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THE WEATHER

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Friday.

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CALL BIDS FOR SECOND ST. SEWER

Sanitary Line to Be Laid from the Railroad to Adams Avenue

BETTER SIDEWALKS ARE IN PROSPECT

City Officials to Supervise Construction of Walks in La Grande Hereafter.

In spite the recent return of winter weather the city commission is steadily going ahead with a program of civic improvement usually associated with the spring months.

At the regular meeting of the commission, held in the city hall last evening, the preliminary estimate for the construction of a sanitary sewer on Second street from the railroad to Adams avenue. This line is to tap the main storm sewer on the north and as it is very much needed at the present time bids will be received for its construction at the regular meeting next week in order to expedite the work.

Better Sidewalks.

All sidewalks built in La Grande hereafter will be under the supervision of the city manager or such inspector as he may appoint. An ordinance to this effect was passed last evening by the unanimous vote of the commission. The ordinance provides for the construction of sidewalks according to standard specifications to be supplied by the city, inspection and approval of such sidewalks by a city official requires builders of walks to obtain a regular permit before commencing construction and provides a penalty of a fine of not less than ten or more than $50 and imprisonment of not more than 10 days or both fine and imprisonment.

A petition for paving Fir street between Monroe and Cavenues was presented by 20 property owners. After reading, the commissioners voted to return it to its originators for the reason that the property owned by the signers of the petition was not properly listed in the petition.

Insurance Considered.

A report of an investigation of various forms of accident insurance available for the firemen and volunteers was given by George Coehran, city attorney. He recommended that the city protect its firemen by subscribing to the state protection. The matter was referred to the city attorney and the city manager for final settlement.

An improved system of keeping

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MAKING READY STAGE DEPOT

What La Grande has needed since the day when the first auto stage started a regular run has at last been secured and a union stage depot will be ready for the public about March 15.

Announcement of the depot was made today by Baars and Coldiron. Workmen have already began preparing the place but the public waiting room will not be ready until about Sunday. The depot is located in the Lotes building on Jefferson avenue across from the O-W. railroad depot.

All stages will arrive at and leave from the depot after it has been completed.

Senior Play Cast Working On Last Lap

Finishing Touches Now Being Put on "Seventeen" to Be Presented Next Week.

Willie Baxter, hero of "Seventeen," who is, perhaps, next to Penrod, Booth Tarkington's most famous character is destined to amuse La Grande audiences again next week when the Senior interpretation of the famous classic of puppy love is to be presented in the high school auditorium.

"Seventeen" has been in process of preparation under the direction of Miss Mabel Bennett, head of the high school English department for several weeks.

The cast for the production of this, the annual Senior play which is with the Mimir the thing in which the graduating class takes the most pride each spring, has been selected with unusual care.

Moe in Leading Role.

Douglas Moe plays Willie Baxter, the leading juvenile of the piece around whom most of the action takes place. Willie is in love with Miss Lola Pratt, the new girl in town, played by Irma Lyman. Willie in common with the other boys in the village, develops a most gosh-awful crush on Lola. Even his pals, Joe Bullitt and Johnnie Watson, played by Tom Gwilliams and Gifford Seitz, respectively, are somewhat smitten.

It is this situation, which anyone who has ever lived on one of the countless Main Streets in America will recognize, around which most of the action revolves.

Smites Suitor.

Although purely a comedy, "Seventeen" introduces some musical moments also. When the turbulent heart of youth is moved by love an attempt at serenading results. Gifford Seitz has acquired a guitar upon which to smite his amorous lay.

The play is being given here by special arrangement with Samuel French.—It was first produced in New York at the Booth Theater by Stuart Walker where it enjoyed a

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MRS. N. J. CHOATE PASSES AWAY AT ELGIN, OREGON

Mrs. N. J. Choate, aged 80 years, two months and seven days, died early this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Hug, of Elgin, Ore. Funeral services will be conducted by Reverend George Pollard at Elgin Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment will be made by the side of her late husband, in the Summerville cemetery.

