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THE WEATHER PORTLAND (AP)—Clear; fair tonight and Tuesday; becoming overcast on coast Tuesday; moderate temperature; gentle variable winds.

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INSTALL LEASED WIRE SERVICE

OBSERVER GIVES ALL DAY'S NEWS

Associated Press Telegraph Wires Link La Grande with World

SAME SERVICE AS BIG PAPERS HAVE

State, National, World News Received Hot From the Wire—Market Report Complete.

The merchant who expressed his proximity to his customer's needs with the slogan, "We are as near you as your telephone," has only begun to illustrate the miracle of modern communication as it affects business.

Beginning today La Grande and surrounding territory is a link of the telegraph key away from the world's largest centers, to borrow an already much-used phrase. The reason La Grande has so suddenly been drawn close to the remotest corners of the earth is contained in the following news dispatch:

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 1. (By The Associated Press).—The La Grande Evening Observer of La Grande was added to the Oregon State wire full leased wire circuit of The Associated Press today. Frank B. Appleby, publisher and proprietor of the Evening Observer.

DIRECT TELEGRAPH SERVICE Thus was the Pacific northwest

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ELGIN MAN TO BE CANDIDATE

ELGIN, ORE. (Special)—H. H. Weatherston, local farmer and fruit grower, has concluded that he will throw his hat in the ring as a candidate for representative from Union county, if A. H. Hunt, or rather his son, will run for state senator.

Mr. Weatherston has announced that he will enter his name as a candidate for the Republican nomination and that he expects to make an aggressive campaign in the primaries. He has been a citizen of Elgin and of Union county for 19 years. He served for two years as mayor and two years as a member of the Elgin city council. At present he is a member of the Oregon state board of horticulture, having served continuously in this office for 14 years. Mr. Weatherston is one of the largest apple growers in the state, and is vice president of the First National bank of Elgin.

Baker High Wins Title, Defeating Joseph 32-14

(By Nolan Skiff) Baker high school's "wonder five" led up to its name Saturday night at the final of the district basketball tournament at Union and won the right to represent this section of the state at Salem by defeating Joseph high 32 to 14.

On the floor the Baker and Joseph quintets were about evenly matched but the Bulldog sharpshooters demonstrated their superiority by a convincing manner by dropping in shots from almost every angle.

Team Working Smoothly. While Cundiff, Payne and George Duff were running up the score consistently, Hines and Tom Duff were holding the branch leads in check, keeping them shooting from a distance in the main. Matthews, fleshy Joseph forward, was high point man for the defeated finalists, with 7 points. Estes was placed at guard by Coach Campbell but many thought that his removal from the offense was a big mistake on the part of his mentor.

Cundiff Starts Scoring. Cundiff put Baker in the lead

Pick Lyman On All-Star District Five

R. C. Caccia Selects a Mythical Quintet for The Observer at End of Tournament.

ALL-STAR TEAMS. Forwards. Payne, Baker, captain; Estes, Joseph. Lyman, La Grande, center. Guards. Hines, Baker, T. Duff, Baker. Second Team. Forwards. Cundiff, Baker, captain; Matthews, Joseph. Crawford, Wallowa, center. Guards. Dawson, Joseph; Zundell, La Grande.

Following the final game in the Union district basketball tournament Saturday night, R. C. Caccia, referee, gave The Observer his official all-star selections, given above. Caccia, who was on top of every play and who is one of those types of officials who are said to have "eyes in the back of their heads," was easily the most competent person to pick the mythical team.

Besides the two first teams he gives honorable mention to: Forwards: Hutton, Vale; Koon, La Grande; Henderson, Wallowa, V. Officer, Dayville; Boston, Vale; Goertzen, Union; Lamb, Union; Center: Hobbs, North Powder; Craven, Joseph; Guards: Johnson, Wallowa.

In picking his first team Caccia had this to say: "Payne, of Baker, my choice for captain, is proficient in long shots, is a good leader, clear-headed,

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Rotarians Hear Talks Telling of Boys' Work

Carlton Spencer, registrar for the University of Oregon, and Robert Robinson, president of the Rotary club at Astoria, were guest speakers at the meeting of the La Grande Rotarians at the Foley hotel for luncheon this noon. Mr. Robinson spoke on boys' work, which is the main activity of the majority of Rotary clubs over the country.

Spencer will address the high school at Baker this afternoon.

Bess Andrews Member Of U. of O. Glee Club

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore. (Special)—Bess Andrews, of La Grande, a senior, who sang second alto, appeared with the women's glee club in the second annual home concert here Thursday. The concert was given jointly by the men's and women's clubs, which gave the singers an opportunity for a much greater range and variety.

