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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Unsettled with rain tonight and probably Wednesday. Continued mild.

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JURY FINDS
DEFENDANT
NOT GUILTYClyde Bloom Freed of
Still Charges after All-
Night DeliberationNEW CHARGES ARE
FILED AGAINST HIMStates Takes Up Its Case
Against John Graham—
Jack Hilary to Go on
Trial Next.

Clyde Bloom was acquitted in court this morning by the jury that deliberated all night on the charge that he set up and operated a still. Immediately after the verdict was given, two further indictments returned against him by the grand jury February 4, charging possession of opium and possession of intoxicating liquor, were read to the defendant.

Bloom, through his attorneys, H. J. Kitchin and H. L. Hess, asked for 15 days in which to prepare his plea. The court set bail at \$500.

Jury Out All Night.

The still case, which began at 10 o'clock Monday morning when the adjourned session of the February term was convened by Judge C. H. McCulloch, of Baker, went to jury at 10 o'clock last night. After an all night session, the jury agreed on an acquittal, and returned the verdict at 9 o'clock when court convened this morning.

Graham's Case Up.

The state's case against John Graham, upon which a jury hung when he was tried jointly with George Carleton in circuit court in October, was up for trial today. Carleton, with whom Graham is alleged to have been found when officers raided a drug still on the Newlin place beyond Glass hill the night of October 14, was convicted. He is now serving a year's term in the penitentiary at Salem. Graham's defense is that he was merely an innocent visitor at the Carleton still when the place was taken by the prohibition officers. Jack Hilary, charged with burning a Libbyville dog, after suffering a libel suit, is to be tried Wednesday.

PREPARING FOR
REALTOR MEET

Recognizing that all La Grande will have to pull together if the community is to acquire itself creditably as the city of state conventions this summer, the Realty board, the entertainment committee of the chamber of commerce, and representatives from the Rotary club met last night to plan for the conventions of realtors from the entire Northwest who will meet here in convention in July.

A method of control was adopted.

The Observer's Essay
Contest Ends SaturdayServing
Union
By Carrier

Through the extension of The Observer's own carrier service to its subscribers, the city of Union is now being covered by carrier boy delivery each afternoon. Rushed to Union by stage, the papers are put in each home at the same time that deliveries are made in La Grande.

It is a service that is being thoroughly appreciated by the people of our neighboring city—giving them a leased wire newspaper within an hour or two after it is printed, a day ahead of outside papers, and giving them local and county news in detail. As a result, Observer circulation in Union has more than tripled.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

McEwan, Grid
Coach, Guest
At LuncheonNewly Elected Football
Mentor at University of
Oregon, Addresses Business
Men.

Captain John J. McEwan, recently elected football coach at the University of Oregon, and President Young, of the Oregon alumni organization, with headquarters at Portland, were welcomed to La Grande today by the Union county chamber of commerce, meeting at noon in the Foley grill.

Captain McEwan, who delivered the main address of the luncheon hour, declared that prospects at Oregon, as summed up following the spring football practice period, are fairly promising. He said that he liked the university, and Oregon as a whole, laying especial stress on the state's magnificent scenery.

His address, punctuated with witticisms and jokes that threw those present into convulsions of laughter, dealt largely with football—how it was played before the war and as at present. He described both general systems, giving his stamp of approval to the present day methods.

Captain McEwan discussed scholarship and athletics, stating that any man that played on the university team must be up in his scholastic work. "First a student and then a football player is what he is."

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SALVATION ARMY
TO SEND GROUP
TO STATE MEET

La Grande corps of the Salvation Army, which in the last three months has led the entire state in young people's work, is to be represented in the S. A. Y. P. Council at Portland, March 27 and 28, by a delegation of 10 boys from the Boys' club, 10 girls, with Michael Barker, their leader, from the Girl Guides, and Envoys and Mrs. J. C. Barker.

