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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Occasional rains in the west, rain or snow in the east tonight and Tuesday.

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65-GALLON DISTILLERY DVSCOVERED

Pierce and McKenzie Find Moonshining Establishment near Kamela.

WILLIAM JOHNSON LODGED IN JAIL

Besides Still, Officers Locate 70 Gallons of Liquor and 300 Gallons of Mash.

A 65-gallon still, the mere dome of which is larger than most moonshining equipment captured in Union county, 70 gallons of finished product and 300 gallons of mash were confiscated by George M. Pierce and W. A. McKenzie, prohibition deputies, Saturday at midnight when they found William Johnson in charge at a cabin in the woods north of Kamela.

Johnson is in jail, awaiting trial in the justice court, and the still—which the officers packed with difficulty through the 20-inch snow that surrounded the cabin, is locked in the vault of the sheriff's office.

Edgar Young and Clifford Parker also landed in the county jail early Sunday morning when H. A. Klinghammer, deputy sheriff, and John Allen, city policeman, halted the pair just as they finished loading a brand new still and coil, several whiskey kegs and a number of jugs into their car ready for departure.

The prisoners refused to tell where they had planned to go.

Sheriff Jesse Breshears, his deputy and the city officer searched the house, at 2010 Third street, later Sunday and found four pints of liquor and a dismantled still that had been abandoned, apparently, for the new one.

FIREMEN GIVE CLAM DINNER

Bushels of steaming hot clams, flanked with all that goes to make up a wonderful dinner, were served members of the La Grande Volunteer Fire department and their guests Saturday night in the fire station at the organization's annual feed.

Three tables were arranged, each piled high with eatables, and when the affair got started, a roll call would have revealed no absentees.

Among the guests were city officials, business men and others.

Formality was dispensed with and everyone present joined in a jolly fellowship hour after the last vestage of clams had been taken care of. L. M. Hoyt was elected toastmaster and called upon the greater share of those present for a few remarks.

Baker Teams Break Even In Local Gym

Boys Defeated by Bulldogs 25 to 12—Tigresses Trim Visiting Sextet 49 to 11.

La Grande people, hundreds strong, were given their first chance to see the Tiger quintet pitted against one of the leading contenders for the district basketball championship Saturday night when the Baker five played here. The visitors won, 25 to 12, but the margin of superiority is not as much as the score alone would indicate.

Preceding the boys' game the Baker girls were overwhelmed by the local sextet, who seem headed for the East Oregon champion, by a score of 52 to 11.

In the first quarter of the boys' game, the Tigers actually outplayed the "wonder five," although the score stood, Baker 4, La Grande 3. La Grande, using perfect teamwork, scored about five seconds after the opening tip-off, going through the entire Baker team with ease. Glass dropped the ball through the hoop for the two points.

From that point on, however, Baker backed up and although unable to effectively stop the Tigers until the latter part of the game, put the contest on an even basis.

Hines Meets Equal

Claudie Hines, colored guard, who has been touted to the skies for his effective defensive work, was simply outplayed and outclassed by the La Grande quintet in the first half; and in the second half, found himself no more a stellar player than the three other guards on the floor. As a matter of fact, both Hanks and Zundel, local guards, obtained the kinky-headed streak.

Baker's win came, not because of better floor work, but rather because the visiting sharpshooters had their sights adjusted better than the home boys. At half time the score stood, Baker 8, La Grande 7; but in the third period Baker's long shots began to settle within the rim, and during that period four field goals, all from beyond the goal line, gave Baker a lead that could not be overcome. In the final quarter four more were added to the total, mostly by the same system.

Under her own basket, La Grande's defense was practically perfect. Only two field baskets were made by the visitors by close shots.

Lyman Rings Hoop

Although the Bulldogs were more or less consistently getting away with long shot, the prize basket of the evening was contributed by Lyman in the second quarter, when he dropped one through the hoop from mid-floor without touching the rim. A prettier shot cannot be imagined.

Keown, a recent addition to the squad, played on par with the other members of the team, although he failed to get into the scoring column. Keown's speed adds much to the effectiveness of

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CARS COLLIDE.

