

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Unsettled, probably occasional rains tonight and Thursday.

2 BANDITS SLUG GIRL; TAKE RINGS

Newlin's Book and Stationery Store Scene of Robbery Last Night

CASH SAVED BY SPEEDY ACTION

Mrs. Earl Larson, Clerk, Locked Safe, Hid Key and Money, Foiling the Plans of Masked Men.

Only the presence of mind and quick actions of Mrs. Earl Larson, clerk at Newlin's Book and Stationery store, prevented two bandits from escaping with a large sum of money last night when they entered the establishment as Mrs. Larson was closing up shop for the evening.

Between 5:40 and nine o'clock, the two men, their faces masked, entered the store. Mrs. Larson was preparing to lock up the safe and when she saw the two she promptly locked and locked the safe, hid the key and hid a box containing a large amount of cash.

Knocked Unconscious. The men approached her and tried to get her to unlock the safe. This she refused to do, stating that she didn't know the combination.

Then they grabbed her and tried again to get her to open the safe. Almost immediately afterwards, according to the account given by the police, one of the men struck her above the eye with his fist, knocking her unconscious.

Rings Stolen. While she was unconscious, they apparently tried to gain entrance to the safe but failed to do so— not finding the key or the money which she had hidden.

They then stripped the three rings from her fingers and escaped. About nine o'clock a girl entered the store and found Mrs. Larson, still unconscious. She revived her and her first words were "Call the police." Apparently she had regained consciousness once long enough to take down the doorknob of the telephone but had been unable to hold out long enough to call.

Search Unavailing. Officers Alonzo Dunn, Cecil Lynamon, and J. H. Gordon were summoned and conducted a search (Continued on Page Five.)

BEST ESSAYS ARE SELECTED

The "Fountain Pen Contest" just closed, was entered into with considerable zest by the schools of Union county, according to County School Superintendent E. A. Sawyer. The winners will each receive \$10. Following are the names of the winners:

For fifth and sixth grades, living outside of districts of first class, Ellen Bull, Star district. For seventh and eighth grades living outside of districts of first class, Esther Anderson, Cove district. For fifth and sixth grades in districts of the first class, Harriet Singleton, Central school, La Grande. For seventh and eighth grades in districts of the first class, Ruth Gehbel, Central school, La Grande. The winner's manuscripts have been sent to Salem to be entered in the state contest. A winner in the state contest receives \$25.

Artists' Recital Will Be Held Tomorrow Eve

One of the finest recitals of the year in La Grande is what those in charge of the concert to be given in the First Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow night promise. The concert will feature Victor de Pinto, violinist, assisted by Miss Margaret Curvey, lyric soprano and Miss Margaret Curvey, pianist, who will appear under the auspices of the Young Women's Educational Society. The program is announced as follows: 1. (a) Sonata in A Major (Haydn); (b) Nocturne in E Flat

Jimmy Ferris Arrested In Pasco, Wash.

Local Boy Who Escaped From County Jail Two Weeks Ago Again in Custody.

The hardships of hunting about the country without funds proved too much of a trial to Jimmy Ferris, 15-year-old boy who escaped with a partner in crime from the county jail two weeks ago and was recaptured yesterday, at Pasco, Washington.

Joe Busch, Ferris' partner who escaped with him was not taken and his whereabouts are still unknown to the police. Ferris says that the last time he saw Joe was when they both boarded a freight train out of Butte, Montana, and in some way became separated.

Stole Hibbard Car. The hardships of hunting about the country without funds proved too much of a trial to Jimmy Ferris, 15-year-old boy who escaped with a partner in crime from the county jail two weeks ago and was recaptured yesterday, at Pasco, Washington.

Ferris told the sheriff of the taking of the car from in front of a residence on Pennsylvania Avenue and driving it east to Bliss, Idaho, where it was abandoned.

From Bliss the two boys went to Pocatello and later by successive jumps reached Butte, Montana. At this juncture both boys were practically in rags and had barely succeeded in keeping themselves alive by begging meals at the restaurants and hotels in return for some odd jobs about the place.

Went to Pasco. At Butte they decided to return home, get more clothes and again hit the road. After their departure Ferris drifted south until he reached Pasco. He was taken into custody there by an officer who suspected from his appearance that something was wrong and was later identified by Sheriff Breckners.

The date of Ferris' hearing has not been definitely set.

