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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Unsettled tonight and Sunday with occasional rains in western portion. Moderate temperature.

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Political Situation Heading Up as Filing Time Limit Approaches

GREEN MAY DROP FROM RACE, RUMOR

Statement by Announced Candidate for Joint Senatorship Not Received Today.

Although a decision was expected from A. R. Hunter, announced candidate for the Union-Wallowa joint senatorship this afternoon, on whether he would abandon his plans to seek a seat in the upper house and again run for Union county representative, the word was forthcoming at press time today.

Mr. Hunter has been undecided for several days as to which office he will seek and a positive announcement is expected Monday.

It has been rumored of late that R. J. Green, announced candidate for the republican nomination for state senator from Union and Wallowa counties, has been contemplating dropping from the race because of unexpected business developments. Although the rumors carry a note of persistence, a definite statement could not be obtained today because of the inability of reporters to reach Mr. Green.

A. T. Hill, candidate for the republican nomination for state senator from Union and Wallowa counties, issued his platform late this week, and his formal filing with the secretary of state is expected within the next few days.

Colon Elwood has not yet made an announcement but will do so before next Friday, he declared.

Candidates Undecided.

Some indecision is seen in the Union county representative race.

Although H. H. Weatherpoon, of

SCHOOL BOARD OUSTS EAMAN

WALLOWA, Ore., Apr. 10.—James Eaman, superintendent of Wallowa schools, has been dismissed by the school board, made up of two to one and his position declared vacant. The action followed the presentation of a petition asking his discharge. The board has announced its intention to hold a meeting next week to elect a new superintendent.

"The action taken by the two members of the board makes absolutely no difference to me," Mr. Eaman said. "I have a contract with the board, made in good faith, and that contract is legal."

From my point of view, it seems to me that the board, or two members of it, have decided to pay two superintendents."

Local Masons To Take Part In Astoria Conclave Next Week

Depending On The Past

There was a time in business when a firm depended on its past reputation, the length of time it had been in business, and the fact that "everybody knows us" for its present and future business volume. But the modern business man has better judgment.

He knows that population changes—old customers move away and die off, new people come to a community. He knows that people are too busy to remember him and his business unless he is interested enough to remind them of it. He values the opportunity to keep contact with them through such an inexpensive medium as The Observer offers. He can't afford to be without that contact.

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Mrs. Wood Is Victorious In Law Suit

Judge Knowles Gives Decision Favoring Plaintiff—Suit Filed in Wallowa County.

Judge J. W. Knowles today rendered a judgment for the plaintiff in the case of Mrs. Myrtle Wood versus Davin Mitchell and company, a suit to recover the balance due on 2800 acres of land sold the defendant by the plaintiffs' late husband, of whose estate she is acting as executrix. The suit was filed in Wallowa county.

The defendant had asked for credit, claiming that the settler, John A. Wood, had not conveyed all the property that he agreed to on the court's decision. Mrs. Wood is allowed judgment for \$10,000, the full amount asked in her suit.

ROBINSON GIVEN \$40,000 DAMAGES BY FEDERAL JURY

PENDLETON, Ore., Apr. 10. (AP)—A verdict awarding \$40,000 damages to C. Robinson, was returned this morning in federal court here against the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company of La Grande, because of permanent disability received in the company's camp near Wallowa. He sought damages of \$75,000.

SHEEPHERDER, OF HIGH VALLEY, IS SENT TO ASYLUM

Long-standing suspicions of residents in the High Valley district when he tried to buy up all their sheep ranches, Joseph Machelet, a former sheepherder, was taken to the county court yesterday and after an examination by a physician was committed to the Eastern Oregon Hospital for the Insane at Pendleton. An attendant from the hospital came for the patient last night. According to officials, Machelet was discharged from the institution about two months ago. He worked for a while in the vicinity of Pendleton, and they by hikers and catch-rides made his way to the country above Union, where he was taken up yesterday. He said he had no home in this part of the country.

Three Divorce Decrees Granted Local Women

Divorces were granted by Judge J. W. Knowles Friday afternoon to three La Grande women, all of whom advanced cruel and inhuman treatment as grounds for their suits. The decrees were to Pearl Hart versus Ed Ray; Naomi Elmer versus Rollo Elmer; and Lenora Tavernier versus Ernest Tavernier.

150 Masons Gather at Cove in District Meet

About 150 Masons were at Cove last night for the district meeting in the lodge hall there. Some 50 or 60 La Grande members were in the gathering.

After dinner served at 5:30 o'clock, the Elgin team put on the initiation work for the fellowcraft degree.