The Modern Laundry delivery truck and a car driven by R. J. Sengueff, bearing a Washington license, collided at the intersection of Adams avenue and Cedar street at noon today. No one was hurt but both cars were damaged to some extent.

Robbed Baby

At last—the chap who "robbed the baby's bank." He's Dwight E. Abbott, convicted in Los Angeles. He got 78 cents.

HIRAM PEACH HIT BY AUTO

Hiram Peach, the high school janitor, suffered a wrenched, and perhaps broken, knee Saturday night when he was struck and knocked down on the crossing at Fourth street and N avenue, by an automobile driven by Miss Margaret Dupes, of Baker.

The janitor had stayed at the high school to lock up after the basketball games, and was walking down the hill toward home when Miss Dupes' car hit him. The girl and her companions, who had driven here for the games, helped Mr. Peach into the car and took him home. Miss Dupes stayed over Sunday and called on her victim yesterday, at which time he was pronounced out of danger.

Neither Mr. Peach nor the girl know just how the accident happened, as each was unaware of the other until just before her front wheel caught him at the ankle. Another car on Fourth street had distracted the attention of both of them.

Up at the high school, where Mr. Peach has hardly been off duty in the 20 years since he took the job, the students and teachers are wondering if the janitor isn't the most important cog in the school system.

Christ's Anguish Was Greatest, Speaker Says

The Salvation Army hall was the scene of a spirited evangelistic service last evening, the Rev. L. P. Johnson preaching on the subject, "The Unparalleled Suffering of Christ." He pictured realistically the suffering of other martyrs of history, and declared that Christ's anguish was greater because it was divine. At his plea for acceptance of the salvation purchased at such sacrifice, three persons went to the altar.

This evening Christians are invited to join the Salvationists in a prayer service for the success of the camp meetings.

14 Degrees Above Zero Coldest Here in 1925

During the year of 1925, a check of the figures today showed, the coldest weather in La Grande was 14 degrees above zero. "This is one of the most moderate years in the city's history," C. O. Murchison, fire chief, declares.

The low mark was made on Jan. 16, 1925, about three weeks after the December, 1924, cold snap ended. The coldest weather during the 1925 part of the winter was 20 degrees above zero, this mark being made in November.

McKay Reservoir Will Be Ready Early in 1927

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—The spring of 1927 will mark the beginning of a new era in the west end of Umatilla county. The McKay reservoir will then be completed and full of water ready for use upon desert acres not yet reclaimed or fully supplied with all year water. From the standpoint of the west end region the reservoir completion will be the biggest step forward since the construction of the Cold Spring reservoir. All the water has not yet been alloted but 10,000 acres in the Westland district will receive irrigation water and the Stanfield district will be in line for a development heretofore impossible. The benefits to the Stanfield district will be increased if the government follows through by enlarging the canal system so as to give the settlers and the land the full benefits from construction of the reservoir. A strong effort is being made to secure this work.

YOUTH HAS LARGE PART IN SERVICES

Epworthians Join in Concluding Sessions of Annual Institute

HOLL DELIVERS FAREWELL SERMON

Christian Endeavor Union Celebrates Forty-Fifth Anniversary of Society.

The young people took a prominent part in the church services in La Grande Sunday. At the Island City Community church, Epworth League members from La Grande and Elgin joined in the concluding sessions of the annual indoor institute. Christian Endeavorers celebrated the forty-fifth anniversary of the international society with an evening program at the First Presbyterian church. Dr. B. A. Thompson, past president of the state Christian Endeavor union, was the special speaker.

Sermons of special interest included the farewell message of the Rev. William F. Holl, who closed his pastorate at the Zion Lutheran church here yesterday, and the address of the Rev. H. S. Hamilton, district superintendent, at the First M. E. church in the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Holl are preparing to leave today for Longview, where, with Fred Johnson, lay delegate from the Zion parish, they will attend the synodical meeting of their church. They will visit briefly with a daughter, Mrs. Ogden Linton, at Seattle, on their way to Bellingham, where Mr. Holl's new charge is located.