The deceased was born in Tennessee and came to the Grande Ronde valley in 1885 with her family where she has since made her home. She is survived by two sons and two daughters, Messrs. J. M. Choate, La Grande, T. A. Choate, Summerville, Mrs. Harry Hug, Elgin and Mrs. W. H. Gibson, Galenas, Cal., 15 grand children and 13 great grandchildren.

PUZZLE ANSWER

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X-Word Sox

This picture shows Miss Estelle Bradley wearing the latest thing in cross-word puzzle stockings. They're getting to be quite a fad down in Atlanta where Miss Bradley lives.

BAND OFFERED BOISE CONCERT

That the La Grande municipal band is gaining state wide and even more extensive recognition throughout the northwest was proven this morning when Andrew J. Loney jr., leader, was requested to bid on a trip to Boise, April 16 for a large municipal celebration. The wire was received from the Portland office of the Ellison White Chautauqua and entertainment bureau.

That the band should receive notice from an organization such as Ellison and White which has a reputation of hiring high class talent is in itself a tribute to the work being done by the band.

The contemplated contract is for furnishing an organization of from 25 to 30 musicians in Boise on April 16. Mr. Loney has furnished his contract price to the Ellison White people and and is to be notified later.

NORTH POWDER GIRL WINNER

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore. (Special) — Doris Parker, a senior enrolled from North Powder, is the 1925 winner of the Edison Marshall short story prize of $50. Twenty undergraduates submitted as many manuscripts in the contest. This is the seventh year the award has been made. The judges who named the best story were Alexander Hull, short story writer, Newberg; Clementine Seller Hirsch, Portland, and Dr. Andrew Fish of the University of Oregon faculty.

Miss Parker's story, entitled "A Problem in Matches," dealt with a girl thrown into a gay young set bent upon pleasure at any cost. The heroine comes through unscathed, saving herself through her own innate good sense, and aided by a young man who does not go in for "wild parties."

The contest winner is enrolled in Prof. W. F. G. Thacher's advanced short story course. She is a major in the school of physical education, played class and intramural basketball, and was on the ebers swimming team. Miss Parker is a member of the Orchesis and the Hermian clubs, physical education societies. Miss Parker is also a member of the Delta Zeta sorority.

Elks Here to Initiate 15 New Members Tonight

The La Grande lodge of the B. P. O. Elks will initiate 15 new members into the order this evening. The ceremonies tonight will be conducted by the local degree team. A short business session will be held preceding the initiation.

England Eats More Fish

LONDON (AP)—The quantity of fish landed at ports in England and Wales during the year 1924 was valued at $75,750,000. This is an increase of $6,400,000 over 1923.

SUPPLY OF WHEAT, CORN IS LOWER

Government Statistics Gives Comparisons with Last Year

OREGON'S GRAIN FIGURES GIVEN

One Percent Less Wheat Remaining on Farms in This State Than on March 1, 1924.

United States farm supplies of wheat and corn on March 1, 1925, were very materially lower than a year ago, or two years ago, according to reports compiled by the Crop Reporting Board, U. S. department of agriculture. Oats show an increase of about 10 per cent compared with last year, and barley and hay stocks are not materially different from last year or two years ago.

Percentages of the Oregon grain crop of 1924 remaining on farms March 1, 1925, are reported as follows: Corn, 6 per cent; wheat, 9 per cent; oats, 20 per cent; barley, 11 per cent; hay, 12 per cent. On March 1, 1924, supplies of the 1923 crop on hand were: Corn, 7 per cent; wheat, 10 per cent; oats, 25 per cent; barley, 15 per cent; hay, 15 per cent. It is probable that the foregoing figures include considerable grain not actually on farms, but still owned by growers, and stored in warehouses at shipping points.

