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THE WEATHER PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Rain in the west, rain or snow in the east tonight and Thursday. Warmer tonight.

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STORE TILL ROBBED OF \$227 CASH

Skaggs Grocery Burglarized Between 6:30 and 7 P. M. Last Night

PICK USED TO PRY OPEN BACK DOOR

Half-Hour Absence of Employees Utilized by Robber—Police Working on Case Today.

The first robbery of any size to take place in La Grande for several months, occurred early last night when someone burglarized the Skaggs Grocery store till of \$227.42 and escaped, leaving no trace as to identity.

The money had been left in the till, the police report states, while employees and the manager went to dinner. Upon their return, at seven o'clock, the till was found empty. They had been out but only an hour.

Entrance was reached through the back door, which was pried open from the outside by means of a pick.

The theft was reported to the police immediately but a consequent night search failed to produce anything.

Today Police Chief Clint Haynes is working on a theory, which he will not divulge publicly, which he believes may lead to an arrest.

Left Checks in Till

The robber, whoever he was, took cash from the till, leaving unaccounted a number of checks. No groceries or other articles of merchandise were touched.

The theory held by many is that some one, either a local resident or a transient, was "broke" and took this means to "pep" his funds, probably not being the departure of the men from the store and taking advantage of their absence by immediately breaking into the store, robbing the till, and departing.

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Solo Selections Will Add To Band Concert

A great many people are unaware that John Philip Sousa, march king, ever composed any selection other than a march but next Sunday afternoon, when the La Grande municipal band concert is held at 4 o'clock in the Arcade theatre, donated through the courtesy of Meyers and Bowen, one of the members that will be featured in this number to be played—"The White Man" and "The Black Man"—will give all an opportunity to hear the great band leader at his best, according to Andrew Loney, director.

The solo feature of the concert will be Air Variations by "Sousa's" (Helm) by Harry Piccini, clarinetist. There is ample opportunity in this number to display soloist accomplishments. Prior to his residence in La Grande Mr. Piccini held several important positions, including solo work with the Seventh Infantry band, U. S. A., which is heard frequently over the radio from Portland.

Mr. Piccini, however, does not confine his talents to the clarinet.

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Old Engineer



Charlie Trotter, Sacramento, Cal., holds two records in rail-roading. He's been with one company for 56 years and has been an engineer for 59 years. Trotter has just retired.

NORMAL PHONE BUSINESS HERE

Seven members of the board of directors of the Home Independent Telephone company were elected yesterday afternoon when the annual stockholders' meeting of the company was held at the telephone offices here. The directors are William S. Crowe, Albert H. Hunter, S. D. Crowe, C. H. Elberhard, John W. MacPherson, H. E. Dixon and H. A. Zurbick.

Although financial reports of last year's business have not yet been completed, business for the past year is about normal, showing a slight increase in the city. Mr. Crowe said this morning. Annual financial statements which are sent to the stockholders each year will be sent out as soon as they are completed.

A directors' meeting was held following the stockholders' session and officers were elected, as follows: president, William S. Crowe; vice president, Albert H. Hunter; secretary-treasurer and general manager, S. D. Crowe, and C. H. Elberhard, general counsel.

Radio Fans Will Meet To Organize Tonight

There will be a meeting of all radio owners of the city this evening at 7:20 o'clock with H. E. Williams at the La Grande Electric company's store for the purpose of forming an organization to get concerted action to eliminate the disturbances radio fans have been experiencing during the past several weeks.

A permanent radio club will probably be organized.

WILL BUILD OIL TANKS

RONNEMIS PERILLY, Idaho—The H. Earl Clark Oil company, Havre, Mont., has leased space on the Great Northern railway right of way, east of the local stockyards, where it will place three upright gasoline storage tanks, each having capacity of a tank car. The tanks are on the ground and the third is on the way. The company will construct an oil pump house. Gasoline from the Havre and Hilliard refineries will be handled.

Art Memory Contest Finals Due Jan. 30

Finals in the art memory contest for high school students and clubwomen will be conducted at the Neighborhood club rooms in the library building Saturday, January 26. It is announced today by Mrs. E. P. Mowman, of the committee in charge. Tests will be given both orally and in writing.

The contest among the high school pupils has depended upon the registration of 10 per cent of each class for entrance. Substantial prizes of from \$10 to \$50 have been provided for the four successful contestants.

