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THE WEATHER PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Saturday, probably rain in the west and extreme north.

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SEVENTY TO GRADUATE THIS YEAR

Largest Class of Seniors to Receive La Grande High Diplomas

LANDERS SPEAKER AT COMMENCEMENT

Reverend Pollard, Baptist Church, to Preach the Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday, May 17th.

On the evening of May 22, 1925 the largest senior class in the history of La Grande high school will graduate according to announcement by Principal E. D. Fowler today.

Approximately 70 seniors will receive their diplomas, five more than ever before.

Last year 65 graduated which broke all existing records here.

President J. M. Landers of the Oregon Normal school, has been secured to deliver the commencement address.

Reverend George Pollard of the Baptist church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon the Sunday preceding commencement.

Graduation Program.

The graduation week program is as follows:

May 17, Sunday, 8 p. m.—Baccalaureate services in the Methodist Episcopal church, corner Fourth and Spring streets.

May 22, Friday, 8 p. m.—Commencement exercises in the L. J. S. tabernacle, corner Fourth and O streets.

On Friday the schools of the city will close for the summer vacation period.

ELGIN'S PROGRAM

The program for commencement week, May 17 to 22 at Elgin, is nearly identical with that of La Grande.

On Sunday, May 17, at 8 p. m., the baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the Presbyterian church.

On Wednesday night class exercises will be held in the City opera house and on Friday evening commencement exercises will be held.

The Elgin high school is closing one of its best years, this year being considered a success from every standpoint.

The high school increased from 75 to 98 and the graduates from 186 to 265.

The graduation class is the largest in the history of the school.

The following is the list of 1925 graduates:

John Hill, Will Hill, Lauro Richards, Clinton Moody, Ray Shelton, Reid Hibberd, Lloyd Wick.

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MUSICIANS TO VISIT BAKER

A group of La Grande musicians will go to Baker Tuesday evening, May 12, to take part in a program arranged by Mrs. Jesse Hoskins, to be given there at the Baker High school under the auspices of the Stars-Dixie club.

Mrs. Hoskins has had charge of the Monday Musical choruses here during the past winter.

Members of the Monday Musical chorus, the La Grande Municipal band, the chamber of commerce quartet and the Neighborhood club sextette will go to Baker that evening and take part in the program.

The ladies sextette will give the song cycle "A Garden of Flowers," which they recently presented here.

This number is done in costume and is excellent.

The Baker Kiwanis club will entertain the La Grande people while they are there.

Vacational Bible School Open May 25

Ministers of La Grande to Have Charge of Institution in Religion.

A daily vocational Bible school, sponsored by the Ministerial Union of La Grande, will be held in this city during the summer, according to announcements today.

The school will be divided into two sections—one on the south side and one on the north side of the railroad tracks.

Present plans call for opening of the school May 25. It will continue five days a week for four weeks, closing June 19th and any boy or girl, six years of age or over, is eligible to attend.

Several courses.

Courses in the school include Bible and missionary instruction through the medium of story telling; music and singing, dramatization and pageantry, supervised play and craft work including basket making, raffia work, sewing, hammock making and possible carpentry.

Full particulars are to be given at the union service Sunday evening at the Methodist Episcopal church at 8 o'clock. The ministers urge that all interested be present at that time.

"This school will make use of the vacation, and often idle time, of the child, turning it into a valuable training and character building period," a local minister stated today.

The school was endorsed some time ago by the local chamber of commerce and by other organizations.

Grocery Enlarges Its Business Quarters

The City Grocery on Fir street under the management of Fay Baum has increased business to such an extent that a number of changes in the arrangement of the store have been necessary, according to the manager who has had the improvements done this week.

The grocery now occupies the entire room. The show cases have been re-arranged so as to display the goods to a better advantage and make the front more attractive.

The walls have been kalsomined and several new cases and shelves have been put in in order to accommodate the larger stock of groceries now carried on hand.

Neph Combs is a recent addition to the personnel of the establishment.

Operetta Postponed Because of Weather

Because of yesterday's rain the operetta "The Forest Court" which was to have taken place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on the lawn at the Central school building has been postponed until the first nice day of next week.

A definite date has not yet been chosen, but will be announced later. The entire central school takes part in the operetta, about five hundred children in all. It is under the direction of Miss Imogen Russell.

The program to be given this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Greenwood school will be given, however, unless it starts raining again before that time.

