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PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday except cloudy near the coast.

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RESIDENCE BUILDING PICKING UP

Seventy-One Permits Issued Here Since January 8th

THREE BUSINESS BUILDINGS LISTED

Eighteen Homes to Cost $1,000 or More: $3,500 Seems to Be About the Average Estimate.

Business building in La Grande is slacker this spring than last year but residential building is picking up, a check of the city records shows.

Beginning January 8th, when the first building permit of the year was issued, seventy-one permits to erect buildings in La Grande have been secured by contractors and citizens so far this year. Estimates total $78,505.

Eighteen of these permits are for homes, ranging in price from $1,000 to $4,000. Three permits call for business construction, estimated cost from $1,500 to $7,000. The remaining half hundred permits are for repairs and building costing less than $1,000.

The three business permits were issued to Julius Roesch, $2,000; K. J. McWilliams, $7,000; and F. R. Rode, $1,500. H. P. Nielson is building the McWilliams bakery plant.

Thirty-five hundred dollars seems to be the average amount for the better residences. Of the 18 permits calling for more than $1,000 expenditure, eight named that amount. Three $4,000 homes are to be erected.

Permits Above $1,000.

The following permits were included:

January: C. Metcalf, $3,500 home; LeRoy Blanchard, $3,500 home.

February: Perry Blanchard $4,000 home; Wm. Rollins $3,500 home.

March: L. W. Cooper $3,800 home; Fred Johnson $1,000 home; R. W. Cummings $4,000 home; Julius Roesch, $2,000 business building; Oscar Crosson $3,500 home; L. F. Wheeler, $3,500 and $4,000 homes; W. A. Blain, $1,500 home; Wm. Rollins $3,000 home;

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TWO THOUSAND HEAR LECTURE

During the past six weeks approximately 2000 people have attended the Lenten lectures given by Mrs. E. P. Mossman. Since the beginning of Lent she has addressed the school children of La Grande at the public library each Saturday and on Sunday people have gathered at her home to hear her. Her talks have been illustrated by stereoptican art slides of the last days of the life of Christ. The last of the series will be given Saturday.

Yesterday Mrs. Mossman went to Elgin where she spoke before the school children and club women of that city, under the auspices of the Women's club. Four hundred people were present. Tonight she will speak at Joseph under the auspices of the Women's club of that city, tomorrow she will go to Enterprise, where she will talk under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal church of Enterprise and Friday she will address a joint meeting of the Women's clubs of Wallowa county, including Joseph, Enterprise, Wallowa and Lostine, at Lostine. Mrs. Lonn Wright will accompany Mrs. Mossman to Lostine Friday and will play several piano numbers.

La Grande "Clean Up" Week Dated

Last Week of This Month Chosen as Time for the Spring Rubbish Harvest.

The spring clean-up time in La Grande has been set by the city officials for the last week of this month, City Manager W. C. Crews announced this morning. At that time, it is believed, the weather will permit without interference actual clearing up of all rubbish, tin cans, weeds, etc., that have accumulated during the winter season.

A somewhat different policy will be followed this year than in the past, mainly in reference to the hauling away of the rubbish. This year the city will not attempt to cart away trash as past experience has proven that this method is neither thorough nor satisfactory. The property owner can procure someone to do the hauling at a very nominal charge and in this way, little rubbish will escape and remain to draw fire from the health department.

This year the city will clean up all property held or owned by the city and put it in the best condition possible. In the past, some criticism was made in reference to some lots at the completion of clean-up week, but this year there will be no loophole for adverse remarks, Mr. Crews states.

Property owners are urged to burn all grasses, weeds and other rubbish that can be destroyed by fire. Fire permits are necessary but can be secured from Fire Chief C. O. Murchison free. The permits can be made out for three or four days, if the property owner does not wish to burn the trash immediately.

Another thing that has come to the attention of city officials is carelessness on the part of many people, especially news boys handling Sunday papers, in leaving papers on street corners and other convenient places where they are unwrapped before distribution, with the consequence that paper is blown about the town, erating an unsightly condition. The newsboys are urged to take care of all wrapping paper instead of simply throwing it down wherever convenient.

Australian Shepherd Victim of Poisoner

An Australian Shepherd dog belonging to Wayne Foster, 810 Main avenue, died last evening at about 6 o'clock the result of poison.

At 5 o'clock the dog was all right and was playing with a group of children but an hour later was found dead.

