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ECONOMICS
CONFERENCE
OPENS HERE150 Farmers and Women
in Attendance at the
Morning SessionPOULTRY OUTLOOK
COUNTY IS FAIRConditions as a Whole
Favorable for Optimism—
Governor Pierce
Speaks Tonight.Nearly 150 farmers and women
attended the opening session of
the third annual economics con-
ference, which commenced at 9
o'clock this morning under aus-
pices of the agricultural commit-
tee of the Union county chamber
of commerce.O. A. T. specialists along lines
of poultry, dairying, livestock,
crops and home-making gave the
addresses. Union county men and
women answered the recommen-
dations to local interests, and Dr.
W. T. Phibbs, the chamber cham-
ber president, held the program
to schedule so that the morning's
meeting adjourned in time for the
free community luncheon served
by the domestic science depart-
ment of La Grande high school
under the direction of the faculty.
High school girls also furnished
the musical entertainment.The poultry conference, under
direction of George Hill, first on
the program today, attracted a
goodly crowd of both men and
women.

County Discusses Poultry.

H. E. Cosby, a barnyard fowl
specialist from Corvallis, brought
much of the information on the
poultry outlook here."Your situation is not the best
for money-making," he said.
"Your land holdings are too large
and it will be a long time before
there are enough poultry raisers
to justify shipment in carloads."

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GRADERS WIN
CHAMPIONSHIPWinning two straight from the
Union boys squads, the La Grande
youngsters last night sustained
their claim to the eighth grade bas-
ketball championship of the county
and more than counteracted the
defeat that the Tiger frosh took
from the tournament town rookies.
The blackboard showed 4-3 and
11-7 in the grade school games.
Union freshmen won by a single
point. The score was 21-20.Coach O. H. Richell went into
the court with a patched team. At
Union's objection to Herr and La-
grande, eleven grade men who had
been sophomores at the beginning of
the second semester, the mentor
dropped the pair. And substituted
Doherty and Wolfe, neither of

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Miss Wilson Addresses
Women of County TodayNothing
To
SellThe business man who adver-
tises only occasionally and says
the rest of the time that he
has "nothing to advertise" is
unconsciously saying he has
nothing to sell—no reason for
being in business.Of course he does have some-
thing to sell and will be glad
to take your money any day,
but if he is not a regular ad-
vertiser—a man who appreciates
regular contact with you and
your regular interest in the
goods or services he has to offer—
you have a feeling that his
business is not interesting
enough for you to bother with.
The man who shows sufficient
interest in your patronage to
keep contact with you through
advertising is more certain to
sell you satisfaction."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."High School
Girl's Skull
FracturedEsther Brown, 16, in Hos-
pital in Serious Condi-
tion, Result of Auto
Accident.Esther Brown, 16, a sophomore,
lies in a critical condition at the
Grande Ronde hospital and Veda
Nelson is suffering from slight
bruises and lacerations as a result of an
accident in which they figured at
about 4:30 p. m. Thursday on the
highway south of Imbler.Miss Brown's skull is fractured,
she has a bad laceration about
her left eye and injury to her
back. She was thrown through
the top of the light coupe in which
she and her companion were driv-
ing to Imbler when the car turned
over. Miss Nelson was driving.
Just what was the cause of the
accident, she is not sure. Appar-
ently, witnesses explain, she
slammed on the brake while the
gas was wide open, as she was
passing another car.Two men from another car
brought the girls to Dr. R. P.
Landis' office, and left while he
was administering treatment to
Miss Brown and before he could
learn their names. The younger
girl was taken to the hospital,
where her condition is said to be
serious. She appears to be hold-
ing her own today, however, the
physician stated at noon.

