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BRAGG NAMED BY GOVERNOR

FIFTY MAY BE DEAD IN PATH OF TORNADO

Texas District is Swept By Terrific Storm Early This Morning.

DAMAGE TO CROPS AND CATTLE HEAVY

Relief Workers Report the Dead and Injured at Almost Every Farm Dwelling in Large Area.

COLORADO, Tex., May 14.—Eight bodies of persons killed in a tornado near this city early today have been brought here. It is reported that several more bodies are on their way. Twelve persons have been counted dead. Relief workers reported that dead and injured were found in almost every shattered farm dwelling for miles southeast of here.

FATALITIES MANY
BIG SPRINGS, Tex., May 14.—An early estimate said that fifty were killed and 100 injured in a tornado near Colorado, Texas. The damage to crops and cattle is heavy.

NAME WOMAN IN 'LETTER' CASE

Friends of Accused Man State That Woman is Suspected Writer of "Poison Letters;" Maxwell Is to Return.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, May 14.—A woman will be named as the suspected writer of scurrilous letters which George Maxwell, music publisher, has been charged with having written in defamations of Mrs. Allan A. Ryan, Mrs. Albert R. Gallatin, and several other specifically prominent women in the last ten years, Maxwell's friends announced today.

BAND CONCERT TO BE IN CITY PARK ON THURSDAY EVE

The general public is looking forward to the opening outdoor concert to be given by the La Grande municipal band at the city park Thursday evening, May 17th. The La Grande municipal band has earned for itself an enviable reputation and the concert will be of a much higher order than ever before in the history of La Grande.

COMMERCIAL BODY TO MEET

The Union County Chamber of Commerce will hold their regular Tuesday noonday luncheon tomorrow at the K. of P. hall, the Woman's Relief corps to be caterers.

Weather Forecast

Portland, May 14.—Rain in the west, generally cloudy in the east portion tonight and tomorrow.

France Will Stay In The Ruhr Until Paid, Premier Poincaré Says

(By Associated Press)
COMERCY, France, May 14.—France will stay in the Ruhr until she is paid, said Premier Poincaré in an address here Sunday. The premier did not refer to the notes which are being sent to the Ruhr government, Great Britain and Italy, but he emphasized his determination to stick firmly to his previously announced policy.

BUCKAROOS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THIRD TIME

Pendleton Takes Third Consecutive Eastern Oregon Track Meet; La Grande Second; Larson Outstanding Star.

For the third consecutive year Pendleton high school romped home from the Eastern Oregon track and field meet winners. The final score was: Pendleton 563, La Grande 403, Milton-Freewater 14, Union 13, Baker 11, Vale 5, Enterprise 4, and Mudley 4. La Grande sprung the real surprise of the meet by showing unexpected strength in many events that for a greater portion of the meet, kept them ahead of the Buckaroos. La Grande finally lost out in the javelin, high jump and relay.

Earl "Tige" Larson, of La Grande, was easily the outstanding star of the meet, from a point securing viewpoint. Larson won the high and low hurdles, was second in the shotput, placed third in the broad jump, placed third in the century, and took fourth in the discus, giving him a total of 171 points. Other high scorers were McGee, of Pendleton, 111, Earnhardt, of Pendleton, 10, Taggart, of Baker 8, Whitten, of Union 2, Bates, of Union 7, and Lynch, of La Grande, 7 points.

La Grande Takes Early Lead.
Following the two 100-yard heats that opened the meet, won by Stonebraker and Whiteman, the high hurdles finals were run off. Larson, of La Grande, tore in an first first in 18 seconds flat, with Lynch, of La Grande, on his heels. The results that first went out to the crowd were: La Grande 3, Union 2, Pendleton 1. La Grande maintained her lead until the meet was nearly over.

Bates Ties Record.
Hunter, of Pendleton, in the mile run, was figured by the greater number as winner. Bates of Union, took the lead and maintained it for three quarters of a mile, with Hunter plugging in his footsteps the entire distance. Then Hunter breezed back, Bates was probably about five yards behind when he began sprinting, and he hit the tape at least 15 yards ahead of Hunter, tying the Eastern Oregon record of 4:48.00. Had Bates been pressed a wee bit more, he would have undoubtedly broken the mark.

The half mile went to Earnhardt of Pendleton, easily, in the slow time of 2:12.2. Bates and Stonebraker, and a drizzle through the afternoon, slowed up the track after the first few races, making it difficult for

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400 Quit In Clackamas County Following Protest

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, May 14.—About 400 out of a force of 1800 employed in the construction of the hydro-electric plant in Clackamas county near here are out today as the result of the I. W. W. protest against the alleged hiring of armed guards at the construction camp where E. A. Smith, timekeeper, was fatally shot Friday night by C. A. Phelps, forest ranger, who reported that he fired thinking he was being held up when Smith halted him near the camp with a flashlight.

