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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair overcast;
cloudy overcast portion to-
night. Colder, with frosts
tonight. Thursday fair.JURY FINDS
FOR MARTIN,
DEFENDANTAmbler Man Relieved of
\$1,800 Worth of Notes
by VerdictCONKLIN-WILSON
CASE ON TRIALInjured Woman on Stand
This Morning; Tearfully
Tells Jurors of Acci-
dent.

F. M. Martin was relieved of all liability in connection with the \$1,800 worth of notes he issued to the Dan Wulfe and company in 1923 for money advanced on apples the agency was to sell for him when the jury reported mid-afternoon yesterday that it had found for the defendant in the case.

Martin's claim was that the Wulfe company could have collected more than the amount of the notes and was itself convinced of that fact was supported by the decision of the jury.

A courtroom full of Ambler spectators heard the report of the jury, which returned about four hours after its members withdrew to deliberate.

Conklin Case on Trial.
Following court now and then until she could bring her tears under control, Mrs. Margaret Conklin told from the witness stand in circuit court this morning all she could remember of the accident a year ago Thanksgiving day that left her crippled for life, and resulted in her present suit for \$5000 damages against Roy Wilson, whose negligence driving she alleged was the cause of her suffering loss to the pavement in front of her home near Ambler.

David Conklin, husband of the plaintiff, Ted Conklin, her brother-in-law, several friends and neighbors, and Dr. W. P. McAdory, who cared for her during her seven

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ROAD OWNERS
MAY PAY DEBT

Following within the period of postponement to arrange for the payment of debts outstanding, the owners of the Central railway of Oregon today succeeded in getting sheriff's sale of the road delayed for another seven days.

Next Wednesday coincides the two weeks' period for which the creditors agreed to postpone their enforced collection of more than \$2000 owed for materials and labor. Ed Weibel, of Spokane, has filed claims of \$1,200 for work he did for the road. The Ray Woodruff company seeks to collect \$242.50 for cars and supplies.

"I think I'll sell the Central railway of Oregon next week," Sheriff Jesse Hrethars said this morning. He prides himself on being the only officer for counties around with a railroad to sell.

Summit Highway, Built 60 Years
Ago, May Become County RoadA 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 will naturally give no thought to him or his business, though he is bringing 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."

Mrs. Gabriel,
Oregon P.-T.
Chief, TalksPresident Outlines Object
of Parent-Teacher Association to Local Organization.

Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, state president of the Oregon Conference of Parents and Teachers, of Portland, addressed a fairly large crowd of La Grande parents and teachers at a special meeting at the high school auditorium last evening.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Carl G. Helin, district vice-president of the state association, who also introduced the speaker. Mrs. Gabriel gave an interesting talk concerning the Oregon P.-T. association. The association was organized in Portland in 1906 with 17,000 members. Mrs. Gabriel said. The object of the organization is to train parents and teachers so that they will be able to teach the children the Golden Rule, which is the foundation of character building, the state president declared.

She likened the three conferences of the association—national, state and local to three parts of a tree, the national being the trunk, the state the branches and the local the leaves. In closing her address Mrs. Gabriel quoted Theodore Roosevelt, who said that "the parent-teacher association is the most fundamental instructive force in the world today."

At the close of the meeting Mrs. S. D. Hirsch, president of the Willow school parent-teacher association, Mrs. C. B. Johnson, president of the central association, and Mrs. George H. Lyman, chairman of the city council of the four associations here, gave short talks about the P.-T. work in this community. J. T. Longfellow, city school superintendent.

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24 HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS TO ATTEND
TRAINING CAMP

Twenty-four La Grande high school boys enlisted for citizens' military training camp following a talk before a special assembly in the auditorium this morning by Lieut. Ross St. Clair, of Portland, adjutant of the second battalion of the 24th Infantry. Wilson Thurston, Jack Coolidge, Norwood Hale, John Herr, Norman Jesse, Chas. McKennon and Paul Meyers, who had their training under Lieutenant St. Clair at Vancouver last year, were among the 24.

