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THE WEATHER

PORTLAND (AP).—Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday; probably rain in the north.

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SERVICE AT CHURCH FOR GRADUATES

Seventy-One Seniors Listen to Baccalaureate Address Last Night

REV. G. A. POLLARD PREACHED SERMON

Appropriate Program at Methodist Church Is Attended by a Large Crowd.

Baccalaureate services for the graduating class of the La Grande high school, 71 strong, were held last evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, in the Methodist Episcopal church. A large crowd was in attendance.

The services were presided over by Reverend Hail Kellong Walls of Island City, and was opened by an organ prelude by Mrs. H. D. Young. "America" was then sung by the choir and congregation and Reverend William F. Hall, of the Zion Episcopal church, gave the invocation.

The boys' quartet sang "Softly Now the Light of Day" which was followed by a scripture reading by Reverend R. W. Creamy, of the St. Peter's Episcopal church. An anthem, "Lovely Appearance" (Gounod) by the Glee club preceded the baccalaureate sermon, which was delivered by Reverend G. A. Pollard of the Baptist church. Mr. Pollard's sermon was very appropriate to the occasion and will undoubtedly be ranked among the best of his kind preached for a local graduating class.

The boys' quartet again appeared, singing "Son of My Soul" before benediction was pronounced by Reverend H. A. Powell, of the Methodist church, South.

List of Prospective Graduates

The seventy-one members, who hope to receive their diplomas at commencement exercises Friday evening, follow:

Mabel Andrews, George Sheehan, Barbara, Fred Walter, Hansmann, Lila Bean, Hanna Mae Bean, Gwendith Workman Berger, Leon Waldo Berry, Lucile Black, Lester George Blockland, Mary Ruth Bramm, Thelma Lucille Brown, Dorothy Raye Caldwell, Katherine Ellen Chubb, Clayton Matthews, Coalwell, Sam Luther Cochran, Margaret Eleanor Creamy, Phoebe Fredricka Dahlstrom, Claire Bruce Dennis, Carrie Jeanette.

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EXPLAINS NEW LIGHTING LAW

A large number of interested people of La Grande attended the Saturday afternoon meeting at the city hall building conducted by Frank Pim, lighting engineer, and J. Saltzman, traffic officer of the state.

The new headlight law, which will become effective May 23rd, was explained in detail by Mr. Pim and Mr. Saltzman and many questions that have been bothering local motorists and mechanics were satisfactorily answered.

Local Guard Company Will Camp at Medford

Company E, 136th Infantry of the Oregon national guard, will leave La Grande for camp at Medford Thursday morning, June 11, 6:20 o'clock by special train. They will arrive in Portland at 2:45 that evening and leave there at 7:10 the same evening to arrive at Medford the next day. The first day will be taken up with getting squad tents ready and building camp.

The daily routine follows: First call, 5:20 a. m.; reveille, 5:40 a. m.; assembly, 5:45 a. m.; mess call, 6:15 a. m.; sick call, 7 a. m.; roll call, 7:20 a. m.; roll call, 7:25 a. m.; mess call for dinner, 12:00 o'clock; school and demonstration, 1:15 p. m.; roll call, 1:30 p. m.; guard mount, 1:45 p. m.; parade, 5:15 p. m.; mess call for supper, 6:00 p. m.; roll call, 7:00 p. m.

All members of the guard must

Wallowa Man In Accident; Died Sunday

Lumber Company Teamster Injured Saturday; Medical Aid Could Not Save Life.

A regrettable accident occurred when George Waise, teamster for the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company, was caught between the timber and his wagon while driving under the tramway. He was immediately rushed to the hospital at Wallowa but all medical aid failed to avert death, which occurred Sunday evening.

Mr. Waise made his home at Wallowa, according to information received in La Grande today.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEMBERS PLAN TO INSPECT SAWMILL

Elmer Stoddard will be chairman of the Chamber of Commerce luncheon tomorrow, which will be served by the ladies of the Community club of Ferry at the community hall there. Cars will leave the chamber of commerce office at 11:45 o'clock and anyone desiring to go must be there by that time.

There will be no program during the luncheon but immediately afterwards those present will go through the Grande Ronde Lumber company's new mill recently opened there.

DeMolay Members Plan Big Meet Wednesday

The La Grande chapter of DeMolay is planning a "big time" for Wednesday evening, May 20, when the members will meet at the Masonic lodge rooms. Reports will be heard from those who attended the state convocation at Medford recently. Four new members will be initiated into the order. Officers will also be elected for the next six months at this time.