The camp is reported quiet. An inquest will be held tomorrow.

SITUATION IN CHINA COMING TO A HEAD

Chinese Steamer Is Seized By Pirates, Robbed of \$60,000.

BANDIT CHIEF HAS ISSUED ULTIMATUM

Threatens to Kill Every Captive Held Within Two Days If His Terms Are Not Met.

(By Associated Press)
HONGKONG, May 14.—An European passenger was among those terrorized and robbed when the Chinese steamer Taisun was seized near Swatow Saturday by pirates, who, disguised as passengers, overpowered the crew and held the ship for nearly 24 hours, finally leaving her yesterday, transferring to their junk lot valued at \$60,000.

To Release Captives.
PEKING, May 14.—Railway bandits have agreed to release some of their captives immediately and free the remainder when their terms, including the withdrawal of troops, are complied with, the ministry of communications announced today. The bandit chief announced Saturday that it was his intention to kill every captive in two days if the terms were not met.

Bandits Notified.
PEKING, May 14.—The ministry of communications received a message Sunday from its representatives at Lin Cheng that the government has notified the bandits of its agreement to their terms. The bandits, therefore, propose to release half the captives, holding the others as hostages.

One Woman Still Held.
LONDON, May 14.—The foreign office today received information that only one woman remained a captive of the Chinese bandits. She is the wife of a Mexican who refused to leave her husband. The other foreigners include six Americans, one Italian, one Frenchman and five Britishers, making a total of 15 captives.

"Cromwell of China" in Pursuit



MONUMENT TO MARK TRAIL

Old Oregon Trail Association Decide to Erect Monument at "Top O' Blue Mountains."

A monument commemorating the crossing of the first wagon train over the Old Oregon Trail 80 years ago and in memory of the completion of the new Old Oregon Trail over the Blue mountains, will be erected at "Top O' Blue Mountains," the site selected for the monument July 4th, according to an announcement made by W. E. Meacham, president of the Old Oregon Trail Association, when representatives of the various cities of Eastern Oregon met in La Grande yesterday.

The monument will be a huge stone with a bronze inscription plate attesting the memory of the pioneer days and respect for the men who first made the perilous trip.

General plans for the pageant are progressing rapidly, committees are working tirelessly, and everything points to a most successful celebration on July 4th.

Pendleton Raises Quota.
BAKER, May 14.—Pendleton's quota of \$1500 for the Old Oregon Trail celebration on Top O' Blue Mountains July 4th has been raised and a check for \$375 representing one fourth that amount was turned over to President Meacham, of the Old Oregon Trail Association, by L. C. Scharf, of Pendleton, Tuesday when representatives of La Grande, Pendleton and Baker met at the city recently selected and carefully laid out the grounds. Geo. H. Foster, W. C. Calder and Mr. Meacham comprised the Baker party and they report that they are more enthusiastic than ever over the site.

Plans for the celebration are fast taking form and all committees are reported as being right on the job.

WHEAT QUOTATIONS

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, May 14.—Hard White: \$1.22; Western Red \$1.17.



Chinese and Christian troops under the giant General Feng Yuhsiang may be the saviors not only of American captives of Chinese bandits but also a factor in preventing the collapse of diplomatic relations between Peking and the great powers. Above is a company of the infantry of these troops passing in review; below, General Feng.

Crossing Is Authorized

Public Service Commission Authorizes Construction of Oro Dell Overhead Crossing.

The public service commission has authorized construction of an overhead crossing of the tracks of the Oregon-Washington railroad at Oro Dell, La Grande, on the Old Oregon trail, at an estimated cost of \$37,000. Twenty per cent is to be paid by the state highway commission, 20 per cent by the county and 60 per cent by the railroad company, states a dispatch to the Portland Press from the Capital City late Saturday evening.

Saturday evening, in Baker, a reporter representing the Observer, conferred with members of the public service commission, receiving confirmation of the authorization of the construction of an overhead crossing at Oro Dell.

PIRATES BEAT UNION 5-2

Baker Loses to Cove; Locals Are Now Tied for Second Place in Intermountain League.

Teams	GP	W	L	Pct.
Cove	2	2	0	1.000
La Grande	2	1	1	.500
Baker	2	1	1	.500
Union	2	0	2	.000

By bunching four out of their five hits in the fourth inning, the Pirates yesterday defeated Union 5 to 2 and crept into a tie for second place in the Intermountain league, sharing the middle berth jointly with Baker, who met defeat at the Farmers' hands at Cove Sunday afternoon.

A large crowd was in attendance at the home-opening game at the fairgrounds park yesterday. After Umpire George Barry announced the batter and yelled the customary "play ball," La Grande fans witnessed one of the best early season games they have seen in many years.

