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71 SENIORS ARE GIVEN DIPLOMAS

Large Crowd at Commencement Exercises Held Last Evening

PRES. LANDERS CHIEF SPEAKER

Tells Graduates of the Opportunities Awaiting Them Compared with Former Generations.

Commencement exercises for the largest graduation class in the history of the La Grande high school were held last evening at the L. D. S. tabernacle when seventy-one students received diplomas. The program opened with the invocation by Reverend O. W. Jones, pastor of the Christian church, after which the glee club sang "Hail Freedom's Hour," by Verdi.

President J. S. Landers, of the Oregon State Normal school, gave the main address of the evening. He chose for his subject "Challenge of Life." He compared the youth of today with the youth of three, two and one generation ago and the problems and advantages of today with those of former times. He also brought out that he thought the young people of today were meeting the situations very well. To the seniors he said "life holds a challenge for you in the choices you make in the value of life." His talk was excellent throughout.

Following Mr. Landers' address the boys' quartet of the high school sang "The Song of the Light Canoe" by Sawyer, after which Colon R. Eberhard, chairman of the board of education, presented the diplomas. Reverend Hall K. Wallis of the Island City Community church gave the benediction.

Mothers' Reception

After the program the mothers of the graduates gave a reception and dance in their honor in the high school gymnasium. Sherbet and wafers were served, after which dancing was enjoyed. Music was furnished by the six-piece Star novelty orchestra. After all expenses were paid off some money

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POPPIES TO BE SOLD FRIDAY

The annual poppy sale, to be conducted by the Ladies Auxiliary to the American Legion through a poppy sale committee of Mrs. F. B. Appleby, chairman, Mrs. Ray Williams, Mrs. Roy Currey and Mrs. Lot Snodgrass, will be held here Friday, May 29th.

A large supply of poppies, which are made by disabled veterans in hospitals for which they are paid a stipulated sum, are to be on hand for the occasion.

The reason for choosing poppies, according to the Ladies Auxiliary, is because in the spring of 1919 a midst complete devastation, they bloomed in abundance on the battle fields of France where so many of the American soldiers had fallen in battle, and that, because of this the poppy has become the Memorial Flower of the American Legion and the auxiliary.

Ten percent of the poppy profits over the nation will be contributed to the American Legion Child Welfare fund which supports the war orphan billets at Otter Lake, Michigan, and that most of the profits aside from this, will be spent in local relief work for service men and their families throughout the country.

Sunday Game Is Likely To Be Fast One

Walla Walla to Take a Crack at the Pirates, While Pendleton Plays at Baker.

BLUE MOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Clubs	W.	L.	Pct.
La Grande	4	1	.800
Pendleton	3	2	.600
Walla Walla	2	3	.400
Baker	1	4	.200

Sunday Games.

At La Grande: Pirates vs. Walla Walla.

At Baker: Colts vs. Pendleton.

Sunday's menu for the fans who love to sit in the grandstand or bleachers and watch the boys cavort around the diamond chasing grounders or trying to beat a fast throw to the bag, is scheduled to be about as tasty a meal as has been dished up since the league openers.

Walla Walla, all hopped up because of rumors that three ex-big league players are on the Pirate line-up, is likely to send a bloodthirsty team and many cars of spectators for the skirmish here. And a sanguinary battle is expected inasmuch as both La Grande and Walla Walla feel slightly put-out because of overwhelming defeats a week ago.

The Bears are just leading the second division, a position they never experienced last year, and are eager to climb. La Grande lost her first game last Sunday and is just as eager to not make it two straight.

The Batteries

Buck Hein, regular pitcher, will start for the Pirates with Barth receiving. Just who will mount the mound for the twice-named aggregation is uncertain. Parris, the old reliable and Bridgewater may either one be the choice but rumors here have it that a gentleman by the name of Jack Keefe, supposed to chuck a mean brand of ball, may do the twirling. Keefe is a high-priced man and if he can be secured will add great strength to the Bears' pitching staff, which

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OLD TIMERS TO ORGANIZE HERE MONDAY EVENING

The Old Timers clubs of La Grande will be permanently organized at a meeting to be held in the O-W. club house Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

One hundred and eight men of the second division who have seen from 20 to 40 years of service, are eligible for membership in the organization.

