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THE WEATHER
Portland, (AP)— Oregon —Cloudy in the west, fair in the east tonight and Tuesday.

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BALCONY AT REX HALL GIVES WAY

Several Skaters at Rink Injured Somewhat by the Collapse

NONE SERIOUSLY HURT IN SMASH

Precautions to Be Taken to Avoid Similar Occurrences in the Future.

A number of merrymakers almost miraculously escaped serious injury or death Saturday evening when a portion of the balcony of Rex Hall fell to the floor.

The Rex Hall is now being used as a skating rink and has recently had large crowds in attendance. On Saturday evening the entire hall and balconies were filled with the usual Saturday night crowd.

About 16 persons were watching the skaters from a small projecting balcony in the east end of the hall when the front end of the section dropped slowly to the floor.

Ankle Fractured.

Mrs. R. W. Cummings sustained a fractured ankle as a result of the fall. George Bauman, a high school student, was severely jarred and was knocked unconscious by the force of the impact but will recover without permanent injury.

Mrs. Cummings and young Bauman were the only two occupants of the balcony to receive injury other than a few minor scratches and bruises.

Clyde Landry was skating underneath the balcony as it fell and was quite severely bruised by the falling timbers but no bones were broken. Park Taylor and A. V. Stine also sustained minor

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NEW RATES IN EFFECT SOON

Several changes in domestic postal rates will be in effect here April 15. Sometime previous to that date one-half and one and one-half cent stamps will be received at the local post office for use in the new rating system. The various changes in the system follow:

Letters (Miscellaneous, written or typewritten), no change; Postal cards (Government issued, no change); Post cards (private mailing cards, either written or printed) old rate—1 cent each, new rate—2 cents each; printed cards (larger than Gov't. postal cards) old rate—1 cent per 2 ozs. new rate 1 1-2 cents per 2 ozs. if bearing the words "Post Card" or "Private Mailing Card." 2 cents; double or reply post Cards (not Gov't) each portion formerly 1 cent each, new rate—2 cents each; complete newspapers and magazines (mailed by public) old rate—1 cent per 4 ozs., new rate—2 cents per 2 ozs., if over 8 cents mail as parcel post; books and catalogs (24 pages or over and 8 oz or less) no change; Seeds, plants, bulbs, roots, etc (8 oz. or less) no change; Miscellaneous printed matter (8 oz. or less) old rate—1 cent per 2 ozs., new rate—1 1-2 cents per 2 ozs.; Miscellaneous printed matter (over 8 oz and including books, catalogs, newspapers and magazines), parcel post rate; Parcels (8 oz or less, including all mailable matter except mentioned above), 1 1-2 cents per 2 ozs., formerly 1 cent per oz. or at the one pound zone rate; Par-

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Auto Stolen From Local Man Found

Franklin Car, Belonging to C. R. Hibbard, at Bliss, Idaho; Two Boys Still at Large.

The Franklin car owned by C. R. Hibbard of La Grande which was stolen last week was located yesterday in Bliss, Idaho, according to a message received by the authorities here.

The car was apparently in good shape, the message stated, and will be returned here this week.

Joe Busch and James Ferris, the two boys suspected of the theft of the car after escaping from the county jail Tuesday night of last week have not been found.

Jesse Breshears, county sheriff sent telegrams to authorities in Utah, Idaho and California in a further attempt to locate the missing youths this morning.

Under Sentence.

If apprehended, Joe Busch will be taken to the state institution for boys, Judge U. G. Couch said this morning.

At the time of this last escapade Busch was under parole from the judge and by violating the terms of the parole automatically becomes liable for a term in the state school for boys.

CAR ACCIDENTS ARE REPORTED

Two men walking along the highway toward Island City were very slightly injured last evening by a car driven by Clyde Bloom. Mr. Bloom had slowed down to let a car pass at the time of running into the men and was proceeding at a very slow rate of speed. One of the victims of the accident was slightly scratched but no complaint was filed.

K. Ford's taxi is reported to have run off the grade on the highway between La Grande and Pendleton but with injury to no one. It is said that the car was driven back onto the road by its own power.

