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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Fair tonight and Tuesday. Continued warm in the interior. Low humidity.

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DOWNTOWN
CHURCHMEN
CELEBRATEPresbyterians Observe
Fortieth Anniversary
in La GrandeEVENING SERVICE
DEVOTED TO MUSICLarge Audiences Attend
Both Meetings—Other
Churches in City Well
Attended.

First Presbyterians, with many of their well-wishers from other denominations, filled their splendid auditorium twice yesterday in celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the first downtown church. In the morning, led by the pastor, the Rev. William Crosby Ross, they reviewed their parish beginnings, and surveyed the achievements of four decades of Christian endeavor in a new country. In the evening, thanksgiving was expressed in music, the quartet, directed by Mrs. A. L. Richardson and accompanied by Elmer McManus, cornet, Guy McMillan, baritone, and Perry Caldwell, French horn, increased the pleasure of the crowd. A descriptive serenade by Luigi

In Mr. Ross' anniversary sermon, he reminded his people of the number of times that "40" has been significant in the accomplishment of God's will.

For the morning anthem, the quartet sang "A King of Love My Shepherd Is." The three hymns were chosen to emphasize the fact that the church, faith in its foundation, Jesus Christ, and the determination to carry on the church's work for the next 40 years.

Program Praised.
The large crowd of La Grande music lovers who gathered in the evening, augmented by a party of Pendleton friends of the church, was unanimous in declaring the program the best that the quartet has ever given. The singers gave themselves up completely to the charms of the music. They met all its numerous variations

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TELLS ROTARY
CLUB OF MEET

P. L. Meyers, who with several other delegates and visitors, not yet returned, was a delegate at the district conference of Rotary at Victoria, B. C., gave a short review of the meetings this noon at the regular luncheon session of the La Grande club at the Foley hotel.

J. T. Longfellow, superintendent of schools, told of the recent conference of the inland Empire Education association that he attended at Spokane.

Dr. W. T. Phyllis, vice president, had the meeting and program in charge.

Tigers Trample Pendleton In
Dual Meet; Score 109 to 39Keeping
Up With
The Times

Nothing makes one feel so "behind the times" as to learn of an important event many days after its happening. Modern life craves and requires news within the course of a few hours and nowhere in Union and Wallawa counties is it available except through The Observer.

A large corps of correspondents that is being constantly increased gather the details of important happenings for The Observer every day of the week. No such complete and quick contact with every part of the La Grande territory is available except through The Observer. Its county news service is becoming more and more valuable and comprehensive. Its effect is evidenced in constant circulation growth.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Band Opens
Season At
Park SundayFirst Outdoor Program
of Year Attended by
Hundreds—Setting
Brightens Offerings.

A band concert that served good taste without taxing the musical understanding of the audience regaled an audience of several hundreds at Riverside park Sunday afternoon. It is difficult to estimate the number of hearers, for in addition to the devotees that occupied the groves near the musicians, there were scores who listened from distant nooks and dells.

Every number of the program fell on appreciative ears. And from beginning to end, the offerings took on added charm from the al fresco setting. A bird call or the delighted cry of a little child now and then but was an agreeable elaboration.

The concert opening with a thrilling selection from the ballet "Bilky" (Dolben). A descriptive "Boreas" from Trunkus suite, "The Four Winds" was linked in the next number with the already familiar swing of Sousa's new march, "The National Game." Then followed an Egyptian dance by Friml, so physical in its rhythm that the white-limbed trees seemed to feel its sway.

Scenes from "Martha," especially "The Last Rose of Summer," brought enraptured applause. The solo parts by Elmer McManus, cornet, Guy McMillan, baritone, and Perry Caldwell, French horn, increased the pleasure of the crowd. A descriptive serenade by Luigi

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GROSS RECEIPTS
OF STUNT SHOW
TOTAL ABOUT \$225

Gross receipts for the two performances of the combined high school stunt show Friday and Saturday nights total about \$225. Claire McKennon, student body business manager estimates. As soon as all the proceeds have been subtracted, the net proceeds will be evenly divided between the Associated Girl Students and the student body association for use in the general activities program of the two organizations.