Health Committee To Head Tuesday Luncheon

The Tuesday chamber of commerce luncheon will be in charge of the health committee, with Merton Kiddle chairman.

The membership will also vote on the proposed one-dollar membership for farmers, wage earners and salaried men.

Russell Lund's Plane Judged Best Exhibited

Russell Lund, fifteen years of age, this morning received the first prize given by Meyers and Ford of the Star theater, for the best airplane model exhibited at Lilly's hardware. The contest was started two weeks ago. William Arrivey, fourteen years old, received second prize and Lee Johnson, twelve years, third.

Other entries in the contest were Loran Blanchard, Burke Hayes, Donald Pogreg, Harold Brown, J. C. Williams, Roy Nelson and Fred Nelson.

LIBRARY TO BE CLOSED

The public library will be closed Monday and Tuesday for redecorating, according to announcement by library officials this morning. Books may be returned during this time but none circulated.

Fights Way

Fidel la Barba, Olympic fly-weight champion, has turned professional and is fighting his way through college. In six months he has earned $20,000.

CHANGE MADE IN ARMY HERE

Captain I. V. Redifer and Envoy Otto F. Rynburgen, officers in charge of the Salvation Army work of La Grande and Union county, have received orders to leave for The Dalles, Ore., Monday morning. Farewell exercises will be held Sunday evening.

Envoy James Barker will be here May 28th to carry on the work of the army.

"We appreciate the cooperation of the people of this county for their support and warm feeling has done much toward the success of the army work. We wish to invite all to attend the farewell meeting tomorrow evening, which begins at 8 o'clock," Captain Redifer and Envoy Rynburgen said today.

JUNE TERM OF COURT HEARING

The June term of circuit court will begin in La Grande at the courthouse Monday, June 1st, according to present court schedules. Judge J. W. Knowles, who has been in Enterprise holding court for the past few days, has returned and will hold motion day in circuit court next Wednesday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock.

The county grand jury will be called into session next week.

Twenty-Two Members at Orchestra Rehearsal

Twenty-two members of the M. I. A. Stake orchestra were at the second rehearsal held Thursday evening and directed by Nephi Combs. Seven members were present from Cove. Because of graduation exercises at Imbler and Union, members from those points were unable to come.

The orchestra will play two numbers for an M. I. A. day dance next Wednesday.

Canadian Fliers Compile New Record Without Fatal Accident

OTTAWA (AP)—Aviators in the Royal Canadian air force set a new record for safe flying last year by making up 2340 hours of actual flying time without a fatal accident in carrying air mail, patroling forests and fisheries and performing other government service, said a report from the department of the interior.

Holstein Breeders to Meet

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP)—Forty-four states and Canada will send 166 delegates, representing 25,000 breeders of purebred Holstein-Friesian cattle, to the annual convention of the Holstein-Freisan Association of America, to be held here June 2-3.

NO FURTHER WORD FROM AMUNDSEN

MacMillan Arctic Expedition to Assist If the Flyers Met Failure

FORCED LANDING MEANS BIG DELAY

Danish Naval Captain Believes That Arctic Explorer Will Make for Grinnell Land.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press) — Persons familiar with the Arctic today felt concern for the Amundsen expedition. The party is long overdue on its expected return to Spitzbergen. Vilhjalmar Steffanson, explorer, said if Amundsen was not heard from before Monday, the chances were even he would be safe on the north Alaska coast.

COPENHAGEN (By the Associated Press) — The Danish naval captain, Godfred Hansen, companion to Amundsen on the 1920 arctic expedition today expressed the belief that Amundsen would not attempt to land at the north pole but would drop the Norwegian flag there from an airplane.

Hansen said he believed Amundsen's chances of success depended entirely upon weather conditions and his gasoline supply.

Should Amundsen be forced to land near the pole Hansen said he would probably attempt to proceed to Cape Columbia on Grinnell Land, northwest of Greenland, and in that event would have to remain there for a year, because the crossing from Cape Columbia to Greenland would be extremely difficult.

BOSTON (By the Associated Press)—All plans of the MacMillan arctic expedition will be subordinate to relief of the Amundsen party if Amundsen is not heard from before the MacMillan ships, Bowdoin and Pearx, leave this country in June, Captain MacMillan announced today.