THREE TO SPEAK AT LUNCHEON OF COMMERCIAL MEN

In addition to speeches by Captain E. C. Allworth and Professor E. T. Reed of Corvallis, C. B. Hall of California will make an address at the chamber of commerce luncheon tomorrow on the subject, "What a Visitor Sees in Oregon."

Captain E. C. Allworth, "Washington's most distinguished soldier" will talk about the O. A. C. memorial campaign and Professor Reed will tell what the Corvallis chamber of commerce is doing.

LOCAL CAGERS HONORED

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore. (Special)—Waldo Stoddard and George W. Brown, both of La Grande, were guests at a dinner given Wednesday night by Coach and Mrs. R. H. Hager in honor of the basketball squad. Mr. Stoddard, who is student body president, is a senior in commerce. Mr. Brown is a senior in mining engineering.

Homing Airmen to Be Guided Through Fog by Electricity

LONDON, (AP) — An electric current is to be used shortly to guide pilots through the fogs of England in safety to the airdrome below them.

The landing space is encircled by a cable, just under the surface of the ground, charged with an alternating current which creates a magnetic field. The presence of this field is detected by instruments carried on the plane and, according to Sir Philip Sassoon, under secretary for air, no matter how dark the night or how thick the fog, the pilot will know when he is over the land stage.

MORE THAN 100 ATTEND MEET HERE

Teachers of Union County Gathered at Final Institute

STATE OFFICIAL GIVES ADDRESS

Concluding One of Three Conferences Held Saturday Was Most Sucessful.

The third annual Union County Teachers' Institute held in the high school Saturday proved the most successful of the series held this year under the supervision of E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent.

The addresses at the institute were of a uniformly high standard. The principal talks were made by Professor James F. Bursch of the department of education and psychology, O. A. C., A. C. Hampton, W. T. Phy, Assistant State Superintendent Smith, and H. M. Broadbent of Baker.

The morning program opened with a number of musical selections by the high school glee club under the direction of Miss Isabelle Miller.

Hampton Speaks.

Superintendant A. C. Hampton of La Grande delivered the official welcome to the visiting educators and the response was made by E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent.

Professor Bursch's addresses during the morning session were on the subjects, "The New Teacher in the Modern School,' and "The Problem of Measuring Men."

Superintendent H. M. Broadbent gave a very fine address during the morning on the "Value of Normal Training to the Teacher." The remainder of the forenoon was devoted to work in departmental groups with Mrs. E. A. McEachron presiding over the elementary group and Miss Susanna Deal head of the phonics and dramatics group.

Following cafeteria lunch served at noon at the high school under the direction of Miss Lois Davis of the domestic science department the afternoon session opened with several musical selections sung by the boys' quartet of the high school.

Official Speaks.

The first speech of the after-

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GOLF TOURNEY IS POSTPONED

The Baker-La Grande golf tournament announced last week will be held in Baker April 19th instead of April 12 as was first announced.

The story goes that the postponement of the date was the result of a request from one of the most ardent local golfers who manages a department store in his spare time. It seems that this gentleman made a date with the preacher of his church at Christmas to see him again in church Easter Sunday and felt that an engagement of such long standing should be kept.

Clover Creek Man Is Fined for Profanity

Leo Frost of Clover Creek was fined $10 by Judge Hugh E. Brady of the justice court this morning on charges of using profanity on the state highway.

Lecturer Tells of Japanese Earthquake

The down stairs auditorium of the L. D. S. Tabernacle was filled to capacity last evening when Ernest Woodard, of Baker, gave a lecture on "Conditions in Japan at [illegible] Mr. Woodard was on a mission to Japan and was in Tokio the three days of the quake, September 1, 2 and 3, 1923 and spoke from his own experience. He stated that 1780 earthquakes, with only a short time between each, were recorded during the three days. He also told of conditions after the shock and the number of people killed by fire and otherwise.

In addition to Mr. Woodard's talk Jack Hiatt rendered a piano solo, Miss Myrtle Black gave a vocal solo, Dick Lindsey played two violin numbers and the L. D. S. Choir sang two numbers.

2 New Plans Are Drawn By DeMonzie

Bank Note Circulation and Contribution by Capital Plans Before French Cabinet.

