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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair in east,
cloudy in west portion to-
night and Tuesday. Cloudy
in east portion tonight.

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CHURCHES
STAND FOR
PROHIBITIONFive Congregations En-
dorse Volstead Act in
Sunday ServicesBEER AND WINES
ARE NOT FAVOREDAny Attempt to Modify
the Dry Law as It Now
Stands Is Objected to
Here.La Grande church goes in every
congregation to which the
question was put—voted unani-
mously in favor of the Volstead
act as it now exists, and against
any attempt to modify it to legal-
ize beer and light wines.Men and women of the First
Methodist church rose as one body
to testify to their approval of the
prohibition act. In the Men's
Forum, where the question was vig-
orously discussed, a vote showed
every member for the Volstead
regulation.No dissenting voice was raised
against the act at the Central
Church of Christ.The Church of God registered a
unanimous vote against beer and
wines.From the Church of the Naz-
arene comes word that all votes
were cast for the Volstead act as
it stands.The Methodist church south also
declared itself against any conces-
sions in favor of the wet senti-
ment.

Others in Accord.

First Presbyterian and First
Baptist churches had no direct
election on the question, but con-
sidered in harmony with their sis-
ters.

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EDUCATORS TO
CONVENE HEREDr. Homer P. Ratney, of the
University of Oregon, recognized
over the nation for his authority
on school finance, will be the prin-
cipal speaker at the convention of
the Eastern Oregon Superintend-
ents and Principals association in
La Grande Saturday April 24. He
will be the speaker at the after-
noon meeting, from 1 to 2 o'clock,
and will talk on the financing of
scholastic institutions. His recent
series of articles in the School
Board Journal has given him wide
note.At the opening session, from 9 to
10 a. m., Superintendent Roy C.
Lusk, of Union, will tell of the
instruction of mental testing in
different schools. Superintendent
H. M. Broadbent, of Baker,
will follow him with a half hour
talk on "New Lights on Reading,
the Basic Subject." From 10:30
to 11, Principal Austin Landreth,
of Pendleton, vice president of the
association, will preside.

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Tigers Defeat Union Athletes
96-52 On Union Track SaturdayDepending
On The
PastThere 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 bet-
ter 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 busi-
ness 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 con-
tact."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."Wet Hearing
Interrupted
By ProtestSixty-Five Delegates of
Women's Organizations
Speak for National Dry
Laws.WASHINGTON, Apr. 12. (AP)—
Interrupting the presentation of
the case of the wet, a corps of 65
delegates from civic, temperance
and other women's organizations
passed before the senate prohibi-
tion committee today urging en-
forcement of the Volstead act and
opposing any modification of the
national dry laws."We represent the homes, the
church and the schools," was the
slogan contained in the testimony
of the first witness, Mrs. Henry W.
Peabody of Beverly, Mass., chair-
man of the Women's National
conference for Law Enforcement
which is meeting here."We stand for enforcement and
no modification. We have a strong
feeling that the women ought to
be represented by the men who
hold our views."Mrs. Peabody was questioned by
Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri,
and she told him in reply to his
first interrogation that the only
change in the Volstead act to which
the women agree would be a move
to give it more power.Rapid-fire protests against any
amendment of the Volstead act
were made then by a dozen women
representing church organizations.
They passed before the committee
in such quick succession that even
the official stenographer had diffi-
culty in keeping abreast of their
statements. Some of them testified
from where they stood in the room
and none was cross-examined by
members of the committee.SALEM, Ore., Apr. 12. (AP)—
"More competence and less ap-
petite" is what the country needs
in handling the liquor situation,
Governor Pierce tells the judiciary
committee of the United States
senate in a telegram sent to Wash-
ington today protesting against
any modification of the Volstead
act.