Assemblies and convales of Oregon Masons at Astoria next week are particularly interesting to La Grande lodge members, since George T. Cochran, grand commander, will preside at the fourth annual convales of the grand commandery of Knights Templar, and the Rev. William Crosby Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will deliver the annual sermon.

Fred E. Kiddie, high priest of the chapter, Carl G. Helm, local commander of the Knights Templar, Don Meyers, A. J. Stange, and Lot Snodgrass are others who plan to attend.

The sixty-sixth annual convocation of the grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons, will be Monday. Mr. Cochran will act as grand principal, and Tuesday, the forty-first annual assembly of the grand council, Royal and Select Masons, will be held. The Knights Templar convales will occupy Wednesday and Thursday.

After preliminary business Wednesday morning, the knights will march to the Presbyterian church to hear the sermon by Mr. Ross. A review of all members will take place in the afternoon, followed by some exhibition drills. A trip

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TO REPORT FARM BILL NEXT WEEK

Chairman Haugen Plans to Complete Hearings Monday Night

JARDINE TO BACK WORKABLE MEASURE

Similar Action Has Been Promised by Senate Committee, Reports Today Say.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10. (AP)—After a conference with Secretary Jardine today, Chairman Haugen, of the house agriculture committee, declared his committee would conclude its hearings Monday night and report a farm relief bill during the week. Similar action has been promised by the senate committee.

Mr. Haugen said he was convinced Secretary Jardine would support a workable form of farm relief legislation. The chairman was inclined to favor the plan of levying a fee on agricultural products to take care of the surplus problem but said Mr. Jardine opposed it. Other methods under consideration included a revolving fund for extending credit to farmers in periods of emergency.

The corn belt bill providing for the levying of fees was endorsed before the committee today by Edgar Wallace, of the American Federation of Labor.

SECOND NIGHT ENDS SHOWING

The second and final night of the light opera, "The Time, The Place and the Girl," was as successful as the opening presentation and the attendance was as large. As on the first night the production went along smoothly from the opening chorus to the final curtain.

Songs, dances and dialogue were all well received. Earl Dunham, of Baker, as Pedro Nicoline, the organ grinder, was called back for a third encore when he appeared in his Italian solo. Mr. Dunham possesses an excellent voice. He has studied for several years in New York and is now ready to enter the opera. He will leave Oregon in the near future for New York to begin his career as an opera singer.

Florence Lench Miller's "Lonesome Trail" solo was also enthusiastically received. Mrs. Miller played the part of Margaret Simpson. A duet number "Always" by Mrs. Lester Stoddard, as Molly and Elwood Williams, as Johnny Hicks, received applause from the audience. G. L. Dutton's leading solo was "First and Only," accompanied by a chorus of men's voices. Mrs. T. R. Maxwell appeared in "Waiting Honeymoon." On the chorus of the song she sang an obligato to a chorus of mixed voices.

Charles Blinger's leading number was "Blow the Smoke Away," accompanied by a men's chorus. Mr. Blinger took the part of Laurie Parson. Other members of the cast were equally good. Hugh E. Brady played the part of Jasper Simpson, the part of Bud was played by Tom Bruce and the part of little Willie by Vere Blair. Waldo Stoddard was the guide and Herman Yoske was the officer in the play.

An additional feature among the dances last evening was a French minuet by J. B. Hollingsworth and Miss Arta Verity. On the opening evening this dancer was substituted by a Spanish dancer by Mr. Hollingsworth and Miss Mildred Smith.

"Emblems of Love" to Deal With "Just Folks"

"Emblems of Love," a motion picture to be shown at the Star next Wednesday night under the auspices of the Loyal Order for the Moose for the benefit of Moose heart, is a photodramatic treatise on human love, hope and understanding, advance notices proclaim. Its characters are "Just Folks," interpreted by artists who make them real, lovable persons with human foibles and frailties—folks without artificialities.

June Jennings, Jack Drummer, Grace Cunard, Charles Delaney, Grace Thomas, Bernard Siegel, and other well known players of the stage and screen enact the important roles in this production.

Outlook Is Rosy For Big Wheat Crop

Winter Wheat 96 Per Cent Normal—10-Year Average 87 Per Cent, F. L. Kent Says.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 10. (AP)—The present high condition of winter wheat with practically no winter-killing of the acreage seeded last fall indicates the probability of a very excellent wheat crop for the Oregon 1926 harvest, says F. L. Kent, statistician, United States department of agriculture, in a report today.