PARIS, (By the Associated Press) — The lobbies of the chamber of deputies and senate were crowded today with members of parliament and others active politically, most of whom, forecasting the fall of the Herriot Ministry, were already speculating on the composition of the next cabinet. Meanwhile the cabinet members were deliberating on reported differences of policy between Herriot and M. DeMonzie, new finance minister.

DeMonzie, who came into the limelight as Finance Minster Clementel's successor, has suddenly acquired prestige that makes him the leader in the possible race for the premiership. The cabinet's fall next week is taken for granted and it is pointed out that Herriot is between two fires, the enemies of the capital levy on one hand and the adversaries of French representation at the Vatican on the other.

PARIS, (By the Associated Press) — Bills providing for an increase in bank note circulation amounting to four billion franks and for a voluntary 10 percent contribution by capital, were presented to the cabinet today by Finance Minister DeMonzie.

The cabinet will meet again tonight to finish discussion of these measures which will be presented to the chamber tomorrow. DeMonzie is determined to resort to a straight capital levy plan only

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PALM SUNDAY SERVICE HELD

HOT LAKE (Special) — Palm Sunday was observed at the regular Sunday night services held at the Sanatorium last evening. Mrs. A. T. Hill of La Grande read a manuscript on the crucifixation of Christ. The slides which are representations of famous paintings portraying the events of Palm Sunday were shown and explained by Miss Blanche Howell of the Sanatorium staff. Next Sunday will conclude this series of Lenten services which have been held each Sunday at the Lake.

The manuscript which Mrs. Hill prepared and read was instructive as well as interesting, and her talk was greatly enjoyed by the large number who attended the services. The slides are being loaned by Mrs. Mossman who has given many interesting lectures in La Grande on famous paintings.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill, and Dr. and Mrs. Mossman were dinner guests at the Sanatorium Sunday evening and attended the services.

A. H. Stange, L. Kinzel Here for a Few Days

A. H. Stange, father of August J. Stange, of this city, accompanied by his grandson Leslie Kinzel, is spending a few days in La Grande. He is here, not only for a visit at the Stange home, but also on business.

Mr. Stange and Mr. Kinzel will leave for Merrill, Wisconsin on Wednesday.

9 KILLED IN ACCIDENTS YESTERDAY

Florida Wind and Hail Storm Late Sunday Fatal to Four

EXPLOSIONS TAKE LIVES OF FIVE

Quarry Blast at Martinez, Calif., and Premature Explosion at Victor, Colo., Prove Fatal.

SUNDAY'S TOLL.
Florida storm kills 4, injured 24.
3 men killed, 3 injured in quarry blast near Martinez, California.
2 Miners killed, one hurt, in blast in Victor, Colo., mine.

MIAMI, Fla (By the Associated Press)—The death of Mrs. John T. Simpson, of Westwood Park, today increased yesterday's tornado death toll to four.

Bodies of three victims of the wind and hail storm near here Sunday afternoon were in the Miami undertaking parlors late last night—a man named Sullivan, a Mrs. Scholtz and a boy. Twenty-four injured in the storm are in Miami hospitals.

The storm formed near Hialeah, six miles west of Miami and struck with greatest force at the White Belt dairy, wrecking homes and buildings, and doing damage estimated at between $150,000 and $200,000. It continued in a northeasterly direction and passed out to sea about 15 miles north of here.

Reports reaching Miami say that rain and hail storms were

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BRODIE QUITS POST IN SIAM

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press) — The resignation of Edward E. Brodie, minister to Siam, will be accepted at his request. A successor has not been selected.

Brodie was appointed to the post by President Harding in 1921. He was vice-president of the Oregon Chamber of Commerce and is a publisher in Oregon City, Oregon.

AUTO THIEF, 16, BAFFLED POLICE JUST "FOR FUN"

BOSTON, (By the Associated Press)—James Sheehan, 16, automobile theif who played tag with the Boston motor police for four days because he liked a "thrill," wearied of the sport today and returned to the state school for boys at Shirley, from which he escaped several months ago.

In the hide and seek game with the police yesterday in the Charlestown district, crowds turned out to cheer the youth. "I did it just for the fun of the thing," he explained.

