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The Weather PORTLAND (AP)—Rain or snow tonight, Tuesday warmer in the east portion.

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GET WHISKY ON BRITISH SCHOONER

Largest Liquor Seizure on Gulf Made by Officers Sunday

4,200 CASES OF SPIRITS FOUND

British Schooner Murial E. Winters Taken Off Galveston Island by U. S. Officials.

GALVESTON (AP).—The largest liquor seizure made on the Gulf of Mexico since prohibition, was made by customs inspectors and coast guard officials when the British schooner Murial E. Winters was captured off Galveston Island yesterday. Her clearance papers showed a cargo of 4,200 cases of liquor when the vessel cleared Tampico.

POWDER SHIPS MUCH IN YEAR

Hundred Sixty-eight Carloads of Stock Sent Out During 1923; Outlook This Year Encouraging

NORTH POWDER (Special).—North Powder, situated on the edge of the southern boundary of Union county, a little over 30 miles from La Grande, made an enviable record as a shipping center during the past year, shipping a diversified list of products of various industries. A list of the products shipped follows: Cattle, 78 cars; sheep, 64 cars; Hogs 14 cars and horses, 6 cars, making in all a grand total of 168 cars of stock. In addition to this, there has been a large tonnage of hay, grain and lumber, dispatched from this city to outside points. The lumber mills have been very busy and thousands of feet of timber has been sent out. This section is a large producer of hay and grain and thousands of pounds of each have been

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DOKIES ELECT OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

The D. O. K. K. of La Grande held an election of officers Saturday evening. Officers elected were C. L. Berry, royal viceroy; Joe Keeney, grand orator; Walter Jones, sholk; Doodle Green, secretary; William Miller, treasurer; C. L. Graham, mchord; Jack McCarty, sntrop and W. A. Moss, salks.

Several matters of importance to the order were brought up at the meeting and many resolutions were adopted. The attendance was very good.

Officers of Sarah, Mokanna and Master of Ceremonies will be appointed by the Divan and announced shortly. Officers were installed by Imperial Representative C. K. McCormick. Meeting was presided over by H. E. Byers, Royal Visitor during the past year.

Dr. Landrith Speaks At Endeavor Rally

"The death of Nero doubtless general satisfaction in his day," was the way Dr. Ira Landrith, of Chicago, began an address here Saturday night, under the auspices of the County Christian Endeavor Union, his theme being, "Fiddling While the World Burns." But fiddling until world ruins did not die with Nero, nor end with ancient Rome. Since then it has become a fixed habit with many rulers, political, social, educational and even religious. Here he told a story as a sort of test, of a young Easterner who removed to frontier days in the West, where he might have had an audience for his tall, old-age comports for youthful industry. But he did no work—he fiddled, in season and out of season, his music

Prohi Chief



One of the latest photos of Commissioner of Prohibition Roy D. Haynes. He just came out of the White House where he conferred with his presidential chief.

VENIZELOS TO REFUSE 'JOB'

Ex-Premier From Bed Writes Message Declining Offer of Liberal Party Leadership.

ATHENS (AP).—Liberals, meeting here to re-elect Venizelos as the party leader, received a letter from him, written in bed, urging that the partisans choose another chief. He threatened to resign the presidency of the assembly and "return into exile" unless his wishes were observed.

The meeting, however, refused to elect another man.

General Dangleis was sent to interview Venizelos who promised him he would appear before the liberals when his health was recovered to explain his reasons for declining leadership of the party.

Carl MaGee, Editor, Is Freed of Charges

SANTA FE, N. M. (AP).—A jury today returned a verdict of acquittal in the case of Carl MaGee, Albuquerque editor, charged with criminal libel of Clarence J. Roberts, ex-justice of the state supreme court. The jury was out more than 12 hours.

ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT FAILS TO 'GET' KEMAL

ATHENS (AP).—The Mitylene correspondent of the Greek newspaper Ethenan Venas telegraphed that an unsuccessful attempt was made to assassinate Mustafa Kemal Pasha, the president of the Turkish republic, at Smyrna. A grenade, intended to injure Kemal, instead injured his wife.

COPS POUR INTO GUTTER QUANTITY OF LIQUOR TAKEN

A considerable quantity of moonshine, wine and other intoxicating liquors confiscated by the local police department during the past month was this morning emptied into the gutter in front of the station. Several officers of the city were present at the time the liquor was poured out.

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never assuming the dignity of violin playing, he merely fiddled. The other day they hauled him over the hill to the poor house, where he is probably still fiddling, to the distress of his already unhappy fellow dwellers in the institution. "There is no harm in fiddling—when it is done in self-defense," remarked the speaker, "but it is a crime to fiddle when great work is to be done, when civilization is imperiled, when the world is on fire, as so plainly it is today. Ask them all, from a dying President of the United States and a living one who for years has been near the borderland, both of them victims of a nation's cruel destructive criticism, through a

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Voting Now Underway On Peace Plan

Bok Contest Winner's Plan Put to Popular Ballot Today.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—The people of the United States begin voting today on a proposal to have the government adopt a program selected by the American Peace Award.

The program is selected from plans submitted in a contest for \$100,000 offered by Edward W. Bok.

(By Frank Savage) NEW YORK (INS).—Membership in the World Court, co-operation with, but not membership in the League of Nations, support of the principle that moral suasion and public opinion should be substituted for military force in support of decisions on international questions, and maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine, are recommended as the chief means by which the United States can co-operate with the rest of the world toward preventing war, in the winning plan of the American Peace Award, selection of which was announced today by a jury of eminent Americans.