Large Crowd Present

An unusually large congregation was present to hear the minister's farewell sermon. In the evening

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GRAND JURORS ARE SELECTED

Circuit court activities began this morning with the selection of a grand jury, which was immediately dispatched to its work. The seven members are W. W. Langford and John M. Mitchell, of Union; Don Buckman, of Alicel; C. E. Moore, of Elgin; George Keltz, Andrew W. Nelson and F. R. Lee, of La Grande.

Dr. C. B. Cauthorn's suit for payment of a dental bill that he alleges is owed him by Ralph W. Butcher was the first case up for trial. The defendant claims that the bill was outlawed by bankruptcy proceedings, but his dentist persists that the obligation was afterward renewed. Ringo & Wright are attorneys for the plaintiff. R. J. Kitchen is defending Butcher.

L. L. McKenzie was appointed grand jury bailiff today by Judge Knowles.

Alkid's Crew Saved From Ocean Grave

Twenty Men and Officers Taken from Sinking Ship by Westphalia; Bremen in Port.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—The crew of the Dutch freighter Alkid, disabled by a storm about 1000 miles east of Newfoundland, was rescued today by the Hamburg-American liner Westphalia. The crew consisted of about 20 men and officers.

A radio from the Westphalia's captain said: "Crew Alkid taken aboard. All well. To proceed to New York."

BREMEN REACHES PORT

QUEENSTOWN, Ireland (By the Associated Press).—Another rescue ship, the North German Lloyd liner Bremen, reached port today, bringing six battered seamen, snatched from the jaws of the storm-lashed Atlantic.

As was the case with the President Roosevelt and her gallant crew, the Bremen was given an enthusiastic welcome, but survivors of the British freighter Laristan were in a mood far different from the hilarity of those rescued from the Antinoe. Over them hung the shadow of the fate of their 24 companions who went down with the Laristan before the Bremen was able to complete the rescue work.

RAIL EMPLOYES MAKE DEMANDS FOR MORE PAY

NEW YORK (By The Associated Press).—Eastern railroads today received demands for increased pay for trainmen and conductors, and were given until March 2 to make their answer. The increase amounts to about a dollar a day.

The demands were contained in joint letters from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors. Each railroad received individual letters and was asked to make an individual reply to the demands.

Crazy Man Runs Amuck; Finally Lands in Jail

CHICAGO (By The Associated Press).—A taxicab careened crazily about the streets for an hour last night, carrying a frightened chauffeur, a demented man who constantly urged him on with a pistol, and the chauffeur's eight-year-old son, who bounced inside the cab, sawing desperately on a violin under the man's compulsion.

The weird taxi scene was only one in a 10-hour rampage in which E. H. Sackett, 52, Kansas City mining engineer, fought a pistol battle with the police, frightened patients and attendants in a hospital, and finally, after a $21 unpaid taxi ride, was quietly arrested at Union station.

JUDGE McCAMANT QUALIFIES HIS ROOSEVELT STATEMENT

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—Wallace McCamant, of Oregon, whose nomination as federal circuit judge is being contested in the senate, today transmitted to the senate judiciary committee a letter qualifying his testimony that Theodore Roosevelt was not a good American. The letter is identical with the statement issued Saturday. It was made a part of the committee record.

Even The Chief Does It!

Seattle's going to elect a new mayor in March. The mayor picks the police chief. And what does the ex-police chief do then, poor thing? Well, Chief "Bill" Severyns is going to be a Charleston artist if the craze and his strength hold out. Bill does the dance somewhat informally smoking at the same time, but then, Seattle's the world's most informal city, anyway.

TOURNEY WON BY MISS WILLS

CANNES, France (By The Associated Press). — Miss Helen Wills, American lawn tennis champion, again triumphed over Mlle. Contostavos, one of France's strongest women players, today, winning the singles finals in the Gallia tournament in straight sets at 6-3, 6-2.

When Miss Wills will meet Suzanne Lenglen for tennis supremacy cannot be foretold. It will not be this week, and possibly not next week.

BILLY'S ARMY CAREER ENDED

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—The army career of William Mitchell ended today. It was brought to a conclusion by formal notification from the war department that his resignation from the army had been accepted at the direction of President Coolidge.

The acceptance automatically cancelled the sentence of five years suspension from rank, command, and duty in the army imposed by a courtmartial which held him guilty of insubordination.