To avoid questions of pronunciation of the names of pictures and their painters, the committee has decreed that Webster's dictionary shall serve as authority.

The county essay contest will come to a climax on the same day as the memory contest, the committee announces.

400 Attend La Grande Fire Department Dance

With approximately 400 in attendance, the 20th annual La Grande Volunteer Fire department's ball, held last night at Zeller hall, is recorded as the most successful given since the custom of benefit dances was inaugurated by the department.

Dancing began at 9 o'clock, to music by Mann's orchestra, and continued until midnight. Those present were unanimous in concurring with the firemen that it was one of the best public dances given here for some time.

The proceeds from the sale of tickets will be used for the benefit of the department. The ticket sale was greater this year than ever before.

Make Plans For County Conference

Twenty-Two Meet at Hot Lake Last Night to Consider Coming Agricultural Event.

Those present last night included the 11 commodity chairmen of the various groups of the conference, members of the chamber of commerce, agricultural and health committees, County School Superintendent E. A. Sayre, Arthur Foster, manager of the land settlement department of the Portland chamber of commerce, Fred Turrey, Harvey Matthews and Lloyd McKennon, of La Grande.

Two days will be devoted to the conference this year for the first time, with one evening session. Special speakers will be in attendance from the Oregon Agricultural college.

Three new departments—Commodity chairmen will call meetings of their committees previous to the conference and the first forenoon will be devoted to reports from the various departments. The other day and a half and the evening session will be given over to general lectures.

Three new departments have been added to the conference including a department of home economics with Mrs. E. E. Miller, of (Continued on Page Five)

HUNGRY MOB MAKES RUN ON STATION

Victims of the Anthracite Strike Storm Relief Headquarters

POLICE CALLED TO DISPERSE CROWD

Hundreds of Families in Privation While Legislation Awaits Congressional Action.

HARRISBURG, Pa. (By the Associated Press)—While legislation for control of anthracite mining is waiting for congressional action, today reports of hunger, distress, privation, and bankruptcy, as the result of the hard coal strike, were received from the coal regions.

Hundreds of persons, demanding food, stormed the Shamokin chamber of commerce relief station yesterday.

The police were summoned to quiet the hungry men, women and children.

Four hundred families are being cared for by the relief station and hundreds of other organizations. Funds of relief bodies are rapidly being depleted.

CHICAGO SLAYER ARRESTED TODAY; ADMITS IDENTITY

ST. LOUIS (By the Associated Press)—Martin Durkin, Chicago murderer sought in a nation-wide search, was arrested by department of justice agents here today on his arrival from San Antonio, Durkin admitted his identity.

Two revolvers were found in his train dressing room. Officers overpowered him before he could use either gun.

An attractive blond who accompanied Durkin said she married Durkin in East St. Louis two weeks ago, Durkin giving his name as Durkey.

Durkin is wanted for the murder of a department of justice operative, a policeman, and a civilian.

High School Mimic To Be 135-Page Publication

Some novel features of the 1926 Mimic that Miss Marjorie Warnick and her staff have kept a secret from the lay portion of the student body will be revealed in a special assembly at the high school auditorium Friday, Miss Isabel A. Bennett, of the English department, announced today.

The annual will be a 135-page volume this year, with a section covering each activity of the student body.

Persons outside of school who wish to place orders may do so not later than Wednesday, January 27, by calling Miss Warnick, or Frank Killpack, at the high school.

Local People Plan to Hear Sousa's Band

A number of La Grande music lovers, who feel that it is an opportunity of a decade, will journey to Baker Sunday, Jan. 21, to hear John Philip Sousa's band play there.

Sousa's aggregation, ranked as the leading band of the age, now on a western tour, will play only at Baker in this territory.

The 100-piece band will play Sousa's two latest marches—"The National Game" and "The Black Horse Troop." Several other favorites are scheduled. Two performances will be given, one at 2:20 p. m. and one at 8:20 p. m.

Urges "Return Trip" to God at Army Camp Meet

"I like to think of the parable of the prodigal son as the parable of the loving father, because he is the only one in the story," said the Rev. George Albert Pollard last evening, addressing an audience of 60 at the camp meeting in the Salvation Army hall.

