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PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Cloudy in the west, fair in the east tonight and Sunday.

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TO REBUILD STRICKEN CITIES

LIVESTOCK REPORT IS COMPLETED

Statistics Given on Total Number of Animals in Union County

CATTLE INCREASE IS NOT ADVISED

On Other Hand, Committee Believes That Number of Hogs Produced Should Be Greater.

A comprehensive report, completed by the livestock sub-committee of the recent agricultural economic conference held in this county for three days, follows, accompanied by recommendations and resolutions agreed upon:

Present Conditions.

The year 1924 has shown fair profits in some kinds of livestock. The cattle situation is in a sad way yet, especially when the cattle men are compelled to feed four or five months in the winter, there is but very little if any profit for him.

The sheep have shown a very nice profit, when properly handled, both in range herds, and farm flocks. Especially farm flocks where good pasture is available, has this been true, in some cases a profit of $9 per head has been shown on farm flocks, after deducting all running expenses.

Wool Production in the U. S.

The estimated production of wool in the United States in 1924 was 238,530,000 pounds of fleece and 43,500,000 of pulled wool. In 1925 the estimated production was 224,320,000 pounds and 42,500,000 of pulled wool.

Wool and Mohair Production in the State.

The 1924 wool production is estimated at 17,100,000 pounds and valued at about $6,840,000. Mohair production as reported by the census for 1924 was 380,674 pounds valued at about $122,500.

The total number of sheep in Union county is estimated at 27,500 valued at $300,000 and the total amount of wool 220,000 pounds, valued at $100,000 or an increase over last year of 5,500. Nearly all of these are on farms in flocks of from 100 to 500 head.

Sheep increase in the last year in the United States 834,000.

Swine decreased in the last year

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CHURCH RALLY HERE SUNDAY

A county rally of the Christian churches of Union county will be held Sunday afternoon and evening at the local Christian church, according to O. W. Jones, pastor.

The program, which will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and continue at 7:30 o'clock, will bring two addresses in the evening on "The Task for the Disciples of Christ." Mr. Jones will speak of the restoration of the New Testament Church" and C. F. Swander on "World Missions."

Delegates from various parts of the county are expected. The rally is to be conducted by Mr. Swander of Portland.

Rodent Fight Carried On By Farmers

Poisoned Grain Used as One Method of Combatting Pests; Granges Active.

The various granges in meetings this week have had for one of the main topics of discussion a bill dealing with the eradication of rodents which was passed at the last session of the state legislature.

The particular problem confronting the Union county farmers is the extermination of ground squirrels which arre very injurious to grain. A campaign for the eradication of the pests has been carried on with varying success for a number of years.

Poisoned Grain Used.

More recently H. G. Avery, county agriculturist, has assisted in the work by distributing poisoned grain to farmers willing to help themselves by aiding to cub the pests.

These efforts have accounted for many squirrels but the rate of propagation is so rapid that in nearly every instance the few landowners in the vicinity who have not done their share have given the squirrels a chance to multiply so that

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MEN PLAY ROLE OF HOSTS TODAY AT GRANGE MEET

The annual Brother's meeting of the Blue Mountain grange is being held today at the grange hall. E. R. Jackman of the Corvallis extension department and H. G. Avery, county agriculturist, are in attendance.

Elder Smith to Attend L. D. S. Conference Here

Elder George Albert Smith, of the Council of Twelve of the L. D. S. church, is here from Salt Lake City, Utah, and will speak at the regular quarterly conference of the church here tomorrow morning at ten o'clock and at two o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Smith represents the authorities of the church and a very interesting day is anticipated.

In the evening a cantata will be given.

Membership Committee In Charge of Luncheon

The membership committee will be in charge of the noon luncheon of the chamber of commerce next Tuesday. Warren Gilbert, chairman of the membership committee will be toastmaster at the dinner.

Frank B. Appleby and Edwin Holmes of the membership committee will be the principal speakers.

PUZZLE ANSWER

'SEVENTEEN' ENJOYED BY BIG CROWD

Senior Play One of Best Ever Staged in High School Circles

COMEDY FEATURES OF HIGH ORDER

Every Member of Cast Gave Fine Performance —Two More Nights of Play Arranged.

It may as well be stated at the beginning that "Seventeen" is exceptionally good entertainment. When the piece was first presented for public approval at the high school last evening a crowded house was kept in a laughing uproar almost continuously through all four acts of the play.