Three men faced each pitcher in the first inning. In the second La Grande got two men on bases but a squeeze play failed to work out. Union's half of the second wasn't quite so successful. Melinda went to first on an error. Meserve also made the first bag on an error. Jacob hit a weak one to Magee who sent him out at first. With two on Haines connected with a single and drove in both Melinda and Meserve. Haines fisted at second and Carroll went to first on a fielder's choice. White ended the inning with an infield drive to Tex.

Artillery Opens.
The third inning went by scoreless and in Union's half of the fourth, it looked for awhile as if they would score. After Meserve made the first out, Jacob singled, Haines singled, but went out while Carroll again made first on a fielder's choice. With two on, White whiffed.

In the Pirates' frame, however, things went differently. Hargett, first up, fanned. Tex singled, stole second; then, "Whison" fanned. With two down, Black Knight walked to first and then Johnson, who hits when he connects, drove a beautiful three-bagger into right field. He rested securely on third while the Knight brothers waited home. Garrity was advanced to first, hit by a pitched ball. Magee singled after Toole stole second, scoring both Johnson and Garrity, and was in turn brought home by Crews' single. Crews stole second and Rosenbaum popped out to first base. Five runs for La Grande.

Magee Gets Going.
In the remaining five innings, exactly 15 men faced Magee, the Pirate moundsman. Splendid support, sparkling plays, and good pitching held the Unionites to the ground for the remainder of the game. In the sixth inning Meserve went to first on an error. Magee went to first on a fielder's choice.

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PLACE ON COMMISSION IS IMPORTANT

Ferguson's Resignation Makes Opening For La Grande Man.

WILL TAKE OFFICE THE FIRST OF JUNE

Bragg is One of the Prominent Pioneer Democrats of the Eastern Oregon Country.

"I certainly shall give the state of Oregon the best that is in me," said Edgar E. Bragg today when the Evening Observer called his attention to the fact that the Associated Press was sending out a story from Salem telling of an appointment being offered to Mr. Bragg by Governor Walter M. Pierce. The appointment is to become a member of the State Industrial commission to succeed W. B. Ferguson, who lately sent in his resignation.

The appointment is considered a good one by all who have business before the commission, for it is argued that Mr. Bragg's long experience in public affairs especially fits him for this position. In his position he will, according to the appointment, represent the manufacturers and employers, because as the commission is now constituted there is one commissioner representing labor, one representing the public and one the employers. Mr. Bragg's appointment is for the latter place.

Will Leave Next Week.
Mr. Bragg and family will leave the last of next week for Salem, where they will take up their residence for the future, and to those who watch the game reasonably close it means that Mr. Bragg severs his connection with Eastern Oregon in all probability permanently, although he stated today that La Grande would always be his home and he will register and vote in the same old precinct which he has used for many years.

Born in Illinois.
Edgar E. Bragg was born in 1867 in Illinois, where he received his early education, and at 17 commenced a career that has been eminently successful by teaching in the first school. For three years he continued to teach and pursue his favorite studies, and then went to Missouri and attended the state normal school, after which he resumed his teaching for a number of years. In 1899 he migrated to inland City, Oregon, where he taught for eight years, when the people recognized his ability and faithfulness and called him to the important office of county superintendent of schools. His name appeared on the Democratic ticket at the time of his election. He in no respect disappointed the expectations of his constituency, for he gave most excellent service in this capacity. Mr. Bragg is one of the most popular and highly respected educators in the country, and has merited fully his position by his excellent and painstaking work that has been done here and elsewhere.

Mr. Bragg served as superintendent of schools for a number of years and was appointed Postmaster of La Grande under the Wilson administration, serving the city for four years. He made a very efficient postmaster, has been a prominent man in Union county for many years and is recognized as one of the leading democrats of the state. Mr. Bragg has always been an ardent supporter of Senator George Chamberlain and belongs to what is known as the Chamberlain wing of the democratic party.

During the last year Mr. Bragg has associated himself with the city schools of La Grande merely to fill a vacancy as principal of the Central school.

Cow Rams Tourists; Two Are Seriously Injured

BAKER, May 14.—Mrs. Rufus Roberts suffered a deep cut about the head and her small child was badly cut and bruised when the automobile in which she and her husband and their three children were riding was rammed by a cow on the highway and then rolled off the grade and turned over, pinning the occupants underneath. Except for bruises, the other members of the family were not hurt.

The Roberts family came from Cambridge, Idaho, and were en route to Medford, Oregon. At Nelson, a few miles this side of Huntington, on the Old Oregon trail, two cows were met in the road. The car swerved to the side of the road and passed the first cow, but the second animal rammed it, upsetting the light touring car over the grade.

The injured were taken to the hospital at Huntington. Mrs. Roberts had a deep cut in her scalp, which ran at most from ear to ear, while the baby suffered a cut on the forehead and body bruises. Both are reported to be in a serious condition.

Called by Deputy Sheriff Hannah of Huntington, W. S. Levens, district attorney, and Sheriff Herbert left this morning to fix the responsibility. It is against the law to allow livestock to wander on state highways.

