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

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LIGHTING PLAN GIVEN BY DIXON

City Planning Commission Wants "Stagger" System for City

C. M. T. C. PRAISED BY FIVE SPEAKERS

Old Oregon Trail Highway Paving Discussed; Chamber of Commerce Passes Resolution.

H. E. Dixon, chairman of the city planning commission and head of a like chamber of commerce committee, today told members of the chamber of commerce at the noon day luncheon, of the plans the commission had in mind in regard to a new street lighting system here.

Mr. Dixon said the illumination will be achieved by the "stagger" system, with 1000 candle power globes, set on union metal posts probably about 15 feet in height.

The proposed improvement district would be from the corner of Fourth and Adams along Adams to Greenwood street, including nearby streets in the immediate business section.

Awaiting Opinion. There still remains some doubt as to whether the lighting improvement districts can be created legally without a charter amendment, but Portland attorneys are now looking into the matter and the local commission will be ready to proceed. If a charter amendment is necessary it will be put before the voters at the June special election and if not, petitions will be started to create an improvement district.

The probable cost to property owners for the installation of the lights would amount \$2.50 and \$2 per front foot.

C. M. T. C. Discussed. Captain Paul Hathaway spoke briefly of the citizens military training camp which have been held yearly since 1921 and stated that in his canvass of the East Oregon territory to procure camping units he visited the 1925 camp at Camp Lewis in June and July, he had met with great success and that interest was high in all localities.

Four young men who have attended the camps told briefly of their experiences, all declaring that the camps were worthwhile and instructive. Marlon Steffard spoke first, and was followed by...

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MAN THOUGHT INSANE IS HELD

A Mr. Sample, who was for the second time within a week arrested by the city police officials last night, today in the county jail awaiting probable transportation to the insane asylum at Pendleton.

The man was first arrested Sunday and was confined to the city jail. He lives near the corner of Greenwood and T streets. Yesterday he was examined by a local physician who decided that the man was mentally deranged to some extent but the prisoner was paroled to his wife, who believed she could take care of him.

Last night, however, the man was upon another "rampage" resulting in his second arrest.

More Than 100 People Visit La Grande Daily

More than one hundred people from outside points, visit La Grande for some purpose or other every day—and 100 is a very conservative estimate. In all likelihood the number, if a daily check were to be taken, would approximate nearly 120. A round average of 100, however, would make 36,500 visitors each year.

Yesterday 125 men registered at the two leading hotels here. Of that number 75 per cent of them were commercial travelers or business men here in connection with their following.

Preliminary Movie Work Shaping Up

Lloyd's Technical Director States That Sets at Wallowa Lake Are Nearly Finished.

Lloyd Briery, technical director under Frank Lloyd, who has been at Wallowa lake for several days making preliminary arrangements for the filming of the picture, "Winds of Chance," was in La Grande over the weekend. According to Mr. Briery a good deal of the preliminary work on the sets has been completed and the remainder will be finished in a few days pending the arrival of the main company from Washington.

Mr. Briery is really connected with the Jackie Coogan production, but has been "farmed out" to the Frank Lloyd company until Jackie gets past the gawky age and is old enough to play juvenile roles instead of child parts. Mr. Briery returned to Wallowa lake this morning to resume the work.

GEORGE BICKEL TO BE TRIED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

George Bickel was hauled into court this morning charged with the possession of intoxicating liquor. He put up \$100 bail and his trial will be held tomorrow before Hugh E. Brady, justice of the peace.

Three Arrested on Liquor Charge Freed

Lester Conley, Harry Slufer and Herb Myers who were arrested at Miller several days ago charged with the possession of intoxicating liquor were tried before a jury this morning in the justice court and acquitted. The defendants had been out on bond since their arrest.

Party Drives to Lake Wonderland Region

C. E. Adams, vice president of the First National Bank of Portland, with Annis P. Katz, manager of the Mutual Life Insurance company, of New York, and Gus Wiesler, of La Grande, drove to Wallowa lake today and at various parts of Wallowa county on a general inspection trip.

New Decorator Added To Furniture Company

An interior decorator and drapery expert, H. Rasmussen, has just been added to the staff of the Carr Furniture company and comes to La Grande with his wife and family as a permanent resident, according to an announcement by Mr. Carr today.

Mr. Rasmussen has spent all of his active business life in connection with house furnishing and interior decorating and will find a large opportunity for service in the La Grande community. He has been with some of the best firms in the Northwest in this work and has a reputation for ability in design, color harmony, and arrangement that is enviable.

With his coming the Carr store is also adding a complete drapery department which will be under the direct supervision of Mr. Rasmussen. The services will include designing of hangings and room arrangements and making the complete draperies. Material stocks will be on hand in the near future, according to the store's plan.

