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THE WEATHER

O'KEON — Generally cloudy tonight and Wednesday; moderate temperature. Gentle variable winds.

RELIGIOUS
SCHOOL TO
BE IN JUNE

Second Annual Daily Vacation Bible Classes Authorized

MINISTERS MAKE
PLANS FOR MONTH

Institution Will Be Held in Two Sections—One on the North and One on South Side.

La Grande's second annual daily vacation bible school—improved and expanded to meet the demands that asserted themselves in last year's initial attempt in that direction—will be held in two sections, one on each side of the tracks, the first four weeks of June.

Plans were whipped into shape at a called meeting of the Ministerial association at the Presbyterian study room Monday.

Pollard to Head School

The Rev. George Albert Pollard, pastor of the First Baptist church, has been named general superintendent. A cabinet of five members was authorized, one member to be placed in charge of each of the following divisions of the responsibility: Teachers, curriculum, finances, publicity and supplies. The Rev. W. C. Ross, of the First Presbyterian church, was appointed to engage instructions.

A committee of laymen, one member from each church participating, will be appointed to work

RECEPTION TO
HONOR VISITOR

A reception honoring Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, state president of the Oregon Conference of Parents and Teachers, will follow the program to be held in the high school auditorium this evening at 7:45 o'clock when Mrs. Gabriel will speak on the work of the parents and teachers. In addition to Mrs. Gabriel's address there will be a short musical program, which is under the direction of Mrs. Carl Helm, assisted by Mrs. George R. Lyman.

The reception will be held in the domestic science department of the high school. Mrs. C. B. Johnson, president of the Parent-Teacher association of Central school, is chairman of the committee in charge.

Mrs. Gabriel has been as far east as Ontario visiting the various parent-teacher organizations in this part of the state. Today she is in La Grande this evening. All fathers and mothers of the community are invited to attend the meeting tonight.

While in the city Mrs. Gabriel will be guest of Mrs. Carl Helm, district vice-president of the state association.

Jury Retires To Deliberate On
Case Against F. M. Martin

Shortly after 11 o'clock this morning the jury in the case against F. M. Martin, of La Grande, withdrew to decide whether the plaintiff can collect on notes given for money advanced to the defendant on apples. The amount of the notes, which numbered four, was \$1,896.

The defendant, represented by George T. Cochran and Robert Eakin, claims that the company failed to exercise discretion in the sale of the fruit, and so did not realize their full market value. H. L. Ross, assisted by Eberle, a Boise, attorney, represented the plaintiff, which is a selling agency incorporated under the laws of Oregon. Ray Wilson was the local representative at the time the contract with Martin was signed in 1922.

Jurors Drawn

Jurors for Mrs. Margaret Conklin's \$5,000-damage suit against Ray Wilson were drawn beginning with the retirement of the apple case jury. Mrs. Conklin, who was

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President Of
Order Tells
Of Purposes

American Legion Auxiliary of Eastern Oregon Hears Mrs. Eastman, of Gresham.

An address by Mrs. Minnie B. Eastman, of Gresham, president of the Oregon American Legion auxiliary, on the aims and purposes of the auxiliary was the principal feature of the Eastern Oregon conference held here yesterday afternoon. "Our greatest work is among the ex-service men who are still confined to government hospitals as a result of the world war," Mrs. Eastman said. She stressed the fact that everyone eligible to become a member of the auxiliary should do so. She talked about Memorial day and the poppy sale at that time, saying that the making of the red poppies was the only work that would interest the mentally deficient in the government hospitals.

The meeting, which started at 2:15 o'clock in the Neighborhood club rooms was presided over by Mrs. Agnes Basler, district committee woman, from Prineville. Mrs. C. N. Palmer, of this city, chairman of the American Legion committee, spoke on "Americanism." In the absence of Mrs. Marie Walker, of St. Helens, state historian, Mrs. Ray Williams, president of the local auxiliary, read a paper sent by Mrs. Walker on the poppy work. The paper was entitled

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MCCARTHY SHOWS
PLEASURE AFTER
VIEWING COMPANY

Although Major C. E. McCarthy, who inspected the La Grande unit of the Oregon National guard last evening, made very few comments he seemed to be well pleased with the local guardsmen. The few remarks he made to Major R. H. Huron following the inspection were very favorable.

