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Weather Forecast

Portland, (AP)—Cloudy tonight and Thursday. Rain in the west.

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\$75,000 FIRE DAMAGE AT IMBLER

BRITAIN SURE OF ACCORD WITH FRENCH

Danger of Disagreement Is Believed Passed by the British Officials.

RUHR PARLEYS TO BE RENEWED NOW

French Commission to Resume Negotiations With German Leaders Tomorrow.

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LONDON, (AP)—British government officials considered Tuesday that all danger of disagreement with France on the question of the ex-crown prince and the resumption of interrelated military control in Germany has passed...

It was pointed out that the question was largely one of appropriate phraseology in which to phrase a mean between the two divergent viewpoints.

Reichstag Row Halts Speech. BERLIN, (AP)—An obstreperous Communist deputy, Herr Reichardt, who refused to obey President Loeb's injunction, caused adjournment of the Reichstag Tuesday afternoon...

The incident occurred just as Doctor Stresemann was about to present the government's statement on which he is staking his prospects of continuing...

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GUARD UNIT IS HELD PROBABLE

La Grande National Guard Discussed; High School Boys Would Join.

Announcement was made yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon by Ralph Huron to the effect that Adjutant General George White's address the week ended relating to organizing a national guard unit in La Grande has aroused considerable interest in this city.

It is understood that high school boys of the necessary age and who can answer necessary requirements, have announced their desire to join such a unit. The high school boys who have already signified their willingness to join the ranks of a national guard unit number about 25 per cent of the membership necessary to cause a national guard unit to be authorized here.

Further arrangements will be discussed next week and its held possible and even probable by many that such a unit may be brought into existence within a short time.

An Hour, Spent in a Hotel Lobby, Produces

(By Flora L. Barrie) The other evening my husband said to me "My dear" (which being interpreted means I am going to put something over on you, be game and swallow it) "My dear, I have to attend a committee meeting tonight and although I hate to leave you alone" and so on—and so on, why go into details. Like a dutiful wife I replied, "All right. Have you enough change?" You might play more games than you expect so be prepared. He, with a smile, said he had enough if they took up a collection, and left me a collection of bills and coins. For a long time a hotel lobby had been a source of wonder to me. Why did men like to spend...

"West Point"



Turkey has a "West Point" Colonel Harry Bey is director-general of the officers' school. He is shown here at his desk.

Adding Finishing Touches To The Arcade Theater

Fine New Building to Be Thrown Open to Public Next Week.

The theatre-going public will be most happily surprised the fore part of next week when the new Arcade theatre is thrown open for business. Many do not realize what a magnificent play house is being erected by Myers & Ford for the reason that workmen have kept the entrance closed and few people have seen the inside of the building even when it was in the rough.

Today the finishing touches are being added and the interior is beautiful. Entering the building on a lift floor laid in the lobby the ticket office is done in soft but impressive colors. A ticket machine, the latest production of the National Cash Register company will be a fixture in the new theatre office. Double glass doors at either side of the ticket window are entrances to foyer which is done in French grey and is very roomy. The new theatre seats which are now in place are of the latest pattern heavy upholstered and very comfortable.

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MANY PLANS TO RELIEVE FARMER

Senator Brookhart from Iowa in Washington from Iowa With Kit Full of Plans.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Senator Brookhart, Republican, Iowa, arrived Tuesday for the session of congress with his kit full of legislative plans but, he said, without his overalls. "But remember," he added, "I predicted that we would have more overalls in the senate, and we have Magnus Johnson coming. He is a fine fellow."

Farm relief and railroad legislation head Senator Brookhart's legislative program. The farm bill will support a bill to establish a federal agency to aid exports of farm products he declared, adding that he also hoped to have "the water squeezed out" of railroad securities in a general overhauling of the transportation act to obtain lower rates.

Co-operative credit legislation for producers and consumers to "break the grip of Wall street" on credit facilities was another of his proposals.

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TWO FIRES IN WEST OREGON EARLY TODAY

Estacada Suffers \$40,000 Blaze; Entire Town Was Threatened.

DOCK FIRE LOSS AT PORTLAND \$100,000

Pacific Coast Coal Company's Main Dock and Bunkers Are Destroyed; Flames Threatened Front

PORTLAND, (AP)—Seven business houses were destroyed and four others damaged by a fire that swept through the city early today.

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Dr. Cook Is Convicted Late Today

PORT WORTH, TEX. (AP)—Dr. Frederick Cook, explorer and oil man, was convicted by the federal jury today of using the mails to defraud in promotion of oil companies.

Guilty verdicts were also returned against all but one of the other defendants, though not on as many counts as on Cook.

A. M. Delembre was acquitted on instructions from the judge.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, a member of the Kings County Medical Society, the American and National Geographic Societies, the American Ethnological Society, the American Alpine club and lesser organizations.