WOLVES ARE DEFEATED

The La Grande Business Men's volley ball team decisively defeated the Wolves last night, winning three straight games.

"Honor Bright" to Be Staged Here April 29

"Honor Bright," a three act comedy presented here a short time ago by the La Grande First Ward M. E. A. will again be given here Wednesday evening, April 29, under the auspices of the high school for the benefit of the athletic field. The play is being supported by the H. E. D. organization and the students of the school will be asked to sell tickets. The purpose of the play is to pay off the indebtedness on the field so the student body can start next year with "a clean slate."

The same cast of fourteen members will take part in the play under the direction of Miss Lucille Metcalf.

A. P. MEMBERS HEAR VICE PRESIDENT

Dawes Outlines Views on Reform of Senate Rules

INTRODUCED BY A. P. PRESIDENT

Frank Noyes Says Speaker is One Who "Has Now Cut Out for Himself a Man-Sized Job."

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Vice President Charles G. Dawes, speaking today at the annual Associated Press luncheon, gave his view on reforms of senate rules.

Frank Noyes, president of the Associated Press, introduced Dawes as the man with a "wonderful record of achievement and a radiant personality" and one "who has now cut out for himself a man-sized job."

COOLIDGE SPEAKS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Numerous entertainment features and reports of officers formed the opening program of the convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution here last night.

President Coolidge headed the list of speakers on last night's program, which he shared with Ambassador Bessinger of France, speaker-designate Langworth and Solicitor-general Beck.

WILL OBSERVE FOREST WEEK

Beginning April 27, National Forest Week will be observed throughout the United States. In Oregon Governor Walter M. Pierce has issued a proclamation setting aside April 27-May 3, inclusive, as devoted to the observance.

The purpose of the week is to more fully acquaint the public with the possibilities of the wooded lands, to teach the public to do everything in its power to prevent fires and loss, and to point out the advantages, aside from actual timber crops, that result to taxpayers—for instance, so much of the national forest receipts go for the benefit of schools and roads.

In La Grande, this week is more significant because of the city's proximity to vast timber resources, and because these timber resources feeding several large concerns here, do much to furnish the city with payrolls, business, prosperity, besides making nearby territory a mecca for hunters, fishermen and nature lovers.

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WALLOWA COUNTY GRANGE TO MEET AT LOSTINE MAY 2

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Plans are being completed for the program for the next meeting of Wallowa County Grange to be held with the south Fork Grange at Lostine Saturday, May 2nd.

Rev. George H. Pines, lecturer of the Panama, has been active in trying to secure some prominent speakers from other parts of the state, and has received the assurance that at least one or two outside speakers will be present, and possibly more.

This is expected to be one of the best meetings of the year, as real conditions will do doubt be such that people from all parts of the county will be able to attend.

Ex-Convict Slugs Cop; Breaks Jail

Lee Duncan Escapes from Cell in Roseburg, Ore., Early This Morning.

ROSEBURG, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Lee Duncan, ex-convict, held in the county jail here charged with robbing four local stores, escaped this morning after slugging Deputy Sheriff Sewell when the latter entered the cell with Duncan's breakfast.

Duncan rolled the bedding into the form of a stumpy to make the officer believe he was sleeping on the cot. He then hid near the entrance and as Sewell entered, struck him over the head with a heavy china cup wrapped in an old sock.

The officer, stunned, grappled with the prisoner, but Duncan succeeded in breaking away. Duncan was arrested at Marshfield, charged with robberies there and was brought here when authorities connected him with local robberies.

TWO CASES TO BE TRIED SOON

Two circuit court jury trials have been set for this month by Judge J. W. Knowles. The case, Pritzman vs. Lee Warnick as sheriff is scheduled for April 27 and state of Oregon vs. Bremer for April 28. J. D. Slater will represent the prosecution in the first case with Haley, Halsey and Steiner of Pendleton for the defendant.

Bremer is to face charges of "burglary, not in a dwelling house." Carl Helm, district attorney, will conduct the prosecution and R. J. Kitchen has been retained by the defendant.

PIERCE MAKES ANOTHER RAID

Helon Williams and Jesse Hayes, proprietors of a rooming house here arrested before Judge Hugh Brady yesterday as a result of a raid conducted Saturday night by G. M. Pierce, special officer.

The ladies were released on \$500 bonds each and will be tried Friday morning on the charge of maintaining a common nuisance.

