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PORTLAND (AP)—Cloudy—Fair tonight and tomorrow. Local trade in and portion tonight. Warmer in west portion Saturday.

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PROGRAM OF  
WORK WILL  
MOVE AHEADChamber of Commerce  
Assigns Measures to  
Various GroupsCHILD WELFARE  
GIVEN ATTENTIONEntertainment Committee  
Members Busy Preparing  
for Three Coming  
Conventions.Ambitious plans for the future  
of La Grande and Union county  
are collected in the program of  
work that the chamber of com-  
merce directors, on recommenda-  
tions from their various commit-  
tees, adopted at their latest meet-  
ing.On the whole, the program com-  
prises the same measures that  
were drawn up last fall. The plan  
for 1926 still include: ornamental  
street lighting, annual celebration,  
more oil roads, the enlarging of  
city boundaries and an industrial  
cut-up plan. Time things which  
it is hoped to accomplish in two  
years are unchanged. An inside  
city park—work on which is now  
being pushed by the clubwomen of  
the community—a normal school  
for Eastern Oregon; improvement  
of Gangleff park—another project  
on which the aid of the women  
will be solicited—and the estab-  
lishment of an Oregon National  
Guard armory. Irrigation and  
drainage of the Grande Ronde  
valley is still an aim for accom-  
plishment in three years or more.Plans More Ambitious  
But while on the face of things  
the program remains identical, the  
plans adopted at the recent meet-

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FUN PROGRAM  
DUE TONIGHTAll "the world's funniest" and  
the "split-your-sides-aching"  
stunts that the high school boys  
and girls have been practicing for  
a half a dozen months have been  
squeezed into a two-  
hour program, and are ready to  
be served to the public as soon  
as the curtain rises for the first  
show at 8:15 tonight. The doors  
will be open at 7:30.The 100 performers in the 12  
or more skills and specialties wait  
through their parts at dress re-  
hearsal last night, and remained  
to iron out the kinks, polish off  
the rough places and speed up  
draggish moments.Promises No Delay  
"We aim to run the show off  
without a delay from start to fin-  
ish," Principal E. D. Towler said  
today. "It's a fun show, purely  
entertaining, some of it light even  
to the point of slapstick. But  
anybody who likes comedy will  
find it worth the money."The girls will provide the first  
hour's entertainment with a con-

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Eastern Oregon Educators To  
Meet In La Grande TomorrowComplete  
Markets  
WantedThe constant and very notice-  
able growth of The Observer's  
circulation throughout the  
valley is due very largely to the  
excellent and complete  
market reports provided by the  
full Associated Press leased  
wire.  
Adequate market news is avail-  
able in La Grande through The  
Observer now many hours  
ahead of any other paper seek-  
ing to serve this territory and  
the men engaged in agricul-  
ture and stock raising are able  
to keep in constant touch with  
their markets. More and more  
routes through the valley are  
showing Observer coverage in  
excess of 70 per cent—a vital  
consideration for the careful  
advertiser."Observer Advertising—  
A Merchandising Service."Bumper Crop  
Of Wheat Is  
In ProspectWallowa County Grain  
Showing Up Well in All  
Fields—Spring Seeding  
Progressing.WALLOWA, Ore., Apr. 23 (Spe-  
cial).—Present prospects for a  
bumper crop of winter wheat in  
Wallowa county are considered  
bright.A good stand of wheat covers  
practically every field and the  
crop is well advanced for this  
season of the year. Some of the  
earlier sowings are beginning to  
show some signs of jointing.T. A. Bakke, who lives two miles  
east of Wallowa, has a field  
which was sown early last fall,  
which is going into the joint and  
is so heavy in some places that  
the stand is falling. All fields  
have made a good growth during  
the past fortnight of warm  
weather.Spring seeding is progressing  
satisfactorily at this time. The soil  
was worked up in good shape  
this spring and field which were  
sown only a few days ago are be-  
ginning to show green.Many farmers in the dry farm-  
ing portions of the county have,  
during the past two years, allowed  
a part of their summerfallow to  
lay over until spring and seeded  
in Federation wheat, and in this  
way, fields which are infested  
with weeds, may be handled to a  
better advantage. Many feel that  
when the grain can be seeded  
early it has almost an equal  
chance with fall sown wheat.100 UNION COUNTY  
MASONS ATTEND  
ENTERPRISE MEETOne hundred Masons from Union  
county—about thirty-five of  
them from La Grande—went to  
Enterprise last night for a district  
meeting of the Masonic Blue Lodge.  
