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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)— Oregon—Fair over east; generally cloudy over west portion tonight and Thursday; moderate temperatures.

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MARKET CRASH BREAKS MARK

300 ATTEND CLUB DINNER AND DANCE

Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Beginning of New Year

1926-27 OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

Achievements of the Past Year Reviewed — Program for Future Given by Speakers.

With nearly 300 persons in attendance, the annual Union county chamber of commerce banquet and dance at Zuber hall last night is recorded today as one of the most successful in the organization's history. Features of the evening included installation of officers, reports of work during the past year, and addresses.

With W. C. Perkins, outgoing president, serving as chairman, the meeting was opened by ensemble singing of America and an invocation by the Rev. Henry W. Parker.

Shortly afterwards, led by Elmer I. Stoddard, the scores present sang a number of old favorites—including "Auld Lang Syne," "When You and I Were Young, Maggie," "Daisies Won't Tell" and others.

Treasurer Reports.

Mr. Perkins then introduced J. A. Tedford, 1925-26, secretary, who gave his report, which included many interesting items. Total receipts were $6486.37, and total ex-

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GIRLS' GLEE CLUB COMING

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, (Special)—The Madrigal, girls' glee club at the Oregon Agricultural college, will give a concert in the La Grande high school Wednesday evening, March 31. This is one of the eight concerts the club will give on its spring tour through Eastern Oregon.

Classical, semi-classical, and college songs will be on the program as well as some original feature acts. This entertainment is under the auspices of the Hood River high school, which gets 25 percent of the proceeds from ticket sales. To make the trip financially possible, "Bob" McCourt's orchestra, one of the best on the O. A. C. campus, will play for a dance to be given directly after the concert.

The Madrigal club was organized in 1919 under the directorship of Mrs. Genevieve Baum-Gaskins, instructor in piano and voice. Membership numbered only 13. Now the club has 20 members.

Hill May Be Candidate In Senate Race

Friends in La Grande Urging President of Commission to Seek Post.

Another possible candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator to succeed Bruce Dennis has been brought into the limelight the last day or two in the person of A. T. Hill, local business man and long-time resident of Union county.

A considerable number of local Republicans have been urging Mr. Hill's candidacy and it is understood that he is considering making the race, although a definite statement from him could not be secured today. He is in Wallowa county and could not be located.

Mr. Hill is well known throughout both counties through business and agricultural interests over a long period of years and it is this experience that is pointed to by his friends as making him particularly well fitted for a legislative position where he could serve this section in a practical way. He is now president of the city commission of La Grande, served for many years on the local school board, and has been in public service in various capacities.

Primary Battle Seen.

Should Mr. Hill be persuaded to become a candidate and the other prospective candidates also enter the race, the May primaries promise an interesting battle. Colon Eberhard, local attorney and former joint senator, and R. J. Green, attorney and sheep man, have not announced definite decisions as to their candidacies. In the Democratic primaries Albert Hunter, representative from Union county for many years, is the only present prospect.

In the Union-Umatilla-Morrow district the only candidate talked of for the joint senatorship is Fred E. Kiddle of Island City, who is still undecided as to his entry.

Farmers Will Gather At Union Tomorrow

Farmers from all over Union county and a delegation from Baker county will gather at the Union experiment station Thursday afternoon for "Livestock Day." H. G. Avery, county agent, has sent out a circular letter explaining the program, which will start at 1:30 o'clock, and assuring the farmers and stockmen that it will be worth while to attend.

A report of results of feeding different lots of sheep on different rations will be given and a comparison will be made of the cost of the feed and the price received in marketing fat lambs. Tests on hogs and beef cattle will also be made.

County Court Meeting In Executive Session

Bills to be audited and paid held the attention of the county court today when it convened in the office of Judge U. G. Couch for its monthly two-day session. There was a full attendance, John Wells, of Alicel, and W. W. Stevens, of Union, being present in addition to the judge. Tomorrow the court will proceed to the docket.

