

### '40 OUTPUT HIGH IN OREGON MINES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Oregon's production of gold, silver, copper and lead in 1940 was larger than in any year since mining started in the state in 1852 and the gold output set an all time record in quantity and value.

The bureau of mines, in making public a report compiled by its San Francisco office, said the state's total production was worth \$4,094,018 during last year. Gold production totaled 112,700 fine ounces, silver 178,000 fine ounces, copper 180,000 pounds and lead 52,000 pounds. The production in 1939 was \$3,372,000, gold, 105,388 ounces of silver, 96,000 pounds of copper and 30,000 pounds of lead, all worth \$3,350,950.

The gold produced in 1940 was worth \$3,944,500; silver, \$126,578; copper, \$20,340, and lead, \$2800. The bureau said the major outputs were recorded for Baker, Grant, Josephine and Jackson counties. The copper and lead, the report continued, were produced as by-products of concentrates smelted principally for gold.

At Portland, the state department of geology and mineral industries reported that quicksilver production added another \$1,700,000 to the metallic production of Oregon in 1940.

Production of non-metallic minerals last year totaled approximately \$5,500,000, the department continued, increasing Oregon's over-all figure to \$11,294,018.

### EXAMS FOR CIVIL SERVICE SLATED

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 14 (AP)—Two civil service examinations for positions in the state service were announced today by the state personnel board as follows: February 1—Pediatrician. Entrance salary is \$245 a month. Prerequisite is possession of a valid license to practice medicine in California and graduation from medical school with specialization in pediatrics and obstetrics and one year of licensed practice at medicine.

X-ray technician — Starting salary is \$140 a month. Applicants must have completed 12th grade and have two years experience, including training in X-ray techniques and methods, under an accredited medical radiologist.

Deadline for filing applications for both positions is January 23.

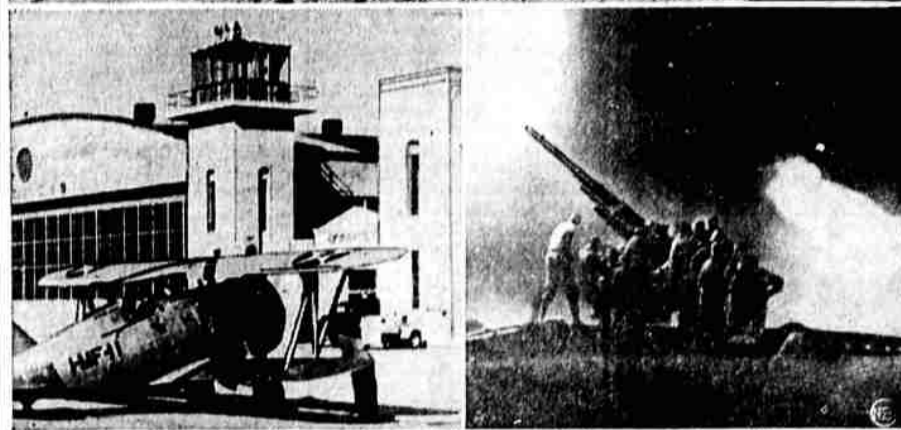
### MALIN STUDENT ON DANCE COMMITTEE

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 14—Ehler Reber, Malin, has been appointed to the floor committee for the annual Senior ball to take place January 17 at the University of Oregon.

Reber, a graduate of Malin high school, is a senior majoring in journalism at the university. He is a member of the Order of the "O," a member of Scabbard and Blade, military honorary, and of Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalism fraternity. He was assistant chairman of the canoe fete last year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Reber and is affiliated with Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Illinois man missing with \$10,000 was caught in Florida. That's carrying things too far. Wonder if a pig gets any satisfaction out of knowing he may grow up to be chicken salad.

### Army—Not Oil or Gold—Made This "Boom" Town



Bustling activity and a growth that can be noted daily give all the aspects of an oldtime oil or gold rush "boom" town to Fort Bragg, N. C., where thousands of new troops will be trained. Nestling in the foothills near Fayetteville, it used to be a military post of some 5000 men. In six months it has accumulated a population of 46,000 men—22,000 soldiers and 24,000 workmen now erecting the 2478 new structures needed for its eventual population of 67,000. Fort Bragg scenes above show, at top, some of the new barracks, each to house 60 or 70 men; left, below, an Ohio National Guard plane at Pope Field, the Fort Bragg airport; right, below, two field pieces in night practice.

