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The Weather PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Rain tonight and Thursday. Warmer tonight in the East.

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EX-PRESIDENT IS LAID TO REST

LA GRANDE EXPRESSES SORROW

Community United Today in Mourning Death of Mr. Wilson

FIREBELL TOLLS TRIBUTE AT NOON

Judicial and Business Sections Quit Work—Flags Fly at Half Mast—Social Activities Halt

La Grande's community mourns the death of Woodrow Wilson today. Social affairs ceased today until after the funeral...

President of the City Commission Dr. H. S. Brownin yesterday proclaimed this afternoon a half holiday in La Grande...

Circuit court in session this morning adjourned this afternoon out of respect for Mr. Wilson...

Everywhere throughout the city, people paid tribute in one way or another to Mr. Wilson. The entire nation of which La Grande is but a small unit, united today in the sincerest expression of mourning...

The feelings of the community are partially expressed in the following verse:

Wilson is dead, A leader his going to the Great Beyond, And behind him countless millions mourn.

LEGION WINS AT N. POWDER

The La Grande American Legion team last night defeated the North Powder town team 62 to 16 in a game that was close in the first half and a walkway for the Legionnaires in the last half.

La Grande players' Union's Legion team here Thursday night. La Grande (62); Gagey—15; McDonald—8; MacTavish—7; L. Stoddard—5; Thibson—15; J. Stoddard—4; J. Reynolds—4; J. Ash; Proctor—16.

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Senate Wins One Title



Senate and house of congress, through Senator Cameron (bowling) and Representative McLeod, decided to find out which was the champion bowling organization. Senate won by one point.

Third Installment of Questions Answered

BULLETINS

O'Connor Named Head

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—T. V. O'Connor, of Buffalo, N. Y., former president of the International Longshoremen's Union, and a present member of the shipping board was designated today by President Coolidge as chairman of the board.

Economic Bill Voted.

PARIS (AP)—Chamber deputies here today unanimously voted a bill for economies in government expenses for 1924 amounting to 1,000,000,000 francs.

Road to be Finished

PORTLAND (AP)—Action by the state highway commission late yesterday ensured the finishing of the Dallas-California road in 1925. Two gaps in the Wasco county road are to be closed.

OIL PROBE WILL BE RENEWED ON FRIDAY, REPORT

WASHINGTON (AP)—William G. McAdoo, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, is expected to appear next Friday before the senate oil committee at his own request to testify of his employment as counsel of the Doherty oil interests after his retirement from the office of secretary of treasury in the Wilson administration.

Mr. McAdoo, who is to arrive here Wednesday from California to attend the funeral of former President Wilson, has taken issue with E. L. Doherty that he received "all told" \$250,000 in fees, fixing the amount at \$150,000. He also asserts that his present annual retainer is only half of the \$50,000 figure given to the committee by Mr. Doherty.

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CAVE-IN AT MINE FATAL TO 41 MEN

Drift Running Under a Small Pond Collapses, Bringing Disaster

MINERS CAUGHT IN DEATH TRAP

Crosby, Minn., Milford Iron Mine Workers Met With Sudden Death; City Mourns.

CROSBY, Minn. (By the Associated Press)—The collapse of part of the bottom of a swamp lake sent torrent of water thru the workings of the Milford iron mine near here late Tuesday and snuffed out the lives of forty-one miners, caught like rats in a trap.

CROSBY, Minn. (By the Associated Press)—Forty-one miners perished when the bottom fell out of a small pond and flooded the workings of the Milford iron mine near here late Tuesday.

Caught in the lower levels of the small mine, only seven of the crew of 49 at work were able to gain the safety of the shaft and ascend to the surface.

The men in a trap, their comrades died, suffocated by the slimy mud and water that gushed thru the workings soaring in the shaft to within a few feet of the top within 15 minutes.

There was an extended warning, "Just a rumble like a thousand automobiles roaring down a hill."

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MRS. ATKINSON CALLED BEYOND THIS MORNING

Mrs. E. J. Atkinson, of La Grande, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. McMurray, of Pruitdale, this morning at 6:30 o'clock at the end of a week's illness.

Mrs. Atkinson has been a resident of La Grande for a quarter of a century and her death is widely mourned.

The remains are at the Stodgrass and Zimmerman funeral service parlors and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Mrs. Atkinson, who was the wife of H. Atkinson, deceased, leaves three daughters: Mrs. M. McMurray, of La Grande; Mrs. Horace Carter, of Kearney, Neb.; and Mrs. Hattie Kinston, of Portland, Oregon.