DR. J. E. WOODELL BRINGS IN BEST MESS OF TROUT

The prize of a fine fish line offered by L.H.P.'s hardware store for the finest catch of fish by 12 noon, today was won by Dr. J. E. Woodell who brought in a mess of trout of a kind seldom seen so early in the season. The fish were almost of uniform size and average from 10 to 12 inches in length. Dr. Woodell refused to divulge his happy fishing ground.

Mr. Frawley's Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral services over the remains of John Frawley, La Grande pioneer railroadman and for 24 years county treasurer, who died yesterday, will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock from the Catholic church.

Baker-Haines Stretch Load Limit Removed

The load limit was removed this morning from the Baker-Haines section of the oldregon trail, according to an announcement from the state highway office here. This section has been closed to heavy traffic for some time because of being wet. Although it has been slow to dry out it is now in good condition and open to all traffic.

Six Generations Living

SASKATOON, Sask. (AP)—Six generations living. Mrs. Odell, 92, who was married when she was 16, has a great, great, great, great granddaughter, 6 months old. Every generation started with a daughter, each of whom married between the ages of 16 and 18.

New Writer



A straight-from-shoulder talk on Washington affairs. That is what is going to be offered to readers of the Evening Observer in the Daily Washington letter for this paper by Charles P. Stewart, pictured above, beginning Friday. Stewart has been writing for this paper for some time and now he will write daily on topics of interest to all. And he knows whereof he speaks. Watch for Stewart's articles.

URGES EXTRAS TO APPLY NOW

Less than 100 applications have been received to date by Earl Reynolds from men seeking positions as extras in the Fox Beach production to be filmed at Wallowa lake in May by Frank Lloyd's company of motion picture stars.

The greater share of the applicants have applied in person at the chamber of commerce offices in the Summer Hotel building on Depot street, although many applications have been received by mail. Either method is all right, according to Mr. Reynolds.

Three hundred men will be needed for one or two days during the filming of "Winds of Chance." They will be paid \$4 per day and maintenance, which includes meals and other similar items.

Mr. Reynolds urges that all who desire to work as extras apply at once, in order to avoid any last minute confusion. No particular "type" is specified—the only thing is that the applicant must be a man. The extras will take the part of miners in Alaska in the early gold rush days.

PIERCE NABS 2 OFFENDERS

A record of two arrests and two convictions of liquor violators all in the space of about 12 hours was being up by George M. Pierce, special officer, last evening and this morning.

Mr. Pierce heard a thirty gentleman make an engagement for a quart of red eye with W. C. Martin last evening and when Mr. Martin, more familiarly known about the city as "Bill," returned to make delivery he was taken up with the bottle in his possession.

Judge Brady said "\$250 fine" and the case was closed. Martin will serve out his sentence at the rate of two dollars a day.

Frank Bartemus, was seen on the streets of the city this morning more or less under the influence and when searched on suspicion the liquor itself was discovered on his hip.

The judge let Mr. Bartemus off fairly easy and he will be Mr. Martin's cell mate at the county jail while a \$150 fine is being served out.

Burglars Enter Home; A Few Supplies Taken

Someone entered the Tom Johnson residence last night but a check today showed that the only things hauled away were a few supplies of groceries and fuel.

SCENIC ROAD PAINLESS TO BE FREE FROM SIGNS

Highway Entering La Grande from West to Be Kept Unmarred

ALL PARTIES IN NEW AGREEMENT

Poster Boards Not to Be Erected Near Gangloff Park as Result of Arrangement.

In the future when a tourist drives into La Grande from the west, over the beautiful scenic highway that passes Gangloff park, no poster boards or other advertising signs will mar the natural scenery.

This was arranged yesterday afternoon and this morning when all parties concerned agreed to keep this section of the Old Oregon Trail free from signs.

The Union County chamber of Commerce yesterday noon went on record as favoring the discouraging of poster boards on the scenic highway and other similar places near La Grande.

Property-Owners Agree. About 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon Earl Reynolds, secretary of the chamber of commerce here, W. C. Crews, city manager, and an Evening Observer reporter drove first to the spot where three large poster boards are being erected by the Harvey company. Then Mrs. Mary Foley, upon whose property the signs are being placed, was visited and after a short discussion she wholeheartedly agreed that in the future the property she owns along this section of the Old Oregon Trail will not bear signs or poster boards.

Next Wm. Miller and E. A. Esping, who own property along the scenic highway, were visited and they too immediately agreed to the same condition as did Mrs. Foley.

This morning Mr. Harvey, head of the company that erected the signs on the Foley property, called La Grande and stated that he had stopped construction and would tear down the boards. Mr. Harvey is reported to have considered the matter before he ever started construction with the understanding that if anyone complained he would not keep the signs there.

