

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

April 20—Last day to register for primary election.
May 3, 4, 5, 6—State convention of Women's Clubs in La Grande.
May 7, 8—Oregon DeMolay convention in La Grande.
May 21—Primary election.
June 9, 10, 11—Union Livestock show at Union, Ore.
July 22, 23, 24—Convention of Northwest Real Estate association in La Grande.
Sept. 22, 23, 24, and 25—Union county fair at Elgin, Ore.

Here Today on Business—George Wade, farmer near here, was in the city today on business.

In City from Union—George Ferguson, Union druggist, was in La Grande today on business.

Mrs. Charles Reynolds Is Better—Mrs. Charles Reynolds, who has been ill for about 10 days, is able to be outdoors now.

Here on Business—H. J. Krosby, of Lewiston, one of the purchasers of marble works at Joseph, was in La Grande today on business.

In Town For Funeral—S. W. Edens, of the night police force at Baker, was in La Grande today for the funeral of Robert Pierce, an old pioneer resident of Oregon.

Fifth Successful Fox Year—H. W. Smith, of the silver fox farm here reports this spring's increase in doing well. Litters are arriving at the farm every few days. This is Mr. Smith's fifth year in the silver fox business.

Installed Fire System—A fire alarm system has been installed in the Foley hotel here. The La Grande Electric installed the system and also wired several new sample rooms, which have been built in the basement of the building.

Has Operation Today—D. Fitzgerald, of the La Grande iron works, underwent a serious operation at Portland today. His daughter, Mrs. Mary Larson, has been with him at the hospital there since Saturday night. Mr. Fitzgerald has been in Portland about a week for treatment.

Poisoned by Tick Bite—George M. Pierce, prohibition officer, is about his duties again after being laid up several days by a tick bite. Infection started last Wednesday in his left ankle, where the tick was found buried under the skin.

Home from Eugene—Miss Eleanor Cleaver returned to her home here this morning after a trip to Eugene, where she was the guest of her sister, Miss Constance Cleaver, who is a student at the University of Oregon. Miss Cleaver was present for the University's April frolic.

Wiring Apartment House—A crew of electricians are working at Pendleton wiring a 50-room apartment building, built there on Riverside drive. The building contains ten apartments with a garage for each one. It is being built by Dr. M. S. Kern of that city. C. V. Tallent went to Pendleton Saturday to look over the work and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Williams went over



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Turner Oliver Land May Become Golf Links

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 bor of the enrolled families, according to G. L. Larison, one of the landowners.
 The course will have 20 years the start of a most new golfing sites in the line of trees, well-grown apple, cherry, willow and cottonwood varieties existing there in thriving state. Sprung branches meandering through the grounds will give six water in yards and close proximity to a stream. With the exception of one gentle rise, the links will be unusually smooth, and after the greens are well started will offer exceptional attraction to the women players as well as the men, the promoters predict.
 Six of the fairways, as the course was tentatively designed by W. W. Baker, of Walla Walla, who designed the Walla Walla country club course, will cross the stream and many of the trees in the orchard will be left in place for the rough.
 Par would be 36
 In an interview, Mr. Baker had this to say in Walla Walla: "Soil in this place is among the best in the valley so that fairways and greens of high quality may be developed. The course will have a north and south lie, for the most part, and parallel fairways have been practically eliminated. The total yardage will be 3,225, so that the par for the nine holes will be 36."
 Plans drawn by Mr. Baker provide for a club house near the north end of the course. Irrigation of the grounds probably will be accomplished through a pumping plant, using water either from the spring branch or a shallow well to be dug near the stream.
 Interested persons here feel deeply indebted to Mr. Baker for his cooperation, free of charge, in designing a course. Mr. Baker ranks high in the northwest in this respect, and also has under consideration drawing of plans for courses at Colfax, Wash., and Lewiston, Ida. Mr. Baker recently spent several days in La Grande conferring with local golfers.
 The Walla Walla newspaper has to say in reference to Mr. Baker's plans:
 Lewiston is another community planning a new nine hole course, Mr. Baker said yesterday. This project lies about three miles south of Lewiston on the slopes of the Snake river, where possibilities are seen for a course rivaling in some respects the Oak Ridge course at Victoria, B. C.
 "Elevation ranging from 130 to 250 feet above the river are available on this proposed course, with the finest hazards in the world present," Mr. Baker said. "The water problem is one of the largest confronting the Lewiston people now, however. They have several plans for this development."
 Mr. Baker said while he had gone over the Lewiston site, he has not offered a plan such as was the case in La Grande. Colfax is also thinking of a golf course and has already been in communication with the local man who designed the Walla Walla Country club course so highly thought of throughout the northwest.

