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FLAMES CONSUME PILOT ROCK CO-OP GRAIN BUILDING

PORTLAND POLICE ARREST THIRTEEN ALLEGED "REDS"

"In Memory of 'Bloody Sunday' in Petrograd, Panuary 22, 1905" Caption Under Which Meeting is Advertised.

OFFICERS ACT UNDER THE STATE SYNDICALISM ACT

Mayor Baker Announces That All Gatherings of Suspected Radical Organizations Will be Prohibited in Future.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—(A. P.)—The police arrested thirteen alleged radicals, seized a quantity of radical literature and prohibited a meeting scheduled last night advertised as "In memory of 'Bloody Sunday' in Petrograd January 22, 1905."

DESPONDENCY AND ILL HEALTH CAUSE SUICIDE

Despondency because of ill health is thought by relatives to have been the motive for the suicide of Mrs. T. W. Ayers, aged 50, who shot herself through the breast with a .32 automatic pistol Saturday night at her home, 642 Cottonwood street.

Mrs. Ayers, clad in her night dress and bleeding profusely from the wound, was found lying on her bed with the pistol in her hand by J. Holm, a roomer in the house who heard the shot just as he entered the front door. He ran to the police station and summoned a physician, but efforts to save Mrs. Ayers' life were unavailing.

Dr. Ayers, who survives Mrs. Ayers, and who has been in Portland for several weeks with the intention of opening an office in that city, arrived here this morning. No inquest will be held as suicide is self-evident, according to J. T. Brown, county coroner. Mrs. Ayers has been in very poor health and recently collapsed on the street because of heart disease.

Mrs. Ayers was born in Missouri and came to Pendleton 13 years ago. She was a niece of Mrs. Mary Rhodes of this city and of Mrs. Joe Burkland of Walls Walla. Mrs. Lilla Bott and Mrs. Nellie Peters are cousins of the deceased. Dr. Ayers is well known here and was in the drug business in Pendleton at one time.

The funeral will be held tomorrow from the Brown chapel at 3 p. m. with Rev. H. L. Buschmeyer, pastor of the Christian church, officiating.

NEWSPAPER FIGURES DEMANDED BY COURT

Designation of two county newspapers in Umatilla county to serve as official publications of the proceedings of the county court, was considered today by the commissioners in session. Tenders were submitted by the two Pendleton dailies and by the Freewater Times.

The East Oregonian and the Times, in compliance with section 252 of the Oregon laws, submitted a complete list of the names of subscribers in Umatilla county. The commissioners this afternoon asked the Pendleton Tribune to do likewise. Pending more definite information from the Tribune, other matters were taken up this afternoon.

The salary of the roadmaster, J. L. Shannon, was fixed at \$250 a month by the commissioners. He is also to be allowed a reasonable amount for transportation.

Permission was granted the city of Walls Walla to maintain its water system along a portion of county road No. 488 in this county and also to construct and maintain a telephone line along this road.

The jury list for 1921, containing 259 names, was drawn by the commissioners this morning.

PASSAGE OF PACKER LAW BY SENATE IS DOUBTFUL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(U. P.)—Passage of the Kenyon-Hendrick packer bill is looked upon as extremely doubtful after the senate discussed it three hours. A poll taken by the supporters of the bill showed a large number of "doubtful" senators. The poll indicated about 24 voters for the bill, 34 against it and 21 doubtful.

"RE" ARMY WITH VAST WAR MATERIALS FOUND IN CITIES OF GERMANY

1500 CASUALTIES FROM BIG OFFENSIVE ON WEST FRONT RECORD FOR DAY

More than 30 shunters from Pendleton joined residents of the Starfield vicinity Sunday in a rabbit shoot on the Hoskins ranch at the mouth of Stage Gulch. There were over 100 shooters in all in the party and it is estimated that more than 1500 rabbits were killed during the day. The shoot was staged by Hoskins Brothers and at noon they served a lunch to all who had come to assist in ridding their section of the pests. There was the third Sunday rabbit shoot in the west end in the past 15 days and was, like its predecessors, a success.

BOOKS ARE CLASSIFIED

Miss Sabra Nelson, county librarian, and Miss Freda Glover, assistant, spent Friday and Saturday in classifying the books at the Freewater, Ferndale and Weston branches of the county system. They have done this work at various branches in the county during the fall and winter.

LEEDY CIGAR STORE LEASE MAY NOT MEAN NEW THEATRE HOUSE

Purchaser Unwilling to Make Definite Statement Regarding Plans But Does Not Deny Possibilities of New Playhouse.

