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THE WEATHER PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Fair in the east, cloudy on the coast tonight. Unsettled, rain in the west Thursday.

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LA GRANDE'S LAND OFFICE ABOLISHED

Coolidge Signed Order Yesterday, According to News Dispatches

OFFICIAL WORD LACKING HERE

J. H. Peare, Land Officer in Charge Here, Reports No Notification to Date.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Among the 28 local land offices abolished by the president's order were La Grande and Burns, Ore.

According to reports received here President Coolidge yesterday signed an executive order abolishing 28 local land offices, including the La Grande and Burns offices.

The news dispatches stated that the order is effective April 30 and that it brings to a close the work of such offices discontinued in the last two months.

No Official Word.

J. H. Peare, in charge of the government land office here, reported to the Evening Observer when notified of the dispatches, that he had no official statement concerning the order.

During the winter months a move was on foot in Washington to abolish a number of land offices.

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O. A. C. DINNER WILL BE HELD

The campaign for the Memorial Union building, at O. A. C. will be opened in Union county, with a banquet to be held the evening of April 6, at La Grande.

Lawrence Drumsmith, found guilty of driving while intoxicated, was fined \$150 this morning in the municipal by Judge J. E. Slater.

Snow 10 Inches Deep At Top O' Mountains

Ten inches of loose snow is reported at the top of the Blue mountains, according to announcements by the state highway department offices here.

Although this snow is very wet, and is melting fast, it makes the road very slippy at present.

PUTMAN'S SPRING OPENING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY

With the completion of interior and exterior redecoration Putman's Ladies' Ready-to-Wear and Millinery will hold a Spring opening at their store Friday afternoon from 2:30 until 5 o'clock.

Arrangements have been made and special music will be a feature of the afternoon. The public is invited, according to an announcement today.

Hi Dads Will Banquet L.H.S. Athletes Tonight

A banquet for the boys' and girls' basketball teams of the high school will be given this evening in the domestic science rooms by the Hi Dads who are planning to put the affair on in regular style appropriate for the occasion.

By "appropriate for the occasion" is meant that the banquet will be staged in a way to make basketball players feel quite at ease with regular officials and all the rest of the details.

W. J. Townley Will Market Shorthorns

Pioneer Stock Farm to Be Broken Up and Show Animals Will Be Sold.

With the announcement this week that W. J. Townley, whose farm is near Hot Lake, will sell his herd of purebred Shorthorns, one of the finest in the state will be broken up. It is anticipated that Mr. Townley will have little difficulty in marketing the cattle, as his animals not only have a statewide reputation but one that encompasses the entire west.

Shorthorns, bred at the Townley ranch, have done much to build up many other purebred herds in Oregon and nearby states, besides being consistent winners at livestock shows.

Mr. Townley is an annual exhibitor at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, held at Portland, and at the Union Livestock Show at Union and always brings back his share of the trophies. He also has exhibited with success at livestock shows at Spokane, Boise, and other western cities.

25 Years in Existence. The Townley ranch has been maintained for a quarter of a century, and during that time has grown steadily until he now has more than 100 head of purebred Shorthorns. In addition, he has 200 or 400 head of other cattle.

SEATS FOR PLAY ON SALE EARLY TOMORROW MORN

The reserved seat sale for the Senior "X" play, which is to be held at the high school, Friday and Saturday of this week will start at eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

Final rehearsals on the play are being held today and tomorrow. According to Miss Bennett, instructor, the current cast is one of the easiest to coach that she has worked with in some time.

Drumsmith Fined \$150 By City Judge Slater

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WIFE OF GERMAN LABORER BEARS HER 27TH CHILD

LESSAU, Germany (AP)—All records for Germany were topped here Tuesday when Frau Becker, wife of a manual laborer, bore her twenty-seventh child, a healthy baby. Eleven of the children are living, among them several sets of twins.

On the same night of the arrival of the latest addition to the family, Becker's married sister, Anna, gave birth to twin girls.

Fran Beckner is 47 years old and her husband 45.

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Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Dutton are to keep tabs on the speakers and Warren Gilbert in his capacity as score keeper will literally "score" the speakers.

