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

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STATEMENT ON RECALL MOVE MADE

James Gekeler, Grange Secretary, Denies "Radicals" Responsible

ANSWERS DENNIS' RECENT CHARGES

Gekeler Also Asserts that Pierce Is Innocent of Starting Move to Oust Senator.

The charges are alone responsible for the proposed move to recall State Senator Bruce Dennis, according to word received here today from James Gekeler, secretary of the Union County Farmers' Grange.

"I wish to correct the impression made by Mr. Dennis in his recent statement in your paper," Mr. Gekeler writes to the Evening Observer editor, "that the recall movement against the senator was instigated by Governor Pierce or by any radical outside influence. The grange alone is sponsor for this action and we wish it thoroughly understood that the blame be placed where it belongs and not upon innocent parties."

Mr. Gekeler further states that "it was not at all necessary for outside radical influences as Mr. Dennis intimated to arouse the grange to this action. Mr. Dennis' record alone at the session of the last legislature was sufficient and instrumental for such movement which was contemplated even before the session of the legislature ended by the several subordinate granges throughout Union and Wallowa counties."

Pierce Not Involved. "The final approval of this movement, however, came at the Panama meeting and unfortunately Governor Pierce happened, as it were, to be our guest and I can sincerely say that the grange did not know or even suspect that a recall action would be taken against the senator. I can correctly state that the recall petitions were printed and ready for circulation before the meeting took place," he stated.

In replying to Mr. Dennis' recent declaration, Mr. Gekeler said "the reason we did not ask Mr. Dennis (Continued on Page Five.)"

New Easter Bonnets Are Attractive

Hats Are Being Replaced by Larger Ones for Dress Occasions.

With only one more day until Easter Sunday the attention of the feminine population of the city turns to a new Easter Bonnet. And no woman should have difficulty in finding a hat to suit her taste and needs, as all kinds are to be had in the local shops. Small hats which have been the vogue for the past two seasons, are being replaced by larger ones for dress occasions, although a great many small hats are still to be found for sports wear.

Hats of straw and crepes are very good for sports wear and of the two materials combined. In the larger transparent hats imported horse hair braid is used extensively. On the more elaborate creations flowers are used, many with one or two large flowers fastened at one side of the brim of the hat.

Scarlet Sets In. Scarlet sets are also fashionable this season, many with the scarf attached to the hat. The "Gloria Swanson" shape is good for all occasions, and the high crown is still used for the smaller hats.

As it is the aim of the woman of today to have her costume either match or blend perfectly in color, hats may be found in all the new shades. Some of the newest are: Marmora, a soft green of medium tone; thistlebloom, lavender, strongly tinged with red; lacquer, a red cast of henna; crabapple, a red orange; blue, a light grayish blue, and Pablo, a mustard shade. Black is very good also in the large transparent hats.

Premier Herriot Ready to Fight to the Finish

PARIS (AP Press Time Flash)—The Herriot government was overthrown today.

P. A. R. I. S. (By the Associated Press)—"If this be war, let us have it out right here," said Premier Herriot today as he began his reply to the most searching arraignment to which his government has been subjected during its ten months of life.

Debate had the senate in a state of effervescence seldom seen among senators. Herriot again mentioned France's foreign debts as weighing heavily on the country's foreign policy.

Odd Fellows to Stage "Between Acts" Monday

The Odd Fellows' lodge of La Grande will present for the second time "Between Acts," a three-act comedy drama, Monday evening at the L. O. O. F. hall.

The first staging was for lodge members only but the Monday night show will be for the general public.

GRAVEL MOVED RAPIDLY

PENDLETON, Ore.—A new record of yardage of gravel moved in the construction of the government dam at McKay creek was established by the combined efforts of the two shifts when 7600 yards went into the big mound.

Range to Open April 16

PENDLETON, Ore.—Range in the Umatilla forest for horses and cattle will be open April 16, according to J. E. Irwin, local supervisor. The dates of opening vary for different localities. Other ranges for horses and cattle will open May 1, May 18 and June 1. Sheep will be permitted on range beginning June 11 and June 15.

APRIL ANTIKS IS NEXT WEEK

Tickets for the April Antiks, the annual high school girls' show will be distributed among the students for sale this afternoon. The show itself is scheduled to be given at the auditorium, April 17th and, according to present plans will be given one night only.

The show this year is being staged under the direction of Miss Mabel Bennett who has coached the senior play, the junior play and other successful presentations this season.