Dr. Cook was graduated with a degree of doctor from the New York University College of Medicine in 1889 and the following year was appointed surgeon to the Peary Antarctic expedition. Two years later he led a party up the west coast of Greenland, and the next year he explored the south portion of the same island. In 1897 Dr. Cook was appointed surgeon to the British Antarctic expedition and as a result he received numerous decorations including the Order of Leopold, the gold medal of the Belgian Royal Society and the Médaille de la Société de Géographie.

Again yielding to the lure of the North, Dr. Cook, in 1902, undertook an expedition to reach the highest point on the American continent, more than 28,000 feet above the sea level. He succeeded but in 1906 he was claimed another and this time he claimed to have been successful. It was two years later that he announced his claim to have reached the North Pole.

Dr. Cook has written voluminously for magazines along the lines of ethnology, anthropology, geography and other sciences from his observations in the Arctic and Antarctic. He was the author of several books, including "Through the Fiesch Arctic Night" in 1912 and 1914 he lectured in this country and in England, but led a life of comparative retirement until he came to Fort Worth in 1919, and went into the oil business.

Response to Roll Call Is Discouraging

That there is a disposition on the part of the public to wait until the solicitors for the American Red Cross Roll Call and Home Service campaign come around, instead of the voluntary contributions at various headquarters, develops as the campaign progresses. Many outlying districts have promised headquarters to get on the job and clean up at once, but nothing is being done apparently. In La Grande committees are working, but extremely little money is coming forward except through personal solicitations.

If the public would stop to think a moment, they would readily discover that no one person is more called upon than another to give his own time to soliciting, explained County Chairman Huron today. "I think we are all agreed that a fair and reasonable donation is rightly due from every able bodied person; on the other hand there is no valid excuse for waiting for the solicitors. Prompt voluntary subscriptions will reduce the campaign efforts and why not? The American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary are but two of the organizations intimately interested in the successful conclusion of this campaign, and all concerned for the Union county is not responding to its call to duty as it should."

RECORD OF RED CROSS REFLECTS A GREAT WORK

Mrs. Catlin's Office Makes Report for the Three Years' Service in La Grande.

In making up her final statements prior to leaving for Tacoma, where she has been ordered by the American Red Cross to work in a large field, Mrs. Fay Catlin has given out figures which show the unmistakable worth of the Red Cross to La Grande and Union county during the period in which she has acted as executive secretary and social worker.

A careful study will show how active the office has been and the many safe answers in the past, most of which were to the homes of the needy and the suffering.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Total number of visits: 8213. No. of telephone calls: 7967. Outgoing telegrams: 412. Outgoing letters: 1108. Office visitors: 11,150. Lists of Sec. in 26 Branches: 64. For 901 25-Weeks Men: 297. Unpaid disability comp. claims: 297. Unpaid financial aid: 113. Federal applications: 112. Other government claims: 93. State Bonus applications: 362. Secured hos. or medical care for: 89. Aided in securing Federal Board training: 24. Aided in finding employment: 24. For 549 Civilian Relief Families: maintained employment Bureau savings: 219. Aided in securing institutional care for: 27. Loans, groceries, fuel, rent: 63. Hospital or medical care: 59. Unemployment problems: 72. Domestic problems: 64. Assisted in widow's pre-war pension claims: 7. Co-operation with county in securing county pension or aid: 27. Transportation: 26. Co-operated in the care of children: 78. Meals and lodging given to: 158.

GERMANS EAGERLY RESUME BUYING FRENCH LUXURIES

BERLIN, (AP)—French wines, French perfumes and French food supplies of various sorts came back into the German market with a rush immediately after the announcement of Chancellor Stresemann that the passive resistance in the Ruhr was at an end. Hints of rare in prominent cafes and restaurants again are being written in French, and all the signs declaring French and Belgians would not be served have been removed. Most of the larger German hotels and cafes had extensive cellars filled with French wines. Much of this has been sold as Italian or Spanish wine during the passive resistance period, but the Spanish and Italian labels have now been replaced by French labels, and customers who have been eager for French wine are happy.

Education Week Program At Chamber Luncheon A Very Interesting One

Roy Poulter Fined \$300 in Police Court

Roy Poulter, 49 years of age, 1599 Monroe avenue, pleaded guilty this morning on a liquor law violation charge in the city court and was fined \$300 by Judge R. J. Kitchen. Poulter's home was raided last evening about ten o'clock by the police who found and confiscated a still with copper coil, about 10-gallon capacity, nearly 10 gallons of mash, and several empty bottles. Trial was held this morning at ten o'clock. Poulter asserted to the police that this is the first time in his life that he has ever been fined. His plea of still being confiscated from an operation, his past record, lack of proof that he sold the liquor are thought to have been responsible for the light judgement passed upon him. He was released upon his own recognizance preliminary to paying his fine.

Illiteracy of Nation Is Discussed; La Grande School Conditions Held Good.