To get down to the program proper, Charles Reynolds will tell his hitherto unexplained secrets of "How to Referee a Basketball

FARMER AND DEFENSE TO SHEPHERD HAVE FLING INDICTED IN OIL SUIT

County Grand Jury Returns True Bill Against "Germ" Student

"DOCTOR" CHARGED WITH CRIME ALSO SAYS CONSPIRACY HAS BEEN PROVED

Indictment Accused Two of Inoculating McClintock with Typhoid Bacteria

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—William D. Shepherd and Charles F. Fatman were charged with the murder of William McClintock, Shepherd's foster son, in indictments returned today by the county grand jury.

The indictment charged they inoculated McClintock with typhoid bacilli and that poison in the form of acetic acid, strychnine and morphine were also administered.

When arraigned on indictment, Shepherd was turned over to the sheriff to be placed in jail. A writ of habeas corpus, obtained prior to the indictment, was dissolved by the indictment, when Shepherd was taken before him. Court was set for 10 o'clock Saturday for Shepherd to make his plea.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—True bills charging murder were reported to have been voted late Tuesday in the grand jury investigation of rich young William Nelson McClintock's death last December 4, from typhoid fever.

Previously Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, had announced the grand jury would be kept in session until William D. Shepherd.

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'BLACKS' STAGE CARD TONIGHT

A program, which promises to be a laugh from start to finish, will be given this evening in the basement of the First Methodist Episcopal Church by the Young Women's Sunday school class of that church.

The first part of the program will be several impersonations, including Maggie and Jiggs and their friends, Miss Jane Stange and Miss Gilda Ashby will give an Irish dance, between the first and second parts of the program.

The second part will be a minstrel show, with solo, duet, and quartet numbers. Approximately twenty-five people will take part in the program.

BOOZE FOUND; OWNER WANTED

LOST OR STRAYED—Owner of one gallon moonshine found at the corner of Second and L streets. Finder call police station.

It is a nice jug of liquor and in these dry days might make many a man who used to step up to the bar before Volstead did his act, snuff his lips and wet his tongue longingly.

The gallon jug is nearly full. All that is gone could be drowned by a big, healthy man in one good swing—and there are several swings to the gallon.

The liquor was found by a citizen whose honesty is above reproach. He notified the police and turned it over to them when they arrived.

Poles-Lithuanians in Mix-Up, Reports State

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The Polish frontier patrol is alleged by a Lithuanian delegation here to have attacked Lithuanian border guards near Sieradz with provocation Monday night and to have threatened to occupy the district by force of arms unless the Lithuanians have evacuated it by 3 o'clock yesterday.

The Lithuanian communique says the Lithuanian government has applied to the League of Nations to intervene.

Two Sets of Twins



Five years ago, when Colonel H. R. Spencer of Algeria, Ind., was 76 years of age, he married for the second time. A year later his wife presented him with twin boys. Two years later, twin boys arrived for the second time. The entire family is shown in the picture, the oldest twins now being five years of age.

BLAST TRAPS MEN IN MINE

FAIRMONT, W. Va. (By the Associated Press)—Forty or 50 men were reported entombed in shaft mine No. 7 of the Bethlehem Mine corporation, following an explosion in the shaft about 3:20 o'clock Tuesday night.

Investigations started by Sheriff John C. Higgins of Marion county and Capt. Hobart Brown, commanding the state police, have developed, those officials say, that two explosions took place simultaneously. One was on the surface, wrecking the engine house, office, store and other buildings.

It is believed that some, if not all, of the entombed men are alive. At 11:05 a signal was received from the bottom of the shaft. It was in the form of a distinct whistling, as if the men below were calling for help. The hoist was wrecked, and at this hour a temporary cage is being built and will be lowered on a rope.

On October 1, 1916, the mine was wrecked by a gas explosion, in which 10 men were killed. The mine is one of the modern ones of the region, giving employment in normal operation to 250 miners.

The explosion Tuesday night was so terrific that houses over a radius of 20 miles were rocked. In Fairmont buildings shook, electric lights went out, and great excitement was occasioned. Immediately after the explosion a dense black smoke settled over the region like a fog.

COOLIDGE GIVES WOODLOCK'S NAME TO SENATE AGAIN

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge resubmitted to the senate today the nomination of Thomas F. Woodlock, of New York, to be a member of the Interstate Commerce commission.

George L. Crowl, of Kansas, was nominated today by the president to be minister to Paraguay.

Boxer Trains on Spaghetti SEATTLE (AP)—Freddie Welsh trained on vegetables; Paavo Nurmi seldom eats heavier foods than fish, but Jimmy Sacco, Boston welterweight, who appeared in several bouts on the Pacific north-west in February, started an innovation among boxers by training on spaghetti.