Proud of Highway. The people of La Grande are beginning to more than ever realize the value and beauty of the scenic highway and the announcement that no signs will be erected between Ora Dell bridge and the hospital, will undoubtedly meet with widespread approval.

The chamber of commerce and the city officials are both greatly pleased with the views taken by Mrs. Foley, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Miller and Mr. Esping and the cooperation that they cordially extended.

LONGFELLOW GIVEN PRAISE

Superintendent A. C. Hampton, on an interview this morning, praised J. T. Longfellow, who will succeed Mr. Hampton July first as head of the La Grande schools, and said "I am certain that the board of education has made a splendid selection in securing Mr. Longfellow as superintendent of the La Grande public schools."

"I was in Spokane last week attending the Island Empire Education association," he said, "and I talked with a number of school men from Idaho and all agreed that Mr. Longfellow is an efficient school man, who is held in the highest esteem by the members of the profession in Idaho."

"I also talked with Dr. Bryan, who was president of Washington state college when Mr. Longfellow graduated from that institution and he was vice chairman of the board of education in Idaho. Dr. Bryan assured me that Mr. Longfellow is in every way qualified to fill the position of superintendent and that the people of La Grande are to be congratulated upon securing his services," he concluded.

School Sites to Be Surveyed. MEDFORD, Ore. — Professor E. R. Douglas and Dr. H. P. Bailey, experts from the department of the school of education at the University of Oregon, arrived here today to make a survey of various sites for the proposed \$200,000 high school building. The board of education will not set the date for the special election to vote bonds with which to construct the first unit of the structure until after the experts have made the report of their survey.

Cupid Bridges Age Difference



Difference in age means nothing when two hearts beat as one, says Mrs. Ida Campbell, 50, of Chicago, who chose for a life mate James Weaver, 21. Mrs. Campbell is the proprietor of a rooming house and writes poetry. Weaver runs an elevator.

KLAMATH RAIN IS WELCOMED

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Driving rain, valued by livestock men at many thousands of dollars, is still falling throughout the Klamath basin today after starting late yesterday and continuing all night.

The rain today was accompanied by thunder and lightning. Stockmen say the rain insures an early green and sufficient water holes for their stock.

RAIN IS GENERAL

WETLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—A warm rain here, one-fifth of an inch, was reported between 5 and 9:30 a. m. The precipitation was general throughout the state.

EXPORTS MORE THAN IMPORTS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Exports from the United States in March were valued at \$45,200,000 and imports were \$38,000,000, leaving a balance favorable to the United States of \$7,200,000.

The outflow of gold, which began last December, was shown to be still in progress, exports of the metal during March amounting to \$25,194,418, compared with \$25,194,418, compared with \$25,194,418, leaving a net loss of \$17,707,056.

PROMOTER TO WED FLAPPER

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Samuel Goldwyn, film promoter, and Frances Howard, who played the flapper part in the stage comedy, "The Best People," are about to marry after four weeks' acquaintance, according to their friends.

U. S. NAVY OFF FOR ISLANDS

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—The grand fleet, the mightiest concentration of sea power ever assembled under the American flag, steamed out today to "war" across the Pacific.

Reaching Farm Readers

Reaching more than 50 per cent of the farm homes in Oregon county, The Observer has a general coverage that is appreciated by every rural advertiser. On the rural routes out of La Grande the paper goes to nearly 70% of the boxes.

O. A. C. Debate Team Is Victorious in East

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (By the Associated Press)—Oregon Agricultural college won from Massachusetts institute of Technology in debate here last night.

The visitors upheld the affirmative of a proposition that "Congress should be empowered to override supreme court decisions which declare congressional action unconstitutional."

SLAYER OF TWENTY-SIX EXECUTED

Fritz Harrmann, German Butcher, Beheaded by Guillotine

"I'M GUILTY" WAS HIS LAST WORDS

Murderer Pale and Nervous at Execution, But Maintained Composure to the End.

HANOVER, Germany (By the Associated Press)—"I'm guilty, gentlemen, but hard as it may be, I want to die like a man."

With these words Fritz Harrmann, Hanovert butcher, who was convicted seven times ago of the murder of twenty-six boys and men, stepped to the guillotine today and a moment later his head was severed from his body.

Harrmann was pale and nervous but maintained his aplrit of bravado to the last.

PURDY FOUND GUILTY

TULSA, Okla. (By the Associated Press)—Eugene Purdy, sent found guilty of the murder of E. St. Hutchinson, wealthy Tulsa lumber dealer, by a jury here today.