It will be the first time in six years of the council sessions that any corps from Eastern Oregon has had a part in the demonstration and parade. Envoys Barker and Barker's wife will represent the corps. He plans to outfit the 20 young people as cowboys and cowgirls. Mrs. Barker and the Salvation Army women have been sewing for days making red, yellow, blue, pink and green blouses for the girls to wear with blue skirts. The boys have shirts to match, but are soliciting the community for chaps and fedoras. Ten pairs of chaps and 22 hats will be required, the envoys announce. He would be glad to hear from anyone who is willing to lend any of the needed garments for the La Grande demonstration at Portland next week.

Elks District Deputy To Visit Local Lodge

District Deputy J. Gordon Barker, of McMinnville, Ore., will pay an official visit to La Grande Lodge No. 422, B. P. O. E. Wednesday night and will be welcomed at a special initiatory meeting of the organization. It was announced today.

A class of 12 or more will be taken into the Elks lodge, the majority from Hot Lake. Dr. W. T. Fly has been asked to serve as toastmaster at the banquet which will follow the initiation. A large attendance is expected.

Regents May Ask Dr. Crane

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 16. (AP)—That a committee of regents of the University of Oregon is planning to take a trip to Laramie, Wyo., to confer with Dr. A. G. Crane, president of the University of Wyoming, relative to the presidency of the University of Oregon is the news contained in a special dispatch to the Eugene Guard today from Laramie.

Regents at their meeting here yesterday were silent as to the rumor that Dr. Crane was being considered for the Oregon post, stating that he was not considered "any more than several others."

"Dr. A. G. Crane is noncommittal about going to Eugene as president of the University of Oregon beyond saying that he is informed that a committee of regents is planning to visit him relative to the position. He is unwilling to say what he will do until he knows not only the Oregon offer but the extent of the offer there," the dispatch states.

Alumni Will Welcome McEwan, Young Tonight

Honoring Captain John J. McEwan, Oregon University's new football coach, U. of O. alumni and former students will gather at the Hotel Foley this evening for a banquet. Ray Williams is chairman.

The new coach, who is a former University of Minnesota football star until recently coached the football team of the army at West Point, is being escorted over the state by Harold Young, of Portland, state president of the alumni association, in order that the old grads may have an opportunity to meet the man who will train their team.

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DEADLOCK
IN LEAGUE
CONTINUESGive Notice of Assembly
Adjournment Until
SeptemberSPANIARDS READY
TO RETURN HOMEDisquieting Rumors Appear
That Mussolini Is
Backing Brazil in Opposing
Germany.

GENEVA, Mar. 16. (AP)—The leaders of the council of the league of nations today agreed to postpone the election of Germany to the league until September.

GENEVA, Mar. 16. (AP)—Premier Briand of France made the categorical statement this afternoon that Germany, Great Britain and France are absolutely united in all questions connected with the controversy over reorganization of the league council, but he added that if new difficulties began to surface on the horizon the only thing left to do was to adjourn the assembly to September.

The Spanish delegates have their tickets ready to depart tonight and have notified the Spanish journalists supporting the Primo de Rivera regime to be prepared to leave with them.

At present, however, it seems probable that Foreign Minister Yanguas Y. Mesa and his followers will remain for the assembly session, at which he is credited with the intention of declaring that since Spain has not obtained the permanent seat to which she believes her prestige and population entitles her, she will refuse all further collaboration in the league activities and discontinue sending delegates to the council and assembly—this, however, without formally withdrawing from league membership.

Appeal in Rio Janeiro.

League officials announced today that the council appeal to the Brazilian government had arrived in Rio Janeiro and that they expected a reply by nightfall.

Apprehensions that Brazil might insist upon her right to veto were considerably allayed after the Latin-American session. Delegates of various countries present said Senator Mello Franco had given them clearly to understand that in view of the united opinion of the Latin-American representatives it would be difficult for Brazil to maintain her attitude of voting against Germany.