March weather was very favorable to the growth of all fall seeded crops and pasture, as well as permitting considerable spring seeding. March rainfall was less than 20 of the normal precipitation for the month. There was little frost and much sunshine, with the result that the spring season is variously estimated to be from two to four weeks earlier than normal.

Crops Near Normal. Due to dry weather last fall much of the winter wheat was seeded late in the season, and went into the winter in rather poor shape. However, with good moisture and very little frost all over the Oregon wheat

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NORGE STARTS POLAR FLIGHT

TOULON, France, Apr. 10. (AP)—The Polar dirigible Norge, which started this morning from Rome for the north, signalled by wireless at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon that she would not descend here, as scheduled, but would continue direct to Puffin, England. The message said that all on board were well and that the Norge had been in wireless communication with the dreadnaught Conte di Cavour, on which Premier Mussolini is voyaging to Tripoli.

Another message received at about 4 o'clock this afternoon said the airship would be over Toulon within an hour. The commander asked for information as to atmospheric conditions and was told it would be preferable to fly by way of Rochefort.

The departure of the airship was witnessed by Rolf Thomassen, president of the Norwegian Aero club, the staff of the Norwegian legation, many Italian officials, and the wife and daughters of Commander Umberto Nobile, before the departure, representatives of Italian Aero club presented Commander Nobile with their colors, which they asked be planted at the north pole, together with the Norwegian, Italian and American flags. The short ceremony was applauded by the great crowd.

OSLO, Apr. 10. (AP)—Captain Roald Amundsen and Lincoln Ellsworth today received a large American flag from President Coolidge, with his best wishes for the success of their polar expedition on the dirigible Norge. The president's gift and his message were delivered at a luncheon tendered by the American minister, Laurits S. Swenson. The explorers responded to the minister's speech by thanking President Coolidge cordially for his interest in the expedition.

OWNERS OF STILL FREED BY ORDER OF JUDGE KELLY

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 10. (AP)—John Andrews, Lester Dixon and Henry Johnson, charged with manufacture of liquor on a farm near Mt. Angel in one of the largest stills ever seized on the coast, were today released in circuit court on a ruling by Judge Perry R. Kelly that the men had been in former jeopardy for the offense and the jury was instructed to return a directed verdict of acquittal.

The former jeopardy was in a trial in which the men were convicted on a charge of being in possession of a still without its being registered. The men were once tried under that charge and the jury disagreed. They were later tried on the same charge and convicted.

Shop Employees Honor W. B. Bollons, Retired

The La Grande Lodge No. 2, Shop Employees association of the Union Pacific system, at a recent meeting by a unanimous vote caused to be recorded in the minutes a resolution and vote of respect to the retiring superintendent, W. B. Bollons.

FOUR SLAIN WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO

Minister Drives Car onto Track Before Approaching S. P. Locomotive

PARTY WAS ON WAY TO BLUE MOUNTAIN

Oregon Electric Train Strikes Auto Near Chemawa—Girl Killed, Mother Badly Hurt

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 10. (AP)—Four are dead and a pastor is seriously injured as the result of an accident at Cottage Grove last evening. A northbound Shasta Limited train of the Southern Pacific line struck a light sedan at the sixth street crossing and two were instantly killed. Others died early this morning in a California hospital.

The dead: Mrs. S. B. Kern, 65. Mrs. Ellen Shortridge, 78. Mrs. Chester Smith.

The six-year old daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Smith. The bodies of Mrs. Kern and Mrs. Shortridge were picked up about 500 feet from the crossing, where the car was dragged by the train. They were taken to the Mills Chapel in Cottage Grove.

Mrs. Smith and the child were rushed to the Eugene hospital here in an ambulance, while the Rev. Mr. Smith was brought in a private machine.

The child suffered from a bad scalp wound, a deep gash on her back, a broken ankle, and the muscles on her left leg were torn.

The car was driven by the Rev. Mr. Smith, Free Methodist minister of Cottage Grove, and the party was on its way to Blue Mountain where he was to preach at a camp meeting. It is believed that he failed to see the oncoming train. The crossing at Sixth street is open, and a good view can be had in either direction.

Car Demolished. The car was demolished. Part of the machine was scattered along the tracks for several hundred yards. The bodies of the two women were hardly recognizable when taken from the wreck. Several coaches of the train has passed over where it was said.

Coroner W. W. Branstetter, of Eugene left for Cottage Grove to investigate the accident. He said upon his return that an inquest would be held at Cottage Grove Monday.

Cottage Grove people were at a loss to know how the machine could be driven onto the tracks.