The deceased would have been 65 years of age September 5 of this year.

ISSUE PERMITS TO BUILD TO 2 IN LA GRANDE

Building permits have been issued to William Rollins and H. M. Waldron.

William Rollins secured one to erect a one-story frame dwelling on Lot 4, Block 5, O'Connor's addition, fronting E. Avenue between 7th and 8th streets. The preliminary estimated cost is \$11,000.

H. M. Waldron secured a permit to erect a one-story frame dwelling on Lot 16, Block 2, in Riverside addition, fronting Third street between Lane and Crook streets. The preliminary estimated cost is \$200.

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English, Mathematics Most Popular Studies. The department of education of Oregon each year takes a census of the number of high school students studying each particular subject. The census for this year has been recently completed and the following interesting facts were obtained: English, 12,118; Mathematics, 12,118; Science, 11,947; History, 11,947; Physical Education, 11,947; Art, 11,947; Music, 11,947; Foreign Languages, 11,947; Home Economics, 11,947; Industrial Arts, 11,947; Agriculture, 11,947; Mechanical Arts, 11,947; Domestic Arts, 11,947; Health, 11,947; Civics, 11,947; Government, 11,947; Law, 11,947; Religion, 11,947; Physical Education, 11,947; Art, 11,947; Music, 11,947; Foreign Languages, 11,947; Home Economics, 11,947; Industrial Arts, 11,947; Agriculture, 11,947; Mechanical Arts, 11,947; Domestic Arts, 11,947; Health, 11,947; Civics, 11,947; Government, 11,947; Law, 11,947; Religion, 11,947.

Seven Dead Is Toll of Great Storm

Property Damage Estimated at Million Dollars; Storm Is Widespread.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Weather that Tuesday ran the gamut from mild temperatures in a section of lower Michigan to drifted snows farther north and sheeted streets, wires and rails, brought a total of at least seven dead, damage that is roughly estimated at upward of a million dollars and deaerolized traffic and communication in many places.

Telephone and telephone companies related that the havoc to their wires centered in an area in about 40 miles around Chicago but the octopus arms of the storm extended in every direction from that center. The worst blizzard in years, according to reports, damaged telephone and transportation in the vicinity of Milwaukee to an extent of \$1,000,000. Several trains in the state were reported stalled in snow drifts. Banks of snow in some parts of Wisconsin were said to be 10 feet deep.

Storm Is Widespread. Another radius on the storm extended south and southwest from Chicago through Illinois, Missouri and as far south as Texas. A tor-

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RAILROADS VS. BUSES TOPIC

Chamber of Commerce Discusses Two Businesses Pro and Con at Luncheon.

With Henry Hess, attorney of this city, presiding at the head of the table, members of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday heard discussion pro and con regarding the railroads and the motor business.

J. W. Watum, an employee of the railroad, spoke in opposition to the bus business, claiming that the competition was unfair to the railroads because the motor bus business was not forced to uphold their end of the taxation that is an important item in the expense account of the railroads. Mr. Watum stated that while the railroads build up and improved condition in the communities they serve, the bus business is built by the public and that in reality the public pays for the motor bus business both directly and indirectly. He quoted many statistics to uphold his arguments.

Elmer Stoddard, not directly interested, from a financial standpoint in either the railroad or the motor bus, then took the floor and upheld the bus to a certain extent, at the same time showing the good points of the railroad. Mr. Stoddard, in endeavoring to give factors to the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce, the fact that there are two sides to every question, cited the service that the people of Wallawa county banking it possible for them to leave Wallawa county in the morning, transact their business in La Grande, and return to their homes the same day.

A. W. Perley, a prominent railroad man of this part of the state, then took the floor and in an interesting talk, laced with witty references to past history, told how the railroads had opened the west.

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DEATH LIST AT ALBANY IS 11 TODAY

Mrs. Reinhold Gerber Died Early This Morning of Poisoning

ONLY ONE OF FAMILY IS LEFT

Horst Ruehling, Thought, Poisoned, Has Recovered from Stomach Ailment.

ALBANY, Ore. (AP)—Only one of a party which composed a family reunion here last Saturday is remaining alive today. With the death of Paul Gerbig today, following closely the deaths of Mrs. Reinhold Gerber and three-year-old Margaret Gerbig, the total death toll of poisoning from food eaten at dinner reached 11 today.

Horst Ruehling, aged 2, is the sole survivor.