WATKINS TO ENTER RACE FOR SENATE

Former Congressman Confirms Political Rumor.

HANEY'S PLANS NOT CONSIDERED

Democrat Will Seek Post Regardless of Any Announcement by the Ex-commissioner.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 3 (AP).—Elton Watkins, former congressman of the third Oregon district, today confirmed a report that he intended to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for United States senator.

He said he would get into the race irrespective of the plans of Bert E. Haney, who had been mentioned as a possible candidate for the Democratic nomination for senator.

TICKET SALE ENCOURAGING

Tickets for the senior play, "The Irresistible Marmaduke," which will be presented at the high school auditorium Friday and Saturday nights, may be exchanged for reserved seat coupons beginning Thursday at 8 a. m. at the Glass Drug store. Some member of the class will be on hand to take charge of the board.

"The Irresistible Marmaduke" has aroused more than ordinary interest over the city. Ticket sales sold rapidly and the seniors look for a large audience each night. All four classes are behind the show, and are competing for class honors in the ticket sales. Individual prizes have been offered to the boy and the girl who sell the largest number. A special inducement has been provided for the freshmen.

Tonight the cast will have dress rehearsal, planning to get on the boards by 6:30 o'clock. Thursday evening has been reserved for rest and the necessary polishing. Miss Mabel A. Bennett, assisted by Miss Florence Thompson and Miss Ruby Dillon, is directing the play.

Woman Is Dead When Husband Returns Home

Junita Walker, 19-year-old wife of Emmett Walker, was found dead on the bed, their 18-months-old daughter playing beside her, when the husband arrived at their home in Hilgard shortly after 6 o'clock last evening.

Mrs. Walker had been feeling well at noon when he came home for lunch, but when he reached home after work last night, she was lying lifeless on the bed. The little girl, sitting beside her mother's body, crowed to him in welcome when he came into the room. The exact hour of her death is unknown, but it was estimated by physicians to have occurred between 5 and 6 o'clock.

Dr. F. L. Ralston, coroner, calling Dr. E. G. Kirby in consultation, held an inquiry, from which it was determined that the death was from natural causes. No inquest will be held.

Funeral services for the young woman will be conducted at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, at the Snodgrass & Zimmerman chapel. Burial will be in the cemetery at Summerville.

Mrs. Walker was born at Summerville July 19, 1906. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert S. Bryant, who still live there. Several sisters and brothers survive her.

STRENGTH REVEALED.

MOSCOW, Mar. 3. (AP).—Marshal Chang Tso-Lin's recent activities in Manchuria have caused the bolshevik newspapers to make inquiries concerning the strength of the Manchurian war lord's forces. The total number of soldiers under his command is estimated at 260,000. He is said to have 630 machine guns, 570 cannon and 75 airplanes.

6 PROJECTS OPPOSED BY OFFICIALS

West's Reclamation Plans Not Favored by Interior Department

NO INDICATIONS OF CHANGE SEEN

Protests by Settlers Have Served to Stiffen Opposition—Both Work and Mead Assailed.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3. (AP).—Interior department officials, opposing pending proposals to create six new irrigation projects in the west, have received protests from various quarters.

Objections have been raised by settlers of existing projects and complaints have come from representatives of the reclamation service.

The projects would be created in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, California and New Mexico. All are opposed by the reclamation service which said the proposals would bankrupt the service. The settlers who are taking a hand in the controversy, declare the projects might develop local competition in marketing their products. A different aspect of the situation has been presented by reclamation service employes, some of whom recently complained to Secretary Work that congressional criticism was having a disturbing effect on the service personnel.

The effect has been to stiffen departmental opposition to the projects but there has been no indication of weakening on the part of supporters in congress.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3. (AP).—Secretary Work and Director Mead of the reclamation service were assailed today before the senate appropriations committee by western senators because of the policy of state aid for reclamation.