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Mrs. Landes

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Prohibition
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Is ApprovedAdministration Measure
Drawn by Andrews
Passes House Ways and
Means Committee.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16. (AP)—The administration bill to create a bureau of prohibition in the treasury department was approved today by the house ways and means committee.

The measure also would provide for a bureau of customs, a commissioner of prohibition and a commissioner of customs, who would be appointed, at salaries of \$8000 a year.

Assistant Secretary Andrews, in charge of prohibition enforcement, proposed this reorganization of the prohibition machinery. At present the prohibition personnel is under the internal revenue bureau.

CONDITION IMPROVED.

James Leslie, of Joseph, who is here at the home of his aunt, Mrs. G. H. Claycomb, for treatment of a marbled abscess, had a fairly good night, and is reported better this morning. His mother, Mrs. Theresa Leslie, returned to Joseph Sunday, where she is teaching.

ILL OF GRIPPE.

Mrs. J. C. Barker, wife of the Salvation Army commander here, is ill of gripe at their home on Fir street.

MEXICO, U. S.
ACCORD NEAR

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16. (AP)—Continued improvement in the relations between the U. S. and Mexico, as expected by President Coolidge.

In the opinion of the president, as disclosed today at the White House, every issue in the controversy over the new Mexican land and petroleum laws is yielding to diplomatic treatment.

Carl Reynolds' Death Due to Heart Failure

SAN DIEGO, Mar. 16. (AP)—Definite finding that the death of Carl Reynolds, past exalted ruler of the Huntington Park lodge of Elks, who died in Tinian yesterday, was due to heart failure was made by physicians today, following an inquest and autopsy at the civil and military hospital.

Reports that Reynolds had been beaten by Tinian authorities, American border office also state that Reynolds was not arrested or given a beating.

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SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Mar. 16. (AP)—Installation of courting booths in every new church building was raised last night by Dr. Ira Landtrith, national extension secretary of the Christian Endeavor, as a way for the church to secure a firm grip on the young people of today.

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Hero of Would-Be Rob-
beries, Drives Off In-
truders, Who Escape.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 16. (AP)—Three men who held up the Parkrose bank, in an outlying business district today, were routed by George B. Drake, cashier. It was the fourth time the bank has been held up in a year and the second time that Drake has foiled would-be robbers.

The robbers in today's attempt tried in an automobile pursued by Drake.

When the three men entered the bank one faced Drake at the window, telling him to "stick up" his hands. For answer Drake tripped the burglar alarm and reached for his gun. The robber fired twice, and with his two companions rushed from the building.

Several Shots Fired.

Several shots were fired through the windows of the bank but no one was hit. Mrs. Drake was in the bank at the time. The robbers fled along a road used by the men who made the last attempt to hold up the bank. A hat or one of the fleeing robbers was picked up and turned over to the police.

When the bandits entered the bank they covered F. C. Graff, a Parkrose grocerman, who was at the bank counter window, and J. W. Gorman, an insurance man, at a desk in the bank.

Mrs. Drake leaped for a shotgun when she saw the robbers.

Bullet proof glass windows, above the counter, and steel shelves below the counter of the bank had been installed since the last hold-up. The robber's bullet fired at Drake bounced off the glass and inflicted a flesh wound in Graff's arm.

The robbers eluded Drake. Police from Portland look up the hunt.

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Moonshiners Wreck Home



Two of the best pictures of the damage done by moonshiners' dynamite in Bend, Ore., aimed at the home of A. F. Marriott, state prohibition officer. Picture above shows Marriott's home at the right, and below, Miss Alice Bush, stenographer, standing in what was once her home. The blast injured her place more than the agent's.