The district includes Wallowa and  
Union counties. During the first  
part of the evening the regular  
lodge session was held.At about 10:30 o'clock a ban-  
quet was served, followed by the  
lodge work. One new member was  
initiated and the master, mouson  
degree was conferred upon one.Some of the La Grande masons  
who attended the meeting were L.  
H. Russell, Carl G. Helm, E. H.  
Ringo, The Rev. Oliver Riley, S.  
A. Anderson and B. F. Wyde.Pendleton Team Meets  
Tigers Here TomorrowLa Grande's first opportunity to  
see the Tiger track and field team  
in action against strong competi-  
tion will come tomorrow after-  
noon, at two o'clock, when the  
Pendleton Buckaroos will compete  
in a dual meet on the high school  
field.Although Pendleton has an ar-  
ray of stars, La Grande is expect-  
ing victory.Walla Walla Visited  
By Quake Early TodayWALLA WALLA, Wash., Apr.  
23 (AP).—An earthquake shock  
of five seconds' duration was re-  
ported here at 5:56 this morning  
by two assistants in the weather  
bureau and by citizens in several  
parts of the city. A similar light  
shock was reported here on the  
evening of April 19. Neither  
caused any damage.PROHIBITION  
SITUATION  
DESPERATESo Says Mayor Dever, of  
Chicago, in Continu-  
ing His TestimonySPEAKS AGAINST  
HOME INVASIONSUrges Senate Committee  
to Diligently Seek for  
a Remedy for Present  
Chaos.WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP).  
—Declaring the prohibition con-  
troversy had produced a "desper-  
ate situation" Mayor Dever, of  
Chicago, today asked the senate  
prohibition committee to ponder  
seriously whether some effective  
remedy cannot be devised.The dry law, he said, had bene-  
fitted some homes and damaged  
others and he counseled both  
dry and wet to make "conces-  
sions" in the public interest.Only by guess work, he contin-  
ued, could the number of stills  
operating in Chicago be estimated  
and a guess of 10,000 would be as  
good a guess of 5,000. To invade  
private homes in search of home  
brew, he characterized as an in-  
fringement on fundamental rights  
which he promised never would be  
violated in the Illinois metropolis  
so long as he remained head of the  
city government.

Hints at Revolt

"There is a time," he said, "when  
the people will revolt even against  
legal methods if they become too  
oppressive."So serious has the prohibition  
controversy become in the great  
city, he said, that the committee,  
that public officials no longer  
are chosen on the basis of their  
ability but according to their stand  
on the liquor question, after they  
take office they are forced to give  
most of their time to dry enforce-  
ment problems to the detriment of  
other important public business.Remedy Needed  
Mayor Dever frankly conceded  
that he did not know what solu-  
tion would be most effective, but  
he said the senate committee  
would not do its full duty unless it  
sought diligently for a remedy.The mayor said that at first  
there was a favorable reaction to  
the Volstead act, but that after a  
few years the bootlegging industry got  
in operation and "disposable" con-  
ditions resulted; certainly in Chi-  
cago.After the mayor left the stand,  
General Lincoln C. Andrews, the  
dry enforcement chief, was recall-  
ed, this time by the dyes.Wants Probi Bureau  
General Andrews told of enforce-  
ment methods since he came into  
office but said his reorganization  
of the prohibition unit could not  
be fully effective until congress  
passed the pending bill for estab-  
lishment of prohibition bureau.The dry chief also said he ex-  
pected the operation of the liquor  
treaties with Canada and Great  
Britain would be of great aid in  
preventing the smuggling of liquor  
into the United States.The committee decided to dis-  
pense with an afternoon session  
and adjourned to 10 a. m. tomor-  
row.70 Californians in  
Male "Beauty" ContestBERKELEY, Cal., Apr. 23 (AP).  
