'em up." Elsie Martin who lives near the scene where the encounter occurred also testified that he heard the defendant tell the lad to "stick them

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## \$127 Forwarded To Warm Springs From Ball Here

Total collections amounting to \$221 were made from the President's Birthday ball held at the Sacajawea Inn on Jan. 30, according to Martin Fitzgerald, chairman of the executive committee. The sum sent to the Warm Springs foundation for which the dance—one of 6000 throughout the United States—was held was \$127.

Ninety-four dollars was used for expenses as follows: Orchestra \$40.00 Advertising to Observer 13.50 Punch 7.50 Nelson's Printing company for tickets, cards, etc. 13.50 Postage 2.20 Richardson's for scroll 1.50 Bohnenkamp Co., decorations .85 La Grande Book and Stationery Co., decorations 6.00 Sacajawea Inn for ballroom and equipment 9.30

## United Aircraft Activities Told In Senate Quiz

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—More United Aircraft millions rolled by the senate air mail investigating committee today as it turned from contempt citations to its chief business. Inquiry into mail contracts.

W. E. Boeing, chairman of the united board, told of receiving 318,076 shares of United Aircraft and transport stock for his Boeing aircraft and transport holdings. At the May, 1929, bid, United shares were quoted at \$51,528,312. He agreed, as Chairman Black introduced records to that effect.

He said the property for which these shares were received was carried at \$487,149 but was worth much more, representing the accumulation of 19 years' business operations.

## HIGH GRADE GOLD ON EAST GRANDE RONDE

The "lone prospector" of the east fork of the Grande Ronde river, which territory is practically due west of North Powder, was at the Union county town the other day, with a little bottle of gold to testify that the gravel of the river on which he is working have ore values.

## WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal. Feb. 5 — Well, all I know is what I see by the papers and I see where the manufacturers' sale tax comes up in congress this week. They been needing that for a long time and I imagine it will pass but its not going to do what a lot of 'em want it to, replace the income tax, and there is no reason why it should. You are going to need sales taxes, both federal and state, income tax and a lot of other kinds. It's a great country, but you can't live in it for nothing. Yours,

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## UNIQUE DANCES ARE INCLUDED IN THE "PIED PIPER"

Several unique dances will be featured in the opera, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," to be presented by the Eastern Oregon Normal school on March 2. These dances are being composed and directed by Miss Marjorie Horton, physical education director for girls. Normal and Training school students will be seen in the performances.

The first dance to be presented during the performance will be the "Rustic Dance," done by the citizens of the village. Then will follow a group of Training school student performances. The "Dance of the Tops and Jumping Jacks" will be given by the sixth and seventh grade girls. The seventh and eighth grade girls will present the "Dance of the Toy Soldiers." Then will follow the "Dance of the Dolls" by the fourth and fifth grade girls. The concluding dance of the opera will feature the

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## C. E. SOCIETIES CELEBRATE DAY

While Christian Endeavor societies over all the nation celebrated the fifty-third anniversary of the founding of that organization Sunday, the local societies were no exception. At the Presbyterian church, the high school group together with several members of the young peoples' C. E. Forum gathered in the church, presided over by Miss Hulda Anderson, advisor. Several members gave talks relative to the history, organization and ideal of the C. E. movement.

The date of the organization was February 2, 1881, the founders being Dr. and Mrs. Francis E. Clark, of the Williston Congregational church, of Portland, Maine. In Oregon, this year is being celebrated as the Golden Jubilee year, as the first organization was started in Forest Grove in May, 1884, just three years after the first society was formed in Portland, Maine.

## FOG ROLLS INTO VALLEY AT NIGHT

Fog, which is not so frequent in La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley as in most other sections of the Pacific Northwest, rolled into the valley shortly before midnight last night and was still here at mid-morning, with visibility ranging from a block to three blocks at different times. It was the first fog of consequence here since the morning of Armistice day, 1933.

Maximum temperature here yesterday was 49 above with .08 of an inch of rain falling from cloudy skies. The minimum this morning was 36, and at 7 a. m. it was up two degrees. The weather forecast was for continued unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday with no change in temperature.

Nature produces. He is one of a group of North Powder people who have been working claims in the Blue mountains. As to snowfall in the upper regions, Mr. Carr, according to the North Powder News, reported there was two and a half feet of packed snow at the sheep corrals on the Indians road. His trip to town was necessary to get supplies.

## PRESS HEAD!



F. J. Wheeler, publisher of the Milton Eagle, who was elected president of the Oregon Press Conference, at its recent session held at the school of journalism at the University of Oregon.

## WILL MARK SPOT WHERE PIONEERS FIRST SETTLED

After several unsuccessful attempts, the Union County Historical society was formed and under Mrs. Kate Hanley, president, has completed its first year. The purpose is to record accurately the history of the county, preserve valuable and interesting relics of the early days and to mark the sites of important events.