Sappington and Buck Bound to Grand Jury

H. R. Sappington and William Buck were bound over to the grand jury this morning under \$1,000 bonds for larceny by bailer. They were unable to raise their bonds and are in jail.

Woman's Death Mystery

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Her face mutilated almost beyond recognition and her body covered with bruises, the almost lifeless body of Mrs. Maudie Coward, 26, was found early Sunday morning less than a mile from her home, three miles from Little Rock. She died at noon in a local hospital without regaining consciousness.

BILL FOR REORGANIZATION OF FRENCH ARMY SHELVED

PARIS (AP).—The bill calling for the reorganization of the French army introduced by General Nollet during the last hours of the Herriot government's tenure of office, has been abandoned by the Painleve cabinet and has become a dead letter.

The work of experts at the ministry of war during the past two years, it provided for a gradual decrease of French effectives until the 12 months military service could be definitely installed.

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BUCKS WIN SUNDAY'S GAME, 13-4

Swashbucklers' Ship Scuttled When Nine Score in the Eighth

HEIN BAFFLED BY MURDERER'S ROW

La Grande Retains the League Leadership by One Game; Colts Get into Win Column.

BLUE MOUNTAIN LEAGUE

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

At Pendleton: La Grande 4, Pendleton 15.

At Baker: Walla Walla 1, Baker 15.

Pendleton's hitless pitcher's row blossomed into full flower yesterday and the Pirates lost their first game of the season, by the terrific score of 15 to 4.

Truly it was Pendleton's day. Besides smothering out an even dozen bingles off Hein's offerings, every Buck scored once with the exception of Taylor, Lind, Clark and Jones, who scored twice.

The Swashbucklers' ship was scuttled right—no foolin'. After the sword pulling fray with Baker last Sunday, when the visiting horse was sent home with a tale of a "no-hit, no-run" game to tell, the Pirates outdid—and Pendleton took 'em in the lull.

A Hectic Fray

It's a long, long story—but part of it will be told. La Grande came to bat, looked over Dunlap's brilliant offerings and then proceeded to take his measure for two hits—but no runs. Pendleton's half of the first was different—vastly different. Taylor flied to shortstop but Olsen drove out a nice two-bagger. Lind singled and Harstad went to first via base on balls.

Then Clark, commonly called Chief, put his bat into action by hustling out a three-bagger and by the time the ball was safely back into the defensive mitts, the bases were not nearly as congested as before. Clark came up. Pretty soon the Pirate infield got into action and the side was retired following a striking double—Williams to Helm to Knight.

Then the contest settled down to be a regular ball game and for five more innings the famous one-two-three style of play prevailed.

In the seventh, following Hart's three base hit, and a single by Alexander, the scorer marked up La Grande's first run.

The Awful Eighth

Welsch's unbridled defiance was all as filling with awe, profound.

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HUNDREDS OF CROWS SLAIN

Although definite statistics on the number of crows slain by hunters yesterday morning are lacking, because of the nature of the shoot, it is known that several hundreds of the pests were consigned to other worlds.

According to Game Warden John Walden, a large number of hunters were out at sun-up and one party is said to have shot more than 60 crows.

Germany Continues to Carry Out Dawes Plan

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West Ranges Show Decided Improvement

Thirteen Out of 17 States Make Good Showing; Cattle Condition Bettered.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Ranges generally show improvement with a favorable outlook for grazing in the north Rocky mountain, Intermountain and coast states but the continued drought in the southwest has only been partially relieved by rains and livestock have suffered considerably according to the monthly range and livestock report issued by the United States Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates.

Ranges show improvement in thirteen out of the seventeen western states but slight further deterioration in Arizona, Texas and New Mexico. Recent general rains, however, will tend to improve conditions in most sections of those states, especially in Texas, and should result in decided improvement in the condition of livestock.

Range prospects are especially encouraging in the northern Rocky Mountain and Pacific ocean states. The average range condition for the entire range country is 84 per cent compared with 80 per cent a month ago and 91 per cent a year ago.

Losses Below Normal

Cattle are reflecting the improved condition of ranges and although some thin stock are reported in states where the winter feed supply was short, cattle have come through the winter with losses below normal, except in the southwest.

Losses were becoming heavier in the southern and western Texas and portions of New Mexico and Arizona until relieved by recent rains and much of this territory is still in need of more moisture. Considerable numbers of cattle have been shipped out of the drought areas. The calf crop in these sections will be less than usual due to the heavy shipment of dry and old cows last year and the calves from lack of milk.

