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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Fair tonight and Friday. Freezing temperature in east and local frosts in west portion tonight.

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BUSINESS
SECTION IS
EXPANDING

Spread of District Is Toward All Points of the Compass

WEST BOUNDARY
TO BE EXTENDED

Walter A. Hutchison to Erect Modern Garage Building on Corner of Third and Adams.

Expansion of La Grande's business district, which began in earnest a year or two ago, received added impetus this week when workmen began preparing for the erection of a modern business building on the corner of Third street and Adams avenue, fronting on Adams.

This is the first pronounced westerly move of the business section since the erection of the Sturgill building and the installation of the Standard Oil station on Adams and Fourth.

Moving in All Directions

The business building, which will go up at the corner of Washington and Depot streets, fills the southern portion of the business section to a marked degree and the recent erection of the Lottis and Rosch buildings on Adams across from The Observer office extended the section in an easterly direction. Several business buildings have gone up on the north side of the railroad track on the street recently which tend to give added importance to the northern portion of the whole.

The newest addition at Adams and Third, which is completed within 40 days, it is estimated. The building will have 75 feet frontage on Adams and will extend back to the alley. The first floor will be built of brick and a part basement of concrete. Especial attention is being paid in the plans to give the interior all available light.

Traced to the Occupant.

Walter A. Hutchison is constructing the building, and when

A. L. FORESEES
SNAPPY MATCH

American Legion members, who are sponsoring the wrestling matches, today declared that the August Busch-Ad Gustavo spectacle, set for Friday night in Eagles hall, should be on a par and possibly better than some of the others—including the Tillis-Edwards and Yokel-Busch matches.

Both Gustavo and Busch are about equal in ability on paper, they point out, and the outcome may find either man victorious. Both are aggressive and fast and dangerous at all times.

The preliminaries should prove an added attraction of no small quality, Legionnaires say.

Music Supervisor Is Employed
By La Grande Public SchoolsA Handicap
To His
Business

The business man who is not a consistent and regular advertiser is, without knowing it, putting a tremendous handicap on his business. When he has no advertising to help him, the entire burden of business getting and business building must rest on his individual shoulders and on the good fortune of a location and window displays.

If you do not know him personally and do not happen to pass his store or shop regularly, you naturally give no thought to him or his business, unless he brings it to your attention through advertising.

If he has a worthy product or worthy service, he benefits both you and himself by telling you about it.

"Observer" Advertising—A Merchandising Service.

Club Women
Pick Slogan
For Meeting

Suggestion by H. H. Cleaver Accepted by Neighborhood Club for State Convention.

"La Grande, ensconced in mountains blue,
Opens its heart and home to you."

That is the slogan the Neighborhood club has adopted for its hospitality to the state federation of women's clubs in May, when the biennial convention will be held here. H. H. Cleaver is the author. His contribution was accepted after several dozens of suggested slogans had been considered.

The convention city's mountain setting appeared to catch the general fancy as an attraction that should be held out to the prospective visitors.

Two suggestions that ranked close to that of Mr. Cleaver in the judges' favor were by Mrs. E. P. Mossman, state art chairman, and Mrs. Thomas Walsinger, "Mountains blue, blossoms, too, welcome you," was the slogan Mrs. Mossman submitted. Mrs. Walsinger's ran:

"Waving grain fields, mountains blue—
La Grande and valley welcome you."

Less poetic, but intriguing, were the slogans in a succession of entries by an Albeit well-wisher who signed himself, "A Bad Bach." To relieve the judges of any burden in deciding, he recommendedly marked his efforts "First Prize," "Blue Ribbon" and "Sweepstakes."

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ALLEY IS CLOSED
IN BLOCK 68 BY
CITY COMMISSION

Passage of an ordinance for the vacating of the alley in block 68, Chaplin's addition by the city took up most of the time at the city commission meeting last night. The ordinance was read three times and put to a vote, containing an emergency clause making it immediately effective.

During discussion it was brought out that the commission is opposed to vacating alleys excepting under certain conditions, such as the one that governed the case. The block is located on a hill which makes it difficult to utilize the alley for public purposes. Detention of sewer and similar rights by the city was voted.

M. I. A. to Present Play
At School Friday Night

The first ward Mutual Improvement association of the Latter Day Saints church will present a three-act comedy entitled "Ann's Little Affair" at the high school auditorium Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The eight members of the cast have been working for several weeks on the production, which is under the direction of Mrs. Rose Bean and Mrs. Helen Geddes.

Miss Violet Wheeler will take the part of the leading character, Anna Lane. Miss Lucille Black will be Mrs. Bonner; Barbara Hatt, Jeroline Bonner; Waldo Stoddard, Mr. Peter J. Reynolds, alias Barry Barum; Jasper Perry, Mr. Bonner; Marion Stoddard, Harold Bonner, and Emmett Smith, Wiggins.

