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THE WEATHER

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Fair tonight and Friday but cloudy or foggy along the coast.

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With only one day left in which to file declarations of candidacy for positions in the May primaries, the various political races in Eastern Oregon have emerged into the order into which the ballot will find them lined up.

By far the most interesting will be the republican campaign for senatorial nomination for Union and Wallowa counties, political observers declare. Three prominent republicans, each well known in both counties, will seek the nomination. A. T. Hill, La Grande business man, was the first of the trio to announce his candidacy. Today Colon Eberhard, formerly a member of the legislature, threw his hat into the ring, and Ed Jasper, of Island City, choice of the granges, did likewise.

Each man has a large following in both counties, it is believed, and a "horse race" is looked forward to.

Representative A. H. Hunter, who has forsaken his seat in the lower house in favor of the upper house, will be unopposed for nomination in the democratic primaries unless a last minute entry files tomorrow.

PLAN TO TEST
LOCOMOTIVE

A three-cylinder freight engine, the last word in the construction of locomotives and the first of its kind to be built, will arrive in La Grande about midnight tonight and will be put in operation here for test purposes on the heavy mountain pulls.

This engine is the first three-cylinder engine to be tried on the mountains in this division and is the first engine of this exact type ever constructed, railroad men declare. The engine experts about one per cent more power than the present two-cylinder type and yet does not weigh any more on the drivers.

The third cylinder is located between the other two and has a two-inch shorter stroke. The locomotive is a 4-10-2; a simple engine for heavy mountain pulls, and is manufactured by the Union Pacific company for test purposes. The two-cylinder engines now in use by the company are 2-10-2. The three-cylinder locomotive will probably be here two or three weeks.

Daily Vacation Bible School
Will Have Four DepartmentsService To
North
Powder

The Observer is instituting this month carrier service to the residents of North Powder, giving the people of that community a leased-wire daily newspaper each afternoon in less than two hours after it is printed.

Gradually the service of The Observer is being extended to properly serve the La Grande territory—and the result is that the present paid circulation is the greatest in the history of the paper, and constantly growing. Each day the per-reader cost to advertisers is reduced as new readers are added.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

Fir Street
Wants More
IlluminationPetition for Better Street
Lights Is in Commis-
sion's Hands; Down-
Town Park Discussed.

A petition for the lighting of Fir street from Adams to Monroe under the proposed ornamental street lighting plan which will be presented to the voters next month, was received by the city commissioners last night. The petition carried signatures of 65 per cent of property owners in the district. No action can be taken until the charter amendment is voted upon so the petition was filed for future consideration.

The ordinance regulating dogs in La Grande was presented but because of conflicts with the present ordinance, was not passed. The matter was laid over for a week.

Robert S. Eakin was appointed temporary municipal judge to serve during the absence of Judge Humphreys, who is attending a Masonic convention in Astoria.

Mr. Eakin will probably preside at some trials this evening.

Act on Downtown Park.

A committee from the Neighborhood club—Mrs. C. H. Seranton, Mrs. E. P. Mossman, and Mrs. Evelyn Rosenbaum—appeared before the commission in reference to plans for securing property in La Grande as a site for a downtown park—a civic center.

Several tracts were mentioned and the club committee accepted the responsibility of getting an option on a site that seems most feasible for such a project.

City officials today stated that a special commission meeting may be called this week to further consider the downtown park proposition.

PYTHIAN SISTERS

TO CONVENE HERE

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Two hundred Pythian Sisters from Enterprise, Wallowa, Elgin, Imbler and Union are expected to join the local members for a district convention at the K. P. hall Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen Wrightman, of Silverton, grand chief, will be here to preside.

The afternoon session begins at 1:30 and consists of a school of instruction, a memorial service and a short program.

Initiatory services and a program in charge of Mrs. G. Harnden, of La Grande, will occupy the 7:30 o'clock meeting.

The Elgin degree team will have charge of the initiation of knights; Imbler, of the women, and the Rowena lodge team from La Grande, of both men and women. Mrs. Harnden heads the local team.

Police Arrest Three

On Gambling Charge

The Gibbons Oil station, on Jefferson avenue, was raided by police last night and three men were arrested on charges of gambling. Police Chief A. C. Haynes reported to Mayor Reed, Sam Harrison, and Oswald Knight. Police say they were shooting craps.

Mr. Haynes stated he will swear out a warrant for Mr. Gibbons' arrest.

Discuss Publication

Union County Booklet

Publication of a booklet authorized by the county court for the exposition of the merits and attractions of Union county will be discussed at a meeting of the representatives of the chamber of commerce over the county at the local chamber room late this afternoon. J. Y. Wright, editor of the Elgin Recorder, Frank Connor, of Union, R. E. Williams, of North Powder, and Frank B. Appleby, of La Grande, will be among the members of the session. Cove chamber of commerce also will be represented.