KIDDIES JOIN BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration for the four weeks Daily Vacational Bible School, which opens next Monday morning at nine o'clock in La Grande, was under way this morning and, although the figures have not been checked, the number of children enrolling was very gratifying to the local ministerial association, sponsoring the movement.

Registration took place at the Baptist church on the southside of the railroad and at the South Methodist Church on the north side of the tracks.

The school will be held from nine until noon each morning five days of the week and will come to a close June 19th.

State Officials Return From Pine Valley Trip

Rhea Loper, state engineer, H. W. Patter, assistant and Miss Edith Brotherton, all of Salem, were in La Grande this morning en route to Salem after several days spent at Pine Valley, taking testimony and inspecting and adjudicating water rights in that section.

Sending 75,000 Postcards

If a business man wished to send you a small message about his business every day in a month and cover the La Grande territory efficiently, he would have to get out a total of about 75,000 postcards during the 26 days. The postage cost would be over a thousand dollars.

In The Observer he can send you such a small message every day in the month for a total cost of $20 on a contract basis—covering the territory completely. That's how reader cost.

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PRESIDENT SLIGHTLY ILL TODAY

Indigestion Attack Forces Him to Return to White House

CONFERS WITH BORAH, HOWEVER

Hot Wave Now Sweeping Over East Believed Cause for Let-Down in Coolidge's Health.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge today suffered an attack of indigestion but physicians announced his indispositions were yielding promptly to treatment. There had been no previous outward evidence of illness though it had been indicated that Coolidge had been feeling the effects of the increasingly hot weather.

He went to the office as usual this morning but soon afterward told his secretary he desired to return to the White House to lie down for a while.

Despite his indisposition, the president conferred with Senator Borah, of the senate foreign relations committee. Sitting up, he talked ten minutes with Borah. Other conferences were cancelled.

Has Missed Few Days

Coolidge has scarcely missed a day from his desk because of illness since entering the White House. Recently he applied himself even more closely to his duties, working long hours and omitting many special engagements.

The hot wave, which has been sweeping over a good part of the country, hit Washington with smothering force last night. Early today when the president reached his desk the sun was beating down mercilessly on the south windows of the office.

Shook Hands With 600

Besides the day's special engagements the president's daily reception to delegations of visitors was also cancelled. Recently these delegations have been unusually large.

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MATRICIDE WILL BE ON TRIAL IN FRISCO JUNE 15

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—Trial of Dorothy Ellingson, 17-year-old matricide, on a charge of first degree murder Friday was set for June 15 by Superior Judge Harold Louderback. The girl is accused of shooting her mother to death in their home here on the morning of January 19.

The defendant's plea of not guilty, entered at the instance of her first trial, interrupted when a commission found Dorothy insane, was permitted to stand.

Laundrymen in Session At Pendleton, Oregon

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special) — The Oregon Laundry Workers' association opened its annual convention here yesterday with 100 delegates in attendance from practically every city in the state and many from Washington and Idaho. A program has been arranged for the visiting washermen, with several side trips to points of interest.

L. H. Simmons, Portland, president of the association, is presiding over the session and W. A. Johnson of Galveston, Tex., national president of the laundrymen, is in attendance.

Pendleton Is Invited To Union Stock Show

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—Friday, June 12, has been designated as Pendleton day at the Union stock show this year, and a big delegation from the Round-Up city is being expected to be in attendance, according to C. L. Caldwell, president of the commercial club at Union, and Floyd McKennon of La Grande, who were Pendleton visitors yesterday.

"We're going to advertise to the world that Pendleton will have 75 carloads of people over to the show," Mr. McKennon said, "and we expect just about that large a crowd."

The show this year, the 17th annual given by Union, will be the best ever presented, according to Mr. Caldwell. The previous high quality always maintained in the livestock classes is expected to be equalled or exceeded this year, he declared, and the racing card will offer some real sport. In addition a rodeo program will be put on by the management this year.