To Visit Daughter Here—Mrs. Mylan Mitchell arrived in the city this morning from Portland. She will visit here for some time with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Dana.

Home from Portland—Mrs. L. E. Chenault returned to her home here this morning from Portland, where she has been for a few days on a business trip.

To Elgin on Business—Mrs. William Arnold went to Elgin on this morning's train. She will be there about one week on business.

Here for Week End—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sulder and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jameson of Enterprise, motored to La Grande and spent the week end. They returned to their Wallawa county homes this morning.

Went to Boise—Henry P. Lewis went to Boise, Idaho on this morning's train. He will attend a New York Life insurance company meeting there. He has been agent for the company here for many years.

Here Since Sunday—After visiting in La Grande since Sunday at the home of Mrs. Bert Higgins, Miss Ida Cornelison returned to her home at Elgin this morning. Miss Cornelison has been teaching school at Pumpkin Ridge for the past eight months. The school term was over last week.

STATISTICS HURLED AT DRY HEADS

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 and would in addition produce a handsome national revenue."
 Julian Codman, counsel for the vets, interrupts, to have it noted on the record that the Modern League "is a temperance organization."
 "I assume that is taken for granted," said Senator Harrell, republican, Oklahoma, the only member of the committee present at that time.
 Resuming his statement, Mr. Shirk said that perhaps "the most curious result of the national home dryness is the remarkable increase in the number of drunken drivers."
 Police Interrogated.
 "The police departments of the principal cities have been interrogated and many which classify arrests for operating a vehicle while intoxicated have responded to our inquiry," he added. "These replies show a remarkable increase in arrests of persons plotted on charts, show curves which are almost flat before the Volstead period, and thereafter shoot skyward at an astonishing angle."
 The police department of Washington, D. C., however, has kept records of the arrests of young people for drunkenness, he continued. "Arrests of persons under 23 years old averaged 34 a year for the four pre-prohibition years, 1914-1917. A bone-dry law was enacted in Washington before national prohibition became effective and immediately youthful drunkenness increased. In 1918 it rose to 73 and by 1924 had reached 282."
 The witness went on to say that the survey showed conditions in former wet states to be about the same as in 1914, while in states which had some form of state prohibition, conditions were worse today under the bone-dry Volstead act than they formerly were under their own state dry laws."
 Yonths Drink More.
 Shirk read a photostat of a letter from Police Chief Stroebel, of Reading, Pa., declaring that there had been a great increase in intoxication among youths. He said he knew of children being taken from classrooms "dead drunk" and that hip flasks were carried by young folks at most dances and parties.
 Taking up a challenge of Wayne B. Wheeler for the vets to point a single city where conditions were better under the beer and wine regime than under the bone-dry law, Shirk pointed to Atlanta. Arrests for intoxication there dropped from between 5,000 and 7,000 in 1907, he said, to between 2,000 and 3,000 in 1917, when citizens of Atlanta could import beer, wine and some ardent spirits. After the federal law became effective, he continued, the arrests mounted steadily until they reached 6,000 in 1925.
 One of the witnesses, Father Francis Kascaun, of Sugar Knots, Pa., painted for the committee a graphic picture of wide-open saloons, wild carousals by young people, drunkenness in homes and intoxication among school children in the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania.

FOUR GIRLS INSULTED BY TRANSIENT

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 Cooper argued to fulfil the engagement, but before he reached the place, he saw a man who answered the description leaving in the direction of the Sacred Heart academy.
 "A fine place to start a moonshining still," was Matthews' greeting when Cooper forced him to stop.
 Cooper asked, if he had not played with the children in the pit the day before, and when Matthews denied the charge, the father tore into him and gave him a beating. Clark came up just as he was finishing, and Cooper tossed the fellow to him for added punishment. They called Sam Andrews, and took Matthews before the little girls for identification.
 The children screamed and said, "He's the man."
 At the police station, Matthews said he only arrived in town from California.
 The girls were in no way harmed, except for the fright, Cooper told The Observer today.