Granges of County to
Meet at Cove Saturday

The Union county Poncha grange will hold its regular meeting with Mr. Fanny grange at Cove on Saturday, March 27, the morning session starting at 10:30 o'clock. Mr. Fanny grange has arranged for the L. O. O. F. hall so as to have ample room to entertain the organization.

The morning session is to be devoted to work of the grange and the afternoon session will be open to all. Paul Mark, director of the extension service of O. A. C., is to be the leading speaker of the afternoon. H. G. Avery, who also is on the program, as will J. E. Reynolds, who will represent the state fair, community fairs, and the county fair.

Mr. Fanny grange is preparing a musical program and also a banquet for the members in the evening. The special committee on marketing will make their reports during the day as will the Dennis record committee.

Practically every grange in the county has promised to send delegations and a big crowd is expected.

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TEXAS HIT
BY TORNADO;
ONE KILLED

Storm Strikes Orange Oil Field, Blowing Down 100 Derricks

CHILDREN QUIETLY
GO FROM SCHOOL

Airplane Races Wind from Beaumont, Reaching Destination Just Ahead of Blow.

ORANGE, Tex., Mar. 25. (AP)—One dead and eight injured was the toll of a tornado which struck Orange-field village, an oil field, seven miles west of Orange, at 3:30 this morning. In addition, about 100 derricks were blown down and oil field buildings were wrecked.

Glenn Keowan, 25, driller helper, was killed by a falling derrick.

The Orange-field schoolhouse occupied by about 300 children was partly wrecked. The children, assembled in the auditorium, listened to the admonition of Superintendent.

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FRUITDALE TO
BUILD SCHOOL

A two-room school building, to replace the one-room structure that has been used for 20 years, was voted for the Fruitdale district at a recent meeting of the patrons. The plans are to be drawn immediately, so that the building can be completed in time to start all eight grades when the term opens in the fall. Seventh and eighth grade pupils are being sent to La Grande this year. The enrollment at the beginning of the semester was more than 40 pupils. Lee Wright is chairman of the board.

Pioneer Laid to Rest
Here This Afternoon

The body of William Frank Gillespie, a resident of Union and Wallawa counties for 44 years, was brought here for burial this morning from Camas, Wash., where he died at his home Tuesday.

Old Followers and Rebellians were in charge of the funeral services, which were conducted at the Snodgrass & Zimmerman chapel at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The Rev. William Crosby Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiated. Burial was in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Gillespie was born in Vernon county, Missouri, October 23, 1849. He crossed the plains to Oregon in 1889, and lived in Union and Wallawa counties until about two years ago, when he moved to Camas, Wash. He was an Odd Fellow for more than 20 years.

Besides the widow, who accompanied the body here this morning, the surviving relatives include the decedent's father, Eldon Gillespie, who is 86; a brother, Alex, of Joseph; and two sisters, Mrs. Annie Ferguson, of Falkland, B. C., and Mrs. Melissa Humel, widow, of Pendleton. Mrs. Humel, Wright and Alex Gillespie were here for the funeral.

Whittemore Gang Had
"Perfect Crime System"

NEW YORK, Mar. 25. (AP)—Secrecy was being maintained by the police today regarding a "perfect crime system" which had a billion-dollar toll throughout the U. S. as the object.

The system was devised by the Whittemore gang of night club frequenters now in custody.

So perfect was the system as outlined from sources among the arrested men that acting district attorney Pecora has declined to reveal it.

"More harm than you could imagine would be done the youth of the country if the plan were made public," said Mr. Pecora.

"We have learned how highly systematized was the crime organization which the gang members formed. They had planned to operate on a national scale with a billion dollars in prospect as loot."

The system was so failure-proof that Mr. Pecora attributed the band's capture largely, to fact.

Brookhart
Opposed In
Committee

Senate Elections Board Votes to Unseat Republican—Due in Senate Next Week.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25. (AP)—A majority of the senate elections committee voted today to recommend the unseating of Senator Brookhart, republican, in favor of Daniel P. Stock, democrat.

A minority report holding that Senator Brookhart is entitled to his seat has been prepared by Senator Stephens, democrat, Mississippi.

The report will be filed with the senate this week and the fight is expected to open on the senate floor next week, with indications that it will extend over several days.

Nine Bills Affecting
West Reported Today

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25. (AP)—Nine bills and one resolution affecting western states were approved today by senate public lands committee. Four of the measures have been passed by the house.

Senate bills ordered favorably reported include: To convey to the state of Oregon title to Sand Island, near the mouth of the Columbia river, with the right reserved to the government to use the land for military purposes.