LAKE LINDERMAN SCENES FILMED DESPITE WEATHER

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lloyd at Willows lake yesterday. They report a very enjoyable visit and both praise Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd greatly.

Because of snow and rain the Lake Linderman scene was not taken until about 2:30 o'clock yesterday and it is doubtful if Sheep Camp scenes can be taken before Sunday.

Despite the bad weather, the cast is being worked by Mr. Lloyd at every opportunity.

Has Six!



The most "grandmothered" baby in the United States—Bert Walker, 10 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Walker, Corvallis, Mont. At least the parents claim that much, for little Bert has two grandmothers and four great-grandmothers.

MUSIC MEMORY TEST TONIGHT

With the exception of the postponed "Knight of Dreams" to be given next week, only two programs remain on La Grande's Music Week, held in conjunction with national music week.

Tonight a music memory contest will be held at the high school auditorium with Miss Isabelle Miller in charge. It will mark the closing of the school contest and while the judges are deciding which student made the most points the following program will be given:

- 1. Selections—Neighborhood club Sextet.
- 2. Violin Solo—Dick Lindsey.
- 3. Vocal solo—Paul Kaupia.
- 4. Reading—Mrs. Alva Duryea.
- 5. Piano solo—Miss Gladys Miller.
- 6. Vocal solo—Mrs. T. B. Maxwell.
- 7. Selection—Kenneth Geleker's orchestra.

Judged for the music memory contest follow: Mrs. J. A. Tedford, Mrs. Lynn Wright, Mrs. I. C. Boyer.

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TIGERS DOPED TO WIN MEET

(By J. S. L.)

The fate of a number of Eastern Oregon track and field records hangs in the balance. With 88 athletes from 10 different localities scheduled to do their best in the annual Eastern Oregon meet to be held here tomorrow a lot of markers are going to be passed in the track.

With the addition of Adams, in Umatilla county the list of entrants is now complete and includes Baker, Cove, Helix, Imbler, Pendleton, Crane, Union and Umatilla and of course, La Grande. None of the branch line teams are represented. All the schools up that way are playing baseball this year.

Two "Big Teams"

But the branch teams won't be needed to make the meet a hum-dinger. Adams and Cove have one man each entered. Buckett of Cove and Simonon of Adams will be here to do their best. Of course two men can't win a meet but when any of these small towns make up a purpose to send some young athletes a good many miles to a meet by himself he usually has something worth watching.

From the standpoint of La Grande the meet should be an unparallelled success in more ways than one for the Tigers are booked to win the event by a handy margin. The La Grande team has already marked up victories over Pendleton, Baker, Union and Imbler in dual meets and in the Union county meet.

La Grande Entries

MacTavish will have 22 men entered. These include Brown, Berry, Burnett, Charlton, Davis, Faus, Glass, Harnden, Himmelfarb, Jensen, Keltz, Land, Leaman, McKennon, Nelson, Price, Sherwood, Smith, Stoddard, Strand, Emsmann and Zundel.

Lawson is expected to take the sprint. Sherwood the low hurdles. Jensen the mile and the La Grande relay team composed of Sherwood, Emsmann, Smith and Zundel or McKennon should skip off with the relay bat for the rest of their points. The Tigers will have to dig and grab one here and perhaps two there and so on.

Special Notice to Referee

Special notice to the official side of the event will be attached to the announcement that Virgil Korte, athletic director of the University of Oregon will referee. Mr. Korte is in Baker today and will return tomorrow. The list of officials includes Ler Reynolds, starter; Nelson Skiff, clock of meet; J. E. Snydels, Frank McKennon, Fred Kiddie and Allen Hunter, timers; John Larson, announcer; Frank Johnson, crier; Sordis, Caldwell, Dutton, Knight and Landrille, judges of finish; Bud Larch, clerk of finish; Jimmie Rosenbaum, clerk of races; J. W. Baxter and E.

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RAINFALL AID IS WELCOMED

A boon to growing crops came to La Grande yesterday in the form of a rainfall that gave more than half an inch of moisture to the valley. Cloudy weather still prevails this morning although showing a tendency to clear up.

Farmers in general are pleased with the rain, as are stockmen.

Up until 5 o'clock yesterday 15 inches of rain had fallen and continuing drizzles after that hour brought the measurements above the half-inch mark.

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—Farmers expressed delight with the rainfall here and were anxious that a new rain visit the country before the weather clears up. Reports from the fringes of the wheat belt are to the effect that rain is beginning to be needed to keep the spring crop growing as it should.