Purdy shot and killed Hutchinson last January.

"He broke up my home and stole my child," Purdy told officials after the killing.

WANTS STORK TO BRING BOY

(By Russell J. Birdwell) (Copyright, 1925, NEA)

HOLLYWOOD, (NEA Special)—Charlie Chaplin, famous film comedian, and his 16-year-old wife, Lita Grey, who will become a mother during the later part of May, both want the coming child to be a boy, according to close associates of the film pair.

In case the heir to the Chaplin fortune and millions is a boy he will be named after his father, Chaplin's friends assert. Should the infant be a girl, she will be christened after her exotic, and dark-haired mother, whose true name is Lilita Louisa.

Chaplin and his wife have already set the stage in their 40-room mansion in Beverly Hills to welcome the infant into the world. A large and immaculate nursery, fitted with every luxurious concomitant that wealth can buy, has been arranged in the Chaplin home, the spacious grounds of which adjoin the Pickwick-Pickwick estate.

Spent \$3500 on Lingerie. All of the baby's wardrobe has been purchased. A few weeks ago, Lita Grey Chaplin, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Lillian McMurray, spent \$3500 in a single day on an exclusive clothing store here, buying a layette for her coming child. Her purchases included everything from trunks back to rubber nipples and milk bottles.

All needed arrangements have been made.

One of the physicians who ordered Lita Grey into the world 15 years ago, has been engaged to deliver her baby.

For a while, according to close friends of the Chaplins, the possibility of going away to some quiet place for the baby's birth was discussed. This idea was recently abandoned and it has been decided that a room in the Chaplin home will be converted into a hospital delivery sanitarium where the baby will be born.

After the baby is a few weeks (Continued on Page Eight.)

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THEIR SAID CAPTURED. CONSTANTINOPOLE (AP)—It is reported here today that Sheik Said, Kurdish rebel leader, has been captured by the Turks.

MCNARY'S SUGGESTION

WASHINGTON (AP)—A suggestion that the dollar interests be required to purchase the vessels they are now operating for the shipping board was made to President Coolidge today by Senator McNary, of Oregon. If this is done McNary believes there would be removed any basis for criticism of the board's action in selling to the dollar interests five president type ships now operated by the Pacific Mail company.

WOMEN STUDENTS MEET

EUGENE, Ore.—(AP)—The third biennial national convention of Associated Women Students opened here today. Forty-four schools will be represented in the conference, including most colleges west of the Appalachian mountains.

H. A. JASTRO PASSES ON

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Henry A. Jastro, Bakerfield, former president of the National Livestock Association, died at the Palace Hotel here today after an illness of two months.

W. H. PAULHAMUS DEAD

TACOMA, Wash. (AP)—William H. Paulhamus, president of the Western Washington Fair association, died at 10 o'clock last night from pneumonia, after several months' illness. Paulhamus was prominent in agricultural and political circles in Washington.

Smallpox Outbreak in Oyo Alarms the Prince

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—Another change has been made in the Prince of Wales' program. A dispatch from Lagos, Upper Guinea, says that from Nigeria the party will visit Oyo, 320 miles north of Lagos, owing to an outbreak of smallpox.

Portrait Painter Died In London This Morning

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—John Singer Sargent, noted artist, died suddenly at his home in Chelsea today. He suffered a stroke this morning and died a few hours later.

APPLE SUPPLY SMALLER

CHICAGO (AP)—Apple supplies are rapidly decreasing. The United States bureau of agricultural economics has reported. Reduced and lower apple holdings in storage are about 45 per cent less than last year's year ago.

Chicago in particular has shipped only 2150 carloads of apples this season. The combined output of all western states to date less than 6000 cars as against a movement of 81,200 in 1924.

Taxes Took 15 Percent Of Nation's 1924 Wealth

(By Harry B. Hunt) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Back of President Coolidge's maintenance of "economy" in both public and private expenditures is his appreciation of the extent to which the nation's income is mortgaged for taxes.

Despite a 25 per cent reduction in federal assessments last year, taxes—federal, state, county and municipal—took 15 per cent of the total national wealth.

The fact is that public debts, state and national, have reached such enormous proportions that interest and sinking fund charges alone constitute a burden of approximately \$100 per family per year on the average for household in America. When there is added to this additional taxes necessary to meet the current costs of government, local state and federal, the tax load becomes so staggering that it cannot longer be evaded or a real danger to our national well-being.

If the total public debt, for instance, was prorated equally (Continued on Page Four.)