The prospect for the calf crop in the other range states is normal or better. The condition of cattle averages 85 compared with 84 last month and 91 a year ago.

Sheep also show improvement averaging 92 per cent of normal compared with 91 last year and 96 a year ago. Lambing is in progress under favorable weather conditions in most sections and a good crop reported. Some feeding of ewes has been necessitated in Texas by the drought, as where feed was insufficient heavy losses of lambs and kids have resulted from the lack of milk. Shearing is making rapid progress in most of the range states and the wool crop is generally reported to be of good weight and quality. A few complaints of a dull wool market are noted.

WASHINGTON—April rains improved pastures and ranges considerably and the present outlook for summer ranges is fairly good. Both cattle and sheep show improvement. Calf and lamb crops reported to be lighter than last year.

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HUGE PAGEANT STARTS TODAY

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (By the Associated Press)—A pageant of gigantic proportions, portraying many historic events of the colonial period in North Carolina, will feature the sesqui-centennial of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, which began today, to continue during the week.

The famous Mecklenburg declaration, referred to by some as the "Mecklenburg Resolutions," was signed on May 20, 1775, upon receipt in Charlotte of the news of the battles of Concord and Lexington. Although there has been some controversy as to the date the document was signed, May 20 has been officially recognized and made a legal holiday by the general assembly of North Carolina.

Celebrations have marked the recurrence of May 20 for many years in Charlotte. Ten years ago the principal speaker was President Wilson. In view of the fact that May 20, 1925, is the sesqui-centennial, it was determined to stage a celebration of proportionate proportions. For many months committees have been actively engaged arranging the details. A stadium that will seat thousands of people has been erected at Independence Park, and it is on this spot that the principal outdoor events will be seen. Experts in pageantry from many other sections of the country were engaged to plan and execute the 1925 celebration.

The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was signed by colonists who were dissatisfied with

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FRENCH TO OFFER DEBT PROPOSALS

Temps Says Move Is Underway to Bring Settlement to Head

MAY AIR PLAN AT END OF FORTNIGHT

Washington Government, with Diplomatic Ice Broken, Calmly Awaiting Results of Notice.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The Temps says today that it understands that a definite proposal will be made within 15 days by the French government to the United States and Great Britain for settlement of war debts.

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—Replying to a suggestion in the house of commons today, Premier Baldwin declined to impose a time limit of France and other debtor countries in which to formulate proposals for settlement of their debts to Great Britain.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The Washington government is awaiting with interest some word of the reception accorded in the nine European debtor nations to the news that this country desires to arrange funding settlements without delay.

France, whose debt to the United States is the largest, is regarded as the hub of the situation, and it is known officials would welcome an opening move from that quarter.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—With the diplomatic ice broken, official Washington apparently has settled down to await the results of the American government's notice to its European debtors that the time has come for arrangement of funding settlements.

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1925 Wheat Yield May Exceed That of 1924

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Wheat areas in 15 European countries other than Russia were reported Sunday by the department of agriculture as being slightly larger than last year. Indications are that the yield will be above the 1924 average.

"Prices," the department said, "have a tendency to strengthen and may be expected to maintain levels favorably comparable with those of last year."

Growing conditions in most countries were reported better than last year. In Canada, conditions were represented as especially good, but estimates for India and the United States indicated a combined reduction of 120,000,000 bushels. India is not expected to have an exportable surplus, and present conditions indicate the United States will be on a domestic price basis for the greater part if not all of the season.

Wheat output April 1 totaled 34,000,000 bushels against 33,000,000 March 1, with stocks appreciably lower in importing countries. Exports from southern countries have declined sharply. Cotton exports in April amounted to 485,022 bales as compared with 750,000 bales in March and 522,000 in April 1924. The department reported conditions of the German sugar beet crops May 1 was reported slightly above average.

The cattle industry of Argentina, the department said, recently has recovered from the severe depression that followed the collapse of the war time boom.

AMERICANS VICTORIOUS AT ARMS CONFERENCE

GENEVA (By the Associated Press)—A crisis in the international arms conference, created by America's refusal to have the league of nations the central focus for arms control, was averted today by a decision to abandon the proposed central bureau.

It was decided that the central bureau was not essential and that the same end could be attained by allowing each government to publish arms statistics. Thus the American susceptibilities were satisfied and league members remain loyal to the league by declining to agree to organization of any bureau outside the league.

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Build It Themselves



If you want to get something accomplished, start to work yourself! Mrs. Albert Olive Brown (left) and Mrs. Howard O. Brown defined overall and began laying planks for the Women's Building to be erected in San Francisco to house the women's organizations. And while these women were starting the work, other women were getting started in the sale of bonds to finance the big construction job.