"The principal purpose of the training camps is not military," declared Glenn Campbell, also of the reserves, who assisted in the recruiting. "They are schools for physical health and a thorough understanding of the obligations and privileges of citizenship, and include instruction in hygiene, first aid, sanitation and the care and preservation of the health. Every one of our boys who has attended in the past has come back a better man for the experience."

Glen Marr Appeals; Freed on \$500 Bonds

Glen Marr, formerly of Walla Walla county, who was convicted of disorderly conduct here in police court some time ago and sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and serve 30 days in jail, has been freed, following his filing of notice of appeal. He furnished bonds amounting to \$500.

SUMMITVILLE, Ore., Mar. 31. (Special)—A petition asking that the portion of the Summit road running from Dry Creek schoolhouse to the Dry Creek bridge be recorded as a county road and worked by the county as a consequence, is to be filed with the county court of Union county within a few days, residents of the Dry Creek school district, about two miles northwest of Summitville, taking action because the road is in acute need of care.

Although this is one of the oldest roads in the county and the three and one-half miles now called to the attention of the county court was long ago devoted to the county by Charles Oswald, now of Summitville, Hugh Herson, of Ambler, James Shack, of Elgin and others the deeds, it appears, were never recorded and the ranchers whose places border the road to Dry Creek have had to contend with a poor road as a result.

Road Built 60 Years Ago
The road was constructed about 60 years ago and formerly was known as the old Thomas & Hunkie freight and stage road, crossing the summit of the Blue Mountains and leading to Walla Walla.

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W. BOLLONS
QUITS POST
HERE TODAYSuperintendent of Second
Division Retires After
Long ServiceW. H. GUILD WILL
TAKE OVER WORKAssistant Superintendent
of First Division Appointed to La Grande
Position.

After thirty-five and one-half years in the employ of the Oregon-Washington Railway and Navigation company William Bollons, for the past 13 years superintendent of the second division, is serving his last day today. When office hours are ended at 5 o'clock, Mr. Bollons will be relieved according to the pension rules of the company, and tomorrow morning W. H. Guild, assistant superintendent of the first division, will arrive in La Grande to take his place.

Mr. Bollons has been superintendent of the O.-W. company for the past 17 years. He held other official positions prior to that time. He started work for the company in September, 1890, as roadmaster. From there he was transferred to general roadmaster and then to division engineer. At that time there was no second division and the headquarters offices were located in Portland.

Came to La Grande in 1913
When the Oregon division of the company was divided in June, 1913, and the second division formed with offices here, Mr. Bollons came to La Grande as assistant superintendent. He bought a home here on First street and moved his family from Portland.

During his time as superintendent of the company, Mr. Bollons has seen the company grow from small to large power by degrees. During his administration the Portland-Seattle line was constructed and several hundred miles of branch railways. In that length of time there has been much improvement in maintenance. Forty and 55-pound rails have been discarded for 100-pound rails, which are used at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bollons are selling their home here and expect to move to Portland eventually.

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O. A. C. SINGERS
HERE TONIGHT

"Red hot," breathed a junior approvingly, when he had listened to three or four of the selections the O. A. C. orchestra put out as teasers this morning at a special assembly called at the high school auditorium for a program by the syncretists and their fellow-travelers, the O. A. C. Madrigal club.

The assembly was set for 8:30. Promptly at the whiter of the bell in the high school office, two great red buses drew up before the building, and emptied 40 or more collegiates onto the campus. In five minutes more, Jesse Andrews was telling the students about tonight's program, which begins at 8 o'clock, and for which the high school gets a fourth of all receipts.