—Seventy University of California  
students have entered a contest  
to be judged a "perfect" man.Prerequisites for success in win-  
ning the title were listed by Dr.  
Frank Kleeberger, chairman of  
the department of physical educa-  
tion today as follows:"In order to win honors in this  
contest, a man must be able to  
jump, fence, vault, scale a wall, so  
control his body when thrown  
through the air in falling that he  
will not injure himself, swim, dive,  
rescue another from drowning and  
defend himself in physical combats."Gold, silver and bronze medals  
will be awarded the three who rate  
the highest.Mrs. E. Swartz Begins  
Serving Her SentenceMrs. E. Swartz, sentenced to ten  
days in jail and fined by the munici-  
pal judge on a charge of driving  
while intoxicated, began serving  
her time Wednesday night, it was  
announced by the police today.WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP).—  
President Coolidge accepted today  
an invitation to attend the sequi-  
centennial at Williamsburg, Va.,  
May 15.Labor Plans  
To Impeach  
Gov. HartleyWashington State's Chief  
Executive Threatened  
by Militant Organiza-  
tion.SEATTLE, Apr. 23 (AP).—Wil-  
liam M. Short, of this city, presi-  
dent of the Washington State Fed-  
eration of Labor, has heard that  
Governor Hartley is likely to be  
impeached, says a dispatch from  
Abbotsford, Wash. A statement by  
Short reads:"The state federation of labor  
battled Governor Hartley from the  
start. At the beginning our fight  
was scoffed at by most other or-  
ganizations, but now we have the  
spectacle of several republican  
leaders talking impeachment. If  
the republican party in Washing-  
ton is to survive.""Anti-Hartley members of the  
legislature who met here yester-  
day after the governor had de-  
clared before the King County  
Food Men's Republican club, a  
defense of his policies on timber  
and on education, coupled with  
declaration that some of his critics  
were "dastardly dirty liars," an-  
nounced today that they would  
proceed to organize in every pre-  
dict of the state.The purpose of this organiza-  
tion, as projected would be to send  
anti-Hartley delegates to a repub-  
lican state convention, if one is  
held, and to nominate for the

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LUKE PARSONS  
PASSES TODAYRALEIGH, Kan., Apr. 23 (AP).  
—Luke M. Parsons, last survivor of  
the John Brown band of civil war  
raiders, died here today.The celebrated band of civil war  
raiders led by John Brown has  
now, with the death of Parsons,  
probably all passed to the grave.He was with John Brown in the  
Kansas-Missouri border warfare of  
the middle fifties and was one of  
the band of ten picked men organ-  
ized by Brown in Kansas for the  
movement into Virginia, known as  
the Harper's Ferry raid, but was  
not with Brown at the time of the  
actual raid, thereby doubtless es-  
caping the fate that overtook that  
zealous leader.Like Brown, Parsons came from  
New England. He was born at  
Brookville, Mass., June 28, 1831,  
and arrived in Kansas early in  
1856, the country then being in a  
furnace of free state-slave state agi-  
tation. John Brown accompanied,  
or preceded, by his five sturdy  
sons and a few other anti-slavery  
zealots, soon made his appearance  
from Ohio and raised his standard,  
to which numerous of the Kansas  
settlers, including Parsons, flocked.In the skirmishes which followed,  
culminating in the battle of Poun-  
tonville, Parsons participated equally  
with Brown and his sons.Following the Civil war, in which  
Parsons served as a Union soldier,  
he took up a homestead near the  
town of Salina, Kan., and remained  
there until his death.O. F. CAMPBELL IS  
CHOSEN TO HEAD  
WALLOWA SCHOOLWALLOWA, Ore., Apr. 23.—O.  