Falls 9,000 Feet--Hears

Braving death in an experiment to restore her hearing, Mrs. Ethel Menz of Berkeley, Calif., former musician, has been amply rewarded—for the first time she can hear her son, Jack, talk to her. Mrs. Menz, who has been able to hear only with the aid of a trumpet, had an aviator take her 10,200 feet in the air. Then the flyer dropped his plane 9000 feet. Now Mrs. Menz can hear without the trumpet.

U.S. TO COLLECT POST-WAR DEBTS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The United States has taken step to collect not only war debts owed by Europe but reconstruction loans made after the armistice. Several debtor nations failed to pay either interest or principal on reconstruction debts.

Washington has called their attention to agreements negotiated when the loans were made that there be no discrimination in discharge of obligations of this character.

Belgium is said to have paid Great Britain about eight million pounds on post armistice reconstruction loans, Roumania is also understood to have made substantial payments to nations which advanced relief funds but has made no move to pay the United States. The Jugo-Slavian government incurred a number of reconstruction debts but has not paid any of her creditors and for that reason is not held in the same position as Belgium and Roumania.

The debt commission sees no distinction whatever between pre and post armistice debts insofar as the obligations of the debtor nation to pay is concerned.

AWARDS GIVEN 13 GRADUATES

At the last assembly of the La Grande high school for the year 1924-25 yesterday afternoon at one o'clock thirteen seniors were awarded honor pins, by A. C. Hampton, representing the Hi Dad organization and the high school. This is the first year honor pins have been given. The movement is managed by the high schol faculty and sponsored by the Hi Dads. A student must maintain high standards for two semesters to receive one. Those receiving pins yesterday were: Mae Bean, Leon Berry, Ruth Bramwell, George Fuller, Lenore Gibson, Bernard Humelt, Herman Kramer, Herbert Miller, Douglas Moe, Phyllis Scranton, Ralph Webb, Velma McCall and Helen Williams.

Excellent Record.

Miss Williams's record was not only the best made by the seniors graduating this year but was the highest any graduate has ever made in the La Grande high school in its history. She had a round average of 95.9 per cent for four years in all subjects, and never had a grade below "A."

A cup was awarded to the Junior Class for winners in girls interclass baseball. Miss Florence Thompson made the presentation. Mr. Towler read the names of those neither absent nor tardy during the entire year. They were: Trillian Ashby, Mona Gasset, Margaret Michaelson, Tillie Olsen, Ulla Prouty, Martina Sams, Reta Snydam, Berniece Weeks, Jean Williams, Rossie Burns, Eulta Berry, Gean Anderson, William Bork, Herbert Miller, and Vernal Shoemaker.

Members of the Associated Girl Students receiving the most points for service, scholarship and high school activities were awarded emblems by Miss Vernon. Those receiving the emblems were: Wilma Gaskell, Goldie Owen, Lois Nelson, Margery Kirby and Phyllis Scranton. Lulu and Phyllis Ansell were awarded first prize for the best A. G. S. song and Eldora Hansen the second prize.

Five girls received awards from the hiking club. They were: Rossie Burns, Margery Kirby, Phyllis Ansell, Flossie Vedder and Lois Nelson.

E. D. Towler made an announce-

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TO EXECUTE THREE.

BOMBAY, (AP)—Three of the nine men charged with murder in January of Abdul Kadir Bauladrich Mohammedan merchant and protector of Mumtax Begum, dancing girl, were sentenced to death today.

GIRL'S BODY FOUND.

WINTHROP, Me. (AP) — The body of Miss Aida Heyward, who was taken from her cottage at Lake Maranook Wednesday by a man who shot her aunt, Mrs. Emma Towns, and set fire to the cottage, was found today in the room of a cottage owned by Jennie Gray at Pine Point.

TIDAL WAVE REPORTED.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (AP) — A tidal wave along 26 miles of American shore line struck Lake Ontario today, causing heavy damage to one village and to summer resorts. The wave rolled in some places more than 150 feet in shore, carrying wreckage and small boats.

Snow Fast Disappearing.

HOOD RIVER, Or. — Snow on highland forest roads is fast disappearing, according to District Forest Ranger Walters, here from the Middle valley. Mr. Walters, who had just made a trip to Leal Lake, said the road there will be ready for travel by Memorial day.