"Seventeen" is the sort of a production that would make any hard-boiled critic feel like the worst sort of a Pollyanna and rush bither and yon distributing congratulations and laurels.

The entire play is far above the average level set by amateur productions and is one of the best things that has been shown in the auditorium for months.

Cast Exceptional.

The cast did splendid work. Ethebelle Kitchen, as Jane Baxter, the typical little sister, was as usual, the life of the party. Douglas Moe instilled not only humor but pathos in his characterization of Willie Baxter, "Seventeen," and in love for the first time, Lucile Black as Willie's doting mother contributed a nice piece of work. Mr. Baxter, played by Robert Smith seemed absolutely the genuine article of a father who had forgotten what he did when he was a boy and was constantly recalling other things that he wondly imagined he did do—but then from the top to the bottom of the list all mem-

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GLEE CLUB ON WAY HERE NOW

O. A. C., Corvallis, Ore. (Special).—The O. A. C. Glee club left today on their tour of Eastern Oregon. They will give a concert in the La Grande high school auditorium, and a dance in Zuber hall, March 25.

The program will consist of selections by the Glee club, numbers by the quartet that gained recognition by singing in Portland and other place in the Willamette valley, Dean McCluskey's Oregon Aggravators, and Victor Trask, magician and ventriloquist.

Victor Trask has traveled on

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Gabler Accepts Post In Pendleton Store

William Gabler, who was formerly employed at N. K. West's department store as window decorator and advertising manager and has recently been in the same business for himself here, will leave Tuesday to enter the Bond Brothers clothing store at Pendleton as head window trimmer.

Mr. Gabler succeeds Paul Masse who was also employed for some time at West's but has been in Pendleton for the past two years. Mr. Masse is to go to work for Samuel Rosenblatt's in Portland.

Body of Former Pastor To Be Interred Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dart, of Newberg, Ore., will arrive in La Grande Sunday morning, accompanying the remains of Mrs. Dart's father, Rev. "Ezra" Hayes, who passed on recently. Mr. Hayes was formerly pastor of a local church.

The burial services will take place at the Masonic cemetery at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The body will be laid beside his wife, Cynthia, who died ten years ago.

Brief services will be held at the Masonic hall at 2 o'clock prior to the services at the cemetery.

25 IN RACE FOR SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Applications for the La Grande Position Coming in Rapidly

LIST WILL REACH HIGHER FIGURE

Several Additional Men Here Today Seeking to Succeed Mr. Hampton, Superintendent.

Applications for the position of superintendent of the public schools of La Grande are pouring in upon the Board of Directors at a rapid rate, following the announcement of the election of A. C. Hampton, now superintendent at La Grande, to the city superintendency at Astoria. The applicants cover a wide territory, and many men who in smaller places are receiving a salary equal to or greater than the La Grande salary, are applying at La Grande.

The time-honored custom of filing a written application, supplemented by written testimonials, seems to be falling into disuse, according to members of the school board, as five or six of the applicants are in town today, interviewing the members of the Board and renewing acquaintances with La Grande teachers.

According to Chairman Colon R. Eberhard of the local school board, it is improbable that any definite selection will be made soon, as

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CARS DAMAGED IN SMASH-UP

Although no one was injured two cars were damaged to some extent yesterday afternoon on the highway two miles this side of Kamela. E. G. Bickmore's special six Studebaker was brought in with a front wheel caved in, a bent front axle, and two badly smashed fenders as the result of turning his car into the bank to avoid a more serious collision. Mr. Bickmore of the state highway office here, was on his way to Pendleton when he came "face to face" with a Ford driven by Hazel Johnson, of Umapine, en route to Baker, on a blind curve on the highway. Miss Johnson was driving on the wrong side of the road and next to the edge of a grade of about three hundred feet, it is alleged. To keep from causing one car to go over the grade Mr. Bickmore turned his car into the bank and let Miss Johnson go on without any serious injuries.

However, she had not gone over half a mile when she met with another accident, when a Ford roadster, similar to the one she was driving run into her and both cars were badly damaged, the front of Miss Johnson's car being severely smashed. The driver of the other car is unknown.

MISSING FORDS ARE DISCOVERED NEAR KAMELA

The two Ford cars, discovered missing yesterday morning by A. W. Nelson and R. Winters, were found today near Kamela, according to reports about noon. Apparently the same persons had stolen both machines. No trace of the culprits has been found.