Purchase of a 20 month lease on the premises occupied by the Harry Leedy cigar store by Groullet & Matlock and notice to other tenants in the same building to move by March 31 does not necessarily preclude the immediate erection of a theater building on the property. C. G. Matlock, part owner, said Sunday. Mr. Matlock was unwilling to say that any definite plans had been made.

The lease bought extended to July, 1923, Mr. Matlock said. Other tenants, including the White Doughnut Lunch, Clover Leaf Dairy and T. P. Cafe, do not have long time leases and they were served with notice to vacate by March 31.

That a modern theater building may eventually be erected on the Main street property was not denied by Mr. Matlock. He did not state, however, that any construction work would be started April 1. "We have no definite plans and have made no attempts to finance any new building at this time" was the comment.

Rumors that the three theaters now operated by Groullet & Matlock will be continued in operation or any of them closed have no official foundation, Mr. Matlock said Sunday.

GOVERNMENT EXPERTS SEE GREAT PROSPERITY REVIVAL BY APRIL 1

Predict Factories Will be Running Full Tilt, Foreign Trade Will Pick Up, and Railroads to be Rushed Full Time.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(U. P.)—Industrial depression throughout the world has reached its low point, from now on conditions will improve according to reports of government experts gathered here. More than six million workers are now idle in the United States and principal European countries it is estimated. By April it was predicted, there will be much less unemployment, factories will be running full time, foreign trade will pick up, railroads will be rushed and prosperity will be general. Revival of commercial activity already has set in, plants are beginning to open and operate full time in many sections of the country.

Retail concerns already have begun to experience a slight increase in buying and textile mills of New England and the south are beginning to report increase in orders. With a revival of industry will come greater production and stabilized or lower prices, government economists say.

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—(A. P.)—A semi-official statement issued today says evidence of the existence of a red army, created by the German communist party, has been revealed by searches in Essen, Dusseldorf, Elberfeld and Bremen. The statement declares that the red army possesses light and heavy guns in vast quantities and other war material.

UMATILLA COUNTY JOINS IN GRAIN ASSOCIATION

Umatilla county united with Wasco, Sherman, Morrow, Gilliam and Walla counties in the formation at The Dalles of the Oregon State Grain Growers' Association, a co-operative non-profit organization designed to control the marketing of the major portion of wheat grown in the state. Representatives from the various counties were present at the formation of the association with S. J. Colley of Weston, representing the Umatilla county Farm Bureau.

The new organization is state-wide in scope and said to be the largest attempt at co-operative marketing yet tried in Oregon. It was designed, according to the contract, to eliminate speculations in wheat; finance wheat growers in need of money before the crop has matured; market the wheat in an orderly manner and prevent violent fluctuations in the wheat market; control enough of the wheat grown in Oregon so that the co-operative organization can sell the wheat direct from growers to the consuming mills, cutting out grain dealers' profits, which includes the profits now said to be derived by dealers from "bleeding" the wheat.

In the plan of organization, which is modeled after those in use by California, Idaho and Washington co-operative associations, the state will be divided into nine districts, each district representing from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 bushels of wheat. Each district will have one delegate, plus additional delegates for every 100,000 bushels of wheat signed up in that district. The total number of delegates is not to exceed 30, however.

From these delegates, eight directors will be elected, one more director being chosen by the president of Oregon Agricultural college to represent the interests of the people. The directors will appoint a manager for the association, and also an executive committee of three from their members, who will keep check on the various operations of the organization.

Farmer Contracts Planned. The plan of organization includes a six-year contract with the farmer-members, under the terms of which wheat is to be delivered and sold through the association. A fine of 25 cents a bushel will be levied against any member who sells wheat outside of the association, and will be instituted against that member if necessary. This clause is designed to prevent the undermining of the new organization by unscrupulous wheat speculators who would overbid the sale price received by the farmers through the association in order to cause its demoralization, to his advantage. It was pointed out at the meeting.

MISS HELTS ILL. Miss Daphna Helts, stenographer at the office of Fred Penning, county agent, is confined by illness to her home today.

EXPLOSION KILLS 25 AND DESTROYS COMPANY'S PLANT

Firemen Arrive on Scene of Disaster and do Wonderful Work Rescuing Dead and Wounded in Big Memphis Oil Ruin.