Besides a large turn out of guardsmen for the inspection there were several persons present to witness the drills. Regular quarterly muster preceded the federal inspection.

Major McCarthy, Major Huron, Captain E. W. Dwyer and Sergeant Frederick Anderson went to Baker this morning and will inspect the Baker national guard company this evening.

Frank Kreutz Accused
Of Beating Young Girl

Accused of beating his 15-year-old stepdaughter, Frank Kreutz, was arrested Monday and arraigned before Judge Hugh E. Brady, who set the hearing for Saturday, April 3. Kreutz put up \$250 in bonds for his appearance for trial.

Union Boy Injured by
Auto From Pendleton

UNION, Ore. (Special)—Sammy Russell, a boy of about 12 years of age, whose home is in South Union, was injured Sunday night when he was run over by an automobile. He was on the highway which connects with Main street at the time of the accident.

The car, which is believed to be from Pendleton, passed over the boy's body in two places. It is not definitely known yet just how badly the lad is injured.

A 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.

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RECORD OF
GOV. PIERCE
IS ASSAILED

Jackson County Republicans Attack Executive in Convention

LAW AND ORDER
SAID MAIN ISSUE

Tax, Prohibition and Pardoning Record of the State Administration Is Frowned Upon.

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 29. (AP)—Republicans of Jackson county met this morning and adopted a platform declaring that "law and order" was the main issue of the coming campaign, and assailing the tax, prohibition and pardoning record of Governor Walter M. Pierce.

John J. Buchter of this city, a Spanish-American war veteran, was named chairman at the opening of the convention.

Under the heading of "Governor Pierce and Lawlessness" platform as adopted, asserts: "The present wave of lawlessness is due in no small degree to the failure of officials to function as contemplated by statute, and the principal offender among such is the chief executive of this state, Governor Pierce, who has by his official acts destroyed any possibility of hope of procuring law enforcement during his incumbency."

Pardoning Flayed.

Extending of executive clemency is flayed in the following words:

"Since the assumption of office the governor has extended clemency to more than 500 law violators of almost every degree of criminality, 205 of which were still owners, bootleggers, rum runners and other prohibition law violators."

This, the platform avers, "has resulted in a large degree to the nullification of the efforts of those forces of good citizenship, whose prophet he proclaims himself to be."

Deny Receiving Relief.

Setting forth that "Walter M. Pierce secured his election through his promise to cut the cost of government, and reduce taxes," the platform calls upon "every property owner of Jackson county, as a witness to testify that he has received no relief from this source."

The governor's urging of the initiation of a previously defeated income tax bill, is flayed as furnishing no relief, and it is urged that its adoption "would build another executive organization of tax-eaters."

On the subject of prohibition the platform declared "there is no real issue before the people as to the modification of the prohibition laws of this state; we believe the real issue to be law and order."

Enforcement Urged.

More effective enforcement of liquor law is urged, and promised.

A more just equalization of taxes without additional laws, rigid economy in the conduct of governmental business, and the minimization of public officials is favored as a remedy for taxation.

Simplification of the present tax laws, is also urged. The recommendation of the state assessors' association that state tax commission be given power to supervise and harmonize assessments and the taxation of intangibles is approved.

The recovery of taxes on Oregon-California land grant lands as proposed by Senator Stanford's bill

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Burk Pleads Guilty to
Charge; Is Fined \$200

W. R. Burk, he of the offices and the hotel-room bar, pleaded guilty to a charge of illegal possession of liquor before Justice Hugh E. Brady Monday, and was fined \$200 and costs. Without money, Burk went back to jail, where his fine rates him two dollars a day.

