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gon: Fair tonight, Wednesday fair in the east, cloudy and cooler in the west.

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MOVIE CAST ARRIVES IN LA GRANDE

Approximately 300 People on Hand to Greet Stars

FLAPPERS "TAKE TO" BEN LYONS

Miss Nilsson, Mr. Lyons and Others Guests of Chamber of Commerce at Luncheon Today.

With a crowd of approximately 300 La Grande people present at the railroad station to greet them, members of Frank Lloyd's motion picture cast arrived in La Grande this morning at 10:20 o'clock on train No. 24.

They came in two special cars, which were hooked onto the branch line train and taken to Joseph. From Joseph the cast will be taken to the head of the lake by automobiles.

Several stars of the first water were present, including Miss Anna Q. Nilsson, Dorothy Sebastian, Ben Lyons, Tully Marshall, Victor MacLaghlin, Hobart Bosworth and others. Possibly the party numbered 100, including camera men, and others connected with the working staff, forty or fifty persons.

Miss Nilsson, Mr. Lyons and two or three other members of the party left the train here and were guests of the chamber of commerce at its regular "Funday" noon-day luncheon today.

Ben Lyons, he who poses today here parts that are especially conducive to hero worship from the young ladies, may have been a slight disappointment to members of the fair sex. The trouble was that, instead of appearing immaculate from head to toe, he was minus a haircut. Of course, this was necessary as his part calls for that particular type of hairstyle.

The entire party, after an all night ride from Portland, were tired and eager to reach their destination.

Lakes East Oregon. As a whole, the party in very much pleased with Eastern Oregon—as much of it as they have seen, and they are looking forward to arrival at the lake with much anticipation. Mr. Lloyd declared

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A. PATTERSON, PIONEER, DEAD

Albert Patterson, 55, a well known pioneer of the Grande Ronde valley, passed on here Sunday night, following a short illness. Influenza was the direct cause of his death. He was a resident of La Grande for 23 years.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from St. Peter's Episcopal church. The remains are at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman funeral service parlors today.

Eastern Oregon Track Meet Plans Heading Up

Seldom does La Grande have an opportunity to see such an array of track talent as will be in competition at the Eastern Oregon track meet at the high school Saturday.

3 Excellent Programs Set For Midweek

Men to Entertain on Wednesday Evening; Tickets on Sale for the "Knight of Dreams."

One of the most important attractions for music week is the program for Wednesday evening, to be conducted entirely by the men, which is to be given at the L. D. S. tabernacle. Besides selections by the La Grande Municipal band there will be a solo by one who is a recent addition to the musical talent of La Grande; a men's chorus; community singing and also a number by a newly organized young men's orchestra. G. E. Birnie is chairman and will be assisted by Andrew Loney, Earl Stoddard, the chamber of commerce quartet and Elmer Stoddard.

Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Richardson, a program consisting of acting, set songs and piano selections will be given in the Presbyterian church.

Probably the feature program of the entire week will be the operetta "A Knight of Dreams" to be given in the high school auditorium Thursday night. With music week off to a flying start the Neighborhood club and the Monday Musical club are devoting their time to the success of this program. The rough spots are being polished off at the nightly rehearsals and the principals are going through their parts like veterans.

No musical comedy is complete without a chorus and "Knight of Dreams" will have a chorus of La Grande girls that would make the famed girls in Ziegfeld Polka, so it is said, hide behind the tall trees at Wallowa lake if they saw these flappers go through their paces.

Reserved seats for "Knight of Dreams" went on sale this morning at Glass Drugs and while there was a long line waiting for the store to open, there are several good seats left.

Following is the cast of characters: Principals: G. L. Patton, Max James McNamee, Paul Knautz, Mrs. Lester Stoddard, Ernest Watkins, Mrs. Earl Stoddard, Dr. Ray Murphy, Elwood Williams, Mildred Lovett and Mrs. A. W. Nelson.

Special Pickaninny chorus: Barbara Coolidge, Virginia Warnick, Jane Stange, Gilda Ashby, Jacqueline O'Brien, Ruth Murchison, Lucille Price, Marica Lyman, Peggy Bohmer, Rita Black, Bernice Wilson, Virginia Bramwell.

Members of chorus: Mabel Herzinger, Betty Garrick, Winona Lyman, Lattie Hanks, Ponda Hanks, Mary Larson, Gladys McManis, Daisy Robbs, Dorothy Funk, Isabelle Miller, Fannie Alsworth, Myrtle Black, Pete Larson, Babe Green, Donald Funk, Ray Murphy, Lloyd Walsh, Frank Johnson, Golden Geertsen and Lester Stoddard.