Gentleman Radio Thief
Escapes from Coppers

NEW YORK, Mar. 25. (AP)—A "gentleman radio burglar" who is as elusive as an ether wave, today capped seven weeks' search for him in the Woodhaven section of Queens by escaping from five different policemen after an exchange of 40 shots in which he wounded two of them.

The burglar has stolen 150 radio sets and other valuables.

The man has been called the "gentleman radio burglar" because of his immaculate dress and his fact that he has committed burglaries yielding sets with an estimated value of more than \$10,000.

FIRE DESTROYS
OIL DERRICKS

LONG BEACH, Cal., Mar. 25. (AP)—Two oil derricks were destroyed and another partly consumed in a fire which started in the northwest section of Signal Hill oil field shortly after midnight today. The Wilbur McAlpine-Craig well number 4 came in as a gasser under high pressure and a few minutes later the column was ignited when the flames reached the well pipe. The loss has reached an estimated total of between \$10,000 and \$125,000 at 2 a. m. and efforts of combined fire apparatus from nearby points were directed toward confining the flames within the somewhat isolated derrick section.

Four oil storage tanks were menaced by the flames which were shooting out at right angles from the circulation box at the top of the well. Workmen were engaged in pumping out these storage tanks.

The fire started shortly after midnight when gas escaping from the W. M. C. well number 3 ignited forming a flaming torch almost a hundred feet in height. The flames spread through four rigs standing in the near vicinity. All available fire fighting apparatus of this city was on the scene.

1700 Miners Strike When
Semi-Monthly Pay Lost

WHEELING, W. Va., Mar. 25. (AP)—Seventeen hundred miners employed in three mines of the Elm Grove Mining company went on strike today in protest against a company order placing in effect a system of monthly payroll distribution. Wages previously have been paid semi-monthly.

Baptist Missionary's
Body Found in River

PORTLAND, Mar. 25. (AP)—The body of the Rev. John Becket Murphy, 62, retired Baptist missionary, was found in the Willamette river yesterday. He left his home in Portland Tuesday, threatening to drown himself. He had been a missionary in Africa and Jamaica.

The body of Andrew Olsen, a cement contractor, who disappeared about a month ago, was found in the river yesterday.

NEW STATE
HIGHWAY TO
BE STARTED

Grant and Wheeler Counties Will Cooperate with Commission

\$735,000 NEEDED
FOR 32.6 STRETCH

Engineer Is Ordered to Make Survey of Part of Mitchell-Dayville Section of Road.

PORTLAND, Mar. 25. (AP)—The state highway commission today ordered a start on a cross-state highway, to be part of the "Florence, Oregon, to New York" transcontinental highway. The engineer was ordered to survey a part of the Mitchell-Dayville section of this highway, part of which is in Grant and part in Wheeler county. Estimates indicated that \$735,000 would be required for 32.6 miles of the road, including grading, surfacing and bridges. Grant county will cooperate on a 50-50 basis. Wheeler county offered \$10,000 in two years.

Active bidding for grading 7.3 miles of Golden Point-Corvallis section of Corvallis-Norberg highway marked the opening of the meeting. Fourteen bids were received.

12 Bids Submitted

There were 12 bids for building three culverts on this section. One bid was submitted for constructing a ferry boat for Marion county to ply between Independence and the settlement across the Willamette from that city.

The commission agreed to hold a public hearing at the New Grande Hotel soon to decide on its action regarding the proposed boundaries of the Salmon river super road district.

Those favoring this district plan to build a highway from New Grande Road to the Roosevelt highway at Otis, which they claim, will make the distance from Portland to salt water 81 miles.

Judge Bernard of Lane county received the commission promise for state cooperation next fall on three miles of grading and surfacing on Mackenzie highway west of Nimrod.

Seeking New Bridge

The highway commission will join a delegation from Springfield and Eugene to appear before the state public service commission to ask for an appropriation of the expense of building a new bridge across the Willamette near Springfield.

The Southern Pacific railroad has offered the piers of the old railway bridge as well as other cooperation.

The old bridge, State Highway Engineer Klein reported, is badly

SENATE DESIRES
DATA ON SENATOR
WHEELER'S TRIAL

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25. (AP)—By a vote of 61 to 13 the senate today ordered the department of justice to transmit to it a detailed statement of the money spent in the prosecution of Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana.

Another resolution inquiring whether it is proposed to bring perjury charges against Geo. H. Hayes, a New York attorney, who testified against Wheeler at the Montana trial was referred to the judiciary committee. Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, author of both resolutions agreed to this course.