Cove to Play Pirates Sunday In La Grande

With 13 ball players to try out for the squad the Pirates will play the Cove nine a practice game at the athletic field here next Sunday. Cove always puts up an interesting game and the work of the new additions to the Pirates will be worth watching.

The squad as lined up at present by Harris French, manager, includes some new men and a number of old ones. The 13 men to be tried out include Baker, Barth, Kuss, Hartman, Gossett, Holt, Williams, Helm, Knight, Davis, Goleman, Alexander, Thoson, Clifford, Newbill, Sipex and Hargott.

MAY MERGE 3 STATES' SAWMILLS

Great Consolidation Movement Launched at Marshfield.

ELIMINATION OF SLUMP OBJECT

Seventy-Five Concerns May Take Part in Venture with Capitalization of \$130,000,000.

MARSHFIELD, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Plans for the consolidation of about 75 of the largest sawmills in Oregon, Washington and Northern California, with a capitalization of one hundred thirty million dollars, are being laid before some of the principal owners, it was learned here today.

Two of the largest operators on the Coos Bay have been approached with the proposition.

The consolidation is planned to eliminate the present market slump and also to safeguard the future.

HERRIN HOME BOMBED TODAY

HERRIN, Ill. (By the Associated Press).—The second bombing within a month was reported here today when an explosion wrecked the grocery store of Marshall McCormack and Brothers.

McCormack is candidate for mayor on the citizens ticket, opposing the conservative ticket sponsored by the Klan.

No body was injured.

TO EXHUME BODY OF INDIAN FOR INVESTIGATION

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—The body of Freddie Jackson, Indian rodeo rider, whose death at Chiloquin, Oregon, has recently been investigated by Klamath Falls officers, will be re-exhumed for examination, United States District Attorney Neuner announced today.

Jackson died after a fall from a horse. Officers suspected he had been beaten before the fatal ride.

Miss Cowgill Visiting Girls' Clubs Members

Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state boys' and girls' leader, with headquarters at the Oregon Agricultural college in Corvallis, in Union county this week visiting girls' clubs.

She will attend meetings at the schools at North Powder, Union, Cove, Island City, Mt. Glenn, Imbler, Summerville and La Grande during her stay here.

CANCER TAKES HEAVY TOLL

NEW YORK (AP)—Cancer takes an annual toll of 125,000 lives in the United States and causes an economic loss of \$675,000,000 a year, Dr. Francis Carter Wood, director of the institute of cancer research at Columbia university, asserted in a report submitted to the Gorman memorial institute of tropical and preventive medicine. Of this number probably 15,000 lives could be saved annually if cancers were treated by reputable physicians within a few weeks of formation, he estimated.

For the Ladies--Four Striking Easter Hats



These photos of the Easter hats direct from the fashion centers show how hats are being heightened without being made large. At the left ostrich plumes are used. Next comes a fan-like ornament. The next model is a smart little turban of black moire trimmed with coque feathers. At the extreme right is an extremely fashionable hat of black milan straw with a turned-up brim of black satin. The high feather wheel ornament is of black and gray.

GOOD FRIDAY IS OBSERVED

Observance of Good Friday in La Grande began today about noon when the La Grande Ministerial association met in the Presbyterian church for a three hour session, featuring an appropriate program, including organ recitals, other musical numbers, and services, including prayer and sermons.

Besides the ministerial association meeting a three hour service will be held at the Episcopal church, the Lutheran church will meet at 2 o'clock in a session that will not be completed until 7:30 o'clock in the evening, and the Methodist Episcopal church will be the scene of a cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Sherwood Williams.

PRINCE GOES TO CHURCH

KRAMANSKI, Ashland (By the Associated Press).—The Prince of Wales arrived here by train today.

After reviewing ex-servicemen, the prince attended services in the English church.

Great Northern Will Electrify Summit Line

SEATTLE (By the Associated Press).—President Budd announced today that the Great Northern railway will proceed immediately to electrify thirty miles of the main line over the summit of the Cascade mountains in Washington.

Elgin Will Vote Upon Water Repairs April 25

ELGIN, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—Elgin will vote April 25th upon the question of bonding the city for funds to make needed repairs to the city water system. It was definitely voted this week at the regular council meeting.

Snow in Mountains Is Deepest in 10 Years

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—There is more snow in the high mountains than for 10 years. J. H. Jackson, of Lostine, stated upon his return from a trip to Minam lake. The snow is 12 feet deep at the lake and is packed hard.