Ralph Warder Injured

When Auto Overtakes

Ralph Warder suffered a severe cut to his leg last night when the sedan in which he and H. Clair were riding turned over on the Cove-Inland City highway. The young men were coming toward La Grande when the accident happened. The car landed bottom side up in the ditch at the side of the highway with the front of the car pointing toward Cove.

The top of the sedan was mashed in, one fender badly bent, and the windshield broken.

4,500 Pounds of Seed

Wheat Sent in Mails

What is believed to be the largest shipment of parcel post ever sent from Eastern Oregon was entered at the Island City post office recently when Clyde Kiddie dispatched 4,500 pounds of Hard Federation seed wheat to Modoc county, California, farmers. The wheat was of a standard grade raised on farms in the immediate territory and wheat men feel that the demand for it speaks well for the quality grown in this section of the state.

The parcel post shipments were forwarded in sixty-five 70-pound packages.

Sacred Heart Pupils

To Appear in Recital

A group of pupils from the Sacred Heart academy will be presented in a recital at the E. D. S. tabernacle at 8 o'clock this evening. Mary Brewster, Margaret Macdonald, Maebeth and Alice Jeanette Cooper, Alma Lilly, Margaret Meyers, Ethel Harnden, Helen Newlin, Joy Veatch, Leland Hale, Lola McWilliams, Edith Wade and Constance May are announced as performers. Besides the solo and duet numbers, there will be several selections by the academy orchestra. There are 28 children prepared to take part in the orchestra section of the entertainment. The program is composed entirely of standard and classic numbers.

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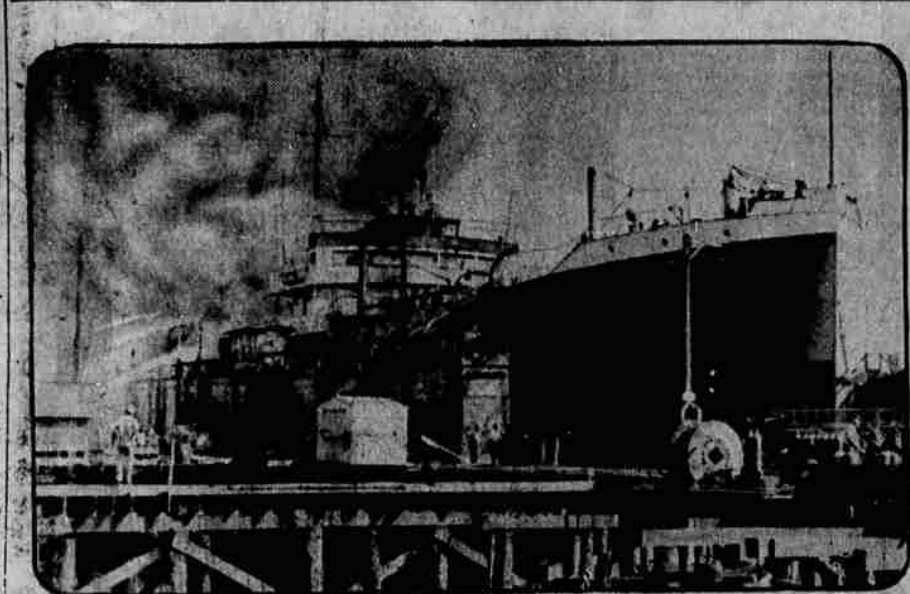
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In The New Orleans Oil Fire Zone



Five sailors were killed and a score more were hurt when oil tanks on the steamer O. T. Warner took fire and exploded while the ship was docked at New Orleans. Blazing oil covered the water and many who jumped overboard were badly burned. Photo shows the ship at the height of the blaze.

SKY LIGHTED
BY PHENOMENA

Weird spectacles of northern lights—unknown even to that field of unexplained phenomenon—aroused the curiosity of La Grande sky gazers last evening.

Commencing soon after 8 o'clock and continuing at intervals until 3 in the morning, the aurora borealis erupted and flamed in a succession of arcs, streaks, fountains and wildling streamers.

Band Arches Sky

Most curious of all was the band of silvery vaporish light that arched sky from horizon to horizon. It

glowed first at about 8:10, shooting from west to north, and finally completing an arch just east of south on the skyline. Faint flashes of pink quivered up from the west end, and all along its curved length ripples of light pulsed gently.

Presently the arch broke at the zenith. The east curve faded, and appeared again. This time the two halves met with a broken joint. Then the band dimmed to a succession of faint ribbons, like a rainbow done in white. And this melted away from east to west, almost as though a light breeze wafted it.

Girdle of Lights Fades

By 9:30, the girdle of light was gone. But the aurora borealis was enacting a brilliant spectacle of fans and flames in the north.

At midnight, the arch reappeared in gorgeous splendor. This time shaft after shaft of pink, blue and purple lights shot to the zenith from the west. Arches in color flashed in the north. The whole scene culminated a gigantic fireworks display.

Those who kept the watch until 3 o'clock in the morning report an arched bank of fluctuating light in the north, from which a fountain of flashes rose and fell, with now and then a dazzling shaft toward the zenith.

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