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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Over-
cast, fair tonight and
Tuesday but cloudy over
northwest portion. Warmer
over southwest portion.

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QUARTERLY
CONFERENCE
HELD HERESix Hundred Members of
L. D. S. Church At-
tend MeetingsCLARK ADDRESSES
TWO LARGE CROWDSDiscusses Several Ques-
tions—Including Why
Liquor Is Used in Holy
Communion.

Conferences and evangelistic mis-
sions figured in the interests of La
Grande church goers at their regu-
lar services of worship yesterday.

Six hundred members of the
church of Latter Day Saints were
in attendance at each of the two
sessions of the quarterly confer-
ence for Portland-Taker counties
held in the tabernacle here Sunday.

Hiram G. Smith, of Salt Lake
city, presiding patriarch, and
Franklin S. Bramwell, formerly of
La Grande but now of Portland,
were visitors for the occasion.

Business of the church was trans-
acted at both morning and after-
noon meetings.

Clark Speaks Twice.

Dr. W. J. Leaning Clark, who be-
gan a preaching mission at St. Pe-
ter's Episcopal church Friday eve-
ning, addressed two large congre-
gations there yesterday. He pre-
sented his sermon last night with
answers to inquiries submitted to
him through the question box.

"It is right to go to shows on
Sunday," one of the questions ran.
"That is a question for each
Christian to ask of his own con-
science," the minister responded.

"I am not your judge," the ques-
tioner said. "How do you feel?"

"The Sabbath was created for the
purpose of worship, rest, recreation
and free works of charity. I
suppose shows would come under

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DEBATERS WIN
COUNTY TITLE

UNION, Ore., Mar. 22. (Special)
—Friday evening the Union high
school debating team won their
second round in the debates with
other Union county teams. This
time it was timber that opposed
them and as in the first debate,
with Elgin, our team won here
three to nothing and at timber
two to one. Timber having already
defeated Cove, this gives Union the
honors for Union county. On Fri-
day evening of this week they will
meet four students from the Los-
tine high in a debate in both towns
to determine the champion for the
two counties. The members of
Union's debating teams are Bruce
Lock, Eva Hilda, Ethelita Hitchen
and Susan Chadwick, and the sub-
ject for the debates is "Resolved,
That Oregon should have an old-
age pension."

Blue Mountain League
Season Begins April 18Not
Spending
More Money

The secret of adequate returns
from advertising is not neces-
sarily in spending more money
and buying large space. Rather
is it in spending the money in-
telligently—advertising along
tried and proven lines.

The Observer's service to ad-
vertisers who desire it neither
starts nor stops with the mere
acceptance of copy and print-
ing it in the advertising col-
umns. It includes adding the
business man in his publicity
plan, showing him how and
where his money can be placed
to the best advantage—
and WHY. It is a service of ex-
perienced advertising men that
is available without charge.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

Fire Loss In
Past Winter
Lowest YetTotal Loss for Three-
Month Period \$318,53—
February Leads with
No Damage.

Spring officially arrived yester-
day and with it coming, Fire Chief
C. O. Murchison carefully figured out
the winter's fire loss—and
found it to set a new low record in
the history of the La Grande de-
partment. Total loss from the first
of the last day of winter amounted
to \$318.53. The total insurance
loss was less, running only \$198.53.

Mr. Murchison attributes the ab-
sence of fires primarily to the tem-
perate weather and, secondly, to
Lucky Luck.

During December, 1925, no fire
calls were turned in but one blaze
took place with a loss of \$20. In
this case \$2000 insurance was at
risk.

During January five alarms and
four fires were recorded with \$14-
800 insurance at risk. The total
loss for the month was \$289.53 and
the insurance loss was \$169.53.

February even bettered December,
but no loss occurred.

This month, up until the first
day of spring, two calls were an-
swered, one of which was a false
alarm. The loss was \$9 with \$1300
insurance at risk.

HOMER BIDWELL
CONDEMNATION
CASE ON TRIAL

A gravel pit site on the prop-
erty of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bid-
well, who live about two miles
north of North Powder, on the
Old Oregon Trail highway, is the
bone of contention in a condem-
nation suit brought by the state
highway commission against the
Bidwells in circuit court today.

The highway commission of-
fered \$500 for the ground and
was refused, the owners contend-
ing that the gravel on the place
of such desirable mineral quality
that they are justified in asking
\$2500 for the property. Blaine
Hallock, of Nichols, Hallock &
Donald, of Pendleton, is counsel
for the defendants. J. M. Brown, as-
sistant attorney general, and Carl
G. Helm, district attorney, repre-
sent the state. Judge C. H. Mc-
Culloch, of Baker, presides.