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PLEASANT GROVE
GRANGE HALL IS
TO BE DEDICATEDThe new hall of the Pleasant
Grove grange, one and one-half
miles west of Eugeneville, will be
dedicated Saturday evening. George
Palmer, state grange master, of
Hood River, has been invited to at-
tend the dedication and will be the
principal speaker of the evening.
In addition to Mr. Palmer, the
address Dr. W. T. Phy, Roy Conk-
lin and H. G. Avery will talk.Library Bird Contest
Attracting ChildrenMuch interest is being shown by
the children of the city in a bird
contest being held at the public li-
brary this week. Pictures of forty
different birds have been posted
in the library for the past two
weeks for the children to study so
that they might be able to identify
them during the contest.A blue ribbon badge will be
given to each child who can iden-
tify all of the birds. Mabel Doty,
librarian, said this morning.

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German Artist Gives
Praise to the West"Your big wonderful country—it
simply overwhelms me. I have no
words to express my feeling."
C. B. Talbott, an interior de-
corator from Berlin, Germany, who
has visited New York many times
but is making his first trip into
Western America, thus exclaimed
his admiration as he paced up and
down the station platform this
morning while No. 17 waited its
usual 15 minutes."There is a great sense of free-
dom in your open spaces. Your
mountains—the colors and skylines
they are marvelous."
"Europe is so different. Every-
thing there is on a small scale. We
are industrial. We live crowded
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GREEN OUT
OF SENATE
G.O.P. RAGELa Grande Attorney
Withdraws from Pri-
mary CampaignHUNTER STILL IS
SILENT ON COURSEH. H. Weatherspoon, of
Elgin, Issues Platform
for Campaign for Low-
er House.Two developments in the politi-
cal situation in this part of the
state took place today, one affect-
ing the Union-Wallowa county
joint senatorial primary cam-
paign and the other touching upon
the Union county representative
race.R. J. Green, who some time ago
announced he would be a candi-
date in the republican primary for
the upper house from Union
and Wallowa counties, was inter-
viewed today and announced that he
is no longer a candidate."I regret that I am compelled
to withdraw from the race but I
feel that I cannot spare the time
from my own business, or sacri-
fice my clients' interests in order
to go through a six-weeks cam-
paign," he said. "I feel that the
matters mentioned in my platform
are vital issues. I sincerely hope
that the republicans will nominate
a man pledged to do some-
thing for the farmer. No man

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DAIRY TOPICS
GET HEARINGThe production of clean milk in
Union county and the general im-
provement of dairy conditions are
to receive special attention of the
health and agricultural committee
of the Union county chamber of
commerce this year. It was decided
at the organization meeting Sat-
urday evening with Dr. W. T. Phy,
chairman, at Hot Lake.J. B. Mickel, state dairy and
food commissioner, has forwarded
a city milk ordinance to the com-
mittee for inspection and comment.
H. G. Avery and Lee Reynolds
were appointed to receive it. Robert
Withycombe, of the Eastern
Oregon Experiment station, was
named to make a report on the
clean milk project at the next
spring meeting.

Would Supplant scrubs

Practical methods for increasing
actual milk production by sup-
planting the scrub with the pure-
bred sire were taken up by the
committee. A movement toward
the dehorning of all male animals,
especially those that run the
range claimed attention also.The bottling of survey is to be
completed within a short time. The
ground work has been laid, and
samples will be sent soon to Dr. C.
O. Legin, director of the state lab-
oratories for examination.Cooperation of the Wing, Fin
and Fleetfoot club and other
sportsmen's organizations of the
county will be asked in the pre-
vention of human death and live-
stock losses through vaccination of