Miniature Whirlwind
Plays at Summerville

SUMMERVILLE, Ore., Mar. 29. (Special)—A small whirlwind struck parts of this section Sunday afternoon, assuming quite violent proportions. Two fences were blown down in Summerville and three tiers of stove wood ricked up near the Claude Hale sawmill, south of here, were whipped by the wind into a mere pile of wood, tangled and criss-crossed as though most of it had never been laboriously arranged. The stove wood belonged to E. F. Combes of Summerville.

H. J. Taylor
Returns To
Senate Race

Umatilla County Legislator Reconsiders Decision—Gov. Pierce Issues Platform.

PENDLETON, Ore., Mar. 29. (Special)—Senator H. J. Taylor, of Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, has, in response to demands from local friends and similar requests from Union county, returned to the race for the joint senatorship. Several days ago he withdrew.

Senator Taylor is preparing to file for the democratic nomination and announces the following as his platform:

"I am in favor of an income tax."

"I favor an Eastern Oregon normal school."

"I will stand to protect the Round-Up."

"I am in favor of completing the highway system and paying road bonds at maturity."

"I have no pet bills to offer."

"I favor rigid economy in transacting public business."

GOV. PIERCE'S PLATFORM

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 29.—"Continued effort to reduce and equitably distribute the tax burden."

Such is the slogan which Governor Pierce has selected for publication after his name on the primary ballot.

Formally filing his notice of candidacy, Governor Pierce made 11 declarations of principle, the chief of which is advocacy of a state income tax and a more equitable distribution of the state's tax burden. He concludes with a declaration for "adequate transportation facilities" for Central and Southern Oregon, in which he states: "Let the Northern lines in."

The Pierce declaration of faith follows:

"Relieve property of state taxes by raising revenue from income tax and indirect sources."

"Revise assessment laws to equalize tax burden."

"Keep Oregon the driest state in the union."

"Make our penal institutions self-sustaining."

"Complete highway system and road bonds at maturity."

"Extend automobile license, allowing reduction for used cars."

"Maintain present efficiency of our public schools."

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TAKE CARE OF
TEETH IS URGE

The average adult is slovenly in regard to his dental health and the best way to arrive at a better state of affairs is to educate the children, declared Dr. Ray Murphy today before a chamber of commerce luncheon at the Foley grill.

He advocated a dentist as a part of every full-time health unit, such as is being urged for Union county, and also a nurse well trained as a dental hygienist.

Dentists of today are trying to promote preventive habits to do away with bad condition of teeth, he said, and laid especial stress upon the necessity of a well-balanced, sensible diet.

Preceding his address, Dr. E. P. Mossman, chairman, reviewed the history of dentistry. C. J. Bucher returned thanks.

SNIG, BRUMMY,
SEXTACIES OR
WHAT HAVE YOU?

NEW YORK, Mar. 29 (AP)—Every day of the year, seven or eight new words knock for admission into the dictionary.

Within the past two days 17 new words have been submitted to Dr. Frank H. Vizetelly, managing editor of the New Standard dictionary.

Here are a few:

Snig—Something one tries to obtain that one had never seen.

Brummy—Hogus, phony; as a brummy check.

Chaffesse—A woman who resorts to banter or chaff.

Dinkum—Real, genuine; as dinkum oil.

Sextacies—The awakening of sex appeal.

Sportscrapiana—A book of sport clippings.

Pittacker—Brujan, swank, bruton, bolibum, anicus—all submitted in competition for a new name for one who is cruel to animals. ("Pittacker" was the winning name).

Relatively few of the words get past the editors. The final test usually is that of popularity.

SOUTHWEST
IN GRIP OF
WIND, SNOW

Two Killed in Storm at Liberty, Texas, Early This Morning

WINTERY BLANKET
COVERS AMARILLO

Albuquerque Has "Bleak-est Day of Winter"—Oklahoma and Western Missouri Chilled.

Liberty, Tex.—Two killed, one hurt in storm.

Denver, Colo.—Snow and cold sweeps Rocky Mountain region.

Amarillo, Tex.—Heaviest snow in 18 years.

Kansas City—Southwest covered with snow blanket.