W. C. Perkins, Ford distributor
here, will be principal speaker on
the program that the local offici-
als of the Ford company will
have in charge Tuesday noon at
the luncheon meeting of the cham-
ber of commerce at the Foley hos-
tel. T. J. Scroggins will preside
over the meeting.

Murderer of Three
Hangs Self in Jail

SACRAMENTO, Mar. 22. (AP)—
For the second time within less
than a week, a wholesale slayer
cheated the hangmen when Henry
Shaw, triple murderer hanged him-
self in his cell at the county jail
today. Shaw's suicide follows that
of John M. Golins, sextuple mur-
derer.

Snodgrass Holding Own
Today, Physicians Say

Although his hopes for recovery
seemed last evening to be very
slight, J. G. Snodgrass is reported
to be holding his own today. After
a grave spell during the evening,
he appeared to gain ground
through the rest of the night. At
noon today his condition was re-
ported as good.

Five Guests Address
La Grande Rotarians

Five guests of the Rotary club
addressed the members of their
weekly luncheon meeting at the
Foley hotel this noon. Bob Robin-
son, president, and John Tate, both
of the Astoria Rotary club, Charles
Anderson, of Ellensburg, Wash., the
Rev. W. J. Leaning Clark, of New
York, who is conducting a mission
at St. Peter's Episcopal church,
and S. W. Lawrence, of Portland, a
past district governor of the Ki-
wanis, were the speakers.

Barn Near La Grande
Burned Early Today

A barn and its contents, owned
by Fred Hosson, 1797 Z avenue,
burned just outside the city limits
early this morning. The fire alarm
was sounded about 12:45 a. m.,
but by the time the truck arrived
at the scene of the blaze, the build-
ing was a mass of flames. Lack
of hydrants nearby prevented
throwing water onto the fire.

The barn and its contents were
valued at \$100, of which \$200 was
covered by insurance. Some hay
had just been placed in the mow
yesterday. The origin of the fire
is unknown.

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APPLE MEN
PLAN PLANT
IN COUNTYBlue Mountain Fruit Ex-
change Fostering the
Movement HereBUILDING COSTS
WOULD BE \$35,000Evaporator and Canner
Will Be Incorporated in
Project If Constructed
in Valley.

Union county is practically as-
sured an evaporating and canning
plant before another season, offi-
cials of the Blue Mountain Fruit
exchange, which is fostering the
movement, said this morning.

Where the plant will be located
has not yet been ascertained, but
it will be necessary to have it next
to the railway tracks.

J. A. Snyder, of Dayton, Oregon,
who has been in the evaporating
and canning business for the past
40 years, has been making an in-
vestigation here for the past sev-
eral days, at the request of the
fruit exchange company, and he
believes that the plant would be
a profitable concern for the fruit
and vegetable men of the county.

Little Waste Fruit.
"Approximately 4000 tons of cul-
apples, such as are not merchant-
able unless either dried, canned or
made into cider and vinegar, prac-
tically go to waste in the Grande
Ronde valley each season, with
very little if any return. All of

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SETS UP BAR
IN HOTEL ROOM

W. E. Burk, alias W. R. White,
et al, who metook his genera-
tion and set up a bar in his room
at a local hotel last evening, will
be arraigned in justice court be-
fore Judge Hugh E. Brady late
this afternoon.

Shining glasses on a polished
table, Burk's innumerable saloos
quite a pre-Volstead aspect, ac-
cording to George M. Pierce, spe-
cial prohibition deputy, who ar-
rested the bartender shortly after
10 o'clock last night.

Burk, who claims residence in
San Francisco, where he says he
has been a cook, may have an
unfavorable connection with an at-
tempted murder charge at Boise,
Idaho, officers intimated today.

Ralph West, taken in the act
of peddling moonshine on the
streets late last night, also is a
prisoner at the county jail today.
He will be summoned before
Judge Brady this afternoon.

Decomposed Body Found
Sunday Near Pendleton

The badly decomposed body of a
man was found Sunday in the
Columbia river 12 miles above Pen-
dleton. The body was found by an
Indian, caught in a waterlogged
tree. No marks of violence or foul
play were found upon the body.
Conditions indicated that the cor-
pse had been in the water two or
three months, giving the authori-
ties little clue to the identity of the
man.