Already much valuable history has been lost through the deaths of active participants in historical events and haste must be made to record the facts while those remaining are still alive, society members report.

Committees are getting all available information for recording the actual history and this summer the society will place a stone marker on the site of the first settlement in the valley in 1861. A little band of 19 persons, nine men, two women and seven children with the Ben Brown and William Leasey families, arrived in the Grande Ronde valley with the purpose of establishing a permanent home where no white man had made a home before. They selected a place several miles north of the point where the road entered the valley in the district now known as Mount Glen. They chose this out of the way place because it was more protected from the regular Indian trails through the valley as well as a sheltering cove

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## DEATH COMES TO OFFICIAL WHILE ASLEEP

Funeral at Salem Thursday Afternoon—Entire State Mourns Secretary's Passing.

SALEM, Feb. 6 (AP)—Funeral services for Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, will be held Thursday, Feb. 8, at 2 p. m. from the Clough-Barrick chapel in Salem.

SALEM, Feb. 6 (AP)—The department of state in Oregon today was silent and all doors of its various offices closed following the death early this morning of Hal E. Hoss, chief of that division of government for the past six years.

Death claimed the secretary of state while he was asleep, shortly before one o'clock, and he slipped into unconsciousness peacefully, Mrs. Hoss said. She was at his bedside when the prominent official silently turned over his duties to other and surrendered his custody of the seal of the state.

Unable to come to his office the past few weeks, Hoss at all times kept in close touch with his staff and the affairs of the government. A few days ago he issued his last



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public press release in which he accounted for the funds taken in for federal gasoline taxes. No arrangements were announced today for his burial, but it was indicated his body would be taken to Oregon City where he was engaged in newspaper work for many years and from which city he came to assume his political duties in 1928. Services for Hoss would also be held in the

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## Settles for Over Million



The seven-year fight Mrs. Constance May Gavin, wife of a Los Angeles bank clerk, carried on for a daughter's share in the estate of James L. Flood, son of the famous Comstock bonanza king, ended in a compromise settlement. Mrs. Gavin will receive cash and property totaling about \$1,200,000. This is about two-thirds of the amount Mrs. Gavin asked when she sued the estate, claiming she was a daughter of Flood.

## JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

KNOX CASE ARGUED TODAY

AIMEE LOSES COURT CASE

DUTCH TANKER EXPLODES

GRAND JURY QUIZ BEGINS

SALEM, Feb. 6 (AP)—Reviewing for the second time their original arguments on the legislative liquor control act, attorneys for the city of Klamath Falls and the state liquor commission today presented their case to the Oregon supreme court for final decision on the constitutionality of the statute.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6 (AP)—Judgment of \$5,900 against Aimee Semple McPherson-Hutton, evangelist, was awarded today to assignees of J. Roy Stewart, late motion picture director, because of her failure to carry out a contract he had with her to make a movie based on her life.

HAMBURG, Germany, Feb. 6 (AP)—The Dutch motor tanker Stormvogel, with a cargo of gasoline aboard, blew up eight miles west of Norriker today. Two vessels in the vicinity rushed to the rescue but found no trace of the ship or its crew.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—A grand jury investigation of alleged activities of Joseph Silverman, a Washington and New York dealer in army surplus, was begun today with Harry H. Woodring, assistant secretary of war, among the witnesses.

ROME, Feb. 6 (AP)—An American woman, her Italian husband and their baby daughter were found smothered to death by snow today after an avalanche swept over their winter sports lodge near Bolagnola. The woman was the former Miss Helen Hawkins, of Los Angeles.

## MONTHLY FEE FOR GRAZING CATTLE CUT TWO CENTS

PORTLAND, Feb. 6 (AP)—A reduction of about two cents a head in the monthly fee for cattle grazed on Oregon and Washington national forests, and an increase of about one-fourth cent a head for sheep grazed on these lands has been ordered. E. N. Kavanagh, assistant regional forester here, said the monthly fees for 1934 have been determined and are now effective. Monthly fees for sheep will be about 2 1/2 cents a head, and for cattle about eight cents a head. Last year the sheep fee was 2 cents, and for cattle, 10 cents.

## 4000 PROVINCIALS ARE MASSACRED

PEIPING, Feb. 6 (AP)—Four thousand Ninghsia provincial troops were massacred when forces under the rebel general Sun Tien-Ying occupied Pinglo, said Chinese news dispatches today.

The advice also reported that 700 workers had been killed in a coal

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## TINY BLIGHT AIDS AUSTRALIA IN WAR ON PRICKLY PEAR

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—Helped by a tiny blight with a long name—cactoblastis cactorum—Australia is winning a war against the deadly prickly pear.

Over an area of 60,000,000 acres the tiny blight has attacked the enemy, and there is definite prospect that the plant will be exterminated in Australia within a comparatively short time.