Chamber Members Will Meet at Island City

A chicken luncheon at Island City is the treat in store for the Union county chamber of commerce at the regular formal meeting Tuesday noon. The Ladies' Aid society of the Island City Community church is preparing the menu, which features creamed chicken on toast.

Clyde Kiddie will be chairman for the meeting. The address will be by the Rev. Hall K. Wallis, pastor of the Community church.

Steck-Brookhart Vote To Be Taken Monday

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10. (AP)—After devoting several days of debate to the question, the senate will vote at 5 p. m. Monday to decide whether Senator Brookhart, republican insurgent, of Iowa, shall be unelected in favor of Daniel E. Steck, his democratic opponent in the 1924 election.

MacReady Will Resign From U. S. Air Service

DAYTON, O., Apr. 10. (AP)—Lieut. John A. MacReady, McCook field flyer, and one of the most noted of United States army aviators, announced today he would resign from the army air service. MacReady made the announcement as he landed after another attempt to set a world altitude record. His altimeter showed he had ascended 24,000 feet and the present mark is 23,556 feet. His resignation, MacReady said, would be filed within a few days. He will enter the employ of the Delco Light company of Dayton, a subsidiary of General Motors corporation.

IS IT MEDICINE?



Olive Wallace and Mary Simpson sampled the new 2.15 per cent "medical beer" when a shipment arrived in Portland.

CONTROL OIL FIRE AT BREA

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 10. (AP)—Still menacing as long as it burns, but steadily becoming less threatening, the fire burning since Thursday morning on the tank farm of the Union Oil company at Brea, 20 miles south of here, seemed early today to have been isolated thus preventing it adding to the destruction which already will amount into the millions.

While the successful fight was being made against the blaze at Brea, the even more destructive fire on the company's tank farm at San Luis Obispo had about run its course.

Six reservoirs and some 12 or 15 smaller surface tanks were nearly burned out as the fire, started by lightning Wednesday evening, spread on its fourth day.

Revised estimates last night placed the loss of 5,000,000 barrels of oil at \$7,000,000, but left the damage to equipment still undetermined. Of the entire tank farm six or seven of the tanks escaped destruction.

The Brea fire, also started by lightning, seemed, if it spreads no further, a loss in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000. Three reservoirs, a small oil refinery, 70 acres of walnut and orange trees, three expansive ranch houses and several houses on the tank farm property were consumed by the flames.

PASSAIC POLICE BREAK UP PARADE; DISORDER FOLLOWS

PASSAIC, N. J., Apr. 10. (AP)—"Trouble developed today when police broke up two parades of children organized by textile strikers. It started as officers were attempting to remove several adults who had been arrested while heading or encouraging the parade for which permission had been refused.

One uniformed man, said by some to have been a member of the police force, was beaten into insensibility with a blackjack. Thirty mounted and motorcycle policemen rode into the crowd, clubbing them and pinning them in an attempt to disperse them.

Many on fire escapes and windows booed the officers.

Luther Burbank Losing Ground in Life Battle

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Apr. 10. (AP)—Luther Burbank, desperately ill at his home here, is gradually losing ground in his fight for life. An 8 o'clock bulletin by his physician, Dr. Joseph H. Shaw, said that his patient's condition continues grave. "He passed a restless night," the bulletin continued, although he slept better after 5:30 a. m.

There are certain factors about Mr. Burbank's illness that are encouraging, Dr. Shaw says, but it is a question whether they can hold out against a preponderance of adverse symptoms.

Governor Sets Aside Apr. 11-17 Humane Week

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 10. (AP)—"The degree of civilization reached by any people can be measured by its treatment of dumb animals," says Governor Pierce in a proclamation issued yesterday setting aside the week from April 11 to 17 as humane week in Oregon.

Bulletins

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Apr. 10. (AP)—On a second trip to Point Barrow, Alaska, captain George Hubert Wilkins and Lieut. Carl B. Eilson hopped off here at 9:30 this morning in the plane called the Alaskan.

SPOKANE, Apr. 10. (AP)—Mrs. Patrick Coffey, 28, wife of Patrick Coffey, insurance adjuster and well known business man of Spokane, was found dead this morning following an auto accident.

NEW YORK, Apr. 10. (AP)—Opposition to the present prohibition law was expressed today by the Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, aged pastor emeritus of the First Presbyterian church, famed a generation ago as a crusader against vice.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10. (AP)—Wool and sugar interests today proposed increased western freight rates with the interstate commerce commission.