INDIANS OPPOSE T. B. HOSPITAL

PENDLETON, Ore., Mar. 16. (AP)—Opinions at a meeting here yesterday regarding the establishment of a tuberculosis hospital at the Umatilla Indian reservation varied concerning the project. Many prominent citizens expressed the opinion that an experimental farm was more advisable and that a tuberculosis hospital would endanger the city and surrounding Indians on the reservation were against the establishment of a tuberculosis ward, stating that they did not wish Indians from other sections to mingle with their children and endanger them. They stated that the agency was a meeting place of farmers and that tourists often stopped there. If the tuberculosis ward existed it would expose these people.

Joe Craig, Indian, expressed the opinion for the entire reservation when he spoke for the re-establishment of the industrial school at the agency which was established under the agreements of 1885 and was in service for 20 years. The Indians were very caustic in their attitude toward the Indian bureau at Washington regarding Indian affairs.

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CITY TRAFFIC COP IS FINED, SENT TO JAIL

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 16. (AP)—Harold Hurt, former city traffic officer here, was yesterday fined \$500 and sentenced to serve six months in the Lane county jail for possession of liquor. He was arrested a few days ago in a general roundup of alleged liquor law violators.

DANISH AIRMEN START FLIGHT TO TOKYO, JAPAN

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 16. (AP)—Two Danish aviators, Lieutenant Boetved and Henschend, flying separate planes, hopped off today on an attempted flight to Tokyo. The circuit will take them over Germany, Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Persia, India, Siam, Indo-China and China.

Divorce Ring Grants More Than 100 Decrees

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 16. (AP)—Federal officials today were investigating an alleged international ring to obtain divorces fraudulently in Yucatan. Agents for the ring, the headquarters of which are believed to be in Merida, Yucatan, are said to have been operating in New Orleans, San Francisco, New York, Philadelphia, and other American cities. For \$500 prospective clients, it is stated, have been promised divorces within 30 days and without the knowledge of the other spouse.

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ULTIMATUM
DELIVERED
TO CHINAUnited States and Other
Powers Demand Lift-
ing of BlockadeTHURSDAY NOON
SET TIME LIMITFour American Destroy-
ers on Way to Swatow,
China—Other Vessels
Stand by.

PEKING, Mar. 16. (AP)—The United States and other powers today delivered an ultimatum to Chinese factions demanding that blockade of the port of Tientsin be ended and all impediments to harbor and river traffic be removed by Thursday noon.

The ultimatum, signed by signatories of the protocol of 1911, was handed to the commanders of the Taku forts at Taku and Chinese vessels outside of Tientsin. The United States, Great Britain, Japan and Italy have a dozen or more crafts in these waters.

The protocol of 1911 made stipulations concerning the disarmament of forts at the mouth of the Pei river on which Tientsin is located, and also guaranteed an open way to the sea.

The blockade has been preventing access to Peking from the sea and recently resulted in Chinese troops firing upon two Japanese destroyers.

Tokyo advices early today were that the Japanese cruiser Hiyado had been ordered to the mouth of the Taku river from Port Arthur. A Manila dispatch last night described the departure of four American destroyers for Swatow, China.

TIENTSIN, Mar. 16. (AP)—The Russian ship Orel, with a large cargo of munitions was seized today at Taku by Fengtien warships of Marshal Chang Tso-Lin. Manchurian war lord. The warships have been blockading the port for several days to prevent supplies reaching the Kuomintang, national people's army, supporting the Peking government.

BLAST WIPES
OUT FAMILY

DES MOINES, Ia., Mar. 16. (AP)—A family of five—Donald A. Trichell, his wife and three small children were burned to death when a kerosene can exploded as Mrs. Trichell was kindling a fire in their home near Carlisle today.

Trichell lost his life in the burning farm home, after he had carried his children from the building and returned to rescue his dog.

Federal Judge Faces Twenty-Eight Charges

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16. (AP)—Twenty-eight counts on misdemeanor charges against Federal Judge Geo. W. English of the Eastern Illinois district were submitted to the house judiciary committee today by a subcommittee which last week raised impeachment proceedings against the jurist.

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