A couple of O. A. C. boys, a trick or two of harmony and a mere handful of notes from the quartet, and the girls were through. The orchestra was a little more generous. But it almost had to be. The assembly had turned out a great noisemaking machine that would not be stilled until the players consented to aggravate the air again. All seven members are from California, their admiring companions volunteered. They will play a dance at the Zuhler hall after the concert this evening.

Doors will be open at 7:50 o'clock this evening, and no seats will be reserved. Principal E. D. Towler announced.

Car, Stolen Here, Found
Yesterday at Arlington

A brougham, stolen from in front of the J. M. Choate residence on M avenue just after midnight yesterday morning, was found abandoned at Arlington late Tuesday. Mr. Choate left here to bring the automobile back.

Reports say that the car was damaged to some extent, including burning of the bearings.

3 Trains In
Snow Drifts
In OklahomaPassengers Will Be Rescued
Today with Aid of
Motor Trucks and Im-
provised Plows.

PAWBUKA, Okla., Mar. 31. (AP)—Officials of the Midland Valley railroad were bending every effort to release three trains marooned in the snow near Foraker, Okla. One of the trains with 25 passengers had been stuck since 11 a. m. yesterday. It was on route from Wichita, Kans. to Fort Smith, Ark. A relief train which went to its rescue yesterday was also overcome by the snow. The third train was a northbound freight which went into the drifts.

Sandwiches and coffee were sent to the imprisoned travelers and trucks with improvised snow plows were clearing a road today to bring them by motor car to Foraker.

The marooned train all have fuel and heat has been provided for the passengers.

STORM HITS CANADA
OTTAWA, Mar. 31. (AP)—Telephone and telegraph communications between Ottawa and Toronto were served by a heavy storm today.

MONTREAL, Mar. 31. (AP)—A seventy-mile-an-hour wind carrying rain, snow and sleet, was sweeping eastward over Ontario today. All telegraph communication between Toronto and Montreal was disrupted.

NEW BLIZZARD FEARED
DENVER, Mar. 31. (AP)—Shivering in the sub-normal temperatures and daily forced to shovel his way through the heavy snows which have fallen intermittently for a week, Denver today was preparing to meet a new blizzard.

Light snow flurries with rising

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MANY ATTEND
NOON SERVICE

Through of La Grande busy citizens are finding time to attend the noon service today that are being conducted at the Arcade theater in observance of holy week. Today's crowd of worshippers were dressed briefly by the Rev. J. A. Hall, pastor of the Methodist church South, who spoke on "Silent Meditation." The first M. E. women's sextet sang an anthem. The meeting opened with prayer by Dr. Henry W. Parker, of the Methodist church, and was dismissed by the Rev. G. A. Pollard, Baptist.

At 8 o'clock tonight, the second of three union meetings, joining the Methodist, the Presbyterian and the Baptist congregations, and as many others as wish to attend, will be held at the Methodist church. The Rev. W. C. Ross, Presbyterian pastor, will deliver the sermon. For his text, he has chosen the scripture story of the second day of the original passion week in Christ's life, and his sermon will be based on the theme, "The Master's Great Question."

The first union meeting at the Baptist church last evening was well attended. Dr. Parker gave the message, which revolved around the coming of the fig tree on the Monday after the entry into Jerusalem. "Leaves or figs?" was his question theme. Mr. Pollard sang the special anthem. Congregational singing was also featured.

At the Christian church, where a revival week is in progress, an increased audience heard the Rev. C. V. Dunn in his sermon on "The Plan of Salvation" last evening. For his sermon tonight, the minister will use as his subject, "No Man Can Serve Two Masters."

Hats Worth \$1,500,000
Imported in January

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31. (AP)—Preparations to fill the Easter bonnet demand are disclosed in commerce department reports showing that approximately \$1,500,000 worth of hats of all descriptions and the necessary brims and plumes were imported during January.

The harvest hand was not overlooked either, for \$99,227 worth of new "hayseeds" came in for nearly a million and half farmers.