Saturday night's show, given before a second large house, went off a good deal more smoothly and with a decided curtailment of time, according to those who saw the presentations. Between 45 and 20 minutes less time was required for the second performance.

Senior Defend Mascot
In Final Annual Battle

In a topping fight on the campus at the high school this noon, the seniors demonstrated their ability to guard their mascot. The juniors—downed in their first attempt to capture the trophy a week ago and frustrated ever since in their efforts to search out its hiding place—have had their last chance. Today's fight was 40 of them ranked against 20 dogged seniors without laudable results. The graduates are entitled to keep their pet unmolested until Saturday night, when at the annual junior-senior banquet they will be made a formal presentation. Later the mascot will be added to the collection.

ACCIDENTS
TAKE LIVES
OF FIFTEENPowder Explosion Near
Oakland Fatal to
Four Workers1,500 POUNDS OF
DYNAMITE IGNITEDCollision in Australia and
Train Accident in Canada
Add to Day's Casualties.

Oakland, Cal.—Four killed, several injured in blast.

Melbourne, Australia—Nine die in collision.

Moosjow, Sask.—Two killed by train.

OAKLAND, Cal., Apr. 26. (AP)—Four men were killed and a number injured in an explosion at the giant powder company plant at Stagg, eight miles north of here at 11:30 a. m. today.

The contents of a dynamite cart, which exploded, set off 1,500 pounds of high grade dynamite a second later in the number 1 packing plant of the works.

The detonation was so great that windows rattled in Vallejo, 15 miles distant. At the Mare Island navy yard, opposite Vallejo, the report

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GRANGE MEETS
AT TELOCASET

About thirty-five people, including several members of the Wolf Creek grange, were present Saturday evening at a meeting of the Telocaset grange, when that organization was given a permanent recognition of the largest delegation of members present during a traveling gavel contest.

The presentation was made by J. A. Niece, master of the Telocaset grange. During the evening E. D. Jasper, member of the Blue Mountain grange and candidate for state senator from Union and Wallawa counties, gave a brief talk. H. G. Avery spoke about test crops which are to be produced in the Telocaset community.

Short talks were also given by Harry Niece, of Wolf Creek grange, and Roy Gekeler, deputy state grange master, of La Grande. The program was conducted by Mrs. Jim Anson, lecturer of the Telocaset grange.

At 11:30 o'clock supper was served.

Students Will Elect
Officers Tuesday Noon

With the student body election only 24 hours away, little if any campaigning had been in evidence at the high school up to noon today.

Kenneth Davis, track star, is favored by the upper classmen for the presidency, some of them let it be known. Irvin Zundel and Elmer Glen are the other two candidates. All three will be seniors next year.

Tom Bruce seems to have no opposition in the election of vice president. He is sophomore president this year.

Lois Nelson and Floessie Vedder seem to be leading the secretary-treasurer race. Edna Gekeler, sophomore, has the avowed support of the lower classes. She is the only candidate of the five that will not be a senior next fall. Dorothy Ann Warnick and Ann Stange complete the quintet.

The polls will be open from 12 to 12:55 Tuesday noon. Girls will vote at one auditorium door; boys at the other. No electioneering will be allowed in the halls.

Brings Home Rainbow
Weighing 35-8 Pounds

A rainbow trout weighing three and five-eighths pounds, was the prize catch of all the multitudinous attacks on the flimsy fish yesterday. Cecil Atkinson landed the struggle on the South Fork, east of Linton. With the angler were Mrs. Atkinson, George Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Andrews. The day's catch numbered 28 good fish. The water was high, but clear, Andrews reported. At least 500 local licks lined the banks, he said.

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Summer Pays
Visit; West
SwelteringMercury Reaches 100
Above in Stockton Sunday—La Grande High
Mark Was 82.

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 26. (AP)—California sweltered under record breaking temperatures for April yesterday and United States weather bureau forecasts promised a continuance of the warm spell today.