U. S. Figures.

The United States figures are as follows:

The amount of corn on farms March 1, 1925, based upon reported percentage applied to the entire crop, was about 891,609,000 bushels or 33.9 per cent of the 1924 crop, compared with March 1, 1924, stocks of 1,153,847,000 bushels of 38.7 per cent of the 1923 crop, and March 1, 1923 stocks of 1,095,306,000 bushels or 37.6 per cent of the 1922 crop; the 10 year average 1915 to 1924 being 38.1 per cent. About 17.7 per cent of the crop will be shipped out of the counties where grown, compared with 19.7 per cent of the 1923 crop and 17.9 per cent of the 1922 crop so shipped; the 10-year average being 18.7 per cent. The proportion of the 1924 crop which is merchantable is about 66.3 per cent, compared with 80.8 per cent of the 1923 crop and 88.3 per cent of the 1922 crop; the 10-year average being 81.2 per cent.

Wheat Statistics.

The amount of wheat on farms March 1, 1925, was about 113,928,000 bushels or 13 per cent of the 1924 crop, compared with March 1, 1924 stocks (revised figures) of 137,717,000 bushels of 17.3 per cent of the 1923 crop, and March 1, 1923 stocks (revised figures) of 156,087,000 bushels or 18 per cent of the 1922 crop; the 10-year average being 18.3 per cent. About 71.6 per cent of the crop will be shipped out of the counties where grown, compared with 63.4 per cent of the 1923 crop and 67.3 per cent of the 1922 crop so shipped; the 10 year average being 69.1 per cent.

The amount of oats on farms March 1, 1925, was about 559,342,000 bushels or 35.7 per cent of the 1924 crop, compared with March 1, 1924 stocks of 447,366,000 bushels or 34.3 per cent of the 1922 crop; the 10-year average being

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STATE HAS ALL POWER BRIEF SAYS

Oregon Files Answer in Supreme Court on School Law

PAPERS ATTACK COURT OPINION

Appellant Declares That Action Filed Against Measure Should Have Been Dismissed.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The state has supreme control over education of children residing within their borders, the state of Oregon said today in a supplemental reply brief filed in the United States supreme court in its action to sustain its ocmpulsory public school law.

The brief said the lower court should have dismissed the action filed against the law by the Sisters of Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and the Hill Military Academy.

Case Made Clear.

Asserting that the opposition was "devoted to arguments relating to the wisdom of and not the constitutionality of the law," the brief said the "question of the wisdom of the Oregon school law is not before the supreme court."

The killing of Robert Franks, Chicago school boy by Loeb and Leopold, which was brought into the school law controversy by the sisters as illustrating the need of religious and moral training, brought from the state the reply that Loeb and Leopold had been educated in private schools.

The brief disputes the contention of the private and parochial schools operating under charters that they have property rights which cannot be taken away.

SPRING GIVES UP TO WINTER

The first real snow storm of March arrived in the Grande Ronde valley this morning and at noon was still merrily bringing back memories of the late winter, which had supposedly passed on.

When La Grande residents woke up this morning they found nearly half an inch of snow blanketing the earth and the white covering still being added to. Later in the morning the snow began to melt nearly as rapidly as it fell.

Last Thursday afternoon some parts of the valley received a slight snow, which in La Grande was more of a rain, tinged with sleet. During the past few days several cities in Oregon have reported snow but in all cases, the temperature has been little below freezing.

Some farmers, who had begun their spring work, were forced to halt temporarily during the snow storm which made work highly disagreeable.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen Again Reported to Be Dead

PEKING (By the Associated Press)—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, 63, South China leader, died today of cancer of the liver.

Defending Oil Leases

Harry F. Sinclair is defending the leases he holds on Teapot Dome against charges of the government that the leases were obtained by fraud, in a court hearing at Cheyenne, Wyo.

BRITISH STAND IS EXPLAINED

GENEVA (By the Associated Press)—Foreign Minister Chamberlain, of Great Britain, today delivered his long heralded discourse, explaining Great Britain's objections to the security and disarmament protocol before the council of the League of Nations.

He declared that communication with the dominions showed that Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa and India were also unable to accept the protocol.

Chamberlain said that Great Britain is in sympathy with efforts toward world peace, but that his government did not believe the protocol "provides a suitable method for attempting this task."