The Nelson machine was stripped of the radiator, batteries and rear tires, the police state.

Dennis Resolution to Be Debated at Meeting

The Dennis resolution will be the subject of a debate by the public speaking class next Tuesday evening. The debate teams are composed of three men on each side of the question.

For the affirmative, H. J. Nelson is the leader with L. K. Johnson and J. G. Johnson and the negative team is composed of Harold McDaniel, C. C. Snow and T. K. Bellamy.

The meeting will be held at the T. K. Bellamy home, 1902 Alder street.

Yeh, the World is Growing Better!

M. I. A. CANTATA SUNDAY NIGHT

The M. I. A. will present a cantata at the L. D. S. tebernacle under the direction of Earl Stoddard Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. The title of the cantata is "Greater Love."

Soloists include: Paul Kanutz, G. L. Dutton, E. D. Towler, Nellie Bean and Elthria Stoddard. They will be accompanied by a competent chorus.

The cantata is free to the public, which is cordially invited to attend.

POLICE FACING BOOZE CHARGE

CINCINNATI (By the Associated Press).—Cincinnati was stirred late Friday when it became known that 48 members of the city's police force had been indicted by a special federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition law. As a result of the indictments, the men named were suspended by Chief of Police Copelan pending the outcome of their trials.

The list included all detectives of the night chief's force except Lieut. Eugene Weatherly; all members of the "flying squad" except Lieut. John Seebohm; one

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They Like Everett

Most men like the cartoon of Everett True in The Observer every day—especially when it depicts the outbursts of his wife once in a while instead of Everett.

Maybe it's because it makes them homesick—or because it shows someone who is as "hard-boiled" as you'd like to be sometimes. Anyway, it's a good feature—follow it regularly.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

Tornado Property Loss Estimated at $8,000,000

XTRA

BAIL HEARING HELD

CHICAGO (AP)--Testimony that William D. Sheppherd, under indictment charged with the McClintock murder, had said that he would have McClintock's will drawn to suit himself, was given by C. C. Faiman, indicted with Shepherd, at a bail hearing today.

QUEBEC IS ROCKED

QUEBEC (AP) — An intense earthquake was felt here today. Houses were shaken but no serious damage was reported.

"WETS" FOUND GUILTY

CHICAGO (AP) — Two former prohibition agents, a millionaire sacramental wine dealer and three other men were found guilty of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws through abuse of the sacramental wine privilege by a jury's verdict returned today.

AIR MAIL BIDS UP

SPOKENE (AP)—Bids for contracts for carrying air mail between Elko, Nev., and Pasco, Wash., will be advertised for by the postoffice department within three weeks, according to information from Washington today.

TOURIST PAYS FOR SPEEDING

C. J. Montweiler, of Hoaquim, Wash., has a hearty respect for traffic officers in this county. A very, very hearty respect. Because he knows, probably better than any other one man, how much it costs to drive his car at an excessive rate of speed on the state highway through this particular part of Oregon.

Mr. Montwieler was arrested by Alonzo Dunn, city traffic officer, yesterday and as a result paid $25 to the city coffers as penalty. He proceeded on his way—not wisely, but too well.

At North Powder, according to C. P. Holbrook, county traffic officer, Mr. Monewieler again stepped on the throttle. Mr. Holbrook promptly nabbed him—and again the Hoquism man paid $15.

"Thirty dollars in thirty miles is too much," Mr. Montwieler is quoted as saying.

"Tourists cannot violate the county and city speed laws and get away with it anymore than can a local citizen," the traffic officers retorted.

Eye Witness Accounts of Twister's Eccentricities Almost Unbelievable

(By the Associated Press)

The burial of dead is proceeding rapidly in all sections and the relief work is operating methodically in the tornado swept sections of Illinois and other states stricken.

An immediate need of surgeons for the southern Illinois field prompted the state health director to appeal to county medical authorities for help. He also requested anti-toxin for gangrene, which has appeared among the wounded.

Property Loss High.

Property loss of all devastated districts is estimated at between $5,000,000 and $8,000,000.

As eye witness accounts of the twister's visitation are more freely reported, its freakish, ironic and eccentric antics struck

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ODD FELLOWS TO GIVE PLAY NEXT MONDAY EVENING

For the amusement of the members of the I. O. O. F. lodge a play will be given at the Odd Fellows hall Monday evening, March 23. The money obtained from the presentation will be used by the degree teams of the order in putting on their work. The title of the play is "Between the Acts," and seven people will take part, including C. E. Bragg, Mrs. Frank McPherson, Mrs. C. E. Bragg, F. B. Suydam, Jake Rostock, Gladys Benham and Frank Loock. It is a three act comedy drama.