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Oregon Cave
Territory In
Game RefugeState Commission Sets
Aside 20,000 Acres of
Land in Josephine
County Today.PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 12. (AP)—
Twenty thousand acres of land
around the Oregon Caves in Joseph-
phine county were set aside as a
game refuge today by the state
game commission. The reserve in-
cludes national monument and na-
tional forest land, which com-
prises summer range for deer and
other game animals. The reserva-
tion is for five years. The com-
mission will ask the legislature to
complete the reserve by the addi-
tion of a large acreage immedi-
ately north of the government
land. The northern section is
privately owned, for the most part,
and provides winter range. Na-
tional forest officials and game
commission are cooperating in the
project.The plan is to have a
thoroughly closed refuge in which
game animals will become as tame
as they are in Yellowstone national
park.Demands on the part of Curry
county officers that some one be
prosecuted for the feeding of
steelheads to young salmon at the
Macleay hatchery on the lower
Rogue river were discussed by the
commission with E. I. Bal-
lough, state fish warden and Fish
Hatchery Superintendent. Clanton,
Clanton told the commission that
the complaint was his first news
of the matter. The practice was
ordered discontinued. The govern-
ment will be required by the com-
mission to screen the feed canal
for the Umatilla irrigation
project. Thousands of trout are
said to be carried out into the
alfalfa fields through the ditches.He was asked his opinion as to
the propriety of Colonel Williams
while at the hotel."He acted as one who had been
drinking, or he'd been 'doped' or
was sick," came the reply. "I
would not be qualified to state
which.""Could he have commanded
troops at the time?""No he would have been unable
to command troops."Further questioning brought out
the fact that Captain Gates smelled
no liquor on the defendant's
breath, nor did he see him take a
drink.With this the examination of
Colonel Williams was concluded and
he was allowed to resume his place
as a member of Colonel Williams'
defense.The second witness sworn was
Major Ross Rowell, commanding
the marine aviation unit on North
Island. Major and Mrs. Rowell
were among Colonel Williams'
guests at the party in honor of
General Butler.The major was not exactly sure
about the character of cocktails
served at Colonel Williams' table.
As to whether Colonel Williams
was intoxicated when he appeared
at the Coronado hotel, the major
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EAGLE ATTACKS
GEESE THAT FLY
INTO HIS REALMWALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—
The attack of a large eagle on a
flock of wild geese that invaded
his territory is reported by G. C.
Meek, who witnessed the unusual
spectacle near Wallowa Wednesday
afternoon.The geese were flying low in a
northeasterly direction, when they
sailed into Whiskey Creek section,
which is daily paroled by a pair
of the birds of Jove, one eagle
quickly attacked them, scattering
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rear before he finally gave up the
chase.With records from the office of
the state game warden to support
his plea of innocence, Soapy Davis
Saturday convinced Judge Hugh
H. Brady that he was in lawful
possession of three beaver skins
that he was accused of having
procured out of season. The re-
cords showed that he had killed
the animals during open season
and had duly reported his bag to
the proper authorities.

EDUCATOR PASSES

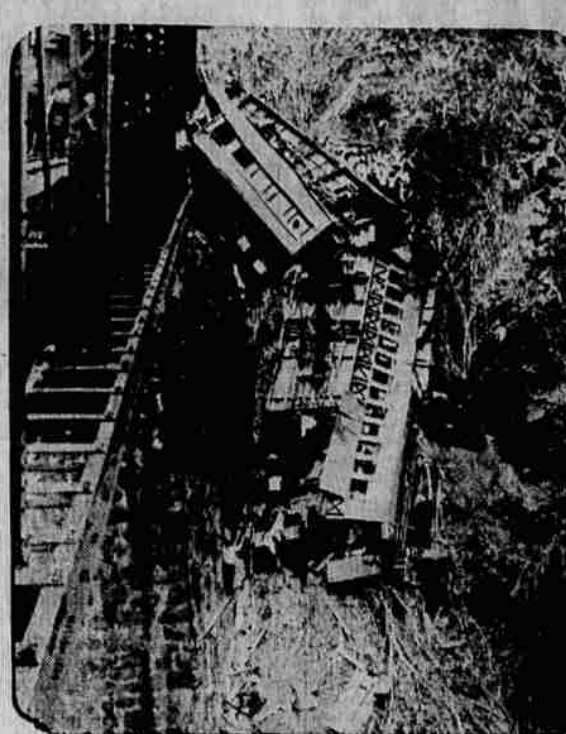
SPOKANE, Wash. Apr. 12. (AP)—
Elmer Drake, 79, who came to
San Buena Ventura, California in
1869, to Eugene, Ore., in 1877 and
to Washington in 1879, died here
yesterday. He was superintendent
of schools here for five years, be-
ginning in 1889.WILLIAMS
NOT DRUNK,
CATES SAYSTrial of Marine Corps
Colonel Opens Today
in San DiegoNO LIQUOR ODOR
ON HIS BREATHMajor Rowell, Second
Witness, Admits He
Thinks Williams Prob-
ably Was Intoxicated.MARINE BASE, San Diego, Cal.,
Apr. 12. (AP)—Colonel Alexander
S. Williams was not intoxicated
at the Hotel Del Coronado March 6
last when Brigadier General Smed-
ley D. Butler ordered him under
arrest for alleged drunkenness.
Nor was it possible to smell liquor
on his breath.Such was the testimony offered
at the opening session of the col-
onel's court martial here today by
the first prosecution witness, Cap-
tain Clifton B. Cates."I did not even see him take a
drink at the hotel," was the cap-
tain's added assurance.Captain Cates' testimony came
after Colonel Williams had entered
a plea of not guilty to the charge
of being drunk at the Coronado ho-
tel, and after Captain Cates him-
self on the ground that he was a
prosecution witness had disquali-
fied from acting as a member of
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Union Cheese Factory
Begins Operating TodayUNION (Special)—W. O. Hag-
erty, owner of the Union Cheese
factory, has located the factory to
Memora, Caterlin and Goin, of Wil-
lamette valley. The factory opened
for the first time under the new
management this morning. Milk
for the manufacture of cheese will
be brought in by trucks sent out
by the factory.Fire Burns Pendleton
Plant; Loss \$175,000.00PENDLETON, Apr. 12. (AP)—
The plant of the Pendleton Pro-
vision and Packing company was
destroyed by fire early Sunday
morning with a loss of \$175,000.
The origin of the fire is not
known. The plant was filled to
near capacity with meals and pro-
visions at the time. The plant
was insured to the extent of \$100,
000. No plans toward rebuilding
have been made by the owners.Oscar Craig Arrested
By Traffic OfficerOscar O. Craig, 17, was picked
up for reckless driving at Sum-
merville last evening. Officer
Dunn reported that Craig was
turning corners on two wheels
and endangering the lives of citi-
zens. Some of them were threat-
ening violence unless something
was done, he said.

