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PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Unsettled, light local rains tonight and Tuesday.

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LA GRANDE  
CELEBRATES  
EASTER DAY

Congregations Crowd All Churches Despite Intermittent Rains

SUNRISE SERVICE  
USHERS IN DAY

Two Cantata Programs Held—One at Presbyterian and One at Methodist Church.

La Grande went to church Easter Sunday. All the churches and the chapels, from the largest to the smallest, were crowded with worshippers. Not only did divine services in the morning, but for afternoon and evening meetings as well. And although there were many sacred programs—choirs and Sunday schools took advantage of the Easter festival to put their spring gladness in song—each was rewarded with a large and appreciative audience.

Honors to the day began at the dawn.

While it was still gray in the east, a little knot of celebrants began to gather on the knoll at Gangloff park. Rain that lasted intermittently through the night had soaked the ground, and must have discouraged many who would otherwise have attended the sunrise service.

More than 100 were waiting, nevertheless, when the hour of sunrise was announced at 6:41. Then, to the east, the watchers from half a dozen or more denominations united in prayer, in song, and in story to celebrate the most joyful holy day that Christians observe.

Dr. J. L. McPherson called them to worship. Elmer Stoddard led the songs. Several sentence prayers were lifted. And as the climax, the story of Easter was dramatically unfolded by Miss Mabel Doty.

Service impressive. Simple as it was, and short, the service was solemnly impressive. In the half-wilderness of setting, looking out over the valley to the misty curling up from the fresh-green hills, the worshippers felt the reality and the nearness of the resurrection thought with an intensity.

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KNOWLES WILL  
BE CANDIDATE

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, of La Grande, today announced that he will be a candidate to succeed himself on the Walla Walla Union county circuit bench in the republican primary, May 17.

Judge Knowles expects to issue a formal statement within the next few days.

At present, no other candidates have been mentioned and many believe the jurist will be unopposed.

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Counts  
But Results

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Purse Given  
To Bollons  
By Employees

More Than One Hundred Railroad Men Pay Compliment to Retiring Superintendent.

More than 100 employees of the O.W. R. & N. company assembled at the employees club house yesterday afternoon to extend their best wishes to William Bollons, their retiring superintendent, and present him with a token of esteem and respect. Mr. Bollons, retired from active service April 1.

S. C. Smith, chairman of the general committee of arrangements, acted as spokesman for the employees. He made a few remarks as to the object of the meeting and introduced Engineer Martin King, who after a short talk presented Mr. Bollons with an embossed certificate containing the names of the employees. Mr. Martin also presented Mr. Bollons with a purse, containing more than \$1000 in gold made by the second division employees.

Mr. Bollons responded with a talk thanking the employees for the gift. He gave a few words of praise to the employees of the second division for their loyalty and cooperation which has enabled him as superintendent to make the second division one of the best of the Union Pacific system. He expressed a wish that every one of the employees would give the same efficient service and co-operation for the new superintendent, W. H. Guild.

At the close of the meeting all present shook hands with Mr. Bollons and wished him good luck and many years of happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Bollons and their two daughters will leave La Grande to make their home in Portland sometime in the near future.

ROTARY CLUB TO  
RECEIVE CHARTER  
AT DINNER MEET

Twenty-five members of the Pendleton Rotary club which fostered the organization here, will be present tonight to witness the presentation of a charter to the La Grande club at a dinner meeting to be held at the old Country club house. Presidents of five of the other neighboring clubs are among the 50 old and new Rotarians for whom reservations have been made.

Ed W. Campbell, of Seattle, governor of the first district Rotary, and Al Reynolds, president of the Portland club, will be the main speakers on the charter presentation program. Floyd McKennon, as president of the new club, will preside.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock.

Soapy Davis Pleads  
Not Guilty; Trial Set

Charged with unlawful possession of a loaded rifle, Soapy Davis was arraigned before Judge Hugh E. Brady Saturday afternoon, and pleaded not guilty. His trial was set for 2 p. m. on Friday, April 8. He was released on \$100 bail.