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OREGON STANDS
AGAINST NEVADA,
IDAHO PROPOSALONTARIO, Ore. (Special).—Ida-
ho and Nevada proposed with
Oregon here Thursday afternoon
with inconclusive results.
The purpose of the meeting was
to obtain designation of the J. O.
N. cutoff in Oregon as a state
highway. Attending the meeting
were Governors C. C. Moore, of
Idaho; Walter M. Pierce, of Ore-
gon; and J. G. Scruggins, of Ne-
vada. Idaho and Nevada already
have designated the cutoff as a
state route in their respective
states. To obtain federal aid, the
entire cutoff must be made a
state highway. Oregon heretofore
has withheld its consent to this
move.Governor Pierce said that as
things now stand it would em-
barass him "at home" to designate
the road as a state highway, but
he agreed to a compromise pro-
posed to change the basis of the
federal aid law.Miss Robbs' Back Hurt
In Fall on Wet StepsMiss Daisy Robbs injured her
back this morning when she slip-
ped and fell on the wet stone steps
as she left the high school build-
ing at about 10 a. m. today.She had started on an errand
donated for leaders of the econ-
omics conference, and after her
fall, which at first did not appear
serious, got into a car and drove
down the street. The pain by the
time she reached Third and Wash-
ington was so intense that she lost
control of her wheel and rammed a
telephone pole. She was taken to
the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn
Campbell, from where she is re-
ported to be fairly comfortable.
Her injuries are said not to have
been aggravated by the automob-
ile accident.ESTABLISH
GUARD UNIT
AT UNIONBrigadier General White
Present at Mustering
in CeremonyLA GRANDE MEN
ATTEND MEETINGNew Company Is First of
Seven Headquarter
Units to Be Established
in Oregon.The first of seven new head-
quarters companies of the Oregon
National Guard to be established in
the state was mustered in last night
at Union. The new company is
headquartered at the second
and third battalions, 18th Infantry, O. N. G.,
and has twenty members. Raymond
B. Pitts, coach at the Union high
school, is first lieutenant. He is
battalion adjutant and command-
ing officer of the headquarters
company.Floyd Edwards, who is employed
with Robert Withycombe at the
state experimental farm at Union,
is second lieutenant. Major H. H.
Harron, acting as master of cere-
monies for the mustering-in.
General White Speaks.Brigadier General George A.
White of the Oregon National
Guard, of Salem, was present and
gave an interesting talk on the na-
tional guard and its purpose and
duties. Major A. W. Cleary, of the
regular army, stationed in Portland,
was federal inspector. He inspected
the company and the Union gymna-
sium, where the ceremonies were
held, which will be used as an armory.Lieutenant Pitts said that the
company would drill every Tues-
day evening at 7:30 o'clock. He
designated A. Goodbrod, an ex-
marine, as acting first sergeant.
Besides several Union citizens
present to witness the ceremonies,
there were about a dozen men from
the local national guard company
and about half that many from
the Baker company present.COUNTY WATER
DISTRICT MADEUnion county, including Wolf
Creek, will be placed in a separate
water district under the super-