'FATTY' FIGHTS MONEY DEMAND

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)—An alleged attempt to blackmail "Fatty" Arbuckle has been under investigation by the district attorney's office for several days the Los Angeles Examiner says today.

The alleged demands upon Arbuckle were made by Mrs. J. H. Murphy, representing herself as acting on behalf of Arthur Arbuckle, Roscoe's brother, the Examiner says.

The woman demanded \$12,000 to cover losses sustained by Arthur Arbuckle during the "trial and tribulation" of his brother in 1921 and 1922, according to the Examiner.

TROOPS READY FOR OFFENSIVE

RAIAT, French Morocco (By the Associated Press)—French forces opposing Rifian tribesmen today are consolidating their positions but postponing the second and what they hope will be the final offensive to rid the territory of the Rifians.

RED ACTIVITIES IN BULGARIA ARE ABATED LITTLE

SOPIA (By the Associated Press)—A recrudescence of communist activities has been noted during the last several days.

Several armed bands, composed of desperate men, all good marksmen and possessed of a thorough knowledge of the terrain, are harassing the countryside in Central Bulgaria. They operate at night and have eluded armed forces sent after them.

A large store of explosives has been discovered at Ichimna.

Munich Opera Manager Dies

MUNICH (AP).—Anton von Puchta, the famous stage manager of the Munich Opera, died recently at the age of 78. He was well known throughout the world as an operator producer of rare genius. His stage settings were recognized in most countries as the standard for operatic performances.

GUARDSMEN TRAITORS DISCOVERED

Nineteen Members of the Rum Blockade Forces Are Behind Bars

COURTMARTIAL 6 FOR SMUGGLING

Shortage of Men Threatens to Handicap Opposition to Rum Row on East Coast.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Internal troubles are proving to be handicaps to the U. S. coast guard rum row blockade.

Six members of the coast guard have been courtmartialled for smuggling and three for intoxication, it was revealed today. It is known that 19 members have been jailed for various offenses.

Shortage of Men

A shortage of men threatens to be an even greater handicap. It is said that 30 per cent will not re-enlist when their service period terminates July first.

GUARD FACES TRICKERY

FREEMONT, N. Y. (By the Associated Press)—Ruses employed by "bottle fishermen" in attempts to keep their powerfully engine'd, liquor laden boats out of the coast guard's hand were made known today by coast guard officers.

A favorite trick, they said, was to drop an old fishing net in the path of the pursuing government vessels in which their propellers would become entangled.

Another trick is heaving overboard a case of liquor which, if struck in the dark, might cause the rum carrier to sink.

LUMBERJILLS ARE PRAISED

MARSHFIELD (NEA Special)—Equal rights means equal work here.

Where there's a lumberjack there's a lumberjill closely.

Which means that the big Port Oxford cedars which the lumberjacks cut down are cut up by the lumberjills, who are for the most part wives or sweethearts of the jacks.

The war introduced "jills" to the lumber camp, but peace has not taken them away. Instead, the employers are getting to like the "jills" more and more every day. Proof of this may be had in the photographs and radios which have been installed for the benefit of the "jills."

"They work better to music," says the employer.

"Besides that," says he, "we find that they do not stand off to smoke behind inflammable piles of this wood, and they don't quit a week after they're hired."

The "jills" wear flannel shirts and breeches; some of them wear silk stockings—but this luxury is enjoyed only by the older hands, for a novice would rip her expensive hosiery in no time.

Jacks and jills doing the same work but the same pay; and that is an indictment which attracts scores of school teachers during vacation time.

All this the men don't mind—but they do complain that they can't earn as much as they used to.

Ever Have The Anthrax?

Stewart Tells About It

(By Charles F. Stewart)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—I see by the papers there's a little anthrax in the country. New York doctors report a human case. Webster says anthrax is "an infectious and usually fatal disease of animals, especially cattle and sheep and occasionally of man."

Included in some countries, where health regulations are lax, human cases are fairly common. Not here, however. The only Americans I know of who have had it are Commander Franklin Adams of the Pan-American Union and mount-

less you count that New Yorker, and considering where he lives, he probably isn't an American anyway.

Adams and I occasionally get together to reminisce. Unlike those, for instance, who have had their appendices removed, we have no large audience of other ex-victims who, having been through our sufferings described, so we have to make the most of one another.

Adams had his case in Chile. (Continued on page 5)