The second free concert of Music Week will be given this evening, commencing at 8:15 in the Presbyterian church. Mrs. A. L. Richardson is chairman of the evening and promises a very unusual and interesting program.

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EIGHTY TREES ARE PLANTED AT WILLOW SCHOOL

The school board completed the planting of eighty silver maple trees at the Willow school and the high school athletic field yesterday. At the athletic field the trees were planted in the parking on K avenue from Fourth to Second streets and on Second street from K to M avenue, 25 feet apart.

The trees are planted along the west and south sides of the Willow school property.

Most Beautiful on Screen



This is a favorite pose of Anna Q. Nilsson, movie star who will play a leading role in "Winds of Chance." Her rise in the pictures has been meteoric and she has been called the most beautiful woman on the screen.

Sedgwick and Kerry At Wallowa Lake Today

Edward Sedgwick, Universal director who was in charge of the filming of "Let 'Er Buck" and "The Saddle Hawk" at Pendleton last fall, accompanied by Normal Kerry, famous motion picture star, passed through La Grande this morning en route to Wallowa Lake where they will look over conditions there with the object of filming scenes for the Universal picture, "The Pony Express."

Providing the scenery offered at the Wonderland is satisfactory, Sedgwick will later take his cast to the head of the lake.

Sedgwick and Kerry have been at Pendleton making arrangements for the preliminary work.

With the two were several Pendleton men, including George C. Beer, business manager of the Round-Up, R. E. Choupek, of the Round-Up board and Phil Rounds, member of the Happy Canyon board and also Charles Kenyon, special writer for the Universal company.

Henry Collins is to join the group at the lake later today. He will drive from Pendleton.

EX-BANKER QUESTIONED

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—O. Jorgen Olson, former president of the American Security Bank here, arrested on embezzlement charges, was questioned today concerning the disappearance of \$2,100 worth of Liberty bonds from the bank, Washington, bank on the night of March 2, 1922.

Olson was president of that bank until he resigned recently as president of the American Security Bank. Olson refused to make a statement today.

The questioning followed the finding of \$1,000 worth of Yacolt bonds in the county treasurer's office here. The county treasurer had deposited \$5,000 of the county road funds in the American Security Bank. The bonds identified today, were said to be part of the securities given the county by the bank.

SCHOOL HEAD ACQUITTED

BANDON, Ore.—R. H. Watson, superintendent of Bandon public schools, on trial here on charges of incompetency and of having used profane language in speaking to a pupil, was found not guilty by the school board last night. Witnesses testified that Watson said to 11-year-old Voyle Perry, "You're a li— of a captain."

BIG CROWD AT NOON LUNCHEON

More Than 300 La Grande People and Guests Are Present

ARMY MEN, MOVIE STARS PRESENT

Following Luncheon Excellent Program Given in the Presbyterian Church.

Probably nowhere in the history of the local chamber of commerce have more world-famous guests been entertained at one luncheon than today.

A partial list follows: Lieut. Oakley Kelly, of world-wide fame as an aviator, who is here on U. S. T. C. work; Lieut. Phil Webb, U. S. A., who accompanied Mr. Kelly, who arrived here shortly before noon in his airplane.

Anna Q. Nilsson, Mr. Murray, Ben Lyons, Claude Gillingswater, Victor MacLaughlin and other members of Frank Lloyd's motion picture cast.

A hybrid estimate of the number present showed that approximately 300, including members and guests, were seated at luncheon in the Odd Fellows hall. Dr. Ray Murphy presided as chairman.

Lieut. Kelly, called upon for a brief talk, in a few words apologized for being unable to fly to La Grande last November to attend the Armistice day celebration.

Mr. Johnson, representing Mr. Lloyd, thanked La Grande people for the welcome they extended the "Winds of Chance" cast and also extended an invitation to all to

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MEANS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The conviction of Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent, by a jury last July on a charge of having conspired to receive liquor illegally from a bonded warehouse, late Monday was confirmed by the United States circuit court of appeals.

Means, who has been on bail, was ordered taken into custody that he might begin the two-year term in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta to which he was sentenced at the time of his conviction. A \$10,000 fine also was imposed.