All weather bureau records for April were broken in San Francisco, with a thermometer registration of 89.4 degrees, and in San Jose with 92, tied with 98 and Sacramento 90. The temperature reached 100 degrees at Stockton. At Fresno the temperature of 95 broke all April records since 1910 when 101 was recorded on April 24. Thermometers at San Luis Obispo registered 94.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Apr. 26. (AP)—One inch of rain fell at Serrano, eight miles north of here, in a cloudburst Sunday lasting 15 minutes. No damage has been reported. The storm blew over as quickly as it began, clearing up within 10 minutes after the rain stopped. No rain fell here.

82 ABOVE IN LA GRANDE
Following a warm Saturday, the mercury continued climbing Sunday and reached 82 degrees above. The warmth sent many fishermen and picnickers into the hills. With the sky cloudless this morning and little wind, warmer weather is predicted for today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 26. (AP)—The Pacific coast experienced some "high pressure" weather today which called for much swimming in the surf and elsewhere. "Bull" ice cream movement and transplanting of alfalfa and other crops were reported.

The high pressure area is right off the California coast but is fanning the whole line of Pacific states with heat waves. It is moving slowly inland, meaning that there will be no relief from the high temperatures until tomorrow at least. No damage has been reported.

Seattle which gets many a cooling breeze off Puget Sound, was 72 yesterday and Portland on the cool Willamette took a sidewalk measurement of 82 on the thermometer as it fanned itself with its Sabbath straw hat. At Yakima, Wash., it was 84 yesterday, while at Roseburg, Ore., it was 88, putting these places on a temperature par with Bakersfield, Fresno and other towns 100 miles or so nearer the equator.

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MEDFORD, Ore., Apr. 26. (AP)—Street thermometers yesterday recorded 92 degrees and the government instrument showed 90 degrees, one of the hottest April days on record. Alfalfa growers are cutting their crops, ten days earlier than normal.

Arm Lacerated When
Fruit Jar Is Broken

An artery in Mrs. W. J. Hughes' right arm was severed yesterday when her arm was badly lacerated by glass. Mrs. Hughes was opening a jar of fruit when the jar of fruit when the jar broke, cutting the under part of her arm between the elbow and wrist. The cut is two inches long.

Mrs. Hughes is weak today from loss of blood and nervousness, her daughter reported this afternoon.

Truck Driver Injured
When Struck by Train

William Stansfield, truck driver for the Grande Ronde Lumber company's retail yard, escaped with a compound fracture of his right leg this morning when he drove his empty vehicle in front of a work train on the crossing at Perry.

Both Stansfield and the train were headed west. The truck driver started over the crossing before he saw the oncoming engine. Fortunately, the train was climbing the hill and was moving slowly. It caught the front end of the truck and shoved it off the rails without overturning it. The driver's leg was broken above the knee, but he sustained no other serious injuries. He was taken to the hospital in an ambulance.

SHRINERS LEAVE PORTLAND
PORTLAND, Apr. 26. (AP)—Starting on a trip which will take them to Coos Bay, 100 Mystic Shriner, some of them accompanied by their wives, left here today on a special train, pulled by decorated locomotives. Stops will be made today at Woodburn, Salem, Albany and Eugene.

WAR DEBT
AGREEMENT
APPROVEDBelgian Settlement Is
Okehed by Senate
Today, 55 to 20BILL READY FOR
COOLIDGE TO SIGNHowell Amendments Rejected—Were Requested
by Secretary of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26. (AP)—The Belgian war debt agreement was approved today by the senate. The vote was 55 to 20.

The agreement comes into force as soon as President Coolidge signs the bill of ratification which already has been approved by the house. The Howell amendments to the Belgian debt settlement providing for the issuance of interest bearing bonds by Belgium to cover the indebtedness at the request of the secretary of the treasury were rejected today by the senate. The vote was 21 to 52.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26. (AP)—Chairman Huggins of the house agricultural committee announced today that he had added butter to the list of basic commodities which would be protected under his farm relief bill.

The committee will report the Huggins bill, together with the Tincher credit measure endorsed by secretary Jardine, and the Curtis-Aswell commodity cooperative proposal, probably tomorrow.