MOTHER, FIVE CHILDREN KILLED IN ONE HOUSE

Sparks From Workman's Chisel Fall Into Tank Containing 25,000 Gallons of Gasoline, Reported Cause of Accident.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 24.—(U. P.)—Twenty-five who killed when a series of explosions wrecked the Taylor-Reese Oil Company's plant here, firemen arrived immediately after the first of the explosions and did wonderful work in rescuing the dead and dying. They reaped off the streets two blocks away in preparation for a second series of explosions, which were expected. More than a dozen houses were blown up. In one house a mother and five children were killed. Ten dead negroes were counted by one man. The explosions were caused by a spark from the chisel of a man working on the tank containing fifteen thousand gallons of gasoline, which first blew up. No trace was found of the man.

The majority of those killed are believed to be negroes. Twenty-four men, including four whites, were said to be working at the plant when the tank blew up. The only hope given for any of them is that some may have been late arriving at work. Pearing houses within a half mile radius of the plant will be wiped out, should serious explosions occur, the police captain said that section of North Memphis, warning the residents to get far away as possible.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 24.—(A. P.)—An explosion of a tank car filled with gasoline set fire to a row of small dwellings, occupied mostly by negroes, in the north end of Memphis today. A number of persons are missing and the police estimated early today that as high as 25 were dead and 30 injured.

RUSS SITUATION MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM IN ALLIED COUNCIL MEET

Wilson's Note Requesting Guarantee From Diplomats That Russia Will be Attacked Puts Troublesome Question in Forefront.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—(U. P.)—The Russian situation was one of the most important confronting the allied council when it met here. Wilson's note requesting the allies to give guarantee that Russia would be attacked put the situation in the forefront. The allies must decide whether they'll follow Wilson's wishes. Other big questions confronting the premiers were German reparations.

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MALHEUR COUNTY MURDERER NOT FORMER LOCAL BOY IS SHOWN BY WIRE FROM SALEM

OLON INTRODUCES BILL GIVING DEATH PENALTY PUNISHMENT TO BANDITS

SALEM, Jan. 24.—(A. P.)—A bill proposing capital punishment for holdup men was introduced by Senator Home. The bill would make it an offense punishable by hanging to assault with intent to kill or place any person in a robbery or attempted robbery.

Unit System For Schools. SALEM, Jan. 24.—(A. P.)—A county unit system of taxation for school districts is to be embraced in a bill being prepared by a committee of the county superintendent's association of the state. The object is to eliminate inequalities now existing among districts, which long have been a target of criticism. Under the proposed bill school districts would be divided into three classes, city districts, village districts having from 500 to 1000 pupils and country districts.

Term 8 Years for President. SALEM, Jan. 24.—(A. P.)—The Oregon members of congress are urged to support the constitutional amendment extending the term of office of the president of the United States to eight years in a joint resolution introduced by Representative Lee of Multnomah.

SALEM, Jan. 24.—(U. P.)—State censorship of moving picture films and houses is provided in a bill which Representative Childs and Floger will introduce Tuesday and Wednesday. It provides a board of three censors, appointed by the governor. A headquarters board will be in Portland and members will be entitled to actual expenses while engaged in administering the law. The authors of the bill point out there is no censorship over films and motion houses outside of Portland and it is contended the same care ought to be exercised over the character of films shown to people outside of Portland as within the city.

SALEM, Jan. 24.—(U. P.)—The port of Portland consolidation bill has caused the house from its dignified calm and swept it into heated oratory when Joseph asked various bills relating to the question be taken from the senate judiciary committee of which Mosler is chairman, and submitted to a committee of the whole house for further consideration and final report. Moser jumped to his feet in battle array and from then on until adjournment the fight raged back and forth across senate chamber only to be interrupted by the Eberhard motion for recess and lunch. It was then taken up again at 3 o'clock. Joseph contended the problems presented in the consolidation program of the state are of wide importance and that the whole senate should have a share in the discussion. Thomas, who supported Joseph, referred to Moses as a paid attorney of the port of Portland commission, and contended it was not right for Moses to preside over the hearing and guide the destiny of the port consolidation program.

SALEM, Jan. 24.—(A. P.)—Four educational bills were before the house committee on education today to provide free text books in elementary schools, make school elections conform to general elections, fix school directors terms in certain districts, and remove property restrictions on voters at school elections.

SALEM, Jan. 24.—(A. P.)—The senate after a stormy debate on a question that the committee be ordered to report immediately on the Portland

George W. Howard, Malheur county murderer who is to be hanged at Salem in February, is not the George Howard who formerly lived in Pendleton and whose parents ran a grocery store in the west end of the city. This was shown today in a wire from Warden Coggan of the penitentiary in the East Oregonian and the news is confirmed by local people who know George L. Howard, former Pendletonian.