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FLEET HEADS FOR RUM ROW

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Twenty-one boats of the United States coast guard left Clinton Bay, the Staten Island base today, bound for the rum row to open an offensive which will seek to sweep the liquor smugglers off the Atlantic seaboard by June first.

The craft, liberally sprinkled with guns, are most of them capable of high speed.

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GRANGERS AT LOSTINE IN BIG MEET

Wallowa County Pomona Organization Holds Its Quarterly Session

MANY SPEAKERS ON THE PROGRAM

Wallowa County Fair Resolution Pointed Out; County Agent Passed.

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—The Wallowa County Pomona grange held its regular quarterly session at Lostine recently with a large crowd of representative members from the subordinate granges of the county in attendance. Delegates from Baker and Union county granges were also in attendance.

The grange was opened in the fourth degree by Master C. E. Davies, and a short business session held in the forenoon, at which time a number of important issues were introduced and discussed. A resolution condemning the slow system in the courts, in the examination of jurors was read, and it was recommended that the granges of the state use their influence in bringing before the next session of the state legislature a bill which would give the judges of the circuit and supreme courts the sole right to question and examine prospective jurors.

Maris speaks. The principal speaker on the program was Paul Maris, director of the extension service of the O. A. C. Mr. Maris gave a short talk on the work being accomplished by the organization during the morning session.

Dinner was served to the large crowd at noon hour by the ladies of the South Fork grange, at the church.

The afternoon meeting included the program and was open to the public. The assembly room of the school building was well filled at this time. Rev. G. H. Pense, lecturer of the Pomona grange, had charge of the afternoon meeting, pleasing the audience greatly with his well prepared program.

Tells of Fair Progress. A. C. Miller, secretary of the Wallowa County Fair association was the first speaker introduced at the opening of the afternoon meet. Mr. Miller gave a very interesting talk, telling of the great progress which has been made in conducting the annual county fair during the past 20 years, in which time 19 very successful fairs have been held, the one year in which the fair was not held being during the late war when labor was scarce and producers had no time to spare in preparing exhibits. The fair association plans for a

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GRANDMOTHER IS SENTENCED TO STATE PEN

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Mrs. M. C. Pafon pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of her grandchild, Sylvia Louise Deschamps, aged 4, who died from the effects of a beating. She was immediately sentenced to an indeterminate term in the state penitentiary not to exceed 15 years. She was arraigned on a charge of second degree murder and pleaded not guilty to that charge.

District Attorney Claude Barriek told the court that a plea of guilty to a charge of manslaughter would be acceptable, provided the maximum penalty would be pronounced.

The child died April 21 last. She was the daughter of Mrs. Cora M. Deschamps of Portland who, following a divorce, sent her four children to reside with their grandmother.

Pola Negri's Hearing To Be Later This Week

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Pola Negri's hearing before customs authorities on allegations that she failed to declare jewelry valued at \$15,000 when she arrived Friday night on the Borgosia has been postponed until later this week. She did not appear at the customs house.

The outcome of the case, customs officials said, probably would depend upon whether the actress is proved to be a foreign subject. Miss Negri said she had taken out first citizenship papers in this country.

When the Borgosia arrived the customs agents confiscated 15 bottles of alleged liquor found in Miss Negri's trunk.

Riffians To Attack At Three Points

Tribesmen Preparing to Launch Offensive on French Front Near Fez

FEZ, Morocco (By the Associated Press)—The Riffians are preparing to attack French forces at three principal points, it was reported by French aviators.

According to the French intelligence division one force of tribesmen is assembling in the center of the front to attempt a march in the general direction of Fez.

Another native force is apparently assembling to attack the French to the left while a third is being formed against the French right wing.

French authorities expressed the belief that the Riffians number about 20,000.

XTRA

U. S. WILL HAVE SAY GENEVA (AP)—United States will have certain constructive suggestions to offer the International Arms Traffic Conference, Representative Burton of Ohio told the conference today. One of the most important, he said, concerned additional measures to deal with traffic in poisonous gases with the hope of reducing the barbarity of modern warfare.

SPEECH MAY HELP WASHINGTON (AP)—While Ambassador Houghton spoke on his own responsibility last night, President Coolidge is very hopeful that the ambassador's interpretation of the American attitude toward Europe will be helpful to European statesmen and people. The president feels that the economic situation in Europe is improving. England's return to the gold standard and the probable similar action of Holland at an early date are construed as favorable signs pointing toward stabilization.