MORE THAN 200 KILLED BY TEMBLOR

Kinosaki Springs, Japanese Tourist Resort, Is Burned to Ground

CASUALTY LIST MOSTLY NATIVES

Railroad Train Reported to Have Been Destroyed When Tunnel Collapsed.

TOKIO, (By the Associated Press)—The department of communications announced today that more than 200 persons are believed dead and several hundred injured this morning in an earthquake and fire at Kinosaki Springs a famous resort visited by tourists. It is not believed that any foreigners were victims.

LONDON, (By the Associated Press) — Dispatches to the Evening News from Tokio said it was reported that the town of Kinosaki was destroyed by an earthquake. It was reported that a railroad train had been burned in the collapse of a tunnel near Ashiya. The dispatch said that 80 persons were reported dead in Kuniyama and Fukuchi, small towns near Toyooka.

The inhabitants of Toyoka are fleeing, the town is burning, the dispatch said, adding that airplanes flying over Tajima province reported that a considerable death list is indicated. Great confusion prevailed.

Houses Collapse.

Dispatches to Reuters Agency from Osaka said that 200 houses collapsed at Toyooka. It states fires started in several places.

Considerable camage is reported from other towns in Tajima province but said that no areas outside of Tajima were seriously affected.

Osake advices said the quake lasted three minutes. A severe shock was also felt at Kobe.

MISS SCHILKE HEADS RECITAL

The Monday Musical club of La Grande will present Miss Frederike Schilke in a song recital Thursday evening, May 28, at 8:15 o'clock, it became known today.

Miss Schilke has been in Boston for the past year studying under Theodore Schroeder, one of the leading musicians of the country and he chose Miss Schilke to appear in his first radio program during the winter. The Boston Traveler had this to say about the program: "Miss Schilke came here from Oregon, where she had already established a large following of admirers. This will be the first time she has been heard publicly in the east. Her voice is a rare one, combining sweetness, volume and exceptional range." Before going east Miss Schilke gave recitals both in Eugene and La Grande.

Great Dane Mothers Lion Cubs

BERLIN (AP)—The raising of three cub lions, the offspring of Senta, the prize lioness of the Berlin zoo, has been entrusted to a Great Dane. The cubs upon their birth immediately were taken from Senta, who showed a disposition to kill them.

The foster dog mother nurses them carefully to the great delight of hundreds of children who are watching the development of the playful young lions.

Legion Endowment Week Proclaimed by A. T. Hill

Tuesday morning American Legion committees in La Grande—in fact, over all the nation, will launch the five-million dollar endowment fund drive. In Union county $1800 is to be raised for the endowment fund for the maintenance of the Doernbecher hospital at Portland and of this amount, La Grande's quota is $1500.

Preliminary arrangements are now completed. A parade by the legion drum corps and the local national guard company will be held on Adams avenue Monday evening, preceding the zero hour. It is likely that exhibition drill by the guardsmen will also feature this event.

Proclamation.

President A. T. Hill, of the city, has issued the following proclamation:

Whereas, the President of the United States has endorsed the efforts of the American Legion to provide homes and education for the thousands of dependent children of war veterans, the care and protection of wives and widows now dependent upon charity and the care of incompetent and disabled veterans of the world war, and

Whereas, the governor of the state of Oregon, recognizing the great service to humanity, has called upon every educational, civic and religious agency of this commonwealth to aid the American Le-

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Reformers In China Suicide for A Cause

(By Charles P. Stewart)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Suicide, for generations, has been a recognized method in China of insisting on needed reforms. A reformers works and fails. No good. He's ignored. Finally, "I'll go the limit," he decides. Writing a letter, urging the reform he's dying for, he bumps himself off. "I wonder why," observes the coroner.

The letter is opened and read. Pretty soon, all over town . "Wuxtry! Wuxtry! Wuxtry!" the news kids are hollering. "The Hon. So and So kills himself for such-and-such a reform!" Public attention is focussed forcibly on the reform. Everybody gets to talking about it. If it's any good, often it's adopted promptly, whereas it might have lagged for years otherwise.

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Occidentalized, this was General (now Colonel) Billy Mitchell's system. He sacrificed his job to concentrate attention on his fight for aviation reform. But the Oriental way is better.

How much more emphatic General Billy would have been if he'd

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