Both officials heard sharp criticisms from Senators Walsh of Montana; Pittman, Nevada; Democrats; and McNary, Oregon and Oddie, Nevada, Republicans. The hearing behind closed doors was a lively one.

Secretary Work and Mr. Mead will be given further opportunity to present their side of the case.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3. (AP).—Senators from western states presented today to the senate appropriations committee their protest against provisions in the interior department a petition signed to carry out an administration policy ending federal aid for reclamation, unless the states finance settlers on the project.

Secretary Work and other officials of the interior department will be heard by the committee before any formal action is taken with reference to sections of the bills inserted by the house and dealing with the Sub river project in Montana and the Owyhee, Vale and Baker projects in Oregon.

THE OBSERVER SCORES SCOOP ON BIG STORY

On Tuesday, after all newspapers from the Oregon metropolis had reached La Grande, all of which were dated in advance so that they read as though they had been printed on Tuesday, March 2, Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, president of the University of North Carolina declined the invitation to become president of the University of Oregon at Eugene.

The Observer, through its new full leased telegraph wire service, was able to print this story in full in the Tuesday afternoon edition, and La Grande territory readers had the details before them through efficient carrier delivery service, in time for evening perusal.

The Observer carried this story which is of considerable import to all Oregon parents and voters, fully 18 hours before any other paper reaching La Grande could herald Dr. Chase's refusal of the important Northwest post. The Observer also published in full the newest move of the board of regents of the university at Eugene.

New Gold Rush Rivals Alaska's!

At top, dog teams of the type that are being used in the Red Lake gold rush. Left, the Hudson Bay post at Lac Seul, halfway point on the trail from Hudson to the mine region. Right is a map of the country showing the location of Red Lake and of Hudson, "jumping off place" for the prospectors.

DEFENSE BILL NOT FAVORED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3. (AP)—The house military committee by a 10 to 11 vote today refused to report a bill to create a department of national defense.

It also refused by another close vote to report a measure proposing creation of a unified air service and likewise a bill to create a separate air corps in the army.

Another bill, that sponsored by the war department and designed to carry out recommendations of the president's air board, was rejected by a 10 to 11 vote.

AIR PROGRAM RELEASED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3. (AP)—An army aviation construction program for five years, which would provide the army air service at the end of that time with 2200 airplanes was made public today by Secretary Dwight Davis in a report furnished by Chairman Morin of the house military committee. The personnel of the service would include 1650 regular army officers; 550 reserve officers on active duty and 15,000 enlisted men including 500 flying cadets.

Secretary Davis said the program had been approved by him and was the one toward which the war department would work during the next five years "to the extent that appropriations are made available."

The report contained no estimate of the cost of making the program effective, but the war secretary said it had been devised with the president's air board conclusions in mind.

Coolidge Hopeful for Farm Relief Measures

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3. (AP).—President Coolidge told a delegation representing the farmers of 11 north central states today that he hoped legislation would be enacted at this session of congress which would provide effective agricultural relief.

For a half hour he discussed the agricultural situation with his callers who included members of the house and senate and representatives of the agricultural conference held in Des Moines in December. While he refrained from discussing any particular legislative proposal, the president was described as expressing the belief that action could be had on a measure which would receive general endorsement of farmers.

Every Dog Must Have State License, Ruling

Every dog must have his state dog license. If he doesn't his owner is liable to a fine of $10, according to the action of the last legislature.

The state dog tax actually went into effect in 1919. It was enforced for about a year—laboriously enforced, Kenneth McCormick, clerk of courts, remembers—and then by general but unvoiced consent it was allowed to pass into the dimness of forgotten legislation.

That was because the income from the tax amounted to negligibly more than the cost of furnishing the paraphernalia that went with the license. Besides a tag,

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Three Slain When Trains Smash Today

Suburban, Carrying Theater Crowds, Collides with Fast Freight in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Mar. 3. (AP)—Three trainmen were killed and more than 20 passengers were injured, fifteen seriously in a head-on collision of an Illinois Central suburban train and a Michigan Central fast freight on the south side early today.