HOSTILE SHIPS SUNK BY SUBS

ABOARD THE U. S. S. SEATTLE (By the Associated Press) — Submarines, not aeroplanes, "saved" the United States from invasion in the greatest naval manoeuvers ever seen in the Pacific ocean.

With the American navy, 109 ships of the line and their auxiliaries divided into two fleets, the "Blues" and the "Blacks," the latter attempting to establish a base of operations on the Mexican coast while the other defended.

The great "S" type submarines, Uncle Sam's newest and most powerful undersea fighting craft dived into the first engagement, on the side of the defense, and wrecked the invaders' plans.

The "S" boats, tremendous underwater craft, 300 feet long, and having a cruising radius of thousands of miles, came from Panama with the Blue scouting fleet, and last night made out the Black enemy, racing through the moonlit sea to establish a hostile base of operations on the Mexican seaboard.

As the Black fleet, a backbone of giant dreadnaughts protecting its supply ship, with a fringe of destroyers its progress neared its goal about 9 o'clock, the alarm was sounded, but too late. The submarines of the Blues had already penetrated the Black line, and the swift Blue cruisers, coming up in the rear of the Black armada completed the rout.

Dr. Walter Simons Now President of Germany

BERLIN (By the Associated Press)—Dr. Walter Simons today took the oath as president of the German republic, succeeding the late President Ebert.

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BANK RECORDS OFFERED

CHEYENNE (AP) — The bank account records of former Interior Secretary Fall were offered as part of the court annals in the Teapot Dome case today. Federal Judge Kennedy reserved the ruling as to their admissibility.

WANTS TREATY VOTE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats, meeting today to adopt a policy to be followed in a special session of the senate, agreed to press for an early vote on the Isle of Pines treaty and to insist on making the world court question a special order early in next congress.

SPY IS MISSING

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York American today says it has learned Dr. Armagaard Kar Graves whose exploits as an international spy won him world fame, has been missing since last August when he started a trip to St. Louis to gather information concerning an alleged plot to restore the Hohenzollerns to the throne in Germany.

SEES WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Paulina, month old daughter of Perpesentative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, saw the White House today, where her parents were married and the home of her grandfather, Theodore Roosevelt. Mrs. Longworth called at the state department for her brother, Kermit Roosevelt. In the rear of the automobile was a market basket, which Mrs. Longworth said cost 65 cents. Little Paulina was in the basket.

Amsterdam Will Relate The Story of Its Life

AMSTERDAM, Holland (AP)—Great preparations are afoot to celebrate the 650th anniversary this year of Amsterdam's status as a city. It was in the year 1275 that the municipality received its first charter as such from Floris V, Count of Holland.

The center of attraction is to be an exhibition in the famous Ryks Museum and the City Museum of all paintings, prints, sculptures and other works of art having relation to Amsterdam during the past six and a half centuries.

PRESIDENT WILL FIGHT FOR WARREN

Resubmits Nomination for Attorney Generalship to Senate

BUTLER HOPEFUL OF CONFIRMATION

Coolidge Throws Defi at Opponents in Action Taken Today After Decisive Conference.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press) — President Coolidge threw down the gauntlet to his opponents in the senate today by resubmitting the nomination of Charles B. Warren for attorney general.

After a conference with Warren, who was summoned after his name failed of confirmation by a single vote, the president decided to fight out the issue and give Republican senate leaders another opportunity to gain confirmation.

Hopeful of Passage

Senator Butler, close personal friend of the president, was present at the conference and said that he believed the necessary votes for confirmation could be obtained in the senate.

COUZENS MUST PAY U. S. TAX

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press) — The treasury has prepared for delivery tomorrow to Senator Couzens, of Michigan, notice of arbitrary assessments on profits alleged to have been made by him in the sale of his Ford Motor company stock in 1919.

SONG DIES ON LIPS OF BABE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press) — Many verbal crocodile tears over Babe Ruth's financial and physical conditions were shed today by correspondents in dispatches to New York papers from St. Petersburg, Fla.

Babe was happy as a lark, shagging flies, when informed of reports that he is stone broke and a physical wreck. Then at luncheon, according to the New York Tribune, "the song died on his lips and tears rolled down Babe's cheeks as big as derby hats."