The 400 members of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club of La Grande have announced that they will take every possible means to run down those responsible for poisoning of dogs here. The club is offering a reward of $50 for the conviction of any canine poisoner. The maximum penalty for poisoning dogs is $500 and 60 days.

Presbyterian Officers Elected for the Year

At the first meeting of the new Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian church of La Grande officers were elected for the ensuing year. A. T. Hill was re-elected president; L. A. Bolinenkamp was re-elected treasurer and A. V. Lindgren was elected financial and recording secretary.

10-FOOT FALL SURVIVED

BEND, Ore.—To fall from a 40-foot water tower and to suffer injuries which will likely prove no more serious than a compound fracture of his wrist and a lacerated lip, was the experience of Joseph Beaver, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Beaver of Bend. The boy checked his drop by clutching a ladder. He was unconscious at the foot of the tower for more than an hour before found.

SERVICE AT SUNRISE TO START DAY

Easter Observance Here Sponsored by Local Ministers

PRESBYTERIANS PLAN CANTATA

Special Programs Arranged at Various La Grande Churches During the Day.

Easter services in La Grande will start Sunday morning at 5:30 o'clock when a Sunrise prayer meeting will be held under the auspices of the Ministerial Association at Gangloff Park, on the Old Oregon Trail Highway. Dr. E. P. Mossman will be the director of the service and will be assisted by local musicians, in the leadership of songs, by Miss Doty, city librarian, who will tell the Easter Story in Sacred Scriptures and by others. All of the local churches are cooperating in the second annual service and indications are that a large number of people will gather for this half hour.

Following the sunrise services the Christian Endeavor societies of the Presbyterian church and the Christian church will serve Easter breakfasts.

Cantata Planned.

At the Presbyterian church at 11:00 o'clock there will be special musical numbers by the church quartet, assisted by L. J. Landsey, violinist, and Andrew Loney, Jr., cornetist, baptism of children and reception of new members and an Easter message by the pastor. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock a sacred Cantata, "Life Everlasting," will be given. Thirty voices will take part under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Richardson, with Mrs. J. A. Tedford at the pipe organ.

A beautiful musical program has been arranged by Mrs. R. J. Kitchen, for both morning and evening services at the Christian church and the pastor, O. W. Jones, will give an appropriate sermon.

Baptism will be the main feature in the morning services at the Baptist church, in addition to a musical program, under the direc-

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RAILROADMEN BACK SPORTS

At a meeting of the O-W. R. R. and N. Company Employes association held in the club house last evening further steps toward the promotion of athletics for the members were taken.

J. H. Keeney was named head of the baseball committee with William Driscoll, Joe Diehl, George Rasmussen, W. C. Neff, F. C. Rochester and William Pidcock as assistants. A team is now being lined up and a schedule of games will be announced later.

Smoker Planned.

The boxing committee which has been working for several weeks reported that a smoker was planned for the early part of May. The association has three members rated as good boxers who will be matched with fighters representing the La Grande Athletic club.

The report of the tennis committee announced that the court to be built at the rear of the club house will go under construction immediately. The tennis court is to be of the genuine lawn variety with grass instead of a hard surface.

The house committee is at pres-

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Two Fined on Liquor Charge in City Court

J. C. Jackson, charged with having liquor in his possession, was guilty of the charge last evening in municipal court and was fined $50 by Judge J. D. Slater.

Ray Lewis, found guilty of drunkenness, was fined $25.

Alleged Burglar Is Arrested by Sheriff

Buck Brenner was arrested by Jess Breshears, county sheriff yesterday and is now being held in jail pending action by Judge Knowles who is at present holding court in Enterprise.

Brenner was indicted by the grand jury several months ago for burglary but was out of town when the verdict was returned and so was not taken into custody until yesterday.

PREPARING FOR TAKING OF SCENES

Mace Litson, Manager of Lloyd's Movie Company, in City

TELLS OF PLANS FOR LAKE CAMPS

Viola Dana, Beautiful Picture Star, to Play the Leading Role in "Winds of Chance."

Mace Litson, general manager for the Frank Lloyd motion picture troop which is to take pictures at Wallowa lake during the early part of May arrived in La Grande this morning to make preliminary arrangements before the arrival of the main company. John Hughes, art director and Lloyd Brierly, technical director were detained but are expected to arrive this evening.

The "Winds of Chance" story written by Rex Beach tells of the gold rush into Dawson City, Alaska in 1897. The scenes to be taken near Wallowa lake are classified under three general headings. One will be at the lake proper, and will portray what was called Sheep Camp on the route to Dawson City which was then known as Fort Reliance and one will be called Summit camp which was also on the route into Fort Reliance in 1897.