THREE FATALLY BURNED

RAGINAW, Mich. (AP)—Elsine S. Berry, 4, daughters of Lawrence Boyd, and Katherine Clements, 5, were burned so badly in an automobile fire that they died in a hospital here. Mr. Boyd, the driver, was badly burned in attempting to rescue the children.

High Court Denies Writ Of Release

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (By the Associated Press).—The Illinois supreme court today denied a writ of habeas corpus for William D. Shepherd, foster father of William McClintock.

U. S. MAY TAKE CASE

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—The federal court may be asked by the justice to take jurisdiction of Shepherd's case, charged with murdering William McClintock, it was learned today after the supreme court's denial of a writ of habeas corpus.

INDIANS GIVEN CONSIDERATION

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—In accordance with its policy for increasing educational facilities for Indians, the interior department today announced that two of the government's Indian institutions, a Salomon boarding school, near Salem, Ore., and the Chillicothe boarding school near Arkansas City, Kan., will be enlarged to afford complete high school education for students.

Grades in each will be increased from 16 to 12.

Salem Gets High Rating

SALLEM, Ore.—Salem is in a better financial condition than any other city in the Pacific northwest and is the only city in the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Nevada rated as having the best sales opportunities, according to the April sales and credit report of the Interstate Commercial organization, just received here.

VICE PRESIDENT NAMED

OMAHA (By Associated Press)—Appointment of H. A. Scandrett, of Omaha, an vice president of the Union Pacific system, was announced here by Carl Gray, president. Mr. Scandrett, whose appointment is effective May 1, is a lawyer and valuation counsel for the system.

The Buyers Viewpoint

You, as a buyer of goods and services that are advertised, read the advertising of a business man, not because of the type or kind of business he has, but because it's interesting. That's why a progressive advertiser knows it pays to use space in the Observer if he can make his message interesting and attractive. Any advertiser can do that. Our facilities and aid are always available if he wishes.

WINTER WHEAT DEALT BLOW

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Winter wheat dealt a severe blow to the wheat crop now last fall. As a result, production indications are smaller than in any year since 1917 and about 115,000,000 bushels less than last year's crop, the department of agriculture has announced.

A forecast of 474,755,000 bushels of winter wheat was based, based on the condition of the crop April 1 and upon the assumption of average abandonment of acreage and average influence on the crop until harvest time.

The condition of the crop April 1 was 65.7 per cent of normal, the lowest in more than a quarter century with the exception of 1917 when it was 62.4. There was a decline of 12.3 points in the condition from December 1 to April 1, compared with an average decline of 4.4 points in the last 10 years.

Hurt by Cold Weather. The low condition is the result of a variety of conditions throughout the country, the department said. The crop suffered severely from winter killing, from central Ohio to central Indiana, in Montana, in the main wheat areas of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and the Pacific northwest. The freeze in eastern Washington and Oregon caused heavy loss, the condition in Washington April 1 being only 28 per cent of normal. Drought aggravated the damage in the plains region from Nebraska to Texas, and high winds added to the damage. In Kentucky and Tennessee the crop at the year's close was in poor condition, due to freezing and drought. In the Atlantic Seaboard states and from Minnesota to Arkansas, the condition of the crop was about average, and in Illinois was above average.

OREGON HARD HIT

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Oregon winter wheat crop in 1925 will be the smallest in many years, owing to the heavy winter kill. While much of the area has been reseeded to spring wheat, the normally lighter yield of the spring crop will tend to make the total wheat production for the state even lower than the light crop of 1924, says F. L. Kent, station chief of the U. S. department of agriculture.

While the whole effect of the winter killing of fall seeded wheat has not yet been determined, it seems probable that more than one-half of the Oregon acreage seeded last fall has been either reseeded to spring wheat or other spring sown crops. The condition of the remaining acreage is probably the lowest in the history of large scale wheat growing in the state, the percentage figure being placed at 55 per cent of normal.

Julius Kruttschnitt To Retire from S. P.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the board of directors and of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific company, announced late Thursday that he would retire on May 21, under the pension rules of the company.

Mr. Kruttschnitt is in his seventy-first year and has been in the service of the Southern Pacific line continuously for 43 years.

XTRA

U. S. SHIP TO HELP NEW YORK (AP)—Naval officials may be asked to send a government ship from Panama to find the exploration ship Astoria of the attorney of the vessel's radio continues. The Astoria, carrying an oceanographic expedition of the society, has not been heard from for 12 days.