### 'Old Bill' Brown, Former Oregon Cattle Range King, Dies in Old People's Home

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 14 (AP)—"Old Bill" Brown, whose range-land empire faded out with the old west of which he was a colorful and almost legendary figure, had taken his last ride Monday.

The man who once had title to 36,000 acres of central Oregon's high plateau country and controlled an additional 100,000 acres died quietly Saturday in the Methodist old people's home—a tired man of 86.

"Old Bill"—William Walter Brown, was a range king a little more than a decade ago. More than 10,000 horses had carried his brand and 22,000 sheep were his to barter. In his hey day, around Burns and Prineville, he was known to write checks on chips, wrapping paper and tomato can labels. His wealth was never known. "Old Bill" never kept books.

Old timers of the area called him a strange man. He never lied. He never drank. He never married and he never lapsed into profanity. He thought nothing of 30-mile hikes after supper.

A native of Pike county, Wisconsin, he came to Oregon 57 years ago after graduating from the San Jose (Calif.) normal school.

A few years after settling he was a colorful and powerful figure in central Oregon.

"Old Bill" rode like a centaur—preferably in his socks—and was credited with killing a Texas bad man. He once bought \$6000 worth of hogs because he thought bacon was too expensive in the range country.

However, he and an assistant butchered the porkers after his riders objected to herding them. Because neither he nor his partner knew anything of meat packing, the entire lot spoiled.

His empire began to collapse shortly after the end of the World war when he was found with numberless bands of horses and drifting fields of sheep—but little else. In 1935 he signed a blanket mortgage and his properties were taken over by the Pacific

### Wool Growers' Credit Corporation

"Old Bill" was "flat bust," 81 and tired.

### LAWBREAKERS FINED IN JUSTICE COURT

Two reckless driving charges and two drunk counts were among seven cases disposed of in justice court Monday.

Orin Conrad Lien and Jesse Burcham were fined \$25 each on the driving charges and Burcham's license was suspended for 30 days. Thomas Obed Edmundsen forfeited \$10 bail and Frank Gonzales Cruz was sentenced to five days in the county jail for being drunk on a public highway.

Three other traffic violators were fined and a reckless driving case continued.

### VACATION WITH PAY MILL WORKERS GIVEN

EUGENE, Jan. 14 (AP)—The Gustina Brothers Lumber company, one of the largest in Lane county, has granted its employees a one-week vacation with pay and a wage increase following negotiations with the Willamette valley district council of lumber and sawmill workers. The announcement was made by W. O. Kelsay, president of the council, an AFL affiliate.

### PROFIT OKLAHOMA CITY

A holdup man demanded the day's receipts of Jack Bryant, filling station attendant. Bryant banded the man over the head with a carton of fresh eggs. Bryant saved \$100. The eggs cost 30 cents.

### NORWAY IS URGED TO HELP GERMANY

OSLO, German-Occupied Norway (Via Berlin) Jan. 14 (AP)—Promises of German citizenship without relinquishment of Norwegian citizenship were offered Monday as an inducement for Norwegians to join a "Nordland" regiment and fight for the German cause.

Creation of the regiment was announced by Major Vidkun Quisling, leader of the Norwegian nazis. There was no indication how close a cooperation with German armed forces might be expected, nor whether the regiment would leave Norwegian soil.

Norwegians serving one year in the new force would be entitled to government jobs, it was announced, and, in the event of active war service, veterans would be entitled to farms. Quisling said "reorganization of Europe" was an aim.

### SCOUT MASTERS TO TALK OVER PLANS

Scoutmasters and troop committee chairmen of the Modoc area district council will get together to talk plans for the coming year at a dinner meeting at Hickman's January 17. The dinner will start at 6:30.

At this meeting the following members of the new commissioner staff will be introduced: Howard Boyd, Earl Wyomere, Harold Franey, William Ferguson and Dr. Boyd Sprague.

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### 'CUSTOMER RIGHT' ADAGE IS PROVED

FRESNO, Calif., Jan. 4 (AP)—Ralph Smith, operator of a service station on a state highway here, siphoned four gallons of gasoline from the tank of a patrol who refused to pay before the taste of the fuel convinced him of the truth of the salesman's adage that the customer is always right.

Deputy Sheriff John Ford said Smith told him a woman motorist, Los Angeles bound, stopped for fuel. Smith pumped 11 gallons into the tank only to have her declare she ordered three, and refuse to pay for more.