At Sheep Camp, Mr. Lloyd will use about 300 men as extras beside the regular members of the cast. About 100 will be used at Summit Camp and 75 at the lake.

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HINDENBURG IS NOMINATED

BERLIN (By the Associated Press)—Field Marshal von Hindenburg was nominated today as a candidate for president of the German republic by the National-Conservative bourgeois bloc.

Von Hindenburg's nomination was forecast several hours before actual acceptance as he had agreed to run against former Chancellor Marx if he was assured of the united support of all parties comprising the national bourgeois bloc.

It was previously stated that the German People's party would not oppose the field marshal if he were nominated.

HERRIOT WINS VOTE BY TWO

BERLIN (By Associated Press)—The Herriot government, raising the question of confidence on a minor detail of the education bill in the senate today, obtained a majority of only two votes.

Will Remodel Front Of L. C. Smith Garage

A scaffold has been erected in front of the L. C. Smith garage for the builders to use while remodeling the structure. The work is being done under direction of W. C. Kelly.

Action on DeMonzie's Proposal Must Wait

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Debate on Finance Minister DeMonzie's financial bill to relieve the French financial difficulties cannot take place today and perhaps not tomorrow for the finance committee, which meets late today, first must deal with the alternative plans which have been submitted.

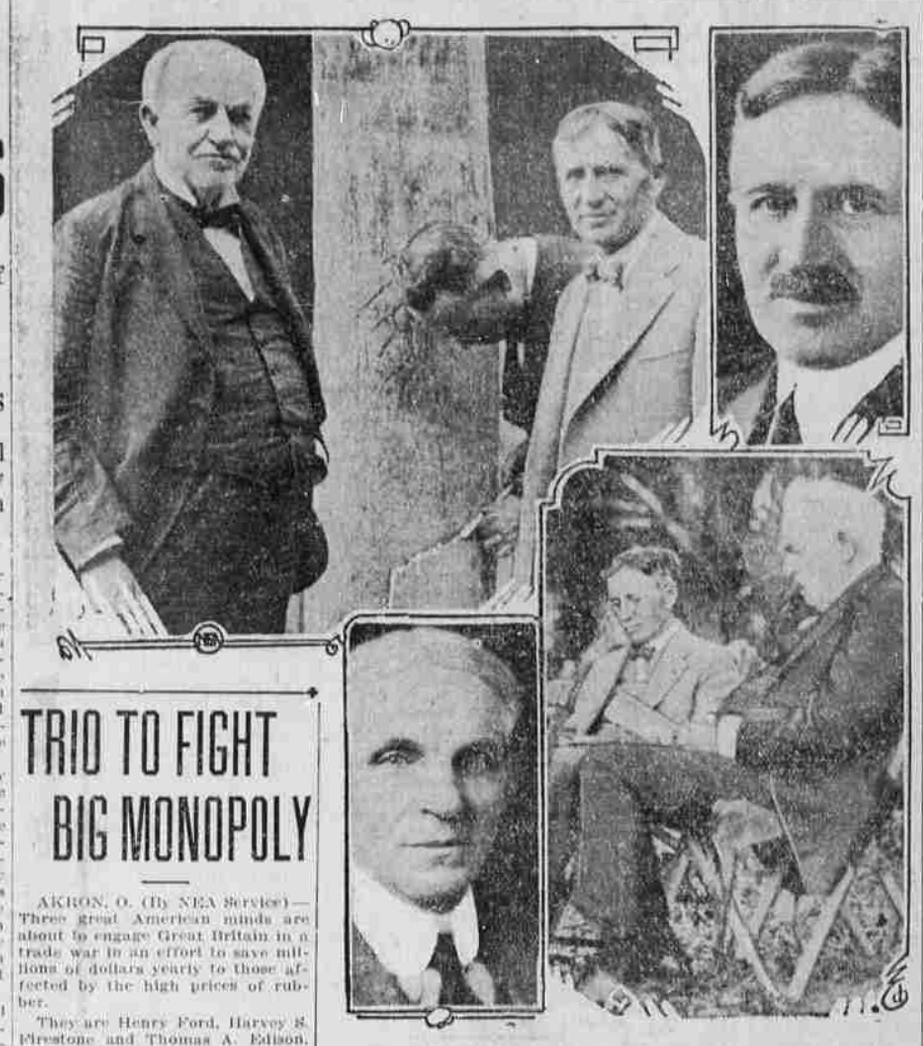
TO ACT FRIDAY

PARIS (By Associated Press)—The chamber of deputies today fixed Friday night for debate on the government's financial bill.