Officials of each railroad immediately began an investigation of a report that an open switch was responsible for the crash. A towerman and his helper near the scene of the wreck were held for questioning by a coroner's jury.

The dead:

EDWARD E. BENJAMIN, Chicago, conductor of the suburban train.

J. A. GRYGIER, 30, Chicago, fireman on the Illinois Central.

OLE NELSON, 55, Wheaton, Ill., a trainman.

Most of the passengers were enroute to suburban homes from loop play houses. The engines and the first cars of each train crumpled into masses of tangled wreckage. Passengers on the suburban train—those not too seriously injured, fought their way through a maze of shattered glass and splintered wood to the open.

Scenes of terror and confusion were described by policemen and firemen who hastened to the rescue. For two hours after the wreck injured men and women of the theater crowd were being taken from the debris and sent to hospitals. Rescuers climbed to the trains on ladders as the tracks are high above street level at the point of the crash.

Baled Silk Scattered When Train Breaks

BAKER, Ore., Mar. 3. (AP).—Baled silk worth $350,000 was scattered about as a car flange on a silk train broke near Durkee yesterday, throwing the car over the embankment. The wrecking crew returned the car to Baker while the train proceeded toward New York several hours late. The cargo in the wrecked car was transferred to an express train and left last night.

XTRA

FIRE LOSS $500,000.

CHANNING, Mich., Mar. 3. (AP)—The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad shops and round house were burned last night with loss of $500,000.

SAPIRO TRIAL DATED.

DETROIT, Mich., Mar. 3. (AP)—Federal Judge Arthur J. Tuttle today indicated that the $5,000,000 libel suit of Aaron Sapiro against Henry Ford and the Dearborn Publishing company will go to trial September 14.

REGENTS WILL MEET MAR. 13

PORTLAND, Ore. Mar. 3. (AP)—Consideration of a president for the University of Oregon will be taken up by the board of regents at a called meeting in Eugene, Saturday March 13.

Arrangements for this meeting were made as soon as definite information was received from Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, of the university of North Carolina, that he had decided not to leave his present position to accept the offer of the Oregon presidency.

MAY CHANGE DATE.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 3. (AP).—Because of inability of Governor Pierce to attend a meeting of the board of regents of the University of Oregon on March 13 to consider the election of a president for the university, the governor was informed today that efforts are being made to have the meeting March 15.

Married 24 Hours, Man Arrested as Deserter

VANCOUVER, Wash., Mar. 3. (AP).—Twenty-four hours after his marriage to Miss Flora H. Price here, Clifford Waggle was arrested yesterday and is being held as a navy deserter. It is charged that Waggle deserted at Bremerton May 23, 1923. He came here about that time.

SIR SIDNEY LEE PASSED

LONDON, Mar. 3. (AP)—Sir Sidney Lee, famous as an authority on Shakespeare died today.

RAIL STOCKS DROP DOWN 13 POINTS

Avalanche of Selling Orders Hits Market with Terrific Force

YESTERDAY'S LOSS MAY REACH BILLION

Break on Exchange, Coming Just Before Closing Time, Worst Since the 1920-21 Deflation.

NEW YORK, Mar. 3 (By The Associated Press).—All previous records for volume of trading on the New York stock exchange were shattered today when prices broke 1 to 25 points under another gigantic wave of liquidation. Total sales as compared by the Associated Press tabulators were 3,765,700 as compared with the previous record of 3,340,600 November 19, 1925, but some private estimates placed the total in excess of 3,835,000 shares.

NEW YORK, Mar. 3. (By The Associated Press).—Breaking all previous records for volume in the history of the New York stock exchange, today's stock market crashed again in the last hour of trading despite the strong banking support apparently for a number of high-grade industrial and railroad stocks.