PIERCE DEMANDS PROBE OF GRAIN PRICE METHODS

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Declaring millions of dollars have been taken from innocent citizens by unscrupulous speculators, Governor Pierce sent a telegram to President Coolidge today, demanding, on behalf of the people of Oregon, an investigation into the methods of the Chicago Board of Trade in manipulation of grain prices.

18 Men Drowned When Jap Freighter Sank

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Forty-eight men lost their lives today when the Japanese freighter Kaitaku Maru sank off Nova Scotia, a wireless from the steamship Homeric informed the Star line officials.

"Regret we were unable to save a life," said the Homeric's message.

Two steamships and two ocean going tugs were speeding to the rescue of the crew but the freighter went down before help arrived.

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RESTS CASE WHEN HAYES TESTIFIES

Mystery Man Takes the Stand for Government in Wheeler Trial

CLAIMS SENATOR MADE HIM OFFER

Wheeler Said Willing to Split Retainer Fee with New York Lawyer in 1923.

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (By the Associated Press)—After introducing its mystery witness, a New York lawyer, the government promptly rested its case in the prosecution of Senator Hurton K. Wheeler in federal court here late Monday.

The Montana senator is charged in a federal indictment with appearing illegally before a government department after his election to the senate.

The mystery witness—George B. Hayes—testified that Senator Wheeler approached him in March 1923 shortly before calling for Europe and asked him to appear in his place before the interior department in prosecuting the oil prospecting permits being sought by Gordon Campbell, Montana oil operator.

Offered to Split Fee. Hayes asserted Wheeler offered to split the retainer fee with him and created the impression it was a fat one.

Hayes had barely begun to tell his story through answers to the questions of District Attorney John L. Slattery when Senator Thomas J. Walsh contended that the nature of the testimony showed the government was attempting to prove existence of an agreement not mentioned in the indictment and that such testimony was not admissible. Federal Judge Frank S. Dietrich overruled the objection and Hayes was allowed to proceed.

Hayes declared he was approached early in March 1923 by Edwin B. Booth, then solicitor for the department of the interior and was asked to meet with Wheeler. A conference was arranged and a few days later, he testified, he met the Montana senator in the lobby of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York.

Wheeler told me he was leaving for Europe and that at least one matter of unusual importance affecting his client was due to come up before the interior department shortly," said Hayes. "He asked me if I would handle it and said I could discuss the matter freely with Booth. I think it was clear that Wheeler left the impression that it was a large one."

As Hayes unfolded his story, which the government conceded is the strongest part in its case, Senator Wheeler leaned back in his chair and sat with eyes closed. He yawned occasionally. On cross examination, the accused senator smiled broadly when the voices of the witness and Senator Walsh rose to an excited pitch.

"I told Senator Wheeler," continued Hayes, "that I thought it would be foolish to retain me; that it would be better to get some one else."

He Takes Time

The business man who has a successful business and is devoting every effort toward making it more successful is never too busy to give all the time that may be required to his advertising.

He Knows That It is His Best and Most Constant Contact with Prospective Customers—and He Devotes Time and Thought and Energy to It in Proportion.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Queen of Blossoms



Hilma Erickson's beauty easily won her the queenship of the annual apple blossom festival to be held in Wenatchee, Wash., May 8 and 9.

INCOME TAX RULING MADE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Users of motor vehicle fuel upon which state taxes are levied may deduct these taxes in their federal income tax returns provided the vehicle is employed for business purposes.

Solicitor Grigg, of the internal revenue bureau, made the ruling today in the interpretation of gas-tax laws of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. The ruling applies to all states having such taxes.

The opinion is also held that dealers may deduct from their returns all amounts received from consumers as state taxes.

'JIMMY' TAKEN BY THE POLICE

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—Alex Gerlich, believed to be the notorious "Inch-and-a-Quarter Jimmy" who terrorized Portland residents and humiliated the police in the northeastern section last winter, is confined to the police emergency hospital, a broken and remorseful young man.

Gerlich was shot in an attempt to escape arrest Sunday evening. He has admitted more than 70 crimes charged to "Jimmy" but denies that he is the notorious crook.

Outside of Gerlich himself there is not one person at headquarters who denies that the wounded man is the badly wanted Jimmy. Chief Inspector Moore said: "We caught Jimmy last winter and sent him out of town."

"I did no many jobs last winter that I didn't keep track of them," Gerlich said. "I don't know how many I really did."

Astoria-Willapa Firm Would Build Railroad

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The Astoria North Shore and Willapa Harbor railroad, a new corporation, asked the interstate commerce commission to approve a lease by which it will operate 20 miles of narrow gauge railroad between Megler and Nabsco, Washington.

Bridge Plans Prepared.