The imports from Italy totaled \$272,424, while the value of those from France was only \$25,839.

JAPS DENY
RECEIVING
CONCESSIONStory Concerning Acquir-
ing of Magdalena Bay
Branded as FalseDISCUSS RUMOR
IN WASHINGTONChairman Borah Says He
Will Continue a Private
Investigation and Re-
port Later.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31. (AP)—The Japanese embassy announced today that instructions had been sent by Tokyo to the Japanese envoys in Washington and Mexico City to inquire into reports that a two-million acre concession on the Lower California coast in Mexico had been granted to a Japanese syndicate.

In addition, the Japanese consul at Los Angeles was said to be trying to locate a Doctor Ornel, reported to be the purchaser of the concession.

Japanese officials here said the Mexican government, responding to Japanese inquiries, had denied knowledge of such sale. The reported land grant on Magdalena bay by the Mexican government to a Mexican-Japanese syndicate was discussed informally today by the senate foreign relations committee, but no action was taken.

Chairman Borah told the committee that he would continue his private investigation and submit a report at a meeting later.

Ambassador Teller, acting on instructions from his government, today issued a formal statement, declaring reports that Mexico had granted land concessions in Lower California to a Japanese syndicate were "absolutely false."

PERFECT FASCIST
STATE IS NEARER
FOLLOWING MOVE

ROME, Mar. 31. (AP)—After an all-night session the grand council of the fascist party this morning took another important step toward realization of Premier Mussolini's dream of the perfect fascist state, with capital and labor working in cooperation, for the common welfare.

Two decisions were taken shortly after dawn. First, a provision for direct labor union representation in the senate, and second, appointment to the general secretaryship of the fascist party of August Turati of Brescia, well known as an organizer of fascist labor unions. Turati succeeds Roberto Farinacci as general secretary.

Governors' Conference
To Be Held in Wyoming

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Mar. 31. (AP)—The annual governors' conference will be held here July 26, a communication received today by Governor Nellie Taylor Ross of Wyoming from Governor Brewster of Maine, stated.

Chiloquin Mill Razed
By Fire; Loss \$100,000

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 31. (AP)—Fire starting in the boiler room last evening destroyed the sawmill of the Chiloquin Lumber company, at Chiloquin, with a damage estimated at \$100,000. The mill was operating two shifts and had a daily capacity of 125,000 feet. Fire insurance covered the plant. Plans for rebuilding will be discussed at a meeting this week.

Factory, Established
In 1769, Burning Today

LIMOGES, France, Mar. 31. (AP)—Fire which started in the Haviland Porcelain factory here last night was still raging this morning. The damage will reach several million francs, and about 500 workers will probably be made idle.

The Haviland Porcelain factory where the famous Haviland china is manufactured is but one of many porcelain and crockery factories of Limoges.

Porcelain and china manufacturing has been one of the principal industries in this town since the twelfth century. The Haviland factory was established in 1769.

Christ Visited This Home



Here are the ruins of the home of Mary and Martha in Bethany, near Jerusalem, whither Christ retired on Wednesday of Holy Week—the day before He returned to Jerusalem for The Last Supper.

ASSOCIATION
MEETS TODAY

With F. A. Elliott, of Salem, state forester, and several other forestry and fire prevention officers on the program, the Union County Fire association today assembled at the city hall for election of officers, assessments and the lining up of work to be done this coming year.

Elmer Stodard, vice president, presided in the absence of George F. Cochran, who was busy in circuit court. L. H. Russell is secretary-treasurer. The county's 81 members include both large and small timber owners, and the heads of the lumbering companies.

State Forester Elliott addressed the morning session, which was otherwise devoted largely to routine work. Others here to advise with the local association are B. S. King, of Salem, Elliott's field deputy; R. H. Chapter, of Portland, secretary of the Oregon Fire Prevention association; E. H. McDaniel, of Portland, in charge of the forest distribution of the Weeks-McNary law fund; J. C. Kubus, of Baker, superintendent of the Willamette forest; J. T. Irwin, of Pendleton, superintendent of the Umatilla forest. The superintendents were accompanied by several of their rangers.