Howard states he never lived in Pendleton, may have distant relatives' said the wire from the warden. Further facts showing that George L. Howard was not the Malheur criminal are proved by Sam Oliver of this city. Mr. Oliver says he has frequently heard from the former Pendleton boy and that he is living in Spokane where he is manager of a large repair shop. He has been there since leaving the navy and is a successful law abiding citizen. St. Reets of this city is also in possession of information to the same effect. Hence it is evident that a story in the East Oregonian Saturday was untrue to George L. Howard and this correction is made in fairness to the former local man and his relatives.

J. W. PERINGER DIES AT LOS ANGELES AT AGE NINETY SEVEN

Pioneer of Umatilla County First Settled Near Adams, Was Father of Six Children; George Peringer, Youngest.

John W. Peringer, 97 year old pioneer of Umatilla county, died at his home in Los Angeles Saturday. The immediate cause of his death was a recent fall which gave him a broken hip. Word of Mr. Peringer's death was received here early yesterday morning by relatives. Two children, Mrs. Jerry Stone of Athena and J. W. Peringer of Oakesdale, Wash., were here last evening enroute to Los Angeles. Another son, Virgil Peringer of Bellingham, was to join them in Portland for the trip south. The late George Peringer was another son and frequently visited his parent.

A native of Missouri John W. Peringer first moved from Missouri to Kansas and in 1876 migrated to Oregon locating on Sand Hollow, near Adams. He lived there until about 25 years ago when he moved to Los Angeles. Mr. Peringer was a veteran of the civil war. He was the father of five sons and one daughter, Sam Peringer of Kansas City; J. W. Peringer of Oakesdale, Wash.; Jasper Peringer, of Okanogan, Mrs. Jerry Stone of Athena; Virgil Peringer, an attorney of Bellingham, Wash.; and the late George Peringer who was the youngest child. Mr. Peringer was married three times and his third wife survives him in Los Angeles.

Carl Peringer and Mrs. Jack Dolph of this city are grandchildren of the aged pioneer. Among the other grandchildren are Robert Peringer and Roy Peringer, sons of J. W. Peringer, of Oakesdale; Dave Stone of Athena, Stephen A. Stone, of Salem; Clifford Stone, living near Spokane and Mrs. Roy Hunt of Seattle. There are likewise some great grandchildren and a few great great grandchildren. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

IAP PREMIER INFORMS COUNTRYMEN U. S. AND NIPPON MOST FRIENDLY

TOKIO, Jan. 24.—(U. P.)—Addressing the opening session of the diet Premier Hara said Japan and America are discussing questions growing out of the California-Japanese situation in a most friendly spirit. He declares the government expects a satisfactory settlement. Discussing disarmament the government expects a satisfactory settlement, disarmament of the government's spokesman said. "As a matter of principle, disarmament will be welcomed for the general welfare of the human race. The premier declared all thoughtful people of both nations want the continuance of the 'wholesome spirit' of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. He said Japanese-American relations are as 'cordial as ever,' that there are no 'insurmountable obstacles' which might disturb the factors governing it."

DISASTROUS FIRE DESTROYS PILOT ROCK WAREHOUSE

Conflagration of Unknown Origin Destroys Storage House Valued at \$10,000 and Damages \$60,000 in Grain.

Flames Reported Early Sunday Morning and General Alarm Sent Out Resulting in Formation of Bucket Brigade.

Grain valued at \$60,000 was damaged in a fire of undetermined origin which Sunday morning consumed the \$10,000 warehouse of the Pilot Rock Elevator Co., a cooperative concern at Pilot Rock. Olin Carson, 49, of Pilot Rock, one of 200 volunteer fire fighters, suffered a double fracture of his ankle when he fell from the roof of the Pacific Coast Elevator Co. warehouse adjoining.

Approximately 20,000 bags of grain were stored in the warehouse and they represent about \$20,000, according to estimates placed today by local grain dealers. The warehouse, 60 by 200 feet in dimensions, was valued at \$10,000, while the feed mill equipment and stock carried by the owners represents about \$5000 more. Estimates today placed the loss around \$75,000.

Nearly 200 men from the part of virtually all men in Pilot Rock and farmers from nearby saved the Pacific Coast Elevator Co. and H. W. Collins warehouses adjoining. The Pacific Coast warehouse is 20 feet from the structure which burned and the Collins warehouse north of the Pacific Coast building.