HYLAN TO RUN NEW YORK (AP)—Mayor Hylan announced today that he would be a candidate to succeed himself next fall regardless of whether Tammany Hall supported him or not.

STAGE HELD UP NEVADA CITY (AP)—Two men suspected of being Floyd Hall and Joe Tanko, escaped murderers from San Quentin penitentiary, today held up the stage near Grandville, 20 miles from here. They commandeered the stage and started in this direction with the posse pursuing them.

PSEUDO-HEALER ARRESTED SEATTLE (AP)—Shots were exchanged when officers arrested "Colonel" Dinsman P. Ghadiali, healer, who represented himself as a former commander of the New York police air service. Ghadiali was arrested in a hotel room today. Officers said he had been sought for four years. Charges against him were not given.

Couple Married 50 Years. NEWBERG, Ore.—Mr. and Mrs. Chester Loveland entertained at their home, Chehalen Center, near Newberg, more than 40 friends and neighbors to help them celebrate the 50th anniversary of their wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Loveland were married in Michigan, May 1, 1875. They come to their present home in 1908, and are both actively engaged in caring for the berries and other fruits raised on their farm. An interesting feature of the festivities was a golden wedding ceremony performed by the minister of the local church at Christ, Rev. C. H. Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Quilley of Vancouver, Wash., old friends of the couple, who themselves celebrated their golden wedding five years ago, acted as bridesmaid and groomsmen.

French Transportation Employees Strike Today

PLAIFR (By the Associated Press)—Street car and automobile bus services were suspended today in some sections of the city where the radical elements are active and service elsewhere is greatly crippled. About one-third of all transportation employees ceased work in a strike called as the result of the suspension of some transportation employees for not working on May 1st.

Mencken and Stewart Discuss U. S. Conditions

(By Charles P. Stewart)—WASHINGTON (NEA special)—H. L. Mencken likes living in America. At least, so he says. He's so extremely unorthodox and so much the other way that it seems as if he wouldn't enjoy himself here. But, talking with me at his home down in Baltimore recently, he remarked, "In a company of people all just like myself, of course this observation lays him open to the comeback, 'So would anybody else.'" The editor of the "American Mercury" didn't mean it in that way, however. "I get my real kick out of life," he continued, "in this land of conventions, by defying them all."

This is the right way to look at it, no doubt. Pored to dwell here, as he is, for business reasons, the irrepressible Mr. Mencken shows sound sense in insisting on seeing the bright side of conditions he has to put up with anyway. Nevertheless, it has to be admitted that existence in this country is pretty drab today, compared with what it was up to a dozen or 15 years ago. Before then, I myself liked it here as well as I liked any other place and even better than I liked home. But not now. At present I can't think of a single spot I ever visited on the whole globe where I wouldn't rather live than here in the United States.

The real reason I live here is the same real reason that H. L. Mencken has for doing so, too. I don't believe that story about his unhappiness among people more

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ATTEMPTED EXPLOSION IS AVERTED

Members of Spokane Lodge Narrowly Miss Death; Plot Fails

EXPLOSIVES WOULD HAVE KILLED 50

Police Investigating Sending of Mysterious Suitcase Filled with Gunpowder, Shotgun Shells and Small Shot.

SPOKANE (AP)—An internal machine, expressed to the Electa Chapter of the Eastern Star lodge here, from Los Angeles was turned over to the police who announced that had it exploded when opened the charge would have been able to kill 50 persons. The express tag showed the sender as H. E. Colbert, with a Los Angeles address. Investigation in Los Angeles today failed to reveal any person by that name and living address.

The machine, enclosed in a cigar box which was contained in a suitcase, was filled with gunpowder, shotgun shells and small shot which was connected with an electric battery in such a manner that the spark would ignite the powder when the suitcase was opened.

The failure of the circuit to be completed when the suitcase was opened last night prevented the explosion, the police said. The Eastern Star officials said that before the suitcase was opened a copper wire which protruded from the end was pulled. They believe this action broke the electrical connection.

TALK CREATES AN IMPRESSION

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—The leading journals today emphasize the importance of Ambassador Houghton's address last night.

The Times says: "This authoritative reminder that good faith and real desire for peace are absolutely necessary if active American interest in Europe is to be developed in of great weight at the present moment."

"Mr. Houghton's significant speech has a far greater direct political value than the torrent of rhetoric on the old theme of Anglo-American relations. It is evident that the new ambassador means business."

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