Rail Crash Fatal to 275

Four coaches of women and children excursionists plunged
off the Viñilla bridge into a deep gorge here, killing 275 and
injuring 71 more in Costa Rica's worst train disaster.HOUSE PASSES
NAVY AIR BILLWASHINGTON, Apr. 12. (AP)—
A bill embodying an \$85,000,000
five-year building program for the
naval air service was passed by the
house today and sent to the senate.The program, the first continuing
policy ever provided by the house
is designated to provide by the end
of the five-year period 1800 new
airplanes and two new dirigibles,
each three times the size of the
wrecked Shenandoah.A somewhat similar program has
been reported by the house military
committee for the army air ser-
vice.Wallis Will Deliver
Address at LuncheonIn accordance with an annual
custom, the Union county chamber
of commerce will convene at Island
City, in the E. O. O. F. hall, Tues-
day noon for its luncheon and
program. Clyde Kiddle will pre-
side.The Rev. Hall K. Wallis, pastor
of the Community church there,
will deliver the address. Luncheon
will be served by the women of
his parish.Members of the chamber who
have room for additional passen-
gers are asked by the secretary,
Earl C. Reynolds, to call the office
for names of persons who have no
means of conveyance.Gov. Elgin, Union and North
Powder also regularly entertain
the chamber once a year at lunch-
eon.Lloyd Day Commercial
Traveler at Age of 14A commercial traveler at 14 is
Lloyd Day, who made his first
trip in his new capacity this morn-
ing as representative of the Cland
C. Pratt Lumber company to Pen-
dleton.Lloyd works at the lumber yards
daytimes and studies typewriting
and shorthand nights. He has al-
ready finished high school edu-
cation. He is the son of Mrs.
Jennie Day, of this city.Board of Regents to
Meet at Eugene FridayEUGENE, Ore., Apr. 12. (AP)—
Members of the board of reg-
ents of the University of Oregon
will meet here Friday for the pur-
pose of discussing the presidency
of the university, according to an
announcement here today. All mem-
bers of the board, according to
present plans, will be present.Employment in North
Coast States SteadyPORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 12. (AP)—
Employment in the Pacific
northwest continues to show
steady, gradual gains in practi-
cally all districts, according to re-
ports from various northwestern
cities received at Four L. head-
quarters here today. The laying
off of fallers and buckers at sev-
eral logging camps in some coast
districts did not perceptibly affect
the general trend of employment.