"Nickel Plate" common collapsed 28 points to 135 as a result of unfavorable merger decision by the interstate commerce commission and over a score of other issues dropped five points to nearly 20 points.

Total sales had crossed the three million share mark before 2:30

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FAIR SEX MAY GUARD MILLS

PASSAIC, N. J., Mar. 3. (AP).—Union leaders have threatened to use women, children and babies in the picket lines of striking mill workers here as a result of use of tear gas and streams of water in dispersing strikers.

Late yesterday 3000 mill hands of the Botany Worsted mill were scattered by companies of firemen after tear gas bombs had proved ineffective.

"We shall not be provoked into violence," Albert Weisbord, union organizer said, "but we shall have a picket line composed of women and children and babies in their carriages."

Interest in Historical Essay Contest Is High

"The youngsters seem to be taking a great interest in the historical essay contest," Superintendent E. A. Sayre commented this morning as he ran through letters of inquiry that came from various parts of the county.

"Every school I have visited since the contest was announced plans to furnish a number of pioneer stories. And the children appear to be fascinated with their task of interviewing the settlers to get materials.

"Their chief difficulty, judging from the questions that have come to the office, has been in confining their stories to the districts in which they live.

"Now it is not necessary that the parts pertaining to other localities be eliminated. We don't want to infringe any more than we can help on the rights of pupils in other districts, but we don't want to lose any stories, so if outside territory is involved, let them weave it in by all means. What we do ask is that each child choose some story that has historical relation to the district in which he lives.

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Another Telephone Line

In order to eliminate congestion of calls to and from The Observer office, another main telephone line has been installed. If you have had difficulty getting a call to The Observer and have frequently received the "busy" signal, the new line should reduce this to a minimum.

With this added equipment and with five extension phones in the front offices better service is assured with every department. You are urged to phone in want ads or news items as early as possible each morning to insure proper insertion.

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Red Lake Strike Made; Miners Vie In Gold Rush

HUDSON, Ontario, (NEA Special)—The shaggy huskies and their iron-hearted drivers are outward bound once more—outward bound on the long, hard, snow-covered trail that leads to the land of gold.

A new gold rush is on, a gold rush that is expected to grow to the proportions of the famous Alaska rush of the late nineties.

Up in a forsaken, barren corner of Ontario, near the Manitoba border, lies Red Lake, an isolated stretch of ice-bound water surrounded by a howling wilderness.

And the hills that surround Red Lake are full of yellow gold.

Government officials who have investigated believe the strike will prove one of the richest ever turned in America—and that includes California, Yukon and the Klondike.

Hudson is the jumping off place. It is an insignificant station on the transcontinental railway, but it is the gateway to the new Yukon, and it is taking on an importance out of all porportion to its size.

Dog teams are being assembled here, loads of supplies come in on each train, grizzled old prospectors are going over their outfits. The gold rush is on!

Will Use Airplanes

Some of the world's biggest mining interests are rushing representatives in, the government is taking supplies to Red Lake, the northwest mounted police have placed a patrol in the district for the first time and hundreds of claims are being staked.

Just now the only way to reach Red Lake is by dog team, in the toilsome, romantic old style of the Alaska gold rush. Teams of six and eight huskies, hitched to nine-foot tobaggans, are following the trail down the arm of Lac Seul, overland for many miles until they strike the Red Lake river, and down the ice-bound course of that stream to the lake itself.

When summer comes three airplanes will be put into service. This new riskie in gold rush travel is expected to increase the food of prospectors. The Hudson Bay Company also plans to install motorboat service on Lac Seul and Red Lake.

Rich Workings

To get an idea of the value of the Red Lake strike it must be understood that mining companies can make money out of ore that assays only $4 to the ton; that some of the richest mines average only $8 to the ton—and that the Red Lake quartz assays $20 to the ton on a 1400 foot stretch.

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