CAIRO, Egypt, Apr. 10. (AP)—The Spanish aviators who are on their way to Manila expect to leave tomorrow for Bagdad.

DALLAS, Tex., Apr. 10. (AP)—A two-faced April today watched spring and winter engage in a flimsy fight, with a foot of now in west Texas and warm rains in the east and south. Wind storms blustered across the weather stage last night in the north central portion, electrical chattered and shivered as weakening winter took a last desperate fall from growing spring. Flood conditions followed a three in rain in Dallas.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10. (AP)—Commissioner Burke today defended before the house Indian committee administration of the Indian bureau against charges made on the house floor by representative Frank, republican, Wisconsin.

Steamer Burns in Bay; One Member Crew Dead

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Apr. 10. (AP)—One member of the crew of the sailing steamer Seal lost his life when the vessel burned in Bay de Verde yesterday after an explosion of ammunition in her magazine. Five others suffered serious burns. The survivors arrived here today on board the steamer Eagle.

President of China Deposed; General Wu Called To Peking

PEKING, Apr. 10. (AP)—President Tuan Chi-Jui was deposed today in a coup d'etat which had as its basis the calling of General Wu Pei-Fu, the Chihli war lord, by the leaders of the national army, to restore the political situation in Peking.

The chief executive was placed under restraint as a consequence of an agreement between General Wu and the Kuomintang, or national army leaders. The coup was executed quietly early this morning. The body guard of the chief executive was disbanded.

Ex-President Released. Former President Tsau-Kun has been released from imprisonment. A circumstance which may have contributed to the peaceful dissolving of the body guard, "the main reliance of the chief executive," is the fact that a half million taels recently provided by action of the diplomatic body for payment of the guard and police was not distributed by allegedly was retained by the executive. The bodyguard apparently tamely

CANADIANS GLAD "DRY" DAYS ENDED

Wets Feature Story of Dominion's Experiment with Prohibition

WEEK OF HEARING COMES TO CLOSE

Proponents of Moderation of Volstead Act Still Have Several Sessions to Go.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10. (AP)—Canada's experiments with prohibition were drawn upon today for evidence to support the wet cause before the senate liquor committee.

Bounding out a week of hearings and with several days to go before exhausting the time allotted them the wet leaders gave over most of today's session to questioning Canadians who have active contact with the dominion prohibition controversy.

Francis William Russell, of Winnipeg, president of the moderation league of Manitoba, told the committee that Western Canada, "never had such a crime wave before as we had during the last two years of prohibition."

Canada Thankful Now. "Thank God we have got rid of it now. It went out with the boot-legger and the rum runner."

In 1916 Winnipeg voted dry by 10,000, he said, but in 1925 it returned 23,000 majority against prohibition. "Seventy per cent of the women voted against prohibition," he continued, "they wanted to save their families. The only people who are not satisfied are the irreconcilable fanatics."

Declaring the present government control of liquor has resulted in an additional \$3,000,000 revenue for the province, which is used for roads, schools and hospitals, Mr. Russell added that "the people now get the profit that the boot-legger used to get."

Senator Goff, republican, West Virginia, asked for statistics as to the number of people who drink

PLANES CRASH, IN AIR, 5 DEAD

HENLOW, Eng., Apr. 10. (AP)—Five members of the royal flying corps were killed when two airplanes collided over the airfield here today. The planes fell 300 feet and burst into flames, burning the occupants, two officers and three enlisted men.

The disaster was described as the worst affecting the royal air force since the war. One plane was piloted by Flying Officer C. V. Lacey and carried three enlisted men, R. H. Gorman, B. H. Young and J. W. Himmelfarb. It collided with a plane piloted by Flying Officer W. Scott. In the opinion of experts who witnessed the crash, the impact alone was considered insufficient to have killed the men, all of whom were terribly burned.

President of China Deposed; General Wu Called To Peking

submitted to removal to other quarters in the southern part of the Imperial City, where they enrolled in the Kuomintang.

The coup, which began at 2 o'clock this morning, with the surrounding of the chief executive's residence was a sequel to the conference of the last week between Wu Pei-Fu and the leaders of the Kuomintang, both the Kuomintang and its opponents had been bidding for Wu's support.

His decision to take control here means a split anti-Kuomintang alliance, and presumably a severe blow at the Feng Tsi-shantung combination since his army will constitute a menace on their left wing from the direction of Peking.

Although the Fengtien (Mandchurian) force including a contingent of white Russians, is reported within striking distance of Peking to the north of the Tien Tsin railway, it is regarded as doubtful whether a serious attack on the capital is contemplated at present.