REALTOR PASSES ON PORTLAND (AP)—John L. Hartman, real estate operator, for 35 years manager of the Portland Clearing House association, died here today. He had been seriously ill for 19 days.

ITALY IN TERROR. ROME (AP)—Clashes and street fighting between fascists and communists continue to be reported from various Italian centers, while the tension of the whole political situation has been aggravated by the death of the fascist who was shot at Bari yesterday. Three other fascists are reported to have been seriously injured.

Mah Jongg Co. Bankrupt, X-Word Puzzles Cause

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—A receiver has been appointed for the Young Chow Company, Inc., formerly one of the largest domestic manufacturers of mah jongg sets.

It is understood that the company encountered difficulties with the advent of the cross word puzzle craze.

WARDEN DENIES REPORTS

SALFORD, Ore.—Warden Indrymple of the Oregon state penitentiary issued a denial to reports printed in the Portland press that convicts in the institution had violated the fishing laws of the state. The report was said to have been based on a letter written by Frank R. Waters of Boston to the state fish commissioner. Waters also complained that the state failed to maintain a fish ladder over the water wheel in the mill race on the prison property.

Warden Indrymple said in his denial that since he had been connected with the prison none of the inmates had been allowed to fish in Mill creek or any other stream. He also alleged that the installation of a fish ladder in the mill race would be impractical.

TWENTY DEAD IN WEEK

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—About 20 persons were killed and some 50 injured in a collision here between two electric trains in the suburb of Las Franca.

The accident was due to the failure of the brakes on one of the trains to work.

Japanese-Russian Pact Explained By Mr. Moore

(By Harry B. Hood) are Russian waters. An understanding between Japan and Russia, covering the scope to be allowed Japanese fishermen in these areas, in order to guarantee a fish supply for Japan, was the coveted objective behind the Japanese end of the agreement.

TO RETAIN NEWELL AS WORK HEAD

Secretary of Interior Prefers to Keep Manager in Office

BELIEVES PLAN IS THE BEST ONE

Cabinet Member at Klamath Falls Expects to Have All Reclamation Troubles Ironed Out.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Herbert D. Newell, project manager for the reclamation service on the Klamath irrigation district, will not be deposed by Secretary of Interior Hubert Work.

After a conference today Work told district directors he preferred to keep Newell at his post and convert him to his ideas as to how the work should be done.

Believes Plan Best. "When I became secretary of the interior department, the entire 24 project managers were in sympathy with the former director of reclamation," Work said. "I should have had them all thrown out of the window if I had desired, but I worked with them and have convinced them my policies are for the best interest of the settlers."

Secretary Work predicted that all differences between the district directors and Newell could be ironed out.

BOY'S MOTHER POISON VICTIM

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—Mrs. Emma McClintock, mother of William Nelson McClintock, millionaire orphan, for whose death William Darling Shepherd, foster father of the youth, has been indicted, probably died of mercuric poisoning, a statement issued by Coroner Oscar Wolff Thursday night said.

The statement was prepared after the coroner had perused a report given him Thursday night by Dr. H. McWally, coroner's chemist who made an examination of the vital organs of young McClintock's mother, whose body was disinterred three weeks ago, after having been buried for 15 years.

Olson Analysis Unfinished. The analysis of the vital organs of Dr. Oscar Olson, the McClintock family physician, whose body was disinterred at the same time as that of Mrs. McClintock, has not yet been completed. Doctor Olson died three years ago, only a few hours after Shepherd had visited him.

NEED HOSPITALS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—In their plea for additional hospital facilities in California, the hospitalization committee of The American Legion pointed out that the war hospital furnished but 4 per cent of the total quota of 115,000 who served in the army and navy during the World War, the transfer of men to this state has brought the total percentage of disabled who are being cared for in California hospitals to 18 per cent.

British Team to Tour Australia. LONDON (AP)—For the first time in the history of English professional association football, a team made up of the crack players of this country will tour Australia next summer. The team will leave England early in April, will spend about four months in Australia, and possibly New Zealand, and will return home by way of Canada late in September.

Japanese-Russian Pact Explained By Mr. Moore

(By Harry B. Hood) Japan's recent treaty with Russia doesn't mean that Japan is conceding with the Soviet government to dominate the Pacific. It only means that Japan wants to eat.

At least that's the explanation given by Frederick Moore, newspaper editor in the Japanese foreign office here in Washington.

"Japanese eat about one pound of food per person per year," says Moore. "But they eat one pound of food per person per day."

"The big source of Japan's food supply are the waters off Sakhalin Island and the Behring Sea. These

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