## BRIEF FILED

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5 (AP)—A brief in support of the motion of the western states to disband the application of western railroad rates for increased freight rates was filed today with the interstate commerce commission.

Chen Barnes, of Enterprise, Ore., bought one car too many. As a result, he will spend some five years in the state penitentiary at Salem.

Several months ago Barnes was convicted in Walla Walla county of obtaining a car by issuing false checks, officers say, but his five-year sentence was followed by a parole. Today Circuit Judge Knowles announced he would sign an order revoking his parole.

Barnes felt by the way for the second time Saturday night when he purchased a coach from Jennings and Shumate, local dealers, giving them more than \$500 in checks. Sunday Mr. Shumate went to Walla Walla county and discovered that the checks were worthless. He notified his partner in La Grande, who promptly notified the police.

Officer Harold Howard and Deputy Sheriff Hugo Klinghamer took up the search and caught Barnes and the car near Island City. Barnes was lodged in the city jail.

Instead of trying him on the new charge, officers felt that he might just as well serve out the five-year term. Judge Knowles holds the same opinion.

FIGHT FOR  
LIFE LOST  
BY CHAPMAN

Murderer Must Hang, Board of Pardons Rules.

FINAL PLEA MADE FOR COMMUTATION

Criminal, Whose Real Name Is George Chartres, Spent Easter Sunday Smoking Cigarettes

WETHERSFIELD, Conn., Apr. 5 (AP)—Gerald Chapman must hang for murder. The board of pardons this afternoon unanimously rejected his application for commutation of sentence to life imprisonment.

WETHERSFIELD, Conn., Apr. 5 (AP)—Gerald Chapman, fighting back at the state in an effort to save himself from the gallows tomorrow, told his own story to the board of pardons this afternoon by permission of Governor Trumbull, who presided.

When called upon, Chapman rose from his seat. He stood erect and quietly looked at the governor. His voice at first was indistinct.

WETHERSFIELD PRISON, Conn., Apr. 5 (AP)—Gerald Chapman, making his last desperate stand to save his life, was given the right to make a plea in his own behalf before Governor John H. Trumbull before the board of pardons this afternoon.

The governor refused a reprieve last week and Chapman signed a plea for commutation Saturday when judges refused a new trial. Chapman's counsel had presented affidavits regarding new evidence which they asserted showed he did not kill a policeman in New Britain.

Could Commute Sentence. The most the board of pardons can do is to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment. Chapman and his counsel have made plans in expectation of an unfavorable decision. Counsel is to claim the body and have a funeral in Hartford last night. He is to the Yale medical school for dissection, as the law provides for murdered bodies.

Chapman sent invitations to three reporters to witness his hanging. He is permitted to invite three persons by law. The reporters had been unable to obtain permission to see his death.

Spent Easter Smoking. Chapman spent Easter Sunday in his cell smoking many cigarettes. He ate heartily. The Rev. Michael P. Barry, Catholic chaplain of the state prison, visited him.

Chapman's real name is George Chartres. It is understood relatives have had nothing to do with him since he began a career of crime that included a sensational mail robbery in New York, and escape from Atlanta federal penitentiary. He was at large from Atlanta when the policeman was killed in New Britain. Chapman is 35 years old.

Chapman goes to the gallows at midnight. His impassioned plea, made in a low, penetrating voice, failed to impress the Connecticut board of pardons which he earnestly addressed for thirty-two minutes in an effort to get a commutation to life imprisonment.

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"The geese may have gone only a few weeks," said Averill, "but we are hoping for the best."

Nelson Will Preside  
At Forum Luncheon

A. W. Nelson will preside over the program at the meeting of the chamber of commerce at the Hotel Foley Tuesday noon. Mrs. C. H. Seranton, speaking on the coming convention of women's clubs here, Mrs. Nina Hunter Dutton and a group from "The Time, The Place and The Girl," putting on a skit to advertise the coming opera, and A. E. Clark, of Portland, speaking on his candidacy for nomination as U. S. senator, will appear on the program.

J. O. McLaughlin Spends  
Today in La Grande

J. O. McLaughlin, Corvallis school superintendent, candidate for the democratic nomination for superintendent of schools in Oregon, is in La Grande today.