To Smith's argument that more than three gallons were required for a trip to Los Angeles, she replied she did not like the kind of gasoline he sold, but would pay him half price.

Smith got a hose and sucked. The first mouthful of gasoline which started the siphon in operation was not so bad, but by the time he had managed to extract four gallons from the tank, Smith surrendered, left the remaining gallons in the tank and accepted the motorist's pay for the three gallons she said she ordered.

### 14 LIONS BAGGED DURING DECEMBER IN CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 14 (AP)—During December, lion hunters bagged 14 lions, bringing the total kill for the 11 months up to 216, 25 below the average taken during the last 10 years, the state department of natural resources reported today.

Lions were taken in the following counties: Santa Barbara, six; Humboldt, two; and Lake, Mendocino, Tulare, Siskiyou, Trinity and Madera, one each. Predatory animals taken during the month totaled 477 bobcats and coyotes and 244 lesser predators.

### DEPARTMENT D LINCOLN, Neb.

When Lincoln police detect suspects for driving while drunk, they designate the degree of drunkenness on new department forms with these classifications: "Dry and decent, delighted and devilish, dizzy and delirious, dazed and dejected, dead drunk."

### Labor Department Survey Shows Cost of Filling Family Market Basket Up

By FRED BAILEY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—The cost of filling the family market basket is going up, a survey of retail food costs by the labor department shows.

Food prices advanced an average of 1.4 per cent in the five weeks between Nov. 12 and Dec. 17, the period covered in the survey. Increases ranging up to 3.9 per cent were noted in all 54 cities surveyed.

The bureau of home economics estimated the average family of four spends \$10 a week for food. On that basis it now costs 24 cents more a week to feed an average family than it did a year ago.

Administration officials who are watching living costs closely under the defense program to prevent unwarranted increases, said that advances in food prices so far have not been unreasonable.

The labor department pointed out that although some food items have increased more than 15 per cent in the past year, that the average retail price of food still is three per cent below the 1935-1939 average.

The advance between Nov. 12 and Dec. 17 was the sharpest for a comparable period in more than a year. Further moderate increases were indicated by the index of wholesale prices showing advances since mid-December.

Principal items in the increased costs of foods were butter, potatoes, chickens, milk and fresh vegetables. Other important food items showing increases were flour, cured pork and lard.

Declines for the five-week period were noted in sugar, orange, egg and pork chop prices. All principal foods, except potatoes, coffee, sugar and bread were higher than a year ago.

Average meat prices, which usually decline in December, advanced slightly from mid-November to mid-December due to higher prices for cured pork and

roasting chickens. Beef prices remained unchanged. Fresh pork and lamb declined.

Milk prices rose one cent a quart in 10 of the 51 cities showing food price increases. Butter and egg prices averaged 16 per cent higher on December 17 than a year earlier, the labor department reported.

All except three cities reported retail food costs on Dec. 17 were higher than a year earlier. These were Dallas, Tex.; Charleston, S. C., and Kansas City, Mo.

Largest advances for the November-December period were Memphis, Tenn., 3.9 per cent; Minneapolis, Minn., 3.4; Denver, Colo., 3.2; St. Louis, Mo., and St. Paul, Minn., 3.

The percentage of increase in other principal cities include: New York City, 1.1; Philadelphia, 1; Detroit, 1.1; Atlanta, 2.1; Washington, D. C., 2.9; New Orleans, 1.8; Los Angeles, 1.1; San Francisco, 1; Seattle, 1.

The University of Edinburgh was founded in 1582 through a charter granted by King James VI, of Scotland.

### BIG LAKES UNION OFFICERS NAMED

Kenneth Gordon has been elected president of the Big Lakes local of the AFL, it was announced by Joe Boyd, AFL organizer for this area. The election meeting was held Sunday.

Others named are Russell Swenson, vice president; Frank Reed, secretary; Al Miner, financial secretary; Hugh Cox, treasurer; Ralph Greenwood, warder; Ray Freeman, conductor; F. Olsen, trustee for three years; M. C. McArthur, trustee for two years; T. Owen, trustee for one year.

Reed and Gordon were named as delegates to the convention of lumber and sawmill workers at Portland beginning Thursday. About 500 are expected to attend from the five north-west states. This area will be represented by Joe Boyd and Mike Pavolka, AFL organizers, and about 10 representatives of local AFL unions.

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