Mitchell to Lecture; Tour Begins February 10

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—Colonel William Mitchell, whose resignation from the army was accepted Friday will present his views on aviation in a lecture tour to start here February 10 and take him across the country, James D. Pond, head of the Pond lecture bureau has announced.

CHURCHES REMARRIED

BOSTON (AP).—Mrs. Frederick Cameron Church Jr., formerly Miss Muriel Vanderbilt, told the Associated Press today that she and her husband had been remarried by a Roman Catholic priest following their marriage by an Episcopal clergyman last July.

LAW SUIT LASTS 13 YEARS

LONDON.—A legal battle waged here for 13 years ended in a judgment for one million eight hundred thousand dollars for a development company against the Malay government of Kelantan.

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DEFICIENCY BILL REPORTED

WASHINGTON (AP).—An urgent deficiency bill, carrying appropriations for $381,233,000 for various navy, coast guard, customs service, reclamation, post office, treasury and other activities, was reported to the house today. The items included $1,350,000 for a 300-bed hospital at Portland, Ore., to replace two leased hospitals—one at Tacoma and the other at Portland.

FAMILIES WIPED OUT.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP).—Deaths today of Charles Holland, 5, and his little sister, Gladys, brought the toll of deaths from a gas poisoning tragedy in Belmont to seven. Two entire families were wiped out when fumes from a leaking gas log filled the William Holland home.

SHIP IN DISTRESS.

NEW YORK (AP)—A wireless from the steamer Nausica reported a call for assistance from the steamer Johanne Dybwald. The message said the Dybwald was "badly smashed."

CHARGES DISMISSED.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP)—Charges against State Prohibition Commissioner Levens and Prohibition Agent McBride, arising from indictments returned by a grand jury last summer, were dismissed today by Circuit Judge Kelley on a motion of a representative of the attorney general's office. Lack of evidence was given as the reason. Levens was charged with having unlawfully seized a pistol in a raid here.

LA GRANDE PEOPLE AT CONCERT

Sousa's Band Appears at Baker Yesterday Afternoon and Night

GREAT APPLAUSE GREETS MASTER

Rendition of Famous "Stars and Stripes Forever" Sends Audience into Happy Uproar.

La Grande people made up a goodly portion of the audience for the afternoon concert by Sousa and his band at the Clarick theater in Baker yesterday.

It was not a large audience, at that, but made up in enthusiastic appreciation what it lacked in numbers.

The program was typically Sousa's, opening with an overture from Litolf's "Maxmilien Robespierre" that burst upon the ears with a tremendous surge of symphony, and swinging swiftly through nine canorous numbers that were liberally interspersed with encore marches from the grand old harmonist's original repertoire.

Sousa's conducting is masterly, precise and seemingly effortless. He doesn't throw his baton with the show of physical energy that he put into it a score of years ago, but he plays his band as though it were but a single instrument.

Not until he gave them "Jazz America" did his auditors suspect that Sousa is getting old. His is an older-generation conception. He gets the blare and the jangle, but he undervalues the subtleties that distinguish jazz from ragtime: the sour harmonics; the plucked accent on the after-beat; the sobbing laugh that is melody enmeshed in minors, and, withal, the bass accompaniment that puts African tom-toms into old-fashioned "chording on the organ."

But he can play a march. He can play a march that gets men where they live, that tears them from restraining arms and sends them out with wild, glad hearts to give death, or to take it.

The supreme moment of the program came when, at a clamorous demand for another encore at the close of the first period, he crashes into the familiar chords of "Stars and Stripes Forever." The hall broke into spontaneous applause that all but brought the

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SENATOR ASKS INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—A senate investigation of the Aluminum Company of America, which has Secretary Mellon as a large stockholder, was recommended in a report submitted to the judiciary committee today by Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Montana.

The proposal is made, Walsh said, because of doubts aroused as to the vigor and good faith of the department of justice in conducting its inquiry to establish whether the aluminum company violated the federal court consent decree.

Attorney General Sargent today refused to give the senate an opinion as to the right of the federal trade commission to withhold evidence in its possession.