ETUGENE, Ore. — Plans and specifications of the new bridge to be built by the state highway commission over the Melkenia river a short distance below Hendricks bridge this summer were presented by the county court. The plans call for two 190-foot steel spans and pile trestles on either end, the one on the north end being 543 feet long and the one on the south end being 190 feet long.

XTRA

BOMBER KILLED. SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP)—Captain Yankoff, alleged to have been the head of the conspiracy for the cathedral bombing Thursday, was killed by the police today. When the officers discovered his hiding place he answered their demands to surrender by firing on them and by throwing several bombs. The police returned the fire and killed him.

MINORITY HEARING. WASHINGTON (AP)—The minority members of the shipping board who filed statements in the Pacific Mail injunction suit against the sale of vessels to the Dollar interests have informed President Coolidge that they felt free to join the proceedings because they were mentioned individually in the suit. The president inquired as to the action of the minority who opposed the sale to anyone on terms offered and their answers were practically the same as their statements filed in court.

ENTIRE CITY BURNING. NOGALLES (AP)—The entire city of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, 15,000 population, will probably be destroyed by fire that began early today, unless the flames are checked soon, says a dispatch to the Nogales Herald. One life has been lost.

A WITNESSES TO TESTIFY

GREAT FALLS (AP Press Time Flash)—Senator Walsh, chief defense counsel for Senator Wheeler, notified the court today he had summoned four witnesses from the east to meet the testimony of the government's star witness, George G. Hayes, New York attorney. Walsh asked for a continuance of the case.

Driver, Drunk, is Jailed.

SALEM, Ore. — Thomas Trauen, garage operator of Portland, was arrested here today charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated. Passing of sentence was deferred until later in the week. Under a law enacted at the last session of the legislature Trauen faces both a fine and jail sentence.

HOOD RIVEL, Ore. — Apprehended last night driving while drunk, Ira Partlow, lumber tapper for the Oregon Lumber company, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 60 days in jail by Justice of the Peace Hagg. Partlow also lost his license to drive for a year.

Big Things At Capital Achieved During Recess

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (S.E.A. Special)—This is supposed to be a quiet place when congress isn't in session. The truth is that more consequential goes on at the national capital when the bulk of the lawmakers are scattered over the face of the country than when they are on the job talking themselves hoarse in the face and occasionally passing a bill appropriating money, creating a trust, or prohibiting something it always was all right to do before.

What congress does, when in session, is to carry out the plans framed up by a few leaders during recess periods when they have plenty of time to sit down quietly and think and chat—to specify about the things they'd like to get through.

So, recess-time though this is, there's a continual dropping in...

FRANCE IS READY TO SEE FACTS

Statement by New Cabinet Read Before Chamber of Deputies

VATICAN EMBASSY TO BE RETAINED

Ultimate Imposition of Drastic Financial Measures Promised in Outline Given.

PARIS (By Associated Press).—Ultimate imposition of drastic financial measures, maintenance of the embassy of the vatican, pacification of internal dissension, but above all, real security for France were the prime points in a ministerial declaration of the Painleve-Caillaux-Briand cabinet read before the chamber of deputies and senate today.

The senate applauded only the passage regarding the security of Europe.

Caillaux Storm Center. Ironical laughter greeted the phrase "no useless controversies." Caillaux was the storm center in the chamber, which seemed almost evenly divided in numbers. Painleve was obliged to stop reading after every sentence of the declaration while cries of "Caillaux, Caillaux" greeted him.

France has had a "bitter disillusionment" the statement declared, but was "determined to look the facts in the face."

To Pursue Dawes Plan. The statement appealed to the "national conscience" with reference to finances and religious questions. The statement said France would maintain all her present treaties, and "pursue the execution of the Dawes plan at the same time as the settlement of interallied war debts."

Regarding finances, the statement declared: "When we have succeeded finally and definitely in balancing the budget so it cannot be questioned, we will take the state out of the role of banker which it has been made to fill."

Great Demonstration. Painleve concluded his reading amid one of the greatest demonstrations ever staged in the chamber with applause and denunciation about evenly divided.

Caillaux appeared absolutely unmoved throughout the demonstration, even when a group on the right at mention of the word "justice," shouted "high court, high court for Caillaux."

PLANS RADIO CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Secretary Hoover has decided that increasing pressure of radio problems on his department, which regulates the radio field, will require calling another national radio conference about the end of September.

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The war and navy departments are planning more secrecy for future arms, ordinance, aviation and other military tests. The proposal would deny publicity, except as officially authorized, to any such demonstrations as the sinking of the battleship Washington, the more recent anti-aircraft gunnery trials at Fort Monmouth, or the earlier bombing of the condemned German war vessels, concerning which so much was said in connection with the Mitchell controversy.

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