Houston, Tex.—Storm damage estimated at \$250,000.

Eugene, Ore.—Yesterday warmest day this year.

LIBERTY, Tex., Mar. 29. (AP)—Two men were killed and a third critically injured when a storm swept a path about half a mile wide through the South Liberty oil field at 4 a. m. today. Virtually every derick and building in the path was demolished.

COLD HITS ROCKIES

DENVER, Colo., Mar. 29. (AP)—The winter twins—snow and cold—are back on the job again in the Rocky Mountain region after a two-months' absence that sent homewives to their spring cleaning tasks, golfers to the links and aspirants home run kings to the sand.

Montana cities are experiencing the coldest weather in nearly a year and one Treasure state city—Livingston—had the two coldest days, Sunday and Monday, on record since December 27, 1924, when the mercury sank to ten degrees above zero.

Even in Arizona the cold wave has been felt and at Phoenix took the form of record breaking rains. A rainfall of 1.19 inches on Monday was the greatest single day's precipitation registered during the month of March in that city for 31 years.

Albuquerque reported the "bleak-est day of the winter" with cold winds and snow.

In Colorado Springs wild ducks, chilled by the sudden change, dropping down to wading pools in the parks and refused to be disturbed even by the close approach of children.

The weather man's forecast indicated only that April would be greeted in chilly fashion; for "snow and continued cold" is the laconic prognostication.

SNOW BLANKETS TEXAS

DALLAS, Tex., Mar. 29. (AP)—The clouds of a tiger-like March today sank deep into this state which a few days ago was warming under a lamb-like spring.

The conclusion of the dying month wreaked vengeance in a storm which cut through Houston, Beaumont, Liberty and surrounding towns, causing at least two deaths, brought Amarillo its greatest snow in 18 years and played freakish pranks throughout the state.

The western plains were covered damage which may mount to several hundred thousand dollars and it is feared may have resulted in several deaths.

Oil Workers Killed.

Jack Kelly and a man named Brown were killed at Liberty and

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Mexico Denies Selling
Concession to Japan

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 29. (AP)—The Mexican minister of agriculture and development Luis Leon, today emphatically denied the report published in the United States that the Mexican government was selling a concession to a Japanese syndicate on Magdalena bay, Lower California.

In dismissing the report, the minister said that American big game was always attempting to use this subject to start a Mexican-Japanese scare in the U. S.

Ashamed To Show Faces



While Mike and Bill Donovan (above) convicted of booze running in Seattle, were dodging cameramen on their way to the federal prison, Roy and Elsie Olmstead, dethroned "king and queen of the 'leggers'" were having their last laugh on the public. They sold off a lot of "antiques" in their palatial home. One woman, who bought a "rare old" picture for two dollars, turned it over and discovered "sixty-five cents" written on the back.

FARM VALUES
ON DECREASE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29. (AP)—A shrinkage in the value of American farms and farm buildings was estimated by the department of commerce today in a preliminary report on the latest agricultural census. The decrease amounts to a little more than 25 per cent.

Farm acreage in the same period declined from 555,883,715 to 524,859,330 acres, and the department's division of land economics calculated the decline in the average acre value of land and buildings at 22 per cent and for land alone at 28 per cent. The value of farm buildings, it was explained, increased 6 per cent.

The decline during the last five years was not general, the department's experts found, the shrinkage in values having been greatest in the range country, the wheat and corn belts, and the eastern cotton states, while a slight increase was recorded in New England and the middle Atlantic states. In the mountain states the decline amounted to 41 per cent; in Iowa, 24 per cent, and in Georgia, 40 per cent. The increase in New England was 9 per cent and in the middle Atlantic states 1 per cent. Pacific coast values remained constant.

The increase in farm values in the northwestern states was attributed to a great extent to the development of the dairy industry, the favorable position respecting markets and an increased demand for farm land for recreational purposes.

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TOPEKA, Kan., Mar. 29. (AP)

—The prosecution in the trial of former governor Jonathan M. Davis and his son Russell on charges of selling a pardon, rested its case today.