The award, as first announced by Edward W. Bok, of Philadelphia, last July, carries with it a prize of \$100,000. One of the chief conditions was that the plan must be workable, and accordingly it was provided that \$50,000 would be paid the winner on announcement of selection and the remainder when practicability has been demonstrated either through ratification by the United States Senate or force of public opinion.

To insure utmost impartiality in this popular referendum, to be taken chiefly through the press, identity of the winner was withheld in today's announcement, the title, "Peace Plan No. 1489," only having been made public. Only one member of the jury, it was asserted, knew the name of the winner.

Other recommendations were that the United States assume no obligations under the Treaty of Versailles, except by Act of Congress; that this country urge the League be opened to all nations of the world on application, conditional to a two-thirds vote, and

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DEMOCRATS PLAN CUTS IN U. S. TAX

Higher Exemption Being Sought for Mellon Measure

PROPOSE LOWER RATE ON INCOME

Two Per Cent Rate on \$5,000 and Under Entered into the Proposal Made Public Sunday.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—A substitute proposal for the Mellon tax revision plan was made public today by Representative Garner of Texas, on behalf of himself and the other democrats on the house ways and means committee. The "high spots" are: The normal income tax rates at 2 per cent on amounts of \$5000 and under, instead of 3 per cent under \$5000, as Mr. Mellon proposed, and of 4 per cent under existing law; 4 per cent from \$5000 to \$10,000 instead of 5 per cent above \$4000, as recommended by Mr. Mellon, and of 5 per cent on all amounts in excess of \$10,000 instead of 6 per cent under existing law. Start the surtax graduation at 1 per cent on income from \$12,000 to \$14,000 instead of \$10,000 to \$12,000 as proposed by Mr. Mellon.

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BULLETINS

Cattle Strong Today. PORTLAND, Ore. (AP).—Cattle steady to strong on today's market. Calves are 25 to 50 cents higher. Hogs uneven, mostly 10 to 20 cents lower. Medium to choice hogs (150 to 200 pounds) \$7.75 to \$8.40. Sheep steady. Eggs unmarketed. Butter firm.

Ship Sighted Afloat

NORFOLK (AP).—A dismantled battleship, the Louisiana, sighted with a skeleton crew since Saturday, was sighted today by a coast guard cutter, according to advices here.

Policy Supported

WASHINGTON (AP).—The administration's policy of non-recognition of the present Soviet Russia was supported vigorously today in the senate by Senator Lodge, Republican leader, chairman of the foreign relations committee. Senator Borah is prepared to reply to Lodge.

ROUGH RIDING

Although some difficulty was experienced in traveling the state highways in Union, Wallowa and Baker counties Saturday, the condition today is normal with all highways open. Saturday the road between North Powder and Union was entirely closed due to drifting snow for a time and travel between Lone Tree and Hot Lake was exceedingly difficult.

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G. H. CURREY SEES ADVANCE

La Grande Realty Dealer Home From Six Weeks Stay in the Willamette Valley. "Old Oregon is hitched up to show some speed the coming year," is the way George H. Currey has the situation figured out after staying in Portland and other Willamette valley points for the past six weeks. He and Mrs. Currey have just returned home. They were welcoming a little granddaughter while away and naturally "Grandpa" Currey feels a little optimistic since the home of his daughter, Mrs. Helen Parley was blessed with a baby girl.

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Shoots Host Of Film Star



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Imbler High School, with 65 Pupils, Has Passed by a very Successful Year.

C. C. Hammerly, superintendent of the Imbler, Oregon schools, is not only a firm believer in his school system but he is also an ardent booster for Imbler as a whole, especially for the younger people. He writes the following letter to the Evening Observer, which bears out the above statements to the effect that he is a real booster for his home town. "Not much has been said about Imbler so far this year in the Ob-

Late News Flashes

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R. H. COKER IS SEEKING PLACE ON LOAN BOARD

PORTLAND. (AP).—According to the Portland Oregonian News Bureau of Washington, D. C., Robert H. Coker, formerly a La Grande millionaire, is said to be seeking an appointment to the federal farm loan board if the senate rejects any of the present appointees.



OCEAN PARK AMUSEMENT ZONE RAZED

Fire Sunday Burns "Play Place" of Prominent California Resort

LOSS PROBABLY NEAR \$1,000,000

Overheated Stove Is Believed Today to Have Been Cause of Devastating Blaze.

OCEAN PARK, Cal. (AP).—Ocean Park's amusement zone today was a mass of smouldering ruins after a fire yesterday that caused a loss estimated at nearly one million dollars. An over-heated stove is believed to have been the cause.

OCEAN PARK, Cal. (AP).—Fire, said to have originated in a small fish market on the ocean front walk here Sunday, virtually wiped out the entire Ocean Park amusement zone and caused damage officially estimated at from seven hundred fifty thousand to a million dollars with approximately one hundred thousand dollars insurance.

Most of the loss was sustained in the destruction of three pleasure piers, the Pickering Million Dollar pier, the Fraser Amusement pier and Lick's Dome pier. Spreading quickly from the point of origin, the flames threatened the whole concession district before thousands of pleasure seekers strolling along the ocean front realized what had happened. One of the first structures to go down in the path of the conflagration was the Giant Dipper, an amusement device recently constructed at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars.

A strong draught of air beneath the piling on which the greater

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