Miss Andrews will also be a member of the club when it takes a trip this spring. Concerts will be given in several towns in the state.

GIRL DARTS AGAINST CAR; BUMP FATAL

Bertha Pierce, 7, of Lostine, Passes on Shortly After Accident

ZWEIFEL, DRIVER, HELD BLAMELESS

La Grande Man, Proceeding Cautiously in Minam Canyon, Unable to Miss Child.

Bertha Pierce, seven-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Pierce, of Lostine, was almost instantly killed when she was struck by Rube Zweifel's automobile near the fountain in the Minam canyon at about 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon, as she darted across the highway directly in front of him.

The bumper caught her body, carried it about two car lengths to the bridge, where both left wheels passed the length of the little form. The father and mother of the child and her two brothers were witnesses of the accident. Mr. Zweifel jumped from his car just in time to catch Mrs. Pierce as she fainted after several anguished screams.

"There was still hope that the little girl was alive when her father picked up the body, but the sight of blood flowing as it poured from a gash told the bystanders that nothing could be done to save her.

Driver Not Blamed. No blame is attached to Mr. Zweifel either by the child's par-

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ANNUAL DINNER TUESDAY NIGHT

Ticket reservations for the banquet and hall with which the chamber of commerce will usher in its new year and officers Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. at the Zuber hall may be made up to 10 a. m. tomorrow, the secretary announces.

The affair is open to the entire community. No formal speeches will be given except by the retiring president, W. C. Perkins, and the incoming executive, Dr. W. T. Pils. Music and brief reports of the outgoing cabinet will supplement their address to the company. Dancing will follow the serving of the dinner, which is to partake of Dixie style.

Twenty high school girls will do the serving under the direction of Mrs. Sherwood Williams, president of the Methodist Ladies' Aid society, which is preparing the dinner. Tickets were distributed this afternoon by 19 high school girls.

Legionnaires to Meet Here Wednesday Night

Many things of importance will come up before the American Legion at the regular meeting Wednesday evening at the K. P. hall, the commander announces. The membership drive is progressing nicely and a keen interest is shown in legion activities by the entire post. The contest between the two teams, which will end with the regular meeting in April, promises to be a close one. At that time the losing team will banquet the winning team. The dinner will be for all members of the legion and the auxiliary and will be followed by a dance.

Matters pertaining to war risk insurance, compensation, hospitalization, and state loans to ex-servicemen will be taken up at the Wednesday meeting.

Withcombe Preparing For "Livestock Day"

UNION, Ore. (Special)—Robert Withcombe, manager of the state experiment farm here, is expecting to have a busy day Thursday, Mar. 4, which is to be "livestock day." Withcombe has more than 800 head of stock—cattle, hogs, and sheep, now being fed under two dozen different methods. Many local and outside visitors will attend the inspection.

Sousaphone Solo Hit Of Band Recital

Capacity Crowd Grets Appearance of the La Grande Organization in Concert Sunday.

The La Grande municipal band, under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr., presented an imposing and enjoyable concert yesterday afternoon in the Arcade theater, playing to a packed house.

Featuring the program were a sousaphone solo by Oscar Humphries with band accompaniment; the Marseur from "Il Trovatore," with Raymond Bigger, cornet, and Frank Robinson, trombone, in solo roles; the overture "William Tell" and a Chilean dance "Manana." Mr. Humphries ranked among the leading exponents of the bass horns in the northwest, covered himself with glory in his appearance. It had been said before the concert that his selection "The Old Home Down on the Farm" would be a good work-out for a cornetist, and those present certainly agreed with the statement. The swing of the piece at times went ahead with a rapidity that left one wondering how the player managed to pump the keys of his instrument fast enough—and at the same time maintain the tonal value in keeping with the composer's aim. But it was accomplished in a easy manner and left the crowd applauding unreservedly. The full, resonant tones of Humphries' (Continued on Page Four.)

JURY FAVORS MT. EMILY CO.

The Security Construction Company lost its \$1,000 suit against the Mt. Emily Lumber company Saturday when the jury, after two hours of deliberation, found for the defendant.

The case involved more money, covered more time and probably attracted more attention than any other civil suit of the term. Litigation grew out of the cancellation of an oral construction contract between the Security company and the Mt. Emily firm for the building of a 20-mile stretch of logging railroad. The jury decided that the contract adopted the terms of an earlier written contract which provided for cancellation at any time.