Klamath Falls, Ore., Mar. 29. (AP)

—Mrs. Faye McCrossin, wanted on California charges, is still at large following her getaway Sunday afternoon from officers here. Chief of Police C. E. Tovey wired here today she is wanted on a felony charge in Chico.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29. (AP)

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Fires Burn in Siuslaw
Forest South of Eugene

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 29. (AP)—Several fires are burning in the lower Siuslaw river country in the Siuslaw national forest according to word received here by Ralph S. Shelley, supervisor of the forest, from George P. McClanahan, ranger at Waldport.

The ranger reported that there appeared to be five or six fires, and that a great deal of smoke was coming from them.

DEBT PLAN
ATTACKED
BY HOWELL

Nebraska Senator Says America Must Quit Playing Santa

OPPOSES SETTLING
OF ITALIAN DEBT

Scores Practice of Cancelling Principal—Says People Lulled into Complacency.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29. (AP)—The time has come for America to "abdicate the part of Santa Clause to Europe," Senator Howell, republican, Nebraska, told the senate today in opposing recommendation of the Italian debt statement. Every debt agreement recommended thus far by the American debt commission he said provides for cancellation of the principal. In addition to cancelling the principal of \$1,500,000,000 owned by Italy, he contended, that agreement imposes on the American people an annual deficit in interest of \$27,000,000 representing the difference between 1.1 per cent to be paid by Italy and the 4.25 per cent rate authorized by congress, and paid on Liberty bonds.

Cancellation Triumphed

Charging that the "echo of the last gun fired in the great war had scarcely died away when a project for cancellation of every one of our war debts was initiated," he declared and it "clashed hands with our international bankers" and "remarkable as it may seem, actually triumphed" in the settlement of the British debt.

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OREGON TRAIL
WILL BE OILED

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 29. (AP)—The state highway commission has announced that oiling operations on a number of the macadam highways in Eastern Oregon will be under way in the near future. One oiling crew will begin near Arlington about April 4, and similar operations will start at Bend and Pendleton on April 15 and at Huntington about May 1.

The plan is to oil the following sections of highway as rapidly as possible: The Old Oregon Trail, complete from The Dalles to the Idaho state line; those sections of The Dalles-California highway from The Dalles to Dufur; the Jefferson county line to Bend, and from Lava Butte to Lapine; the Sherman highway from Hixson to Wasco; the McKenzie highway from Redmond to Prineville.

In Eastern Oregon, in addition to the Old Oregon Trail, it is planned to oil the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway and the La Grande and Elgin, and a short section of the Oregon-Washington highway between Pendleton and McKay Creek. There are other sections of the state which will be oiled later in the season.

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Shades of Bacchanalia! Beer
To Be Accessible To Ye Public

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29. (AP)—Medicinal beer, comparable in alcoholic content to the pre-prohibition beverage, will be accessible to the public for the next six months at least.

The new "health boosters," which Anheuser-Busch Inc., of St. Louis, and the Pabst Brewing company, of Milwaukee, have been given permission to manufacture, are expected to be accessible to the public at drug stores about the time the senate judiciary committee gets under way with its hearing on bills designed to release the old-fashioned beverage from present Volstead law restrictions.

Number of Cases Restricted

The only restriction on sale of the malt tonic will be the number of cases drug stores may handle. The permits granted the two brewing companies by Assistant Secretary Andrews, of the treasury, allow an alcoholic content of 3.75 per cent by volume. From five to 25 cases may be furnished drug stores weekly, according to their size, and no prescriptions will be required of consumers who feel the need of more and better health.

Don't Drink Too Much.

The "kick"—from the healthy wet's standpoint—lies not in the state.

PORTLAND, Mar. 29. (AP)—Thirty Oregonians probably will not be able to quaff the new medicinal beer even though it may be sold under federal regulations. This opinion was advanced by Deputy District Attorney Leon H. Berham. He said the Oregon law prohibits the sale of any beverage containing more than one-half of 1 per cent alcohol, and if the new beer can be used as a beverage it cannot be sold in this state.