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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Fair today and Saturday; freezing temperatures over east and frosts in west portions tonight.CONFERENCE
PLANS ARE
COMPLETEDFinal Preparations Being
Made for Agricultural
Meet HereGOVERNOR PIERCE,
LUPER TO SPEAKPrograms Includes Seven
Study Groups, Ranging
from Club Work to
Farm Crops and Soils.

The Union county economic agricultural conference to be held here Friday and Saturday of next week is taking a different form this year than in previous years and will consist more of lectures and talks rather than the working out of recommendations through general discussion. The agricultural program will represent the same standard as followed in the two previous years.

The conference program, besides the general speakers, such as Governor Walter M. Pierce and State Engineer Itha Luper, include seven different groups as follows: Boys' and girls' club groups; home economics; poultry, berry, livestock, agriculture, farm crops and soils.

Specialists to speak include H. A. Anderson, livestock specialist of the O. A. C., extension services, on "Management of Farm Plocks or Sheep," at 11:05 o'clock is one of the most interesting. Friday evening there will be a general assembly. The La Grande municipal band will play. Miss Bethene Miller, of Union, will give a solo dance and Governor Walter M. Pierce will speak.

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STOCK TESTS
INTEREST MANY

Two hundred people, the largest number ever in attendance at a meeting of this kind at the Union experiment station, gathered yesterday afternoon for "Livestock Day." Floyd Edwards, in direct charge of feeding, explained the cattle growing tests. One hundred head of cattle, ten in each lot, are being fed at the station, with each lot receiving different kinds of food.

Twelve lots of sheep have been fed for the past 30 days at the station, each lot on a different combination of feed. The report shows

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Cove Schools Willing
To Join Union District

By a vote of 21 to 5, Cove children have demonstrated their readiness to merge into a union high school district if the movement now afoot comes to a favorable end. They also voted 25 to 5 to transfer the present high school property when the time comes.

Petitions are to be circulated in Cove, Shattuck, Frosty, Lower Cove, North High Valley and River view districts. Upon their being submitted to the district board, provided there is no remonstrance, a union high school district will be declared. Not should remonstrances be filed, and the board members say there nearly always are some. The question will be put to vote in all six districts simultaneously.

A. R. SHUMWAY HERE

A. R. Shumway, candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator in the May primaries, was here today and escaped in an auto with \$15,000 or more.

Complete Market Report
One of the most valuable additions to the Observer news service made possible by the new leased wire is the complete market report now carried regularly on the back page.

The market news given you in this way is thoroughly adequate and the most complete available for many hours after The Observer reaches your home. Due to the difference in time, The Observer wire carries complete details up to the closing time of eastern markets. It is a feature valued particularly by farmers and business men—another example of the high reader-interest of The Observer.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Book Agents
Objected To
By Mr. SayreWarning Sent to Teachers
of Union County—Says
That Great Caution
Should Be Employed.

"The book agent will soon be abroad in the land now that the weather is warming up, and I'm going to head him off if I can," said County Superintendent E. A. Sayre this morning in explanation of the letter he was addressing to school board members all over the county.

"I find it a wise policy to be cautious in dealing with the agents of various kinds who go from district to district soliciting orders from school boards and teachers."

"Not all book agents are to be condemned, but a great many times purchases are made and money is spent for books and school materials of doubtful value, not authorized or recognized by our state department of education. At the same time, the things offered by these solicitors can often be purchased at a saving through other sources."

"If a school district has a stated sum of money to spend on books, it is a wise policy to spend it through the regular channels, and to make a careful selection of the books most needed, such as the supplementary readers, the maps, and so forth, called for in the course of study. A majority of the books offered by agents are without much value. They do not have the endorsement of the Library Association of the Northwest, whose responsibility it is to pass on publications."

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Smelt Queen



Mrs. M. M. Mabie, of Longview, Wash., is called the "Smelt Queen." Her husband, who built up the business of shipping the fish, died two years ago and since then Mrs. Mabie has been "carrying on" successfully.

CYCLOPAMA TO
ENHANCE PLAY

Heaps of fun and a whisk of mystery compose the plot of "The Incredible Marmaduke," the play comedy play that the senior students of La Grande high school present as the traditional class production at the auditorium tonight and Saturday night.

The doors will be open at 7:30 o'clock. At 8, the musical program will start, and half an hour later, the curtain will rise for the play. The production, the play, a mixed double quartet and some solos are included in the musical element of the entertainment. Miss Isabella Miller and Miss Ruby Dillon, of the faculty, are in charge.

Some lighting effects unusual for an amateur production will delight the audience this evening. The new cyclopama, installed yesterday afternoon to the charm of the settings.

The scenes are laid in a prosperous English country home, and the plot turns humorously on a mistaken identity.

All of the characters showed up splendidly in the dress rehearsal last night. There were the usual technical adjustments to be made, but they revolved mainly about the handling of properties, most of which were in use for the first time.

Miss Mabel A. Bennett, assisted by Miss Florence Thompson and Miss Dillon, had directed the preparation.

A. K. Parker President
Of Enterprise Club

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—A. K. Parker was elected president of the Enterprise chamber of commerce at the annual meeting of the organization here this week.

Wagner and A. A. Stanley were elected vice presidents. W. E. Sayre, a local collector, treasurer, D. B. Royce, a local collector, secretary, and M. E. Strife and R. L. Forsythe were chosen members of the board of governors.

Interest is running high in the local chamber of commerce at present.

O-W. Tracks Will Be
Raised Three Inches

UNION, Ore., Mar. 5. (Special)—A good-sized crew of men is at work on the O-W. R. & N. tracks near Union Junction, the object being to raise the rail level almost three inches at the distance from Union Junction to a point about a mile north of Hot Lake.