YREKA, CAL., Mar. 25. (AP)—

Mrs. E. L. Weston, a suspected leader of a ring of automobile and service station thieves which operated in three states and obtained \$100,000 in loot, is under arrest here. Mrs. Payne McCrossin, another supposed ring leader, was arrested at Klamath Falls, Ore., but is reported to have escaped from the sheriff there.

The arrest of Mrs. Weston was announced by Sheriff A. S. Calkins. He denied reports that Mrs. McCrossin was also under arrest here.

Mrs. C. E. Weston, a supposed member of the gang, is in custody at Stockton, and the arrest of her brother-in-law, E. L. Weston, husband of the Yreka suspect, is expected momentarily.

Rhineland Is Denied
New Annulment Trial

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Mar. 25. (AP)—Supreme Court Justice Morganau today denied Leonard Kip Rhineland a new trial in his annulment action against his wife, Alice Jones Rhineland, which was tried before Justice Morganau in Westchester county supreme court at white plains last November. It is understood Rhineland will appeal to the appellate division in Brooklyn from Justice Morganau's ruling.

Mabel Normand Exonerated In
Case; Unknown Woman Suspected

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Prettiest Dimples Of All



Kenosha, Wis., business men set out the other day to find out what girl had the prettiest dimples. They finally picked 20-year-old Miss Anna Lappek as the winner.

WOMAN FOOLS
TWO; ESCAPES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 25. (AP)—Escape of Mrs. Payne McCrossin, alleged bandit band member, from under the noses of sheriff's deputies here, is without explanation.

Charles E. Morrell, of the California state department of identification, together with Sheriff A. S. Calkins of Yreka, Bliski county, California, wired here Tuesday night informing Sheriff Bart Hawkins they held warrants for Mrs. McCrossin's arrest and asking she be placed in jail here.

Instead, Hawkins placed two deputies over the woman as guard in the house she was occupying.

Wednesday morning when California authorities arrived and went to the house they found State Probation Agents L. L. McBride and W. Bennett seated in the front room, acting as guards.

Mrs. McCrossin was not in the house and neither McBride nor Bennett could say how she escaped.

A side window in the woman's bedroom was found partly open.

Sheriff Hawkins declines to state why he did not arrest Mrs. McCrossin and put her in jail as requested.

CHICAGO, Mar. 25. (AP)—Further evidence intended to substantiate the charge of gross mismanagement of Wyoming ranching properties was heard today in the suit brought by the Countess of Suffolk and Berks to force removal of her brother, Joseph Leiter, as a co-trustee of the vast estate of their father, Levi Leiter.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Mar. 3. (AP)—

H. H. "Red" Turner, assistant athletic coach at O. A. C. today accepted a position as physical education director and athletic coach at Roseburg high school, and will report for duty here next September.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 25. (AP)—

Roswell L. Corner, of McMinnville, today filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for the republican nomination for circuit judge for Polk and Yamhill counties. "Fidelity to duty and impartial justice to all" is his slogan.

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SMOOT ASKS
SENATE TO
OKEH DEBT

Italian Settlement Plan Championed by Finance Board Chairman

CLASSES PLAN AS
BEST AVAILABLE

Dramatic Struggle over Bill Expected—Opponents Would Return It to Committee.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25. (AP)—Chairman Smoot, of the finance committee, pleaded today with the senate not to make the Italian debt settlement the "football of partisan politics," or to let its judgment be warped by "forerunners of Mussolini, the fascist and their policies."

Calling up the bill to ratify the settlement of Italy's war debt to this country the Utah Senator declared Italy had agreed to pay not only the principal of her debt of \$1,600,000,000, but \$800,000,000 of interest as well.

The address of the finance committee chairman, carefully prepared and brilliant with statistics, marked the beginning of what has been the promise of being a dramatic struggle with opponents seeking to send the bill to the foreign relations committee for further study. Proponents are confident that they can muster the votes to block that program and put the bill through.

Referring to the \$100,000,000 loan which J. P. Morgan and company made to Italy last summer at an interest rate of seven per cent, Senator Smoot said the difference between this and the low interest rates which Italy pays to the American government "is so simple that one might suppose that no senator would stop to discuss it."

"The funds advanced by the American government were advanced during the war," he said. "The goods bought did not enrich them. They were used by Italy to fight the war."

Italy Needs Money.

"Italy without the new loan would not be in a position to stabilize her currency and carry out her program of fiscal and financial reconstruction. This must be accomplished if she is to live up to her debt settlements with this country and Great Britain as a despairing creditor. We should welcome the boldness of the investor who comes forward with

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OREGON D.A.R.
MEETING TODAY

PORTLAND, Mar. 25. (AP)—With politics buzzing the 13th annual spring conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Oregon opened here today. The report of the nominating committee is to be made at the close of the afternoon session. The election is to be held Saturday.

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