Mr. McLaughlin, who has been an educator in this state for 17 years, believes schools must emphasize moral training and lay stress on character training and character training, favors lower prices on text books, better-trained teachers, and vocational and academic educational facilities. He says the rural school deserves the largest consideration.

Light Opera  
To Be Given  
During Week

"The Time, The Place, And The Girl" to Open Two-Night Run at Arcade Thursday.

With Mrs. Lester Stoddard, Florence Lynch Miller, Elwood Williams and G. L. Dutton in the leading roles the musical comedy "The Time, The Place and The Girl" to be presented here Thursday and Friday nights of this week at the Arcade is expected to be very good. The light opera is being given under the auspices of the Monday Musical, and music department of the Neighborhood club. Mrs. G. L. Dutton is president of the department.

Mr. Williams takes the part of Johnnie Hicks and Mr. Dutton in his part, Tom Cunningham, who is in love with Margaret Simpson, Florence Lynch Miller. Mrs. Stoddard, as Molly, plays opposite Mr. Williams. Jasper Simpson, Margaret's father, is played by Hugh E. Brady and Tom Bruce takes the part of Bud Simpson, her brother. Laurie Farnum is played by Charles Binger. Mrs. T. H. Maxwell is Mrs. Talcott and Willie, her baby boy, is played by Vere A. Blair. Earl Dunham is Pedro Nicoline and the part of the guide is taken by Walter Stoddard.

Besides the cast of principals there is a number of attendants, nurses and guests in addition to the choruses.

Members of the Neighborhood club and Monday Musical have been selling tickets for several days now and a full house is expected at both performances. Reserved seats will go on sale at the Glass drug store Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock.

TIRE BLOWOUT  
DITCHES AUTO

Howard Steen, of Fruitdale, was injured about his back and side when a tire blowout sent his touring car into the ditch between Island City and Imbler at about 12:45 p. m. Sunday. A passing automobile brought him to La Grande to the hospital, from which it was reported today that his injuries probably are not serious. He was resting comfortably at noon.

Steen was driving toward Imbler, but his car when it landed in the ditch was headed back toward Island City. The top was smashed, and the wheels broken off. It was observed by motorists who reported seeing the machine after the driver had been taken away.

WILD GEESSE ON  
WAY NORTH FROM  
GILLIAM COUNTY

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 5 (AP)—Wild geese which had been threatening wheat fields of Gilliam county for several weeks have flown northward.

This information was received today by State Game Warden E. F. Averill, in a letter from Deputy Warden C. W. Longhery, of Hood River, who went to Gilliam to help ward the birds away. Longhery said he had looked over the sand bar at Blackfoot and the islands where the geese roosted and found none. The fields were clear.

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Legionnaires to Make  
Plans for Convention

The La Grande post of the American Legion will meet Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the K. P. hall in regular session. Matters pertaining to the state convention to be held at Coos Bay August 6, 7 and 8 and other general business will come before the meeting at this time. Commander Harley Richardson announced this morning the regular meeting of the auxiliary will be held at the K. P. hall at the same time.

Drum corps rehearsals have been changed from Monday to Wednesday nights. The corps will practice Wednesday and Friday nights of each week instead of Monday and Friday from now on. The corps is showing marked improvement under the direction of Andrew Loney, Commander Richardson said.

Portland to Take Part  
In Airmail Celebration

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 5 (AP)—A delegation representing the Portland chamber of commerce and the Royal Rosarians of Portland, will leave tonight for Pasco, Wash., to participate tomorrow in the airmail celebration there. The Portland delegation will take a granite slab appropriately inscribed to sink in concrete at the Pasco flying field. The Rosarians will distribute several hundred roses.

Lieutenant Oakley G. Kelly, commander of Pearson field, Vancouver Barracks, will leave for Pasco tomorrow morning with a squadron of four airplanes. Postmaster John M. Jones of Portland will go with Lieut. Kelly.