With each speaker strongly supporting the Education Week program, now being observed nationally, the Tuesday luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce was devoted to observation of that week. Dr. H. D. Landis, a member of the local board of education, presided and a fellow member of the board, Colonel R. Eberhard, was chief speaker. Mr. Eberhard's address was divided into four parts, the first being devoted to a resume of illiteracy in America. Dr. Landis formerly announced that six per cent illiteracy existed in the United States at the present and Mr. Eberhard bore out the chairman's statement with many statistics. How the Education Week started was explained by the speaker, who stated that the American Legion was at present insisting on an Americanization program that embraced education strongly and also that the National Educational Association was pushing even a greater educational program.

U. S. Has Many Illiterates.

Returning to illiteracy, Mr. Eberhard announced that the United States of America, among all the enlightened nations of the world, had the greatest percentage of illiterates. In 1910 over 5,000,000 were illiterate. In 1920 this number had been reduced to approximately 3,000,000. The native born white illiteracy in 1900 was 1,913,000 and in 1920 1,242,000. "At that rate of decrease," Mr. Eberhard stated, "it would take 150 years for America to purge herself clean of illiterate population." Which very clearly illustrated the necessity of devoting special stress to education.

Coast Literacy High.

Illiteracy on the Pacific Coast is not as high as in other portions of America but at that, it gives much room for improvement. Mr. Eberhard's second sub-topic was in regard to the physical efficiency of the nation, which is not high. He explained that present deficiencies could be prevented by proper physical training in the schools and stated that physical education was lacking in many schools throughout the country.

The third sub-topic, concerning the foreign-born population, was not discussed fully by the speaker due to limited time. But the inequality of educational possibilities in some states wound up some states had roads, poorly equipped and conducted schools, and expenses out of proportion prevented all from having an equal chance to receive proper education and stated that not enough money proportionally was expended on education. "About one billion dollars are spent annually in the United States for candy," Mr. Eberhard announced, "and only \$55,000,000 over one billion dollars are spent for education."

Superintendent Hampton Speaks.

Following Mr. Eberhard's address, A. C. Hampton, superintendent of La Grande schools said a few words on local conditions. He mentioned several items of importance, among them being the fact that the La Grande schools stand fourth among those in Oregon for excellence and enrollment, the fact that the La Grande faculty as a whole is striving to make "thinkers" of the students instead of merely "learners," and also some interest.

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WAREHOUSE AND APPLES DESTROYED

Imbler Cold Storage Plant and Contents Totally Razed by Fire

LOSS COVERED IN PART BY INSURANCE

Fifty Thousand Boxes of Apples Ruined—Owned by About 12 Farmers and Dealers.

The Imbler Cold Storage Plant, owned by Clay W. Fox, burned to the ground this morning, the fire starting shortly after midnight. The estimated loss of the plant and its contents is approximately from \$70,000 to \$75,000.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The flames had gained considerable headway before it was discovered and frantic efforts of fire fighters proved unavailing. The walls of the warehouse still stand, but nevertheless the loss is total. Defective wiring is alleged to be the cause.

The contents of the plant consisted of approximately 50,000 boxes of apples and some box material and paper. The fruit was owned by about 12 farmers and apple dealers. Harley Smith, of La Grande, was one of the dealers who suffered loss in the fire.

ASK SUM FOR RECLAMATION

Western States Association Closes Sessions at Salt Lake City.

SALT LAKE, (AP)—The third general conference of the Western States Reclamation association closed its session Tuesday night after having adopted resolutions in the interest of the reclamation of lands, changed by a by-law which will permit the association to hold meetings elsewhere than Salt Lake and Washington, elected H. E. Shepherd of Idaho, president of the association, with Whitney Ecker of Portland, Ore., vice president, after having chosen an executive committee which will function during the coming year.

The resolutions adopted were: Requesting congress to appropriate at an early date the sum of \$250,000,000 or more for expenditure under the reclamation law, as promptly as such money can be wisely expended.

Affirmation of the original policy of the association, which was to attempt to effect good general legislation, in preference to sectional legislation.

LITERACY IS VERY HIGH IN OREGON

SALEM, Ore.—Oregon ranks third of all the states in the union in the matter of literacy, according to a bulletin received today at the office of the state superintendent of public instruction. The test was conducted by the Russell Sage foundation.

Late News Flashes

Walton Application Dismissed; Expects to Be Indicted OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Application of J. C. Walton, deposed governor, for a restraining order against the senate impeachment court verdict was dismissed today in the United States district court. Walton appeared in the county courthouse at noon, announced he expected to be indicted by the court grand jury, and intended to be ready to submit to immediate arrest. He said that he did not know what the indictment would charge.

Snow Falls in Spokane and Ellensburg. SPOKANE (AP)—The first snow of the season fell today in Spokane and Ellensburg. Less than an inch fell here. It is melting as it falls in Ellensburg.

Will Deport Lother Wizke, German Spy LEAVENWORTH (AP)—Lother Wizke, convicted German spy, was released from federal prison today to be deported.