ALBANY (By the Associated Press) Albany, Oregon's death toll from food poisoning today increased when Mrs. Reinhold Gerber died early this morning, the ninth victim of poisoning believed by local investigators due to botulism in home preserved beans served at a family dinner at the home Saturday.

Paul Gerbig and his young daughter, Margaret, two new deaths this morning. Horst Ruehling, aged two, whose parents are among the victims, had recovered today from stomach ailment supposed late yesterday due to poisoning.

George Carlyle, accused of the sale of intoxicating liquor, was tried in the municipal court last evening before Judge J. D. Slater and was found guilty. Carlyle was fined \$200.

Col. E. B. Isatho was attorney for the defendant and City Attorney Greer prosecuted.

Carlyle today gave notice that he would appeal the case.

CARLYLE WILL APPEAL CASE

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DE LA HUERTA ARMY EVACUATES VERA CRUZ, MEX.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The entire evacuation of Vera Cruz by the La Huerta insurgents has been peacefully effected.

The city is again under the control of the regular civilian authorities.

The evacuation was made in extreme haste and panic.

BIDS LET FOR RESURFACING OF OLD TRAIL

PORTLAND (Special)—Bids recently opened by the state highway commission included one relating to Union county. Eckstrom and Co. were given the work of resurfacing the Lone Pine-Telegraph section of the Old Oregon Trail, 10.8 miles, for \$51,420.

Triplets are Born. ASTORIA, Ore.—Breaking all previous records in Clatsop county, triplets, a boy and two girls, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ilin Medley of the Nehalem valley.

The youngsters, who are reported to be in the best of health, tipped the scales at six, four and three-quarters and five and one-half pounds respectively, a total of 16 pounds.

Mrs. Medley was formerly Miss Margaret Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly, for many years residents of Astoria, but whose home is now also in the Nehalem valley.

Is Loser



ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—The jury in the De Bouchel-Candler \$500,000 breach of promise suit has returned a verdict in favor of Asa Candler, Sr., the defendant. The above picture is of Mrs. Oezina de Bouchel, plaintiff.

BACKS WHEAT EXPORT PLAN

C. E. Spence Thinks That Wheat and Cattle Aid Should Be Endorsed Throughout Oregon.

PORTLAND (Special)—C. E. Spence, state market agent, says every business organization in the state should become actively interested in a statewide movement to get behind the wheat export corporation bill pending before congress, and a statewide movement to help the cattlemen organize an Oregon shipping association.

The market agent and C. J. Hurd, marketing specialist of the O. A. C., were in Wallawa county last week, where they were assisting the cattlemen to form a county shipping association. Those at the head of the movement believe that the organization will rapidly spread to other counties, and Mr. Spence says if the business interests of the state would take hold with the ranchmen he believes that a state organization could be speedily perfected and strong enough for an association-owned commission department in the Portland stockyards.

"Conditions are in mighty bad shape in eastern Oregon and unless they are speedily changed they will be worse," says Mr. Spence. "The

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CLUB PLANS MUCH GOLFING

Country Club Anticipates Busy Season on Links; Officers Elected for Year.

With nearly the whole board present the first meeting of the new board of country club directors was held recently. The first action was to elect new officers for the coming year. Those elected were G. L. Larson, President; I. A. L. Richardson, Vice-President; Chas. Reynolds, Secretary; and W. C. Perkins, Treasurer. C. H. Hohenkamp was re-elected manager of the club.

Under the by-laws of the club the fifteen elected directors are enabled to appoint an additional

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MALE CITIZENRY OF LA GRANDE IS ON THE INCREASE

Since the first day of February the male population of La Grande has received a marked increase, three boys being added within the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis L. Witham, of 1709 Washington Avenue are the proud parents of a baby boy and the young man has been named, John Milton; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Clay, of Russell Street are also the proud parents of a son and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Burnett, 1705 X Avenue, have a newly born baby boy.

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Late News Flashes

WANT EXPORT BILL BACKED. PENDLETON (AP).—A recent suggestion of President Coolidge that he favors the Norbeck-Burness bill providing for farm diversification in the west as a means of relief for farmers and wheat growers, has caused the Oregon Export league, the Oregon Wool Growers' association and the Pendleton Commercial club to send telegrams to the president urging that he support the McNary-Haugen bill, for an export corporation.

GOVERNOR WILL BACK CLEAVER. SALEM (AP).—Governor Pierce in an address last night declared he would stand behind Prohibition Officer Cleaver and added, "a district attorney who drinks in private is in no condition to try bootleggers." This condition prevails in more than one county, he asserted.