CLAMPITT HAS
NEW ADVENTURE
IN SANTA CRUZ

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Apr. 26. (AP)—Captain Orville I. Clampitt, United States army chaplain, acquitted last week by court-martial of charges of improper conduct towards a Kansas girl, had a brief but exciting informal fight here yesterday on another charge and apparently won acquittal again.

The woman in the case came to Santa Cruz Friday and registered at the hotel under the name of "Mrs. Helen Jones." A few hours later Captain Clampitt arrived at the hotel and registered as "Mr. William Jones." Early yesterday morning a man and a woman arrived at the hotel and insisted on scanning the register. A little later Captain Clampitt came down for breakfast and was confronted by the man and woman who are said to have lacerated the "home-breaker" at him. The woman flicked at his nose with a newspaper, witnesses said. Captain Clampitt remained calm.

The husband then interviewed the "Mrs. Helen Jones," and apologies are said to have followed.

Righthander Purchased
By Portland Ball Club

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 26. (AP)—Raymond Langrel, right hand pitcher, has been purchased by the Portland club of the Pacific Coast baseball league from the Kansas City club of the American association. The club headquarters here announced today that Langrel will join the Portland team at San Francisco Wednesday of Thursday of this week.

Mohammedans, Hindus
Renew War; Six Slain

CALCUTTA, Apr. 26. (AP)—Five Mohammedans and one Hindu were stabbed to death today in a renewal of rioting between Mohammedans and Hindus.

Practically all the shops in the Indian business quarters have been closed. Police lined up a circular round up of the rioters in the Kidderpore district and arrested fifty eight persons, most of them Mohammedans.

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
WASHINGTON, Apr. 26. (AP)—
Boston.....R. H. E.
Washington.....6 15 2
Batteries—Ehmke, Keifer and Gaston; Reuther and Ruel.

BOSTON, Apr. 26. (AP)—National; Brooklyn-Boston; postponed cold.

NEW YORK, Apr. 26. (AP)—American; New York-Philadelphia postponed cold.

Peggy's Romance Upsets



Peggy Hopkins Joyce's fifth trip to the altar may never start. Mrs. Evelyn Constock, Chicago, claims she has not yet divorced Stanley Constock, Peggy's intended, shown with Peggy above. In the meantime, Samuel Upton, Peggy's father and town barber of Parnassville, Va., announces Peggy has given him an income for the rest of his life.

NO WORD YET
FROM WILKINS

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Apr. 26. (AP)—Failure to hear from Captain George H. Wilkins who left here eleven days ago for Point Barrow with the first plane of the Detroit arctic expedition, speeded the loading of the second plane to follow him today. It is reported by the North American Newspaper Alliance.

Captain Wilkins and Ben Eliason, his pilot, happened off for Point Barrow April 15. Although Major Thomas J. Lanphier, commander of the second section of the expedition, expressed a confidence that the advance plane had reached Barrow. Efforts to pick up radio signals from them yesterday were not successful. Captain Wilkins carried a short wave radio set which, it was believed, would enable him to send back messages despite the fact that Barrow now has from 15 to 20 hours of daylight.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Apr. 26. (AP)—Major Thomas J. Lanphier, U. S. A., made two attempts to hop off here today to hunt Captain George H. Wilkins and Lieutenant Carl B. Sileason, arctic explorers and then ordered his load lightened. The Detroit was loaded with 6000 pounds, mostly gasoline.

Supreme Court Refuses
To Act in Water Case

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26. (AP)—The supreme court refused today to enjoin the power commission and the secretary of agriculture from granting a permit to the Electric Metals company of San Francisco to divert and use the waters of the Klamath river and Siskiyou and Humboldt counties, California. The injunction was sought by Steve Super and Benjamin H. Wilder, members of the Koroik tribe of Indians, who claimed exclusive rights under an old treaty to occupy the land. The Indians also had lost in the federal courts of the district of Columbia.

Flowers Unable to
Meet Greh April 16

NEW YORK, Apr. 26. (AP)—Walk Miller, manager of Tiger Flowers, a world's middleweight champion, notified Jess McMahon, matchmaker at Madison Square Garden today, that Flowers will not be able to fulfill a contract to meet Harry Greh at the garden May 27, owing to an injured eye suffered in a watch with Italian Joe Gans at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 14.