PAINTERS  
GO ON OPEN  
SHOP BASIS

Step Taken in Portland Because Union Men Refuse Wages Offered

FIVE HUNDRED MEN ARE OUT OF WORK

Union Plumbers, Who Demanded \$11 a day and a Five-Day Week, Drop Down 50 Cents.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 5 (AP)—Portland master painters went on an open shop basis today because union painters refused to work unless a new scale of \$5 a day be put into effect dating from April 1. The master painters said they had agreed to increase their wages from \$8 to \$9 a day on May 1, but could not make the change April 1 because of contracts based on the old scale. About 500 painters were said to be out.

Union plumbers who demanded \$11 a day with a five-day week, today dropped their demand to \$10.50 a day and a five-day week. They are now receiving \$10 a day for a five and a half day week. The master plumbers will consider the demand at a meeting this week.

PICTURE COMPANY  
THAT SIGNED RED  
GRANGE IS BROKE

NEW YORK, Apr. 5 (AP)—The Arrow Pictures Corporation, the company which signed Red Grange to appear in motion pictures after his conditional debut last year in professional football, was placed in the hands of equity receivers today on petition of Motion Pictures Today, Inc., a publication.

When Red Grange was here last December the Chicago Bears, professional football team, his manager, C. C. Pyle, announced that the young star had signed a contract with the Arrow Corporation to appear in a motion picture and had received a check for \$200,000 representing a flat guarantee for his appearance on the screen.

President Upham announced that if a suitable successor can be obtained, Mr. Mathews will leave immediately. His contract with the university expires July 1, next.

Coolidges Hosts to  
Washington Children

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5 (AP)—Care of state were thrust as far as possible in the background at the white house today to permit President and Mrs. Coolidge to act as hosts to the children of Washington at the annual Easter egg hunt on the state lawn south of the executive mansion.

Except during the world war, the white grounds have been given over to the children annually for the egg rolling for fifty years. Before that, the children had their Easter games on the steep slopes of the capital grounds. So much damage was done to the turf, however, that congress in 1876 prohibited all use of these grounds for children's play.

President Grant thereupon issued an invitation for the games to be played at the white house, and his successors have continued the custom.

4,000 Homeless After  
Fire in Cairo, Egypt

CAIRO, Egypt, Apr. 5 (AP)—Thirty-two persons are dead and 4,000 homeless from a fire which raged in the Tanhat district from Saturday noon until Sunday morning. The fire destroyed 612 dwellings.

The recurrence of village fires is causing concern. The government is sending instructions to all local authorities on preventive measures.

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Klamath Party Will  
Feature Tub of Ale

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Apr. 5 (AP)—Among the attractions of the Plumber and Steam Fitters ball here Friday night will be a tub full of ginger ale. "The Countess of Cathcart has sent regrets, but come any way—leave it to us" say the invitations.

PRINCESS IMPROVES LONDON, Apr. 5 (AP)—The physicians attending Princess Victoria, sister of King George, issued a bulletin this morning saying: "There is in the condition of Her Highness a slight but definite further improvement, though the weakness remains great."

Victoria is suffering from an influenza pneumonia.

## A Nice Easter Bouquet



These lilacs are just samples from the more than 1100 blooms which were exhibited at the Anamysis show, in the department of agriculture greenhouse at Washington. The girl? Miss Alice Tolson, employed by the department.

DAVIS FILES  
DAMAGE SUIT

TOPEKA, Kans., Apr. 5 (AP)—Spita asking \$5,000,000 damages were filed in Shawnee county district court today by counsel for former Governor Jonathan M. Davis, alleging criminal libel and malicious prosecution. The defendants are Walter S. Dickey, publisher of the Kansas City Journal-Post, and a number of individuals.

The suits are an outgrowth of the trials of the ex-governor on charges of accepting bribes for pardons and paroles which followed the publication of a copyrighted article in the Kansas City Journal January 10, 1925, purporting to expose corruption of the pardon power by Governor Davis.

The petition was filed with the clerk of the district court by Itan-dale Harvey, a member of Mr. Davis' counsel in the trial at which the ex-governor was acquitted Saturday night.

R. L. Mathews Resigns  
As Idaho Grid Coach

MOSCOW, Ida., Apr. 5 (AP)—R. L. Mathews, head football coach at the University of Idaho, submitted his resignation today to President A. H. Upham of the university.