Secretary Work Will Visit Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (By the Associated Press) — Secretary of Interior Work and Reclamation Commissioner Mead will arrive here tonight for a two days inspection of the Klamath irrigation projects.

"Big Three" Prepare for Battle



Thomas A. Edison, H. S. Firestone and Henry Ford seek to break the rubber monopoly now held by Great Britain. Above: Edison and Firestone inspecting a Florida rubber tree; upper right: Firestone as he looks with a mustache; lower right: Edison and Firestone in conference; center: Henry Ford.

TRIO TO FIGHT BIG MONOPOLY

AKRON, O. (By NEA Service)—Three great American minds are about to engage Great Britain in a trade war in an effort to save millions of dollars yearly to those affected by the high prices of rubber.

They are Henry Ford, Harvey S. Firestone and Thomas A. Edison.

Two years ago Firestone, prominent tire manufacturer, suggested that America should produce its own rubber in retaliation for the British crude rubber restriction act, which curtailed production and exportation of raw product.

This suggestion now has become a warning, because of the furthering of the restriction act by Great Britain.

And to this end Ford, Firestone

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BLAST WRECKS POWDER PLANT

HANOVER, Mass. (By the Associated Press).—One man was killed, several persons were severely burned and damage estimated at more than $50,000 was caused Tuesday when a spark from a new powder mixing machine ignited hundreds of pounds of black gunpowder at the plant of the National Fireworks company here. A score of small buildings used as mixing sheds were destroyed in the series of explosions which resulted.

The four larger buildings of the plant were saved only after desperate efforts by the fire departments of nine towns and the city of Brockton.

The charred body of Manley Goodwin of Hanover, an expert in explosives, was found near the site of a shed in which the first explosion occurred.

The trees and brush caught fire from the explosion and it was with the greatest difficulty that a force of 150 firemen fought the flames away from the powder magazine and the shipping department in which were stored hundreds of tons of finished product.

Women Jump Into River.

A number of workers, includ-

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DODGE LOSES COURT ACTION

DETROIT (By the Associated Press)—John Duval Dodge's petition to enjoin his stepmother, Matilda R. Dodge, from selling capital stock of the Dodge Brothers, Inc., left her by her husband, John F. Dodge, was dismissed by Circuit Judge Dingeman today.

Counsel for young Dodge agreed to the dismissal of the action after it had shown that the contemplated sale was a sale of assets rather than capital stock.

WOMAN PICKS YOUNG HUBBY

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Mrs. Idaho Sandine Campbell, comely widow of fifty years, and James Weaver, aged 21, elevator operator, plan to be married Saturday in the municipal conservatory in Garfield park, the bride-elect has announced.

Mrs. Campbell, who styles herself as a "dishwasher and poetess," wrote a poem on the conservatory last year, so they picked the conservatory for the nuptial scene. Weaver would "rather be an old girl's darling than a young girl's slave," Mrs. Campbell told reporters.

47,131 Cars Registered By Outside Motorists

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press) — During the first three months of the present year, the secretary of state's records show that 47,131 automobiles from other states have registered in Oregon.

Good roads and Oregon scenery are believed by officials to be the cause for the large number of tourists.

Archbishop's Funeral To Be Held Next Week

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press) — The funeral of Archbishop Alexander Christie, of the Catholic archdiocese of Oregon City, who died Monday, will be held Wednesday, April 15th, at 10:30 a. m., from St. Mary's pro-Cathedral here, if plans suggested are approved at a conference of prelates of the archdiocese today.

His body will lie in state at St. Mary's Monday and Tuesday of next week.

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YOUNG DONAHEY INVOLVED

COLUMBUS (AP)—Miss Lillian Vogel, 15, missing Zanesville girl, is in Columbus, where Hal Donahey, 17, Governor Donahey's son, brought her Sunday, it was announced at the governor's office today. The girl is in a rooming house according to the announcement. It is presumed that she will be taken home by her mother, now en route there. The governor dispatched Hal and an executive secretary to Zanesville to probe statements made there placing Hal in a compromising situation.

DENIES MARRIAGE

LANCASTER, Penn. (AP)—Mrs. Annie Trier today said that Gerald Chapman, bandit under a death sentence, is not her former husband. The fancy of her son, Charles Thomas Chapman, aged 11, that the bandit might be his father because of the similarity of names, is believed to have started the report that the criminal was her first husband.