Jurors in the case were drawn Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. and served through the three following days and evenings in order. The trial judge did not run over into the Wallowa county term.

Judge J. W. Knowles, with 19 assessors at a month of high-pressure suits and no interruptions, left Sunday for Enterprise, where he convened court this morning for the Wallowa county litigation; H. R. Hanna, court reporter, accompanied him.

An adjourned session will be called here the last of this month or the first of next. It has been announced by Judge Knowles.

Congregation To Build New Christian Church

Plans for the erection of a new building by the summer of 1927, if possible, are included among the material provisions of a future-work program that was presented by the Rev. C. V. Dunn and accepted by his parishioners, the members of the Central church of Christ in La Grande, at the meeting Sunday.

The program recognizes the task of the church as two-fold: The part pertaining to the local field, and that which extends to mission fields "even unto the ends of the earth." It accepts as the church's task the taking of La Grande for New Testament Christianity, recognizing that to do so it must overcome: Division among the professed followers of Jesus, indifference to Christianity, opposition to Christianity, and low moral ideals on the part of a portion of the community.

Publicity, distribution of tracts, pre-Buster revival, a revival in the fall or winter, street preaching, personal work in the homes and elsewhere are elements of the program in addition to the proposed erection of the new church.

The internal phase of the spiritual life is to be kept alive by worship and service on the Lord's day, attendance at the mid-week

RESCUE TWO FROM GRIP OF STORMS

Man and Wife, Trapped in Snow Since Feb. 18, Found by Rangers

FORCED TO BOIL AND CHEW SHOES

Couple, Who Expected Death, Brought from Mountains by Caterpillar and Sled Crew.

WESTWOOD, Cal., Mar. 1. (AP)—Trapped in a terrific snow storm at the Feather River Ranger station on February 18 and so racked by hunger that they boiled and chewed on their shoes, J. E. Reeder and wife, 317 J street, Sacramento, were forced to wait until yesterday before they could be rescued by a caterpillar and sled crew from the Red River Lumber company at Westwood.

The couple, who had written a diary in expectation of death, were so weak from hunger and exhaust-

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BERT E. HANEY'S RESIGNATION IS ACCEPTED TODAY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1. (AP)—Acceptance of the resignation of Bert E. Haney of Oregon as a member of the shipping board was announced today at the White House after Mr. Haney had given up his post and started for his home in Portland. The resignation became effective last night. A letter signed by Secretary Sanders was forwarded today to Mr. Haney advising him that the president had accepted the resignation but was not made public here.

Special Prohi Agents Arrested at Hillsboro

HILLSBORO, Ore., Mar. 1. (AP)—James Hinton and C. E. Becker, who declared they were special prohibition agents under appointment by Governor Pierce here held today in the county jail here on charges of possession of liquor. They were arrested at Beaverton Saturday evening by Deputy Sheriff Virgil Wecker and Oscar Dooley.

Bill to Abolish Rail Board Passes House

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1. (AP)—The Watson-Parker bill to set up new methods of settling railroad labor disputes was passed today by the house.

The measure, which now goes to the senate, would provide for abolition of the railroad labor board.

Prettiest Divorcee



Mrs. Irene Hatcher is the prettiest divorcee in Los Angeles—at least, that's what Judge P. E. Keeler called her when he gave her a decree. He said he "couldn't understand why her husband would desert such a sweet, pretty wife."

RETRACTION OF CHARGE READ

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 1. (AP)—Captain Orville Champlitt, army chaplain on trial before a court martial here for the violation of three articles of war in connection with alleged relations with Miss Lucille Swallow, Lawrence, Kansas girl, scored today when a letter of retraction of the charges, written supposedly by the girl, was introduced into evidence.

Major A. E. Hawkins, seventh infantry, who investigated the case, told the court that last September he suggested the charges against Champlitt be dropped. He had "serious doubts" as to the guilt of the defendant, he testified.

Captain Champlitt was given an opportunity to resign. Major Sawkins said, but declined to accept it on the ground that those who brought the charges against him were trying to "railroad" him out of the army.

Suspenders Will Find Favor in Milady's Eyes

PALM BEACH, Fla., Mar. 1. (AP)—Suspenders soon will become as popular with women as they have been with men, said Miss Elsie V. Davis of New York, authority on women's dress.

Canoe Overturns, Boy Drowned Near Eugene

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 1. (AP)—The body of Carl Adams, 16, of Springfield, who drowned in the spillage just outside of the city limits of Eugene Saturday, was recovered yesterday afternoon, some 200 yards down stream.