Bulletins

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12. (AP)—
The senate decided today that
Daniel F. Steck, democrat, instead
of Smith W. Brookhart, insurgent
republican, was entitled to repre-
sent Iowa in that body. 475 to 41.BAGDAD, Iraq, Apr. 12. (AP)—
With the Tigris river still rising
and thousands of men fighting des-
perately to repair the dykes, the
chances seem about even today
that Bagdad would be under water
within 24 hours.PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 12. (AP)—
With wool shearing on in eastern
Oregon buyers are flocking to the
Echo, Arlington and Pilot Rock
sections. Sales so far, have been
limited. One clip of 35,000 pounds
is reported sold at a price of 36
cents.BEIRUT, Syria, Apr. 12. (AP)—
Captain Esteves, commander of the
Spanish flying expedition from
Madrid to Manila was still missing
today. With Captain Lariga and
Captain Gonzales Galarza, he left
Cairo early Sunday morning for
Bagdad. Lariga reached Bagdad
at 4 p. m. and Gonzales Galarza
three hours later.SEATTLE, Apr. 12. (AP)—Ed-
gar C. Snyder, state chairman of
the progressive party, today issued
a call for a conference of party
leaders here April 24 to select dele-
gates to the national convention.MANILA, Apr. 12. (AP)—An-
other encounter between constabulary
and Moro outlaws in Lanao pro-
vince resulted today in several cas-
ualties among the Moros and the
wounding of two of the constabulary.WASHINGTON, Apr. 12. (AP)—
The supreme court today refused
to review its recent decision prohib-
iting states from quarantining
against plant pests.NEW YORK, Apr. 12. (AP)—
The stock market, which has been
drifting rather aimlessly for a
week, suddenly turned weak to-
day when selling pressure was re-
newed against the motor shares.
Scores of issues fell one to nearly
nine points with Bethlehem and
Rockwell-Stearns, Hudson
and Jordan Motors, Tidewater
Oil and American Agricultural
Chemical common and preferred
breaking to new low levels for
the year.SOUTH MANCHESTER, Mass.,
Apr. 12. (AP)—Charges of im-
morality and conduct unbecom-
ing a clergyman, preferred against the
Rev. Guy Willis Holmes, of New
Bedford, Mass., were sustained by
the special investigating com-
mittee reporting to the New England
southern conference of the Meth-
odist church today and the pastor
was expelled from the ministry
and pulpit of the church.Secrecy shrouded the entire pro-
ceedings against the minister.Luther Burbank May Rest In
Own "Miracle" Garden LotSANTA ROSA, Cal., Apr. 12
(AP)—Citizens of Santa Rosa will
celebrate their everyday labor Wed-
nesday to honor the memory of
their former illustrious fellow citi-
zen, Luther Burbank. Public me-
morial services will be held at 3
o'clock in the open, at Doyle park
amid trees and flowers that Bur-
bank loved so well.Judges Ben F. Lindsey, of Den-
ver, Burbank's close friend for
years, will deliver the principal
address, and the Rev. Cateh S.
Button, pastor of the First Meth-
odist church, of San Francisco,
who married Mr. and Mrs. Bur-
bank 16 years ago, will also speak.
Burbank came of a family ofEnitarians and both he and his
wife were members of that denom-
ination at the time of his death.
The schools will be closed for
the day and 300 school children,
many of whom have been con-
ducted through the experimental
gardens where Burbank performed
his horticultural miracles, will sing
songs which he is known to have
loved.Interment will be private and
only members of his immediate
family will be present. It had
been tentatively planned to lay
Burbank to rest in his own gar-
den and to make it a permanent
monument to his memory, but that
decision has not been reached.DISASTERS'
DEATH TOLL
REACHES 57Port Arthur Explosion
Yesterday Traps 25 in
White Hot "Oven"PROPERTY LOSS
AT \$15,000,000.00Succession of Accidents
Wreak Havoc in Oil In-
dustry in West and
Southwest.