F. Campbell, superintendent of the  
Joseph schools, has been elected  
superintendent of the Wallowa  
schools, succeeding James Egan,  
whose contract was cancelled by  
the board some time ago.Mr. Campbell had been re-elected  
at Joseph but has accepted the  
Wallowa position and has signed a  
contract.Girls Deny Majority  
Of Mathews' StatementsThe four little girls who took  
the stand as witnesses in this  
state's case against W. D. Mathews—  
acquitted on a charge of  
contributing to the delinquency of  
minors by a jury of five in justice  
court Wednesday—denied most  
of the statements made by the  
defendant. Last evening's Ob-  
server mistakenly stated that the  
children admitted in cross examina-  
tion that child Mathews testi-  
fied was true.Only one child—the one on the  
witness stand—was allowed in the  
courtroom at a time. The other  
three were kept in the hall under  
the guardianship of a disinterested  
party. Yet all told the same story  
of Mathews' conduct when he  
stopped to play with them at the  
grave pit Saturday, April 16. And  
all the cross-questioning of this  
defendant's attorneys failed to  
shake their testimony. Alice Jean-  
nette and Macielbeth Cooper, Da-  
vid and Clotie Clark are the  
little girls' names.NEW OFFER  
ON FRENCH  
DEBT PLANM. Berenger Present Lat-  
est Settlement Prop-  
osition TodayDECISION MAY BE  
REACHED SHORTLYAmerican Commission  
Adjourns, with Plan  
Under Advisement, Un-  
til Tomorrow.WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP).  
—France today submitted a new  
offer for the settlement of its  
\$4,000,000,000 war debt.The proposition was taken un-  
der advisement by the American  
debt commission until tomorrow,  
when it will meet again.Ambassador Berenger, who has  
been given full power by France  
to negotiate with this country,  
appeared before the commission  
at the meeting today to present  
the French offer.He was before the commission  
less than 30 minutes. His state-  
ment was made entirely in French,  
and he left with the commission  
English translations of the com-  
plicated new settlement proposed.The ground work for the offer  
had been carefully canvassed in  
recent conferences between the  
ambassador and Secretary Mellon,  
and it was indicated that the  
commission would not be long in  
making its decision.The formal opening of the new  
negotiations was in marked con-  
trast to the sessions held last  
summer when Minister Caillaux  
headed a mission to this country.The usual formalities were dis-  
pensed with. Mr. Berenger ar-  
rived promptly at the meeting  
hour, and after a brief introduc-  
tion, began the presentation of  
his country's offer. He was ac-  
companied by attaches of his em-  
bassy.Having been a member of the  
Caillaux mission, the ambassador  
is thoroughly familiar with the  
debt situation and is known per-  
sonally to members of the Ameri-  
can commission.Heavy Frost Descends  
Upon Spokane ValleySPOKANE, Wash., Apr. 23 (AP).  
—Early garden plants and straw-  
berries and other small fruits were  
seriously damaged by a heavy  
frost in the Spokane valley last  
night, according to opinion of  
growers as obtained today by the  
Chronicle.Fruit tree blossoms are believed  
to have escaped, the opinion being  
that they are far enough advanced  
in most cases to be able to with-  
stand the cold.Beans, watermelons, cantalou-  
pes, cucumbers and a few early  
tomatoe plants were entirely de-  
stroyed in some sections of the val-  
ley, growers reported. Sweet corn  
also was tipped in some parts,  
they said.Boxer Killed Because  
He Was Honest, ChargeCHICAGO, Apr. 23 (AP).—An-  
drew Anderson, heavyweight boxer,  
shot and killed in Cicero, a suburb,  
March 21, was slain because he re-  
fused to "throw" his bout with  
Wayne "Big" Munn, police have  
been informed.No testimony in support of this  
story was given at the coroner's in-  
quest, however, and police of Chi-  
cago and Cicero have been asked  
to reopen their investigation.Leo Mongovern, named at the  
inquest as Anderson's slayer, is  
now accused by a police informant  
as being one of the two men who  
approached Anderson before the  
Munn fight in Kansas City last De-  
cember 23 and attempted to "fix"  
the outcome. Mongovern is under  
indictment but has not been ar-  
rested.Mauna Loa's Latest  
Outbursts DestructiveHILO, T. H. Apr. 23 (AP).  