The Pilot Rock warehouse was in flames when a chime reported the blaze about 6:30 Sunday morning. The south end of the structure, adjoining the concrete elevator, was being consumed. A general alarm was sent out and townspeople organized two bucket brigades, one bringing water from Birch creek and another from a nearby spring. The fire had insufficient fire hose to reach the inside from the nearest hydrant.

Calls were sent to Pendleton for aid and Fire Chief W. E. Kinbold, with five men and the small truck with 600 feet of hose, left here at 7:30. It took them more than an hour to reach Pilot Rock. When they arrived with the hose the structure had collapsed but grain was hauled and the fire was still dangerous.

Lumber Feels Blaze. In a short time following the arrival of the added hose, streams of water were played on the burning mass. A quantity of lumber being used for new building, stored in the south end of the warehouse, made the blaze sputter.

The south end of the Pacific Coast warehouse was badly scorched by the flames and heat but it was saved by the work of the bucket brigades. Lack of wind and the presence of a fog also helped save the adjoining warehouses, according to Paul Ostroff, local manager of the Pacific Coast Elevator Co.

Most of the grain in the warehouse, as well as the structure itself, was covered by insurance. One lot of barley, 2500 sacks, was removed from the burning mass, with the loss of about 300 sacks which were burned off the grain. A considerable amount of wheat, stored in the north end of the warehouse, can be salvaged, local men at the fire said, but it will not be fit for milling.

Salt, Feed, Flour Lost. In addition to the warehouse, the offices and the feed mill in the building, several consignments of feed and hay and some sacked flour lost. The loss on this material is not heavy and is understood to be covered by insurance.

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Declares Disarmament as Matter of Principle is Welcome to Thoughtful People of Both Nations for General Good.

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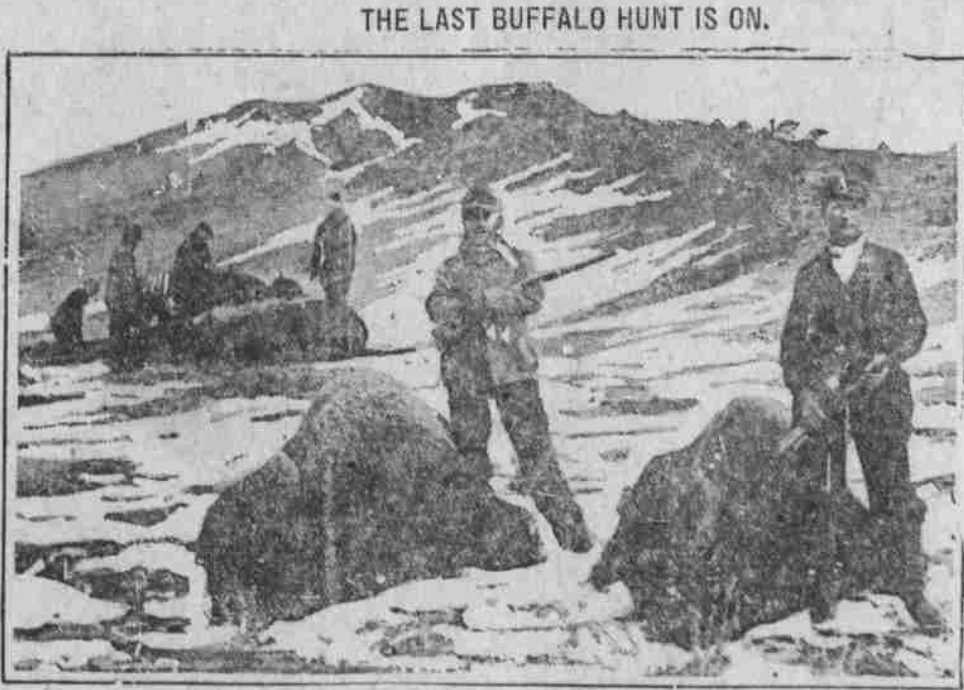
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Weather

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Tonight and Tuesday rain or snow warmer tonight.



THE LAST BUFFALO HUNT IS ON. This photograph from Antelope Island Great Salt Lake, Utah, shows a hat probably will be the last real buffalo hunt in its history of the United States. The great wild beasts are being shot down just as they were in the old days when range ranches reigned the western plains. There are 25 of the doomed animals—descendants of a herd taken to the island years ago and left to run wild because they could not escape. They became so savage they began killing off blooded cattle taken to the island by the Buffalo Island Livestock Co. So the company decided to get rid of them by selling permits to hunt them at \$200 a head. Efforts of humane societies to halt the plan failed, and the hunt is on. This picture shows some of the early hunters with their first victims.