CATERING TO LADIES

CHICAGO (AP)—A special room for women to chat and smoke in will be contained in a "ladies' lounge" car to be added by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad on its Olympic express between here and Seattle.

POPULATION IN ARMS

LONDON (AP)—The Daily Express correspondent, in a dispatch from the interior of Kurdistan, represents the whole population in arms and prepared to wage a bitter religious war against the Turks to affect the restoration of the caliphate.

BABE LEAVES FOR N. Y.

ASHEVILLE, N. C. (AP)—Babe Ruth, who collapsed yesterday, will leave today for New York to rest up for the American League baseball opening Tuesday. His condition today is described as improved.

MATRICIDE TESTIFIES IN HEARING

Dorothy Ellingson Takes Stand in Own Defense Today

SPEAKS DESPITE COUNSEL'S ADVICE

Girl Showed no Nervousness During the 30-Minute Quiz; Knows of Charge.

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—Dorothy Ellingson took the stand today in her sanity hearing. Judge Louderback satisfied himself that the defendant understood the nature of the oath before allowing her to be sworn.

The court then informed her that she would not be forced to answer any question which might incriminate her.

Knows of Charge.

The prosecution asked her: "Are you charged with any criminal act?"

The girl answered: "Yes."

"What is that charge?"

"Murder," Dorothy said.

Both sides rested after the defendant had been on the stand thirty minutes. The girl showed no nervousness.

Wanted to Testify.

Before Dorothy took the stand, counsel argued the defense's contention that she could not testify against the advice of her counsel.

Judge Louderback then turned to Dorothy and asked:

"Dorothy Ellingson, do you wish to testify?"

"I do," the girl responded firmly.

M'NARY BACKS RECLAMATION

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—A national reclamation program which he will advocate at the next session of congress was made public late Tuesday by Senator McNary, Oregon, chairman of the irrigation and reclamation committee.

Senator McNary's plan embraces all forms of reclamation, including the drainage of swamp lands in the south, the placing of water on the arid regions of the intermountain and Pacific coast states, removal of stumps from cutover lands in the Great Lakes region, the flooding of lands in the Mississippi valley states to provide subsoil irrigation, restoration of soil in the New England states, flood control on the Colorado and other rivers, and construction of dams which will develop hydro-electric power.

The senator announced he would propose establishment by congress of a revolving fund of from $350,000,000 to $500,000,000, to capitalize reclamation projects approved by the secretary of the interior and incorporated under the laws of the state or states in which they might be situated.

The plan would contemplate the issuance of bonds by the incorporated reclamation districts or projects, which in the opinion of Senator McNary would find a ready market. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds would be used to repay advances made by the government out of the revolving fund.

Reviewing the reclamation proposals now pressing upon congress including Boulder Dam project on the Colorado river, Senator McNary asserted that "congress will not desire to take up these projects one by one, by an appropria-

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Pirates To Play Baker Nine Here Next Sunday

"An exhibition baseball game of some sort will positively be played here Sunday," said Harris French, manager of the La Grande Pirates this morning.

Mr. French is in communication with Baker at the present time and hopes to have the Queen City nine here for the Sunday game. In event Baker is not organized sufficiently to put a team in the field or has other bookings for that date the Cove nine will be brought over.

The battery for the Pirates will be in action on the local lot for the first time Sunday. Pitchers are Young Cass and Lefty Hartman with Ray Baker receiving behind the home plate. Hartman is in the employ of the county engineering department and will be on hand as relief pitcher to help out Cass who is expected to do most of the hurling in the regular games.

The first real workout on the lot was held last evening. A fast infield practice was held with the boys on the hop. The La Grande

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Mellon "Out of Shell"; "New Bible" Discussed

(By Harry B. Hunt)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—"The Metamorphosis of Mellon" might well be the title of a character study of the sedate, soft-spoken secretary of the treasury, dealing with him as he was when he came to Washington four years ago and as he is today.

Official life has brought Mellon "out of his shell." As a private capitalist and financier, Mellon led a life of seclusion. His detachment was well-nigh ironclad and impenetrable. Even in his home town of Pittsburg, he was more of a tradition than a flesh-and-blood human being. He frequented no clubs. He attended few functions. Secretaries and functionaries hedged him about with a wall of exclusiveness that made him well-nigh inaccessible.

As a member of the cabinet, Mellon's human contacts have broadened. Not only have his official duties brought him in direct touch with a greater number and a more varied range of individuals, but the social necessities of his position have assisted in the thawing out process.

Dinners, receptions, public and semi-public functions of many

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