Charlotte Quits Hubby

Charlotte Nash, who was "Miss St. Louis" in the Atlantic City pageant of 1923, and who eloped with F. G. Nurdlinger, has returned from Paris to her home in St. Louis without her husband. Nurdlinger is 30 years older than his wife.

TROUT SPAWN AT HATCHERY

UNION, Ore. (Special).—Brood trout spawning is being carried on at the local fish hatchery, and R. H. Bonney, superintendent, expects to secure about half a million eggs for the spring hatching.

He has been feeding and caring for these brood trout for the past few years and this is the first spawning that the hatchery has secured from these fish.

ALFALFA HURT BY COLD WAVE

NORTH POWDER, Ore. (Special to the Observer) — Fully 50 per cent of the fields of alfalfa were entirely killed by the December cold spell, investigation during the past week has disclosed. This condition is reported quite general throughout eastern Oregon—not only to alfalfa fields but also to all kinds of fruit and berries. The damage here, however, is very great.

Those who were fortunate enough to have their fields sown with Grimm alfalfa are the ones mainly who suffered no damage.

PESTS INJURE TREES

UNION, Ore. (Special)—There is quite a lot of complaint from orchard men in this vicinity in reference to damage done young fruit trees by rabbits and other animals during the winter.

Most of the damage seems to have been done to the prune and cherry trees, more than 200 trees on one ranch having been hurt so badly that many of them will die from the effects of gnawing by animals.

BURNT RIVER ESCAPES.

BAKER, Ore. (Special) — That the frost damage to alfalfa stands in the Upper Burnt River country will not be excessive is the belief

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Alleged Kidnappers to Be Tried in Bombay

BOMBAY, (By the Associated Press) — All nine men charged with attempting [illegible] Mumtaz Begum, former favorite of the Maharaja of Indore, were comitted today after a preliminary hearing, for trial in the Bombay high court.

Des Moines Register Adopts Crime Policy

DES MOINES (By the Associated Press)—The Des Moines Register today began an experiment of segregating all crime news on the inside pages, at the suggestion of the Des Moines Federation of Women's Clubs.

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TO WITHOLD RECORDS.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Internal revenue collectors have been ordered by Commissioner Blair to withhold the new income tax records from public inspection until given further authority from the internal revenue bureau.

"GOBS" WELCOMED.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The American gob, stalwart son of the sea, took a firmer grip today upon the hearts of the San Francisco district than he captured yesterday with the impressive entrance of the battle fleet into the bay. His second friendly assault upon the residents' affections was a personal appearance in the form of a parade of 10,000 sailors from Ferry Building to the City Hall.

MAN WITHOUT COUNTRY.

NEW YORK (AP)—Prince Mohammed Saide Zerdecheno, self-styled "Emir of Kurdestan," deported by the United States to Great Britain only to be refused admittance there, is back at Ellis Island. Immigration officials took him in custody today. He reiterated his claims that he is travelling on a diplomatic passport issued by the Turkish minister in London and that his mission was to secure funds for development of natural resources in Kurdestan.

Airplanes to Explore Remote Arctic Regions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The vast unknown regions of the Arctic will be explored this summer with naval aircraft by navy pilots but not as a government project. The attempt at observing the uncharted area of more than one million square miles lying between Alaska and the north pole where a continent may exist, will be made in connection with an expedition headed by Donald B. MacMillan, the explorer, who will return for the ninth time to his favorite haunts of ice and snow on a ship leaving Wiscasset, Maine about June 15.

The plan has been approved by Secretary Wilbur and indorsed by President Coolidge.

WM. LEVENS PREPARING FOR ACTION

Appoints Four Assistants to Work from Office in Salem

FORMER BAKER MAYOR IS CHOSEN

Prohibition Commissioner to Tour State Soon and Confer with County Officers.

SALEM, Ore. (By Associated Press). — Prohibition Commissioner of Oregon William Levens today announced the appointment of four state prohibition agents who will operate from his main office.

The quartet are: D. R. Carter, former mayor of Baker, Ore.; Dan M. Jones, former Washington state penitentiary guard; A. McFarlane and William T. Duckworth, both of Portland.

Levens will soon tour the state and confer with sheriffs and district attorneys.