The prodigal son has lived under the coat of everyone of us. The journey from home was easy, but the way back is hard—hard but not impossible. And God, the Father, is waiting to welcome us home. The return trip ends in a glorious reunion. Those of us who have made the trip know that it is so.

The speaker concluded with an invitation to start the "return trip."

Tonight the Rev. C. V. Dunn, who has been pastor of the Christian church here since Jan. 2, will be the leader.

Can't Tell Which One Is Prettiest



When the students' year book at the Oklahoma State Agricultural college conducted a beauty contest, it sent pictures of 42 co-eds to Cecil De Mille, movie director, asking him to select the most beautiful. He rejected all but these two, saying he couldn't decide between them, so they'll have a coin-toss in the book. They are, left, Miss Mary Janet Turnbull, Woodward, Okla., and Miss Lorene Rayburn, of Clovis, N. M.

SETTLEMENT BODY PLANNED

Arthur Foster, manager of the land settlement department of the Portland chamber of commerce, addressed the members of the La Grande realty board yesterday afternoon when they met at the La Grande Investment company's offices at 2:30 o'clock.

The purpose of Mr. Foster's talk was to try and bring about a county organization through the real estate men, which would furnish the land settlement department with listings of farms for sale to be submitted to the prospective settlers of Oregon. The land settlement organization desires that the listing be made of parts of farms. We do not want the present farmers to sell out and move away," Mr. Foster said.

"The idea is to have smaller farms and more intensively farming," Mr. Foster's talk was favorably received by the realty board and steps will probably be taken to form an organization of this kind.

THIRD—not only in the use of money, but in the expenditure of time, energy and mind—will be emphasized in a timely program of the Central Parent-Teacher association at the school building Thursday evening.

H. R. Coolidge, who was appointed from Portland to head the local thrift committee, will give the chief address.

The Rev. W. A. Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will pronounce the invocation. Following which there will be community singing led by Elmer Stoddard.

Music by the Neighborhood club, which will be offered after a short business session.

Ankle-Length Evening Gowns Come into Style

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Ankle-length evening gowns are again coming into style. Evening gowns during the coming season are to be ankle length, according to a model displayed at the annual fashion show of the National Garment Retailers association.

The lower hem line, however, is confined to evening dress and for sports and town costumes are still distinctly short, most models adding reaching to more than three inches below the knees.

Forms German Cabinet To Oust Dictatorship

BERLIN (By Associated Press).—In preference to a dictatorship, authorized by President von Hindenburg's party leaders in the Reichstag have formed a cabinet.

Dr. Hans Luther again heads the cabinet with Gustav Stresemann holding his old foreign affairs portfolio.

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DAWES, REED IN VERBAL EXCHANGE

Vice President and Missouri Senator Enliven Senate Session

WORLD COURT HIT IN SOLON'S TALK

Tax Reduction Bill Reported But No Action Requested on Measure Before Monday.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—After two sessions called him today from the senate floor for criticizing senate procedure, Vice President Dawes issued a statement saying he owed an apology to one of them—Copeland, Democrat, of New York—and had intended that his criticism apply generally to certain tactics used in the world court debate.

Senator Copeland said he inferred Dawes referred to him when he called attention in a radio speech to injection into the senate record of an old magazine article and that he "resented" the vice president's "inaccurate statement" of the case. He had put into the record three newspaper articles that appeared yesterday, he said, but had not taken up the senate's time by having them read.

The material submitted by Copeland referred to investigation, but a magazine article on the world court, written years ago, was offered yesterday by Reed, of Missouri, in a long anti-world court speech and was read by the clerk while senators twirled their thumbs.

After Copeland concluded Reed returned to the attack charging that Dawes' remarks over the radio were practically inaccurate in the assertion that the tax bill was before the senate and was being held up.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—From the presiding (Continued on Page Five)

DEMPSEY MAY FIGHT TUNNEY

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The Evening Telegram today says that negotiations are under way for a heavy-weight championship match between Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney in July at Boyles Thirty acres, the Jersey City arena controlled by Tex Rickard.

Crediting his information to "a reliable source" The Telegram said that Dempsey gave his "verbal promise to Mayor Hague of Jersey City and Tex Rickard over the long distance telephone last week, after previously talking with Billy Gibson and Tunney at Miami, Fla."

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