Farmer Killed Today By Rolling Tractor

ROSEBURG, Apr. 12. (AP)—K. L. Thornton, a resident of Green valley, was killed shortly before noon today when a tractor rolled over on him. He was driving the machine out of a depression when it turned over backwards and crushed him beneath it. He was rushed to Oakland, but died on the way to town. He was 49 years old and leaves a widow and three small children. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thornton of Portland, were visiting at their son's home at the time of the fatal accident.

Rail Consolidation Bill Favorably Reported

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12. (AP)—The Cummins bill to enforce railroad consolidation after an experimental period, was reported favorably today by the senate interstate commerce commission. The compulsory clauses of the bill would apply to those roads which fail to consolidate within five years. At the end of that time the interstate commerce commission would proceed to unify the roads into a limited number of systems to be established in accordance with the public interest.

Cable Snaps as Airship Prepares for Flight

LAKEHURST, N. J., Apr. 12. (AP)—The dirigible Los Angeles was taken from her hangar this morning in preparation for her first flight since the loss of the Shenandoah last fall. After several hours at the mooring mast she was to cruise in this immediate vicinity, returning before night.
 The main cable attaching the dirigible to her mooring mast broke as the craft was being pulled into the steel tower.
 Several hundred feet of cable whipped around the mast striking Jerry Frankel, a motion picture cameraman, and inflicting several lacerations.
 The dirigible was drawn to the ground by the two cables and Lieutenant Roland Mayer, construction officer, made an inspection of the break.

START OILING WORK SHORTLY

H. H. Baldoek, state highway maintenance engineer and formerly division engineer here, arrived in La Grande last night. He is also making a general maintenance inspection of all Eastern Oregon highways while in this part of the state.
 Approximately 165 miles of highways in this division will be oiled for the first time sometime this year, besides 42 and one half miles of pavement shoulders, which will also be oiled. Thirty-five and one half miles of the pavement shoulders are from Pendleton to the Washington state line, four miles from La Grande to Lone Tree and two miles from La Grande to Island City.
 Eighteen and one-tenth miles of the La Grande-Wallawa Lake highway, from La Grande to Elgin, will be oiled this year. The remaining 47 miles are on the Old Oregon Trail highway.
 Oiling operations in this division will probably start in Umatilla county first, the weather being warmer and drier there. Work will probably start in that section in about a week.

Community Sales Day Plan to Be Discussed

A community sales day plan will be discussed at a special meeting of merchants and heads of firms in La Grande at the office of the commerce chamber tonight at 7:30 o'clock.
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Railroad Purchases Klamath Falls Park

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Apr. 12. (AP)—Final formalities attendant upon sale of Riverside city park to the Southern Pacific and Northern Pacific lines were completed last night when the council approved the sale ordinance with but little discussion, ending a controversy that has waged for three months.
 Klamath Falls, Apr. 12. (AP)—Klamath Falls, Apr. 12. (AP)—Councilman Z. J. Powell, the city council last night decided to put the question of electing a city manager up to vote of the people in May.

Deepening of Sandy River Is Being Urged

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 12. (AP)—A plan to make the Sandy river's mouth deep enough for the entry of the chhook and game fish, as well as smelt, was considered today by the fish commission.
 Game Warden Averill presented a plan whereby a new channel could be blasted at the mouth of the Walla Walla river in Washington to do away with the dead water entrance to the stream. Most of the river is in Oregon and sportsmen at Walla Walla had agreed to stand part of the cost, he said.

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CIRCULATE BOUNDARY PETITIONS

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 its limits, and is built up solidly throughout almost the entire section.
 The other proposed district begins a block over on U avenue, continues to the river, and follows the south bank as far as Umatilla street, thence over to the present boundary. It incorporates Sugar addition and many blocks out toward the Bowman-Hicks mills.
 Mills Not Included.
 Neither the Mt. Emily nor the Bowman-Hicks mills are included in the new districts.
 Many voters have expressed the opinion that the enlargement of the boundaries will be made, since the residents of the new districts would have the advantage of water, lights and insurance rates enough lower to more than cancel the increased taxes. Figures to show what the difference would be are being prepared by the planning commission, Dixon said today.