SEATTLE (AP)—Estimates

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Rockne System Shown To High School Boys

Motion pictures illustrating the Notre Dame style of football were shown at the Arcade theater yesterday afternoon before a group of high school boys and others interested. The pictures showed Knute Rockne himself at work with a squad in the South Bend stadium and illustrated positions for all the players on both the defensive and offensive teams.

Following the individual playing fundamental team plays were shown both with pictures of the players and with illustrative diagrams.

At the conclusion of the picture showing, Virgil Korte, director of athletics at the University of Oregon, introduced Dick Smith, football coach, who gave a short talk on college and college life. The advice Mr. Smith gave was, "Go to college in your own state."

He pointed out the advantages of going to college in the part of the country in which the student intends to live after graduation.

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SCHOOL BOY IS WOUNDED BY PISTOL

Walter Ford, 9 at Hospital Today; Condition Is Serious

GUN DISCHARGED ACCIDENTALLY

Lead Struck Lad in Neck; Considerable Amount of Blood Lost Before Physicians Arrived.

A regrettable accident, the results of which endangers the life of little Walter Ford, 9-year-old son of P. N. Ford, local real estate man, occurred at the high school athletic field yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock.

According to Mr. Ford, he was told that a boy, Mike Japan, aged 12 years, had a .22 caliber pistol that was made for shooting blank cartridges, hid under the grandstand. Unable to procure blank cartridges, the boy had some 22 short shells from which he intended to remove the bullets. The Ford boy was with him when the bullet was severed from the cartridge but a small amount of lead was left in the shell.

Then, Mr. Ford states, his son started to walk away and the pistol exploded behind him, the lead striking him in the neck. The discharge must have either been accidental or intentional.

Great Loss of Blood.

A physician was called immediately and the boy was rushed to the Grande Ronde hospital where the lead was removed from his neck.

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EARTH SHOCKS VISIT ISLANDS IN SOUTH SEAS

(By the Associated Press)

A new series of earthquake shocks Almy, Samar and Camarines provinces today. Dispatches from Balabac, Occidental Negros Island report the wharf there badly damaged, presenting ships from landing.

Davao, Cebu province, reports concrete buildings there cracked by quakes.

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In ordinary circumstances a prosecutor who fails to make out much of a case against a man who has been instrumental in having indicted, though he may be blamed for proceeding on insufficient evidence, can at least reply that he was misled by no improper influences, at any rate. But these circumstances are not ordinary. If the evidence at Senator Wheeler's District of Columbia trial proves more substantial than the evidence at the Montana trial, the acquittal will be a triumph for the Daugherty regime. For the Wash-

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"DRY" NAVY'S BLOCKADE EFFECTIVE

Great Thirst Developed Because of Check on "Rum Row"

LIQUOR SUPPLY IS DIMINISHING

New Patrol Boats Ready to Relieve Those Now on Duty; 500 New Seamen Are Recruited.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—A great thirst seems to have developed from Uncle Sam's blockade of rum row.

The liquor supply is rapidly diminishing, newspaper investigators say, and prices are going up.

Meanwhile some of the rum fleet are presumed to have headed for home ports in other lands, either to replenish provisions or because they have concluded that the "dry" navy is too strong for them.

Results Perfect.

Any retreat by ships on rum row, however, is not yet substantial, according to meagre reports from the scene of passive warfare off shore.

The American coastguard has made that the results of the blockade have been perfect, with no customers at all getting to or away from the rum fleet.

New patrol boats are ready to relieve those on duty, according to officials and five hundred additional seamen are being recruited.

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Wanted Career-Not Husband



Beautiful De Sola Moore, known in the films as De Sola Faville, permitted her husband, Edwin D. Moore, millionaire mining magnate, to divorce her in order that she could continue her picture career in Hollywood unhampered by domestic problems.

JAPS AGAINST POISON GAS

(By the Associated Press)

Japan went on record today as favoring strict interdiction of the use in war of poison gas.

The Japanese delegation to the international arms conference yesterday supported the proposal made by Representative Burton of Ohio, that all exportation of poisonous gas for war purposes be prohibited.

Turkey Favors Move.

Turkey approved the proposal but agreed with the Hungarian delegation that rights of states that do not manufacture gas to employ gas if they are so attacked should be respected and their opportunity for defense should not be removed by a too rigid ban on exportation.

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