vision of the Union county water-
master, with headquarters at La
Grande. Rhea Luper, state engi-
neer, said this morning. Mr. Luper
arrived in La Grande this morning
and will speak before the econ-
omics conference this afternoon. His
subject will be "Irrigation and
Drainage Problems."He will be here today and to-
morrow and during that time will
meet with the county court to form
the new water district. Previous
to this time Wallawa and Union
counties were included in the same
water district, with headquarters
at Enterprise.Mr. Luper will go to Baker
Monday and from there to Pine
Valley to take testimony in a con-
test for water rights in that section.Girl's Arm Broken in
Accident; Worker HurtLittle Jeannette Blanchard, the
ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. H. M. Blanchard received a
badly fractured arm yesterday
when she fell while roller skating.
Both bones of the right arm be-
tween the wrist and the elbow were
broken. Although her arm was
put in a cast, she is unable to use
it at all. She is getting along all right.
H. B. Mulford, foreman of the
Harden-lower construction com-
pany, working on the city sewage
disposal plant, also received a fractured
arm Thursday. His left arm was
broken below the elbow, when he
was thrown from a truck while
riding to the plant from the city.Homer Bidwell Hearing
To Be Here Mar. 22SALEM, Ore., Mar. 12. (AP).—
March 22 has been set as the
date for a hearing at La Grande
in the condemnation proceedings
of the state highway commission
against Homer C. Bidwell, in which
the state is seeking to get pos-
session of a gravel site. Bidwell
demanded a higher price for the
site than the state was willing to
pay.Blease Says
Liquor Sold
In CapitolSenator from South Carolina
Offers to Prove
Statement by Buying
the Drinks.WASHINGTON, Mar. 12. (AP).—
Liquor is sold daily "under the
very dome of the capitol" and Sen-
ator Blease, democrat, South Caro-
lina who makes that charge is
willing to prove it to any doubting
Thomas by buying him a drink in
the halls of congress."Prohibition is a joke," he said
the Washington policeman's asser-
tion last night, adding that it
would remain so until the men
who voted for prohibition stop
drinking liquor."Vote Dry and Drink Wet"
"The trouble with congress," he
continued, "is that they vote dry
and drink wet."Bottleleggers, he said, sell their
wares "every day in the house and
senate office building," and they
come around to him daily and ask:
"How much do you need today
senator?" To a newspaperman
who expressed incredulity, the
South Carolinian later said: "If you
don't think I mean what I say,
come up to the capitol with me and
I'll buy you a drink."MILTON TRIMS
ASTORIA FIVESALEM, Ore., Mar. 12. (AP).—
Salem, McLaughlin, Eugene and
Grant high schools will enter the
semi-finals in the state basketball
tournament tonight by virtue of
Salem's win over Hillsboro and
McLaughlin's defeat of Astoria in
the second round of the tourney
this morning.The Hillsboro five, which had
been picked for an early loss
against the Salem quintet, threat-
ened to upset the dope during the
first part of the game, but fell
behind near the close of the half,
and from then on never seriously
threatened Salem's lead. The final
score was 45 to 25.