East States Flooded
As River Water Rises

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Apr. 26. (AP)—A rise of several feet in the Black river forced many industrial plants in Watertown and vicinity to shut down today.

Street cars were stopped when the power plant was closed by the high river. Sections of the city along the river bank were inundated to a considerable depth. Residents on one street were forced to vacate their homes.

HARTFORD, Conn., Apr. 26. (AP)—The Connecticut river today had risen to the twenty-foot mark, four feet higher than the flood stage.

The lowlands on both sides of the river for many miles were flooded.

MUSSOLINI
MOBILIZING
IS REPORTItalian Army Staff In-
structed to Have All in
Readiness by JuneSPLIT IN FASCIST
RANKS RUMOREDEurope Wonders Whether
Dictator's Imperialism
Will Menace Reconciliation Move.

LONDON, Apr. 26. (AP)—The Italian war office is declared by the correspondent of the Daily Herald of London, labor organ, to be busily engaged in military preparations. He says he is informed that the Italian army staff has received urgent instructions to have everything prepared for mobilization by June. The correspondent reports intense activity along the Adriatic coast.

From Lugano, on the Swiss-Italian frontier comes a report of a split among the Italian fascists. The Berlin Vossische Zeitung correspondent says it is reported that in the eastern provinces of Italy, especially Venice, Udine and Trieste, a large army under Roderico Farinacci, who recently left the post of secretary general of the fascist party is beginning a movement against Mussolini. Severe clashes are said already to have occurred, the news being suppressed by censorship.

Bulletins

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26. (AP)—A majority of the Muscle Shoals commission today approved the bid of the Associated Power companies for the property. Two members of the committee, Senator Representative James, republican, Michigan refuses to endorse the majority recommendations.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Apr. 26. (AP)—An unsuccessful attempt was made today to assassinate Theodore Aubert, president of the International Anti-Bolshevik association.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Apr. 26. (AP)—The recent wrangle at Geneva over election of Germany to a permanent place on the league of nations council, rather than portending an end of the Locarno policies, in the opinion of Sir Esme Howard, the British ambassador, served to show the growth of "the will to peace," throughout Europe.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 26. (AP)—A. A. Voligt, one of the defendants in the Pescawa conspiracy case was fined \$500 today by Judge Benn.

FALLS CITY, Ore., Apr. 26. (AP)—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Falls City Lumber company sawmill, planer, bunk houses and 250,000 feet of finished lumber here yesterday.

SEEK U. S. AID
IN 'MOON' WAR

PARIS, Tenn., Apr. 26. (AP)—Federal aid will be sought to restore order to Northwestern Henry county after announcement by moonshiners that seven men would be killed if an arrest were made for the slaying of Thomas Evans Sunday, April 18. District Attorney General G. N. Sherrod, who came here yesterday to direct the drives, has announced. Sherrod said no request for state troops would be made at this time. More than 2,000 citizens gathered at a mass meeting last night, called by the Rev. John H. Buchanan, of the First Baptist church, who, in addressing the citizens, made a plea for moral as well as financial support in the campaign. No arrests have been made in connection with the Evans slaying. A \$1,000 reward was offered for the apprehension of those slaying him.

After the mass meeting last night a fund of \$1,500 to help pay off the mortgage on the Evans farm was raised for the widow.

France Must Revise Offer On
War Debt; First Payment Hitch

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26. (AP)—France must revise its new offer for settlement of its war debt to this country, the American debt commission decided today.

The decision was reached at the second meeting of the American commission to study the proposal put forward last week by French Ambassador, Berenger, Secretary Mellon will confer with the ambassador before negotiations are resumed.

Although France will be asked to modify its offer it was emphasized today by the American commission, but discussions have not been terminated. One of the principal hitches is how much France shall pay at the outset. Mr. Berenger proposed initial payment of \$25,000,000 annually but the commission is understood to desire higher first payments.

LONDON, Apr. 26. (AP)—France will begin to pay her war debt to Great Britain during the present