The Magic Mud Mess

If you like good, clean comic strips and get The Observer regularly, you are probably already a regular follower of "Mud and Mess" on the West Ad page, and the affairs of "Magic Mud."

It's an Observer feature that is growing in interest and is one of the best NEA services offerings secured exclusively for Observer readers. Its popularity is evidence of a very valuable reader interest.

La Grande Girl Will Graduate from B. Y. U.

PROVO, Utah (Special)—Among the ninety young men and women who will receive Normal diplomas from the Brigham Young University at the close of this school year, is Blanche Whiting, of La Grande.

This is the largest class of normal graduates the B. Y. U. has ever turned out.

Disastrous Fire Sweeps Tokio Today

TOKIO (By the Associated Press)—Twenty thousands persons were rendered homeless when a major conflagration swept the northeastern part of Tokio today, destroying 3000 buildings and resulting in unestimated casualties.

Firemen are almost helpless in fighting the fire because of droughts which exhausted the reservoirs.

The fire started in the factory district and then swept into the area reconstructed following the disastrous earthquake.

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WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Secretary Jardine today directed the grain futures administration to make an immediate investigation of the recent violent fluctuations in the wheat market.

WHEAT CLIMBS THIS MORNING

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Wheat shot up ten cents at the opening of the market today.

RAIL COMPANY ON THE ROCKS

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Application for receivership for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company was filed in the United States district court today.

The petition is offered as a friendly action with the company conceding and in the climax of months of uncertainty as to the company's finances.

Gloria Coming to U. S.; No Signs of Illness

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Gloria Swanson, with her husband Marjoris Henckell La Plante, left today for Havre. She showed no signs of her recent illness, bringing three bouquets and a big box of candy. Gloria outlined that she expects to return to Paris within a few months and expects to spend about 10 days in New York before going to the Pacific coast.

An Inauguration Story Too Good To Keep Quiet

(By Harry B. Hunt) reserved for them near the front. It was an impressive procession. All the night and majesty of the world's great nations was there represented.

Then, as the last of the diplomats entered the chamber, looking along behind, beholding the procession, came a loud cheer from the congressional flock.

It was evident to all beholders that the tardy representative was no diplomat. If he had been, he would have been elsewhere.

For it was plain to be seen that he had been partaking of stimulants no longer legal. His footsteps were wavering and uncertain.

He moved with such an excess of caution that his very dignity became undignified. Colleagues, seeing and sensing his condition, quickly switched him

3 ARRESTED BECAUSE OF MINE BLAST

Disastrous Explosion Believed to Have Been Due to Bomb

THOUSANDS URGE RESCUE WORKERS

Hopes Held for Men Imprisoned Underground; No Bodies Had Been Found at Noon Today.

FAIRMONT, W. Va. (By the Associated Press)—Three men were arrested today in connection with the explosion at Mine No. 41 of the Bethlehem Mines corporation, in which 34 men were entombed.

The arrests followed the report that there was a possibility that the disaster had been caused by a bomb.

No bodies had been found by noon. A telegram sent by officials to Governor Gore said it was impossible to tell whether any of the imprisoned miners would be found alive.

Thousands of persons are gathered near the mine, waiting anxiously for some word as each shift of the rescue crew came to the surface. Police stretched ropes along the highway to keep the throng from the mine entrance.

The explosion is generally believed to have been caused by gas. Most of the entombed men were experienced miners and officials hope that they were able to breathe through a section of the mine before the deadly black damp overtook them.

PERUVIAN CITY WIPED OFF MAP

LIMA, Peru (By the Associated Press)—Official radio dispatches from Trujillo, third important city of Peru, says the city has been completely destroyed by inundations caused by torrential rains.

The inhabitants abandoned their homes, taking refuge on nearby elevated fields.

Efforts to erect flood gates to stem the advance of the rising waters proved fruitless.

Trujillo has eleven thousand residents.

High Prices Drive Wealthy In Brazil to Visit Market

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—According to all American housewife magazines can now be found every morning at the principal entrance, waiting for the higher class trade.

Prices in Rio have more than doubled during the last two years. Many articles are higher than they are in the United States, and yet wages are much lower. Fruits also are very expensive.

England Seeks Improved Methods to Ship Fruit

LONDON (AP)—In order to discover the reason for what has been called brown heart, noted in Australia, the Governmental Food Investigation board has sent a scientific expedition to Australia.