About twelve men are employed at present, and it is expected that the work will take at least two months.

Laborer Scalded by
Fall into Hot Spring

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 5. (AP)—James Dooley, itinerant laborer, is in a critical condition here today following his unintended plunge into a boiling spring just inside the city limits.

Dooley, with six cronies, was utilizing the terrific heat of the spring to cook the alcohol out of the canned beef. Making a mistake, he fell in. Although he was pulled out immediately, he was left nearly all the skin from the upper part of his body.

Police investigating, found a pile of canned beef containers near the spring estimated at 2,000 cans.

ROB BANK OF \$15,000

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Mar. 5. (AP)—The young men held up the Hannibal State bank here today and escaped in an auto with \$15,000 or more.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 5. (AP)—The Exa. Ince says that several vigilantes have been captured, a formal demand on Alameda county authorities to arrest the principals in the "Tale murder mystery" of Frankie Ferguson, Oakland nurse, whose dismembered body was found in the El Cerrito swamps last fall.

These agencies, the newspaper says, insist that the case is no longer a mystery and that all the facts in the case, including the murders, are known.

The California Vigilantes are to meet tomorrow night to formally pass a "demand for action" on Attorney Earl Warren of Alameda county and "former Grant Miller."

The substance of their message says the Examiner, will be: It is known who killed Frankie Ferguson; it is known why she was killed; it is known where, by whom and how the body was dismembered, and what disposition was made of it; it is known that by threats of death witnesses who can supply missing links in the chain of evidence have been terrified into silence.

With this information the vigilantes declare, the authorities should at once take into custody at least two and probably more who can be found at an hour's notice or less.

The installation services will take place the first Thursday evening in April, with the following new officers to be inducted for service under the administration of Mr. Hess:

Justice Hugh E. Brady, esteemed leading knight; Jesse Andrews, esteemed loyal knight; Claude L. Berry, bestriding knight; C. L. Thompson, treasurer; W. R. Winters, secretary; E. R. Lee, illier; C. W. Van Fleet, trustee.

HANEY IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 5. (AP)—Earl E. Haney is back in Portland from Washington, where he recently resigned as member of the shipping board. He refused to discuss politics last night on his arrival, but promised a statement later.

Bears Launch Attack;
Stock Market Falters

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Gov. Ritchie
Slams Both
Old PartiesMaryland's Chief Attacks
"Excessive Federalism"
—Lays Blame at Politicians' Door.

RICHMOND, Va., Mar. 5. (AP)—Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, in pleading for state rights here today before the Virginia legislature said that in both the democratic and republican parties "regional and group interests are supplanting national principles."

The Maryland governor declared that there is a growing dissatisfaction with political parties, "because they no longer divide upon the basic principles which divide the country." He asserted that since Bryan split the democratic party in 1896 and Roosevelt split the Republican party in 1912 there have been elements in the opposing parties closer to each other than different elements in the same party have been.

"Bleed and wings now seem to think their sectional and class interests more important than political faith. The integrity of our political system will not be restored until the rebellion against excessive federalism is won."

Cites Anti-Lynch Bill
Governor Ritchie said that the Dyer anti-lynching bill, now before congress, illustrated the invasion of state's rights. "It is called the anti-lynching bill," an illustration of the tendency in American politics to attach labels to measures which divert attention from their realties," the governor declared.

Declaring that his views on prohibition are merely an application of the principle of state rights, the governor said:

"From the beginning of our government, the states under their reserved powers had the right to decide this question according to the conviction of the people, so that the entry of the federal government into this field is one of the instances of recent federal incursions of the long recognized rights and duties of the states."

"It is the hope of a waiting people, grown weary of excessive federalism for whom the way out is a return to the integrity and purity of American institutions."

WET PROPAGANDA
RESENTED; WOMEN
WOULD AID LAW

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5. (AP)—Putting itself on a record as representing what it termed "wet propaganda being circulated by a heavily financed whiskey ring," and "scurrilous charges that 50 percent of our school children carry whiskey flasks," the Susan B. Anthony foundation today addressed a questionnaire to women's organizations asking how the women of this country can best unite upon a law enforcement policy.

The questionnaire asked among other things whether the recipient favored deportation of aliens found violating American laws and "habitué criminal acts which would sentence to life terms those who continually violated the laws" this to include "gambling, holdups and bootleggers of narcotics and whiskey."

O-W. FILES SUIT

PENDLETON, Ore., Mar. 5. (AP)—The Oregon Washington railway and Navigation company has brought suit in circuit court here against Martin Madison and others, seeking quit title to real estate. The plaintiff alleges that the defendants are wrongfully holding land belonging to the defendant.

Ed Harris Pays for
Crime with His Life

LEXINGTON, Ky., Mar. 5. (AP)—Ed Harris, negro, was hanged at the Fayette county jail here this morning at 6:17 o'clock. He was convicted of attacking Mrs. Margaret Bryant on January 21 after he had slain her husband and two children. The negro was pronounced dead at 6:30 a. m.

The case created unusual interest throughout the state and after the negro was captured guardsmen were called out to protect him. Martial law prevailed here during the trial which lasted sixteen minutes.

RELIEF BILL DRAWN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5. (AP)—A new plan of farm relief based on the Dickinson bill, was presented today by the middle west delegation appointed at the Des Moines agricultural conference.

CHARGE TWO WITH FRAUD

SALISBURY, Ore., Mar. 5. (AP)—Will Moore, state real estate commission, has cited O. H. Skoldheim, 278 Pittcock block, Portland, and J. C. Palmer, 325 Henry building, Portland, to appear March 16 and show cause why their licenses to operate as real estate brokers should not be revoked because of alleged fraud.

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