Several musical numbers will be given between acts.

BANKS WILL LEND AID IN HUGE TASK

Cheer Greets Announcement in Murphysboro, Ill.

TRAGIC TASK OF BURIAL CONTINUES

Community Funerals Are Planned in the Towns Where Loss of Life Was the Heaviest.

MURPHYSBORO, Ill. (By the Associated Press) — "Murphysboro will rebuild." One of the heaviest losers, it issued this defiance at a citizens' meeting held here.

Charles Ritter, business man, uttered the words after Governor Small and other relief officials painoed the horrors of the recent tornado.

"Relief measure can only be temporary," Ritter said. "It is what happens after the temporary relief measures that concerns us most. The banks here are prepared to strain their credit to the utmost to aid people in restoring lost homes and industries."

First Cheer Since Storm

Ritter climbed from the speaking platform with tears in his eyes. Murphysboro uttered its first cheer that had swept over it since the tornado Wednesday.

TO REBUILD GRIFFIN

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Griffin, Indiana, where 54 persons are known to be dead and several others are missing, will be rebuilt, it was announced today. After the storm, it was indicated that the town would be abandoned, but one old man, although not a house was left standing, announced he would return and rebuild. "I don't want to die elsewhere," he said.

BURYING DEAD

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—The storm swept territory continued today the tragic task of burying its dead, while relief workers completed their duay in bringing order out of chaos. Rehabilitating plans have been advanced.

Most burials are arranged for today and tomorrow with memorial services to be held later. The towns where the loss of life was heaviest plans community funerals with burial in one long grave.

Tetanus Threat Abated

While some cases of pneumonia is reported in southern Illincis, little other illness is noted and there is no threat of a tetanus epidemic.

A few isolated cases of looting exist. At West Frankfort a man

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RESCUE WORK SPEEDED UP

FAIRMONT, W. Va. (By the Associated Press)—Rescue work at the wrecked shaft of Mine No. 41 of the Bethlehem Mines corporation was speeded up today in the hope that 22 of the 33 entombed miners might still be alive.

Eleven bodies have been found. Officials, after a recheck, announced that 33 men were caught in the blast, instead of 34.

Spring Openings Here Well Attended Friday

Almost every member of the feminine population of La Grande could be seen on the streets yesterday afternoon. They were out for two reasons. Putman's spring opening in ladies' ready to wear and millinery and "open house" at Carr's furniture store.

Starting promptly at 2 o'clock Mrs Dorothy Funk and Miss Lucille Black made their appearance, on a platform attractively arranged in Putman's store, in all the smartest new spring things in ladies' coats, suits, frocks and ensemble costumes. Both Miss Funk and Miss Black were excellent models and served well in their roles. After a beautiful display in these lines of ladies' apparel Mrs. John O'Connell took her place in the large hat box in the window of the store and many exquisite creations in new spring millinery were shown.

The store was beautifully decorated for the occasion with baskets of spring flowers and other motifs of the season. During the entire afternoon, from 2 until 5 o'clock, music was furnished by Mrs. Harris French at the piano and Kenneth Gekeler, violinist.

Voting Continued

Every woman attending Putman's opening also visited Carr's furniture store to vote on the excellent display and artistic arrangement of the furniture shown there. Voting will be continued today and tonight and the prize winners will be made known Monday. The rooms were decorated by ladies of

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Solons Labeled Dawes' Failure "Poetic Justice"

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—High comedy as well as tragedy, was disclosed by the senate rejection of Charles Beecher Warren as attorney general.

And the chief element of both comedy and tragedy was supplied by one individual—Vice President Dawes.

All those who opposed the Warren nomination get a broad smile out of the fact that it was the same Dawes who in his inaugural address "dressed down" the senate for not being alert and up on its toes in the conduct of public business, who, when his vote would have broken a tie and saved the administration's nomination, was at his up-town hotel taking a mid-afternoon snooze.

"Poetic justice," these members say with a grin as they discuss the failure of the administration's first pet proposal before the new senate.

"Nero fiddled while Rome burned," says Ashurst of Arizona. "Dawes slept while the administration ship went on the rocks."

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The defeat of the president on this cabinet nomination, however,

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