McLaughlin Wins.

The McLaughlin-Astoria tilt was
a nip and tuck battle from the
first to the last. The score was
tied seven times during the game.
Astoria led six different times,
and McLaughlin was in the lead
four times. The McLaughlin five
had all the advantage over As-
toria in height and weight, win-
ning out 29 to 26.The lineup (26) Astoria:
K. Potts (5); J. F. (7) Makiinen
Carter (8); E. (7) Aikainen
Johnson (12); G. (6) Juola
Wier (3); G. (3) Poykylä
W. Potts (8); G. (3) Lundberg
McEwan (8); G. (3) AikainenPredicts Women Will
Soon Run GovernmentSEATTLE, Mar. 12. (AP).—
Men will run the business of the
country, while the women will
manage its government in the future,
Professor Henry Landes dean
of the college of sciences at the
University of Washington, and hus-
band of Mrs. Bertha Landes, Se-
attle's first woman mayor, declared
in an interview made public to-
day.There's nothing revolutionary
about a woman being mayor,"
said the dean. "It's simply the nat-
ural enlargement of her sphere.
Men are too long to get into politics
and women are better fitted for
public offices, both temperamentally
and by training. In principle
running a home or city are the
same. A woman who has built up
a family on a small scale and kept
out of debt by conforming, strictly
to a budget, goes on running a city
in the same orderly, economical
way."Dean Landes said he believed
that in the near future election of
women to offices would be the
rule. But he does not think wom-
en have the stamina for the
presidency.Judge Gatens Scores
Prohibition HypocritesSALEM, Ore., Mar. 12. (AP).—
Persons who are publicly dry but
privately wet came in for an ex-
coriation by Judge W. N. Gatens
of Portland in an address at the
armory here last night under the
auspices of the Oregon Prohibition
Referendum corporation. He
pleaded with the voters of Marion
county to vote for men who are
sincere in their political proclama-
tions, not for men who think
one way and act another in ef-
fort to get votes.
The meeting was presided over
by H. H. Stallard of Portland.
About 300 attended.RAILROADS
PROSPERING,
SOLOMON SAYSSenator Gooding, Idaho,
Supports Long, Short
Haul BillCLAIMS PANAMA
CANAL AIDS ROADS\$6,820,000 Building Pro-
gram for Army Embod-
ied in Administration
Measure.WASHINGTON, Mar. 12. (AP).—
"Railroads of the United States are
enjoying a prosperity never dream-
ed of in their history," Senator
Gooding, republican, Idaho, told
the senate today in urging passage
of a bill which prohibits the roads
harking proportionately for a short
haul than for a longer haul to meet
water transportation competition.
He offered to prove that the Pan-
ama canal bringing about a great
development in the Pacific coast
region. "Transcontinental
roads take tons of freight for every
ton of intercoastal taken from them
and shipped through the canal." He
cited an existing discrimination a
cattle shipment from Idaho to Por-
tland, Ore., on which the charges
were \$8 more a carload than the
tariff from Dillon, Mont., to Por-
tland, a distance of 318 miles short-
er than that from Idaho.NEED NO WIRES
FOR "TELEPHONE"
NOW PERFECTEDVIENNA, Austria, Mar. 12. (AP).—
The New Winner Journal, says
a secret means of wireless
telephonic communication allow-
ing the automatic connection of
subscribers as in a modern tele-
phone exchange has been perfected
by Emil Marek, an engineer
at Moedling, near Vienna.Trials of the apparatus are to
begin next Tuesday. Marek
transmits on wave lengths which
change 20,000 times each second
and to the set the receiving ap-
paratus must be absolutely at-
tuned.Vagrant Claims "Mayor
Of Oklahoma" as FriendLOS ANGELES, Mar. 12. (AP).—
Many influential friends among
them "The mayor of Oklahoma,"
were claimed by H. C. Mills when
he was brought into municipal
court on a vagrancy charge here
yesterday. To back up his state-
ment he handed the judge a letter
of the following text: "To whom it
may concern: 'H. C. Mills is a re-
sponsible and honorable person. I
take great pleasure in recommend-
ing him to any body before whom he
may be brought. (Signed) Fred Jack-
son, Mayor of Oklahoma.'"He was given ten days and ad-
vised to borrow a dictionary from
the jailer during that time.Kuominchun Fire on
Japanese DestroyersPeking, Mar. 12. (AP).—While
two Japanese destroyers were pro-
ceeding up the Fel river below
Tientsin today they were fired on
from the forts near the mouth of
the river held by troops of the
Kuominchun (national armies).
Machine guns and field batteries
were used in the bombardment.
One Japan officer and two men
were wounded.The Japanese decided to aban-
don the attempt to move up the
river and the destroyer returned to
Tientsin, near the mouth of the
river, where two Japanese des-
troyers are lying.It is not clear whether the Jap-
anese returned to the Fel river
for the Kuominchun fire. The
Kuominchun fire on the Japanese
destroyers.SALEM, Ore., Mar. 12. (AP).—
The Spokane, Portland and Seat-
tle railroad company, for opera-
tions in Oregon, shows a net in-
come of only \$749.91 for opera-
tions in 1925, according to its an-
nual report to the public service
commission. Operating revenue
was \$187,958.55 and operating ex-
penses \$187,208.64. The gross in-
come was \$17,749.91. The com-
pany started the year with a de-
ficit of \$10,433.22.