Candidates File Today With Secretary Kozer

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 12. (AP)—"Will they my place at the trial table" is the slogan of C. G. Schepeler of Portland, who today filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for the democratic nomination for district attorney. He states in his platform that he believes in the strict enforcement of all criminal laws, that if the laws are impractical the way to find it out is by enforcement. Then, the people will change them.
 Other candidates who filed today were:
 Dorothy McCullough, Lew. Portland, for republican nomination for representative.
 Ralph B. Crowell, Medford, for republican nomination for state senator from Jackson county.
 Dal M. King, Myrtle Point, for republican nomination for representative for Coos county.
 R. M. Turner, Toledo, for republican nomination for representative from Polk and Lincoln counties.
 Allan A. Dymon, Portland, for republican nomination for representative from Multnomah county.
 Ralph W. VanHorn, Portland, for republican nomination for representative from Multnomah county.

TO HOLD FIELD MEET

PENDLETON, Ore., Apr. 12. (AP)—A sectional field meet of high schools and grade schools will be held here Saturday for schools in Pendleton and vicinity, preparative to the county track and field meet May 1, according to H. B. Talley, county superintendent of schools, who is in charge of the meet.

WATER POWER BILL OKEHED

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12. (AP)—Expenditure of \$7,322,400 for water power surveys of streams in various parts of the country was recommended jointly today by army engineers and the federal power commission in a report submitted to the house.
 Included in the bill are appropriations for the investigation of the following projects:
 Snake river and tributaries, \$215,000.

FRUITDALE IS VISITED BY ELK

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 ent shape, resembling cow tracks. The animal did not jump like a deer, and had no horns. Whether it was a cow elk or had shed its horns is not known.
 Mr. Duckett was not the only one to see the animal. Ray Hokland, Mrs. John Bennett and her brother also saw it after it had left the Duckett place. When they saw the animal it was cut across the breast as if it had come in contact with a wire fence.
 The elk was last seen headed northeast.

HIGH SCHOOLS ARE CRITICIZED

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 who should be proficient in the three requirements which were drilled into the youth of a generation ago, today cannot be depended upon along the same lines. It was declared by business men, who cited examples from their own experience to show what they meant.
 Most of the interrogation at the hearing was done by State Senator B. L. Eddy, Roseburg, at whose invitation the commission was appointed with a view to drawing up a bill for presentation at the next session of the state legislature.
 Local teachers appearing before the commission admitted weakness in the present school system, but declared that in the main the schools are on the right course. J. C. Nelson, Salem high school principal, declared that if, as reported, high school graduates are largely unable to pass college entrance examinations in Oregon, the fault is with the colleges, who furnish the teachers for the high schools. Senator Eddy's contention that the school curriculum is overloaded with non-essentials with the result that the most necessary parts of

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education are neglected, was generally disagreed with by the teachers.
 Other open hearings will be held in various parts of the state before the bill for presentation to the 1927 legislature is drawn up. In addition to Senator Eddy, the commission consists of Mr. George H. Alden, of Willamette university, chairman, and Dr. C. J. Smith, of Portland, secretary.

ROBERT PIERCE
 Robert Pierce, 77, a Portland resident and a pioneer of Oregon, died at the home of his nephew, George M. Pierce, Sunday after an illness of about three days. He had come here not long before to visit with the Pierce family and other relatives in this vicinity.
 Funeral services took place at the Snodgrass & Zimmerman chapel, Miss Josie Hokland, deaconess pastor of the Community church at North Powder, preaching the sermon. Burial was in the L. O. O. F. cemetery.
 The decedent is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Nora Bloom and Mrs. Archie Crews, of Portland, both of whom were here for the funeral. Mrs. J. M. Miller, of Dayton, Wash., and Mrs. J. C. Canville, of Walla Walla, sisters of George Pierce, were also in attendance.

Obituary
ETHEL HYATT
 Private funeral services for Ethel Elizabeth Hyatt, 13-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hyatt, who died of scarlet fever Saturday evening, were conducted at the funeral home of the Masonic cemetery Monday afternoon. Bishop J. J. Black, of the Latter Day Saints church, preached the brief sermon.

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