Snake Found in Bananas.

CORVALLIS, Ore.—A snake two feet in length was found here coiled up in a bunch of bananas. It is a mottled brown reptile and apparently suffered no ill effects from its long journey from the tropics. It was sent to the college for classification, after it had been on exhibit all day in the window of the grocery store where it was discovered.

Lloyd George Still Guarded

LONDON (AP) — Although no longer in office, former Prime Minister Lloyd George is still attended by a detective, says the Evening Standard. More than once he has asked to be relieved of this supervision, but the government, mindful of what happened to Sir Henry Wilson immediately after police protection was withdrawn, has been unwilling to take the risk.

28,787 Oregon Students Study English Language

For the purpose of learning what subjects in the high school course of study were chosen by the students, Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill requested the principals of the 260 high schools in Oregon to send the schedule of subjects of each pupil for the first semester. Thirty thousand six hundred schedules have just been tabulated, according to Principal E. D. Towler, of the La Grande high school, who has announced here the results of the tabulation.

Although students have much freedom in the choice of electives in Oregon schools, the large majority continue to prefer the traditional subjects of English, mathematics, science and history. Out of the total, 28,787 are studying English, 19,464 mathematics, 14,717 science and 19,875 history. Of the number taking history, 6245 had chosen American history.

Latin is more popular than any other foreign language, there being a total of 8255 students taking Latin as against 2044 enrolled for French and 2262 in Spanish.

Fifteen Studying Ovid.

Of the Latin students, 4186 are studying Latin I, 2375 Cæsar, 331 Cicero, 65 Virgil and but 15 Ovid.

Eight hundred eighteen are studying music, 92 printing, 463 art, 158 Bible, 5257 typewriting, 1233 penmanship and spelling, 42 journalism, 3019 domestic art, 1710 domestic science, 274 social problems, 11 athletics, 224 designing, 144 blacksmithing, 58 psychology, 226 public speaking, 184 teachers' training, 3221 bookkeeping, 1276 commercial arithmetic, 19,464 mathematics, 14,717 science and but four mechanical training.

Money Cannot Purchase Happiness, Woman Says

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press) — Mrs. Stokes denied all accusations against her by Stokes and two Uniman conductors who testified she traveled over night with a male companion. She denied she had ever been an inmate of the Everleigh club.

(By Roy J. Gibbons)

CHICAGO (NEA Special) — January and May were married many, many years ago.

Now May, in the guise of Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes, stands metaphorically upon the ashes of her dead hopes crying with all her heart that soothing comfort that comes "only to those who are in love," she says.

This woman, who has put her multimillionaire "January" husband on criminal trial here for besmirching her character, is much the feminine and has yearnings that only the feminine can have.

She spoke to the writer in the quiet of her room after a busy day in court where W. E. D. Stokes,

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The Good Old Days

The Observer has received numerous compliments on the various articles appearing from time to time relating old Oregon history and recording pioneer history in this section.

You will find these especially interesting — among them are features that are unusual. Watch for them, and you will appreciate still another reason why The Observer is gaining constantly in number of readers throughout its territory.

"Observer Advertising— A Merchandising Service"

Tilson Is Paradoxical May Unite North, South

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA special)—A Tennessee Yankee, John Quillen Tilson by name, will succeed Nicholas Longworth as majority floor leader in the House when the sixty-ninth Congress convenes next fall.

A Tennessee mountaineer by birth, but a Yankee by adoption and a product of Old Eli Yale in education, Tilson presents a sort of composite nationalism that should enable him to unite the Republicans of north and south, highbrow and lowbrow, behind party measures in the next Congress.

Tilson was born and reared in a log mansion on a farm near Clearbrook, Tenn. The phrase "log mansion" may seem paradoxical, as does that of "Tennessee Yankee," but no other terms seem to fit. He's a sort of paradoxical fellow.

While Tilson's boyhood home was made of logs, it wasn't a log cabin. It was a big, spacious roomy residence—the biggest

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