An Oregon Longfellow

Benjamin Otsling of Marshfield, Ore., is six feet four. He wants
a law to compel them to make the beds longer. It does look a
little crampy.U. S. CHARGES
GAS MONOPOLYNEW YORK, Mar. 12. (AP).—
Millions of dollars in royalties and
the price of gasoline are involved
in the government's latest effort
to cancel extensive patents on the
"cracking" process in the manufac-
ture of that commodity.The department of justice yester-
day filed an equity suit in
Brooklyn seeking to dissolve 15
patents held by the Texas com-
pany and associated companies
from which a business estimated
at \$100,000,000 has been built.
The government alleges that the
patents constitute a monopoly
which materially increases the
price of gasoline throughout the
United States.The action filed after the close
of yesterday's stock market, is
against the Texas company and
Joseph H. Adams of Brooklyn,
who is alleged to have sold the
patents to the company for
\$1,000,000 and royalties. The Tex-
as company is charged with viola-
tion of the Sherman act.It is alleged that Adams ob-
tained the patents fraudulently;
that the "cracking" process was
one known to chemists for many
years.Col. Coolidge Seriously
Ill at Plymouth HomePLYMOUTH, Vt., Mar. 12. (AP).—
Colonel John C. Coolidge's condi-
tion is improved this morning after
a night in which he was reported
to have lost ground. Mrs. May
Johnson, nurse to the president's
father, told Dr. Albert W. Cram,
the patient's physician, that the
outlook seemed more encouraging.Alaskah Gold Strike
Results in StampedeNOME, Alaska, Mar. 12. (AP).—
Reports of a gold strike near Bluff,
about sixty miles east of here,
caused persons to stampede from
here yesterday. Dog teams were in
great demand.
Old prospectors believe that the
strike is the same kind of beach
digging as found in the vicinity of
Nome and that it continues up and
down the Bering Sea coast for
many miles.An 18-inch pay streak averaging
\$3 a pan was said to have been
found. Merrill and Childe, owners
of placer property in the district,
discovered a 150-foot tunnel in
from the sea beach. They first
obtained "dirt" paying 15 cents a
pan finally ranging to \$3.CAVE-IN KILLS LAD.
NELSON, B. C., Mar. 12. (AP).—
Caught in a cave-in in a cave he
had constructed with a playmate,
Walter Milne Walker, 10, was
smothered to death last yesterday.PROPOSALS
OF POWERS
REJECTEDGermany's Representatives
at Geneva Refuse
to CompromiseSPAIN WILL QUIT
UNLESS SEATEDAnnouncement of Devel-
opment Creates Enorm-
ous Sensation in Diplo-
matic Circles.GENEVA, Mar. 12. (AP).—Ger-
many's representatives tonight re-
jected the proposals advanced by
the allied statesmen for settlement
of the dispute over the reorganiza-
tion of the league of nations' council.Premier Briand, of France, an-
nounced tonight that the Germans
had found the proposals unaccept-
able, but he hoped that new con-
versations might be held. He said
the offer made to Germany repre-
sented the extreme limit of possi-
ble concessions by the allies.It was understood that these
proposals, discussed in a closed
meeting of representative signa-
tories of the Locarno accords this
morning, included giving Poland
a non-permanent seat on the coun-
cil.GENEVA, Mar. 12. (AP).—It is
learned from an authoritative
source that Spain has definitely
decided to resign from the league
of nations unless she is given a
permanent seat in the council.From the same source it is
learned that Spain has informed
Sweden that, because of Sweden's
unfriendly attitude in connection
with the Spanish candidacy for a
permanent seat, Spain is thinking
of breaking off the pending nego-
tiations for a commercial treaty
with Sweden.The development created an
enormous sensation in those diplo-
matic circles where it became
known today. Some diplomats
characterize it as unfortunate and
harmful to the Spanish cause,
bringing into the league affairs a
menace affecting relations outside
the scope of the league.Spain was expressed that all
hoped engineers in the Locarno
accords and all the dreams of in-
ternational cooperation embodied
in the league of nations would be
in dire peril should the delegates
not be able to reach an agreement
on the problem of the reorganiza-
tion of the council in their session
today.

Brazil, Spain, Poland and China

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KILL THREE IN
RELIGIOUS ROWTEPEC, NAYARIT, Mexico, Mar.
12. (AP).—Three representatives
of the state of Nayarit are dead
and a number of people injured
and one girl near death as the re-
sult of riots occasioned
when orders for closing a Catho-
lic church were met by armed
opposition from church followers.
The immediate cause for the
tragedy was in the neighboring
town of Jalisco where a Catho-
lic priest had failed to comply with
the closing law of the government
and was standing his ground
against presidential orders with
the backing of his flock.Upon the arrival of the repre-
sentatives of state consisting of
Congressman Porras and a friend
Senator Ortega, at Tepic, they were
met by an infuriated mob of men,
women and children, which de-
manded their withdrawal.Butler Sticks to Guns;
Flays Violators Of LawLOS ANGELES Cal. Mar. 12.
(AP).—Under a fire of criticism
from many quarters and approval
from some, Brigadier General
Snedley D. Butler, commander of
the U. S. Marine base at San Diego,
"sticks to his guns," stoutly de-
fending his action in placing a
charge of intoxication against Col.
Alexander William shortly after
that officer had acted as host at a
dinner party at which General But-
ler had been the guest of honor.In an interview here he said the
matter of hostility and its possible
breach had never entered the
question.

Speaking before the daughters of