In the last two years more than 8,000,000 acres of land previously infected by the pear have been opened for permanent settlement in Queensland.

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## PARISIANS' BULLETS HIT U. S. EMBASSY

Police Open Fire on Mob Attempting to Storm Chamber of Deputies

## ENRAGED CROWD TURNS TO FORCE

Ministry of Marine Building Ignited By Mob After Police Opened Fire on Battlers.

PARIS, Feb. 6 (AP)—An enraged mob set fire to the ministry of marine building, near the United States embassy, on the Place de la Concorde today after police had fired on the battling crowd. The mob stormed the ministry presumably to get arms with which to reply to the police fusillade.

The fire was extinguished after half an hour. Shortly after the shooting the chamber of deputies gave Premier Daladier his third vote of confidence of the day by a ballot of 360 to 320.

PARIS, Feb. 6 (AP)—Police opened fire on a mob attempting to storm the chamber of deputies today and at least one man was killed and one woman probably mortally wounded. The American embassy was spattered by bullet fire.

The police bullets wounded at least thirty persons as the fire smashed against the walls of the embassy, diagonally across the square from the police barricade.

Inside the chamber of deputies, where police and troops were mobilized, it was reported that one guardman had been killed and 200 persons injured. More than 3,000 persons rioted against the authorities in the great square where once stood the guillotine of the French revolution.

But there was another mob outbreak also in the city hall. That building was filled with soldiers called out to reinforce the police who were overwhelmed by forces of communists, young royalists, and socialists.

Rightists charged the government with dictatorial methods. A short time previously the Daladier government had received a vote of 300 to 217 expressing the chamber's confidence.

## F. R. Nurses Cold As Heavy Snows Blanket Capital

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—More snow blanketed the capital today, causing automobilists and pedestrians plenty of skidding trouble, while hundreds including President Roosevelt nursed colds.

Washington was just about dug out of one of its heaviest snows of the winter when more descended yesterday and a bit more early today.

The president's cold was not serious, but on the advice of his physician, he stayed away from the executive offices yesterday to catch up on his correspondence. The doctor said he could go back to the office today, if he cared to.

## WILL ATTEND BAKER DINNER

Charles H. Reynolds, president, and Harold C. Boone, secretary of the La Grande chamber of commerce, will be among the local business men attending the annual meeting of the Baker chamber of commerce tonight at Baker.

## FAIRBANKS SR. NAMED IN DIVORCE TRIANGLE

By Albert W. Wilson (Associated Press Foreign Staff) LONDON, Feb. 6 (AP)—Douglas Fairbanks Sr., American film star, was served notice today that he has been named as correspondent in a divorce action instituted by young Lord Ashley against the doll-like Lady Ashley.

The law firm of Gordon, Dadds and Company announced the service of the notice and immediately Lady Ashley, who once played the heroine's role in the play "The Whole Town's Talking" had all London town talking again.

She herself, however, separated from her husband and residing in

the Mayfair district, flatly declined to make any comment on the case. Fairbanks maintained a "dignified silence" even as he did during his marital troubles with Mary Pickford, his equally famous wife whose divorce action still is pending in California.

Lady Ashley and Mary Pickford are two distinct and contrasting types of beauty. As for Lord Ashley, the heir to an earldom dating back nine generations, he is a serious, sober-faced youth with a drooping military moustache.

Lady Ashley is of medium height and slender. She has been described

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## A MAN'S BEST FRIEND IS HIS MOTHER



## JAPAN FEARS U. S. TREATY WITH CHINA

American Aviation Activities Cause—Officials Deny Any Agreement

By Glenn Babb (Associated Press Foreign Staff) TOKYO, Feb. 6 (AP)—Koki Hirota, foreign minister, told the house of peers today that Japan is endeavoring to learn whether a secret treaty exists between the United States and China which obliges Americans to assist in China's aviation development.

Hirota's statement was in answer to a question by Atsushi Akaike, who asserted that the new Chinese airways with American backing has been elsewhere in Fukien province from which bombing planes could easily attack Formosa.

## Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 23 1/2 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 23 cents. No export bid.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6 (AP)—A sudden outburst of buying hoisted wheat prices in the last few minutes of trading today, and losses of about 1 cent were more than overcome.

Eastern houses were conspicuous in the late upturn, which was associated with strength of securities. Chicago speculative sellers made haste to switch their market position.

Wheat closed firm, 1/4c off to 1/2c up compared with yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to 1/4c lower, oats 1/4c to 1/2c down, and provisions showing 5 to 12c gain.

## COMMITTEE FOR CATTLE MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—The senate agriculture committee today favorably reported the Connally bill to designate cattle as a basic commodity under the agricultural adjustment act, a similar bill having been passed by the house yesterday.

If cattle takes a place in the act as a basic commodity, the farm administration would have authority to levy a processing tax on beef and other cattle products and pay benefits to producers.

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