Attempt to Take Life
Of Prohi Agent Fails

LEWISTON, Ida., Mar. 31. (AP)—An attempt to take the life of James F. Rice, federal prohibition agent, was made last night when police said a dynamite bomb was exploded at the corner of the window of his sleeping room.

The bomb tore through the side of the building and hurled portions of the window frame about the room but Rice was only partially stunned by the explosion. He had retired at ten o'clock and his head was resting within 15 inches of the point where the bomb was placed.

Condition of Princess
Victoria Is Unchanged

LONDON, Mar. 31. (AP)—Adelely still continued today regarding the condition of Princess Victoria, sister of King George, who is suffering from influenza pneumonia. Lord Dawson, physician to the king, visited the princess this morning and later a bulletin was issued saying:

"The princess had some hours of sleep, and her cough is less troublesome. Her temperature remains high. The condition of the heart is unchanged."

At York it was stated, the Prince of Wales, who is recovering from a slight, aural operation, had passed a very good night.

Huron to Muster in
Pendleton Company

PENDLETON, Mar. 31. (AP). Major R. H. Huron, commander of the Eastern Oregon battalion, has received word from national guard headquarters to muster in the Pendleton unit, which will likely be known as Company I. The major is here at present with a regular army sergeant, mustering in men. This will complete the Oregon brigade.

15 KILLED,
60 INJURED
BY STORMSReturn of Winter Plays
Havoc with Property
in Some LocalitiesMIDDLE WESTERN
AIR MAIL HALTEDAgriculturists View Cold
Weather in Both Favor-
able and Unfavorable
Light.

CHICAGO, Mar. 31. (AP)—Fifteen persons were known to be dead, eight in Chicago and vicinity in the blizzard sweeping the mid-west today. The snow fall was heaviest in the Great Lakes and in west central districts, but the effects of the storm were felt virtually throughout the country, except the Pacific coast region. The temperature was down to freezing almost as far south as the Gulf coast.

CHICAGO, Mar. 31. (AP)—Spring has turned tail to a large area of the country. Storms of blizzard proportions, which have raged through the plateau area, middle west and southwest, have blanketed large territories with snow and brought a return to winter conditions, with no immediate break in prospect.

The late March disturbance, a freakish combination of snow, hail, rain, and gales was directly or indirectly responsible for more than a dozen deaths with injury to three scores, caused some damage to crops and destroyed property valued at more than a million dollars.

Two persons were killed, near Liberty, Tex., when high winds, accompanied by heavy rain, cut a swath through the oil fields. A woman met death near Crosby, Texas, when her home was blown down, while a fourth Texan death occurred at Beaumont. Four were killed near Racine, Wis., when the driver of an auto blinded by a snow storm, ran into a train; four met death in Chicago street accidents; casualties at Detroit numbered two during a sleet storm, and a plantation overseer at St. Francis.

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TARIFF RULING
IS UNDER FIRE

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WASHINGTON, Mar. 31. (AP)—Slate of the new 2.75 per cent beer was defended today by Assistant Secretary Andrews in charge of prohibition as "practicable and reasonable."

Although issuance of a permit for the new preparation has been pronounced a "mistake" by the Anti-Saloon league, and assailed as illegal by the father of the Volstead act, General Andrews declared in a public statement that the new product not only was entirely permissible, but was of such a character that by no stretch of the imagination could it be regarded as "beer."

Two Descriptions
Here is the adverse description of the beer:

"It lacks the semblance of beer in color, texture and taste, and requires a healthy chase of near beer to rid one of the after taste, or the appearance of thick molasses and practically as syrupy. It is so heavily laden with malt and hops as to make it bitter."

The reporter who return the fa-