—The latest flow of lava down the  
slopes of Mauna Loa was moving  
slowly last night, almost stagnant,  
after having enveloped six houses,  
ten water tanks and two sheds  
during the day and nearly pocket-  
ing a small herd of cattle, which  
were rescued when the flow slowed  
down.There were some signs of activ-  
ity near the summit of the moun-  
tain but clouds and steam covered  
the volcano from view.

## A Queer Desperado

Jim Lyon, held in the Norwalk (O.) jail on charges of first  
degree murder, and reputed to be a dangerous two-gun man,  
picked the lock in his cell and walked out of jail the other morn-  
ing. Posses hunted for him without success. Then, at evening,  
he walked back and surrendered to Lucille Gregory, daughter of  
the sheriff, as shown above. He had stepped out to see his  
wife, and having seen her thought he'd come back.VOTE CHANGES  
HAUGEN BILLWASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP).  
—The house agriculture com-  
mittee today voted to amend the  
Haugen farm relief bill by defer-  
ring for two years the imposition  
of an equalization fee on basic  
agricultural commodities to be  
used to stabilize prices.Chairman Haugen announced  
that it also had been agreed to  
increase a revolving fund pro-  
posed to be set up from \$250,000  
to \$500,000.Under the measure as amended,  
agriculture prices would be main-  
tained at the world market quo-  
tations plus the import tariff on  
each product. This would be ac-  
complished the first two years by  
the revolving fund, which would  
come out of the treasury. At the  
end of two years the equalization  
fee would be levied automatically  
on the first sales of wheat, cot-  
ton, corn, cattle and swine.The Haugen bill is one of three  
measures the committee has or-  
dered reported.SEVEN NEGROES  
BURNED IN FIRE  
IN PHILADELPHIAPHILADELPHIA, Apr. 23 (AP).  
—Seven negroes—four children,  
two women and a man—were  
burned to death when flames  
swept a tenement in Southeast  
Philadelphia early today.The children, one woman and a  
man, were trapped on the fourth  
floor of the building. The other  
woman was killed when she leaped  
to the street.The mother of the children es-  
caped by climbing to an electric  
light wire in midair.Fire marshals investigated re-  
ports that the fire was incendiary  
after large quantities of paper  
were found stacked in an unoc-  
cupied store on the first floor.Seattle May Have a  
Manager and a MayorSEATTLE, Apr. 23 (AP).  
—Proposals to have both the mayor  
and a city manager sit in the municipal  
council after June 7, were discus-  
sed today by a commission of fif-  
teen citizens revising the Seattle  
city charter.The mayor would have a vote at  
all times and the city manager  
never. Following defeat of the  
city manager plan by 111 votes in  
the city of 24,565 March 9, the  
commission proposed in a tentative  
plan published to give the mayor  
no vote except in ties.Unseated Pastor Will  
Fight Church DecreeLOUISVILLE, Ky., Apr. 23.  
(AP).—His charges in a sermon  
that parents of his congregation  
were not devoting the proper at-  
tention to their children has re-  
sulted in unseating of the Rev. L. W. Benedict, pastor  
of the Parkland Baptist church  
here, but the pastor refused to  
abide by the decision.The Rev. Mr. Benedict declared  
that the vote was illegal and that  
he was voted out by "steam roller"  
tactics.Oregon Girl Winner  
In Beauty ContestVICTORIA, B. C., Apr. 23 (AP).  