PIERCE DENIES URGING RECALL

SALEM, Ore. (Special) —Governor Walter M. Pierce, who recently returned from a trip to Eastern Oregon, and who has been accused by Portland newspapers of instigating the proposed recall of Senator Bruce Dennis, of La Grande, Sunday denied that he was in any way instrumental in agitating the movement. He said that printed reports to this effect were in error.

The governor declared that while in eastern Oregon recently he was invited to attend a grange meeting, and it was after he had entered the hall that he was informed that petitions had been prepared asking for the recall of the Union and Wallowa senator. The executive refused to intimate whether he would take any part in recalling Senator Dennis in event the petitions were filed and the election called.

STATE POLICE TAKE UP CASE

BELMONT, Mass. (By the Associated Press)—The state police joined local authorities today attempting to solve the "gas mask" murder, the victim of which Alexander Bushman, Nova Scotia carpenter and war veteran, was found Saturday in an abandoned cellar near Waverley.

The gas mask, fastened to his head, contained enough chloroform to kill 25 persons, police said which had been poured into the chemical chamber of the mask.

ARCHBISHOP DEAD.

PORTLAND (AP)—Archbishop Alexander Christie died in the hospital here this afternoon.

Artists To Appear Here In Recital This Month

Thursday evening, April 16, the Young Women's Educational Auxiliary of the local Methodist church will present Victor DePinto, violinist, and Marguerite Carney, lyric soprano, accompanied by Margaret Notz, pianist, in concert at the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Both Mr. DePinto and Miss Carney are musicians of great ability and are well known to La Grande people. Mr. DePinto recently returned from a trip to the Orient. He was violinist on the Orient passenger liner President Grant and also appeared as soloist in concert in Japan and the Philippines. He now makes La Grande his home. Miss Carney is also well known here, having formerly resided here. She is now known as Portland's blind singer. She is possessed of a soprano voice of delicious purity and flexibility and uses it with musical intelligence. She recently won a scholarship given by the National Federation of Women's clubs in a Young artists contest recently held at Portland.

Miss Notz, pianist, is also excellent. She is a pianist whose playing reflects much understanding and sympathy and her execution is very satisfactory.

Flowers Dot La Grande; Clean-Up Week Nearing

"April showers bring May flowers."

That is true but—April sunshine and showers likewise bring April flowers, at least in La Grande. At present one may walk through the residential districts and see beds of daffodils, bleeding hearts, and other early flowers in all their glory—gorgeous yellow, brilliant red and purest white intermingling in a profusion of color, with a background of verdant green in evidence.

La Grande may not have quite as early a season as coast cities [illegible] thrusting forth their petals in the ecstacy of spring's urge and by Easter Sunday, the wealth of flowers in full bloom will far surpass the present. One short week's growth in the spring means a multitude of posies.

A few lawnmowers are out although the greater share of the rattlin' trimmers will not be taken from winter storage for awhile. Daily smudges, the result of fire permits, are rolling into trash accumulated during the winter season. Rich soil, procured from ex-

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Low Cost Per Reader

An advertiser is interested in quality of circulation, which [illegible] is also primarily interested in low expenditure per reader.

That consideration determines the value of the advertising he buys. It is natural, therefore, that he should value Observer space highly—because he gets a minimum rate and reaches over 12,000 readers every day.

"Observer Advertising— A Merchandising Service"

Willis For President, Anti-Wet Battle Cry

(By Harry B. Hunt)

[illegible] The Anti-Saloon league of America, having written the eighteenth amendment into the constitution, but finding its enforcement to date to have been both half-hearted and inefficient, is reputed to be getting "all set" to make prohibition enforcement the deciding factor in the nomination and election of the next president.

Leading the list of presidential eligibles, under the league specifications, is said to be Senator Frank B. Willis of Ohio.

Willis has been suspected, for the past eight years, of harboring a presidential bee. A regular among regulars on all Republican [illegible] of the ranks when it comes to the matter of prohibition and displays a dry insurgency that not even Morris Sheppard, who introduced the amendment, can surplass.

Willis and the Anti-Salon League sort of grew up together. His old home at Ada, O., is not far from Westerville, the birthplace and still the headquarters of the league. Willis fought the leagues fight in his early political battles in Ohio, and it was in no small part league support that sent him to Congress, made him

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