Young Adams was with his brother in a canoe looking for two people whose canoe turned over. The Adams canoe was caught in a whirlpool and capsized. The young brother managed to reach the shore, but Carl did not reappear.

Need Three Officers To Subdue Wild Woman

PENDELTON, Ore., Mar. 1. (AP)—A pair of handcuffs to subdue Mrs. James Doane, living 12 miles east of here, when she seized a hammer and attacked a federal agent in a liquor raiding party, according to officials. A still was taken by the

WHEAT DROPS

CHICAGO, Mar. 1. (AP)—Breaks in price that reached as far as 8 1/2 cents a bushel were witnessed in wheat today. May dropped to \$1.86 1/2, as against \$1.85 1/2 to \$1.85 3/4 at Saturday's finish. The market was under heavy selling pressure owing to estimates that farm stocks of wheat were much larger than generally supposed.

CUT ALCOHOL OUTPUT

NEW YORK, Mar. 1. (AP)—John A. Foster, recently appointed to take charge of the supervision of the alcohol industry throughout the country said today that he plans a sweeping cut in the output of alcohol manufactured under government permit. It is his aim, he said, to reduce the present output from six million gallons to two million a year.

FIRE THREATENED

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 1. (AP)—Nothing happened at the state penitentiary at 11 o'clock today, although Warden Lillie early this morning received a black and lead letter from an unidentified convict inside the walls warning him that if all the inmates of the "bull pen" were not freed by 11 o'clock "this whole dump will go up in smoke."

PORTLAND WOMAN KILLED

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 1. (AP)—Mrs. Anna Kestly, aged about 40, was killed today by being hit by a light delivery automobile after alighting from a Portland Heights car.

She was on her way to a nearby home to do housework. The driver was not blamed.

Explorers Head North In International Race

NEW YORK, Mar. 1. (AP)—The first of three American expeditions that sent Hendrik Hudson battling through polar seas in 1607 in search of a northwest passage to the Spice Islands of the east, still stir the blood of modern explorers today as they seek to solve the mystery of northern seas.

At least six expeditions hope this summer to reach the north pole or to find new lands hidden away in the fields of unknown ice. Four other purely scientific expeditions will penetrate far into the north. It has become almost an international race, by land, sea and air. Expeditions representing interests in America, France, Norway, Italy and Russia will penetrate the regions that lured countless explorers before them.

PROHIBITION STUDY BODY ADVOCATED

Assistant Secretary Andrews Declares Some Action Necessary

SEEKS FAIR TEST OF VOLSTEAD LAW

Believes That Congress, in Fight Against Liquor, Eventually Will Turn to His Idea.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1. (AP)—Creation of a commission to study the general prohibition question in all its aspects was proposed today by Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury, in charge of dry law enforcement.

With both senate and house preparing to take steps to inquire into conditions under prohibition, and with wet and dry organizations engaged in bitter controversy over it, Mr. Andrews declared he believed the time would come for a thorough study of the question in its economic, social and other phases.

Some Action Necessary. The secretary declared if the enforcement was to proceed with success some action must be taken to quiet the public mind.

In the six years since the 18th amendment of the constitution was adopted no more of a similar nature has been passed by an authorized administration official although congress has been asked on numerous occasions by various groups to order such a procedure.

Mr. Andrews emphasized that it was his business to enforce law rather than to judge its benefits or disadvantages and he suggested that the study be left to a commission to be appointed by the president which would have trained experts and wide inquisitorial powers. He thought the investigation (Continued on Page Five.)

STILL OWNER SENT TO PEN

ROSEBURG, Mar. 1. (AP)—Oscar Warren of Anlauf was today given a sentence of two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$1 following his conviction on a charge of possessing a still. Warren was severely upbraided by Judge Hamilton, because of the fact that he had allowed his younger brother, Fred Warren, to join with him in the moonshining enterprise. Fred Warren was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary but was paroled to Deputy Sheriff Shambrook. Fred is much younger than Oscar Warren, and Judge Hamilton said, in passing sentence on the older brother that he should have set a good example for the younger.

Henry Stowie and Sam Sigers, also of Anlauf, were each sentenced to one year in the penitentiary and fined \$1 each for possession of a still.

More Reader Interest

With the beginning today of leased wire news service of the Associated Press for The Observer, added reader interest will be immediately appreciated by the La Grande advertiser.

Always watched for and anticipated with pleasure by its readers, The Observer will serve them better and more completely in the future—outside news reaching them fifteen hours ahead of outside papers. Its value as an advertising medium becomes even more apparent, and its constant growth of circulation more certainly assured. The low reader-cost remains unchanged.

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