President Upham announced that if a suitable successor can be obtained, Mr. Mathews will leave immediately. His contract with the university expires July 1, next.

Mr. Mathews will become director of athletics and head football coach at the University of St. Louis, it was announced.

Salem Bricklayer  
Kills Self Sunday

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 5 (AP)—Julius K. Viesko, 73, bricklayer, committed suicide at about 9:30 in the kitchen of his home here Sunday morning, after brandishing a 32 revolver at his wife, threatening to kill her, and sending her fleeing from the kitchen in fear for her life. The bullet from the revolver entered Viesko's right temple. He lived although in an unconscious condition until 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. A deranged mind is believed to have been the cause of Viesko's act.

Russians In Paris Plan The  
Overthrow of Bolshevik Rule

PARIS, Apr. 5 (AP)—An attempt at the overthrow of the bolshevik rule in Russia through the league of nations and individual states in Russia is the object of a congress of Russian emigrants now in session here. The movement is under the leadership of a former czarist premier, a former chief of the imperial general staff of Russia, and a former marshal of the empire's court.

Notable among the absentees from the first sessions of the congress yesterday were the grand dukes, including Grand Duke Nicholas, who aims to occupy the throne of the czar. It has been felt that danger might lurk in their way should they appear, notwithstanding the fact that the French government is taking all precautions and that the Russian imperialists themselves are wide awake.

Yesterday's session of the congress, which was held in a palatial Parisian hotel, had as its basis the organization of Russian political exiles into a body which would be capable of treating with the league of nations and individual states for putting down the rule of the soviet.

Harsh and suffering have left their mark on the faces of most of the delegates present. The threadbare clothes of some of them would have seemed entirely out of place amid the luxurious appointments of the hotel had it not been for the proud and erect bearing of the wearers.

Machinists, chauffeurs, laborers and waiters, once high in the councils of imperialistic Russia—made up a portion of the congress.

The congress will continue in session until Friday.

## Bulletins

CHICAGO, Apr. 5 (AP)—Western railroad executives and representatives of rail employees opened a joint conference today to consider demands for wage increases and changes in working conditions.

ALBANY, Apr. 5 (AP)—The Spanish aviators flying from Madrid to the Philippines arrived at 1 o'clock this afternoon, completing the first leg of their long journey.

PENDLETON, Apr. 5 (AP)—Federal district court will convene here tomorrow morning with Judge R. E. Bean on the bench.

NEW YORK, Apr. 5 (AP)—Emil Paluso, Salt Lake City flyweight, will meet Piel La Barba, world's flyweight champion, at Los Angeles, May 4, according to Leo P. Flynn, Paluso's manager, who said today the match would be for 12 rounds and involve La Barba's title.

PLANES BOMB  
PEKING AGAIN

PEKING, Apr. 5 (AP)—Two Manchurian airplanes dropped 12 bombs today near a crowd which had gathered for an arbor day ceremony. There were no casualties.

It had been announced by the newspapers that Lu Chung-lin, the Kuomintang commissioner in Peking, would be present, but he was unable to attend. The explosion of the bombs created a panic among the crowd.

Today's bombardment from the air following that of yesterday is considered as the commencement of a real siege of the capital by the armies of Chang Tso-lin, the Manchurian war lord, and his powerful ally, Marshall Wu Peifu.

Sunday's bombardment, like that of today, did little damage, but it served to distract the already harassed population.

MARTIAL LAW IS  
IN FORCE TODAY  
IN BRITISH INDIA

CALCUTTA, British India, Apr. 5 (AP)—The situation was greatly improved today after the recent rioting between the Hindus and Muslims, with 23 deaths reported and many persons wounded.

The presence of the military in the streets in having a cooling effect and most of the shops which had been closed since the beginning of the riots on Friday were open today.

Assistant Police Commissioner Rannejee was seriously assaulted yesterday by Muslims, 44 of whom were arrested, bringing the total of those in city jails to about 100. Martial law has been proclaimed.

## Princess Improves

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