—In a bathing beauty contest  
yesterday, Miss Elvora Watts,  
Hillboro, Ore., took third place,  
Miss Dorothy McEllobie, Vancouver,  
B. C., was first and Mrs.  
Harry Miller of this city, second.BOND BILL  
IS "STEAL"  
SAYS TEXANRepresentative Garner  
Attacks Administra-  
tion MeasureHAWLEY, OREGON,  
REPLIES TO CLAIMNational Honor Is at  
Stake, Acting Chair-  
man Declares—May  
Open Up Entire Case.WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP).  
—Charge that the administration  
bill to issue \$100,000,000 treasury  
bonds to be repaid by German  
reparations for settlement of Ger-  
man-American war claims was a  
"stupendous steal" from American  
taxpayers were repeated today in  
the house by Representative Gar-  
ner, democrat of Texas."Germany owes American claim-  
ants and cannot pay," Mr. Garner  
said, "so a few individuals, includ-  
ing Secretary Mellon and Mr. Mil-  
lin, republicans, are now have our  
taxpayers pay them for what Ger-  
many owes."Representative Hawley, republi-  
can, Oregon, setting straight of the  
ways and means committee in  
charge of the measure, replied to  
the Texas with a challenge to  
"open up the entire question," be-  
fore the committee on Monday.Mr. Garner said he had never at-  
tacked the validity of individual  
claims but that he would "do this  
to some of them when we get at  
it."National honor is at stake, said  
Mr. Hawley, with the United States  
"not bound to follow the bad ex-  
ample of another nation in en-  
casing private property."BONDS, STOCKS  
SKY ROCKETINGNEW YORK, Apr. 23. (By the  
Associated Press).—Spectacular rail-  
lies in both stock and bond mar-  
kets took place in response to the  
unexpected lowering of the New  
York federal reserve bank rate and  
the submission of a new offer for  
funding the French debt. Scores  
of stocks were carried up 1 to 12  
points on sales exceeding two and  
one-half million shares with the  
day's gain in United Fruit (old  
stock) running up to 25 points.Trading in the bond market was of  
record-breaking proportions, as  
prices shot up 1 to 11 points to  
the highest level in several years.Plan Common Burial  
For Tunney VictimsQUINCY, Cal., Apr. 23 (AP).  
—At least four hard rock drillers of  
the tunnel construction crew at  
the Grizzly Creek bore of the  
Feather River Power company, in  
which five men were killed by a  
slide, are "being back to town."This is the way a mother lodg-  
er gives notice that he has  
thrown up his job.Preparations were being made  
here today for a common funeral  
service, probably tomorrow.It is also possible that "Bill  
Cope," the shift boss, will also be  
given common sepulture here with  
Nickelson and Erickson, because  
his 82-year-old mother is near  
death in Los Angeles, and she  
must know nothing of his tragic  
end.Briand Says Italy Does Not  
Wish to End European RacePARIS, Apr. 23 (AP).—It was  
by friendly means and in a spirit  
of conciliation that Italy and her  
chief, Mussolini, tried to realize  
their legitimate aspirations, Presi-  
dent Briand stated in the chamber  
of deputies today in reply to a so-  
cialist interpretation. Italy does  
not wish to disturb European  
peace, Briand said he believed."Between Italy and France there  
is no irreducible opposition of in-  
terests," he continued. "We have  
great numbers of Italians on our  
soil and in the countries under our  
control. All are active workers  
to whom we have no reproach to  
make from an administrative  
viewpoint.""I have always told the Italians:  
'Come amongst us—you will be  
battlegrounds. I see a great future  
of collaboration between our  
countries without a hitch.'""We have certain problems to  
solve," Mr. Briand resumed. "We  
shall solve them amicably. I see  
nothing which can disturb the re-  
lations of the two countries. Our  
foreign policy is directed constan-  
tly by this consideration, without  
excluding that of vigilance. France  
in the present state of Europe  
and of the world will constantly  
be a pacifying agent."Replying to an interpretation  
concerning the league of nations  
policy the premier said the recent  
assembly had shown that there  
were no "small peoples" left, and  
that any nation might assert its  
will, before which all ought to  
bow.