Business Men To Hear Reclamation Address

W. L. Powers, head of the soils department at Oregon Agricultural college, will speak on "Reclamation and Land Utilization" at the regular forum luncheon of the Union county chamber of commerce Tuesday noon. A. R. Hunter, chairman of the irrigation committee, will preside. There will be a short talk, also, by James F. Jardine, director of the state experiment stations, who is visiting the Eastern Oregon branch today.

Mr. Powers spent this afternoon looking over the valley with H. G. Avery, county agent, to locate a tract where a pump for irrigation demonstrations can be installed.

BUGG PAINT COMPANY IN NEW QUARTERS ON ELM

The Bugg Paint company has moved from the I. O. O. F. temple to a room in the West-Jacobson building on Elm street. The company handles paint, oils, varnishes, brushes and painters' supplies. Wall paper will be a feature.

BARBARA LA MARR PASSES

ATADENA, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—Barbara La Marr, motion picture actress, died at her home late Saturday.

Increased Advertising Appropriations

Many La Grande business firms have increased their newspaper advertising appropriations for 1926. They have found that intelligent use of space—backed by The Observer's excellent advertising service—proves a valuable investment.

They know that continued contact with you, the reader, is a necessity. And they are going to use more space to keep you informed in greater detail about the news of their business. They anticipate the biggest business year in the history of the country.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Luther Burbank Gives His Views on Religion

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—Luther Burbank, the noted horticulturist of Santa Rosa, Cal., spoke as the pulpit guest at the First Congregational church here Sunday morning and declared "the idea that a good God would send people to a burning hell is utterly damnable to me."

The Rev. James I. Gordon, pastor of the church, in introducing Mr. Burbank, said he would follow the horticulturist's wish and not call him famous, but simply "Luther Burbank."

"And he is our pulpit guest because we love him," the Rev. Mr. Gordon added.

The white haired horticulturist, who recently announced that he was an "infidel," read his message from a prepared manuscript. Mr. Burbank was invited to speak from the pulpit several weeks before he announced that he was an "infidel." "I love everybody. I love everything," said Mr. Burbank. "I love humanity. It has been a constant delight during all my 77 years of life and I love all the works of nature.

"All plants, animals and men are already in eternity traveling across the face of time, whence we know not, wither who is able to tell? Let us have one world at a time.

Use Judgment and Reason

"Let us read the bible without the ill-fitting colored specacles of theology just as we read other books using our own judgment and reason.

"Most of us possess discriminating reasoning powers; can we use them or must we be fed by others like babes?

"What does the bible mean when it distinctly says "by their works shall ye know them?" Works count far more than words with those who think clearly.

"Euripides long ago said, "Who dares not speak his free thought is a slave." I nominated myself an "infidel" as a challenge to thought for those who are asleep. The word is harmless if properly used. Its stigma has been heaped upon it by the unthinking people who associate it with the bogie devil and his malicous works. The devil has never concerned me as I have always used my own conscience, not the dictum of any cult. If my words have awakened thought in narrow bigots and petrified hypocrites it will have done its appointed work."

After his talk hundreds of members of the audience filed past Mr. Burbank and shook his hand.

Tax Collections Equal Wallowa's Total Levy

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special to The Observer)—For the first time in several years, total tax collections made in 1925 practically equalled the total tax levy in Wallowa county. The tax roll amounted to $356,972.98, and aggregate collections were $355,672.02 as shown by the semi-annual statement of Sheriff A. R. Miller, prepared by W. H. Spence, deputy and tax collector.

This does not mean that the 1924 tax roll up for collection in 1925 was paid in full, for it was not. A good showing was made by the people, however, as they paid $292,292 on the roll, or 82 percent of the total. The difference was made up by payments of back taxes, which just about equalled the amount unpaid on the current roll.

In the last six months of the year, back taxes to the amount of $80,875.54 were paid in. The bulk of it came in a deluge the last two weeks in December, and it was a welcome addition to the count'ya bank balance, which was getting low. A large proportion of the back taxes paid was on farm lands and much was paid by the state land board, Federal Land bank and other mortgages which had foreclosed, and which came forward at the last minute to protect their property against action by the county.

These belated payments will help the various school districts and cities in which property is situated. Cities, however, get comparatively little out of the payments, as the bulk of the property is farm land.