Medic Fatally Shot
At Baker Mining Camp

BAKER, Ore., Mar. 22. (AP)—
Dr. H. E. Curry was fatally shot
by accident last night as a gun
was being passed around by Amer-
ican miners in a mine bunkhouse
in a group in a mine bunkhouse
in the Valley, about 50 miles
southeast of Baker. He died be-
fore he could be brought to Baker.
The body arrived early to-
day. Dr. Curry was an old resi-
dent of Baker, where he was pre-
sident of a drug store. He is
survived by two sons, Herschel E.
of Portland and Minnie Curry of
Baker. He was about 65 years old.

TO QUESTION MABEL

DETROIT, Mich., Mar. 22. (AP)—
Mabel Norman, motion picture
actress, will be summoned to his
office for questioning in connection
with the murder of William
Demmond Taylor, picture director,
as soon as he gets back to Los An-
geles, Aax Keyes, prosecuting at-
torney of Los Angeles, said today.

Pierce Will
Not Run For
Senate PostState's Chief Executive to
File Candidacy for Gov-
ernorship During This
Week.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 22. (AP)—
Governor Pierce said today that
he expected to file with the secre-
tary of state this week his declara-
tion as a candidate for the demo-
cratic nomination for re-election of
governor. He said he would file
by paying the \$100 fee and not by
petition. He is working on his
platform.

William W. Harcombe, of Dallas,
today filed as a candidate for the
democratic nomination for district
attorney for Polk county. He holds
the office at present by appoint-
ment by the governor, having suc-
ceeded Joseph Helgeson, who re-
signed to become assistant United
States attorney.

T. S. McKinney and Orlando M.
Corkins, both of Lakeview, are
rivals for the circuit judgeship for
the 14th judicial district, both fil-
ing their candidacies today. The
former works the republican nom-
ination and the latter the demo-
cratic nomination.

Land Moving.
Real estate transactions have
been more numerous in this coun-
ty this spring than for a number
of years and all indications point
toward returning confidence in ag-
riculture in this part of the state.

Many of the owners of large
tracts of farming land in the hill
sections, who in past years experi-
enced difficulty in finding persons
willing to rent and operate
them, now find plenty of farmers
who are willing to take over the
farms.

To Use All Land
It is expected, with the present
prospects for at least fair grain
prices, that practically all land
which has ever been under cultiva-
tion in this county, will be farmed
this year, either being put into
spring crops or summer fallowed
for a crop next year.

Farming operations are starting
off in fine shape in the earlier sec-
tions of the county this spring and
much plowing is being done in the
hill sections. The well-drained
fields in the higher areas are also
being worked.

A number of valley farmers have
turned to spring seeding and others
are making preparations to sow as
soon as the fields are in shape.

POWERS BUYING
VAST QUANTITIES
ARMS, AMMUNITIONS

LONDON, Mar. 22. (AP)—The
Daily Mail today makes a refer-
ence to a story in which its Sun-
day edition, the Weekly Dispatch,
gave prominence concerning extra-
ordinary secret negotiations for the
purchase of arms and munitions
by several European countries.

The Weekly Dispatch represented
the arms hunger as being colos-
sal. It said that Russia for some
time had been buying huge quan-
tities of rifles, which were
shipped to China and Persia, as
soon as they were obtained and
that she was still seeking more.

It also declared that Greece had
placed an order for 200,000 rifles
in Italy, that Jugo-Slavia was
trying to obtain 400,000 rifles and
that Finland, Lithuania, Poland
and Rumania and other Balkan
states all were urgently seeking
supplies. German armament firms
were being flooded with orders and
secret German war stocks, hidden
in nearby countries, were being
sold wholesale and shipped as fast
as possible to China and Turkey.

Pendleton Hears of
Canadian Wheat Pool

PENDLETON, Mar. 22. (AP)—
A wheat pool in which 70 or 80
per cent of wheat growers in Al-
berta, Saskatchewan and Manito-
ba, Canada, are members, has
worked well, according to John
Afflick, Winnipeg merchant, who
is in Pendleton for a few days.
For the 1924 crop farmers re-
ceived \$1.01 a bushel. Construct-
ed along lines laid down by Amer-
ican farmers, the pool was organized
and farmers are under a five-year
contract. The farmer re-
ceives one dollar down on his
wheat when delivered and three
other payments before the time
the pool is closed. Mr. Afflick
said that it cost the pool one cent
a bushel to handle wheat.

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