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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Probably showers in east portion tonight and Saturday. Fair and warmer in the interior.

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## LOGGING ROAD TO TAP TIMBER

SURVEY FOR  
LINE NOW  
COMPLETEDGrande Ronde Lumber  
Company to Begin  
ConstructionCATHERINE CREEK  
ROUTE DISCARDEDRoad Will Enter Large  
Area of Timber Be-  
tween Telocaset and  
Cornucopia.

NORTH POWDER, Ore., Apr. 30. (Special)—The logging railroad to tap the vast timber resources beyond the headquarters of the south fork of Catherine creek, which extends south to the Park community and east to Eagle creek and Sparta, will not be constructed up Catherine creek from Union, the possibility of which has been discussed for three or four years. Instead it is to run up into the hills from a point between Telocaset and North Powder, where it will connect with the main line of the O. W. I. and N. at Ames siding.

Actual survey of the new rail route was completed during the last two weeks, as far as the large Standard timber holdings at The Park. The right-of-way has been staked out the entire distance. The

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GOVERNOR IN  
EAST OREGON

Governor Walter M. Pierce passed through La Grande this morning on his way to Ontario. He is scheduled to speak at a farmers' meeting at Carlo this evening. His subject will be "Taxation," he said this morning.

Governor Pierce will return to La Grande on the early morning train tomorrow and spend the day here and at the home of his son, Lloyd Pierce. He will go to Baker Sunday in time to speak that night at the Methodist Episcopal church in Baker, on "The Crime Wave and How to Meet It."

Monday night he will speak in La Grande before the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs convention. His subject has not yet been announced. From here he will return to Salem.

Traveling with Governor Pierce this morning was Dr. R. Graham McCall, district surgeon for the O. W. I. company at Huntington. Dr. McCall has been on a short vacation trip to Marshfield and other Western Oregon points.

Duncan Telegrapher Attempts  
Suicide; Turns Rifle on SelfGiving  
Dominant  
Value

So thoroughly does The Observer cover the La Grande territory and so low are the contract display rates for advertising that many business men consider any other method of publicity a waste of time and money.

The cost per reader in any other paper in the two counties is more than twice that of The Observer and the cost per reader for direct-mail publicity is many times in excess of The Observer rate. No more dominant value is available to the business man in keeping contact with you and in telling you of his goods and services. It is the only economical and result-getting publicity method available for him.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Rain Breaks  
Back of Hot  
Wave HereElectrical Storm Visits  
Grande Ronde Valley  
After One of Warmest  
Days in 5 Years.

An electrical storm, that put a temporary, at least temporarily, into the hot wave, visited La Grande last night, accompanied by 23 inches of rainfall. The storm is reported to have curtailed telephone and light and power service in some parts of the city, but not seriously.

The rain came on the heels of a day in which the mercury climbed to 88 degrees above, one degree less than the five-year maximum set Wednesday.

On the whole, the precipitation was welcomed, bringing moisture to farming areas that had begun to notice the absence of rain.

NORTH POWDER, Ore., Apr. 30. (Special)—What was believed to be the hottest April day in the Powder valley was experienced Wednesday when the thermometer hovered between 86 and 88 at 2 o'clock. Thursday, before the thunder clouds moved in from the north, 84 was the high mark. The previous high mark here was 80 in April.

MEDICAL SPRINGS HOT  
MEDICAL SPRINGS, Apr. 30. (Special)—Old timers here de-

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ENTERPRISE TO  
BE HOST TONIGHT  
TO DOKIE BANDS

Dokies from Baker and Beadfoot and various points in Union and Wallawa counties—about 150 in all—will gather at Enterprise this evening for a ceremonial and initiation for Wallawa county. Kenneth McCormick, royal prince, of this city, will have charge of the work. Several La Grande men will accompany him to Wallawa county.

There will be a parade following a banquet at 7 o'clock, after which the ceremonial will take place.

Men's Club Officers  
For New Year Elected

With A. B. Cherry as the speaker, members of the Presbyterian Men's club had an interesting meeting last evening at the home of Earl C. Reynolds. The speaker spoke of his recent trip around the world.

Mr. Cherry said that he would give other talks and show pictures of the trip at various times and invited the members of the club to attend.

During the business part of the meeting Norman Freese was elected president for the ensuing year to take the place of A. E. McEachran. A. V. Lindgren was reelected vice president and H. L. Stoneking was reelected secretary-treasurer. This was the last meeting of the club this season.

Mrs. Reynolds served refreshments before adjournment.

William Bates, 25, an extra telegraph operator stationed at Duncan, 45 miles west of La Grande, who was brought to the Grande Ronde hospital last evening in a grave condition from a self-inflicted rifle wound, has a good chance to recover, attending physicians said today. Mrs. R. E. Woods, mid-dle-aged telegrapher with whom the young man made his home as a roomer at Duncan, arrived this morning from Portland, and went directly to the hospital. She declined to give any explanation of the attempted suicide, other than that "Mr. Bates handled a rifle carelessly and was wounded."

The bullet, a 30-30, entered the young man's body from the front, very close to the heart, and completely piercing his body tore away a great piece of flesh from his back under the shoulder. Upon first examination, it appeared that he would not live through the night. But this morning his condition was pronounced favorable.

Bates is said to have tried to take his life in a fit of despondency. Left alone, he went to a neighbor's to borrow a gun on the pretext that he wanted to go hunting. He was denied a weapon, and went on to the home of another Duncan resident, where he suc-

ceeded in obtaining the weapon.

Third degree work will be conferred this evening when La Grande Lodge of Masons, No. 41, A. F. and A. M., will meet in the Masonic lodge rooms. Grande lodge visitors will be present. Supper will follow the lodge session.

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ROOSEVELT  
ROAD TO BE  
IMPROVEDFurther Work Ordered  
Today by Highway  
CommissionLET CONTRACTS OF  
MORE THAN \$212,000Enterprise-Flora Stretch  
to Be Visited by Chair-  
man William Doby  
Next Week.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 30 (AP)—Further work on the Roosevelt highway was ordered today by the state highway commission. It was decided to call for bids for May for the grading of 4.5 miles of the highway between Reedport and Winchester bay, two-thirds of the cost to be carried by the state and one-third by Douglas county.

A proposed bridge over the Rogue river near Gold Beach on the Roosevelt highway to cost \$275,000 was discussed and a report on the project was ordered for the May meeting.

The federal government decided today to allow \$30,000, which sum will be matched by the state, to surface the Roosevelt highway this year between Wedderburn and Eucher creek in Curry county. The contract will be let at the May meeting.

A request to widen the West Side Pacific highway through West Linn, in order that the town can build a sidewalk was taken under advisement.

Klamath Request Denied.  
The state and federal road of-

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CLUB POLITICS  
STILL VAGUE

So faint are the political whispers that reach La Grande in connection with the biennial election of state officers that it will be the chief business of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs in session here next week. It seems likely the delegates are acting on the president's recommendation that they come without slates and select their candidates after they have had a chance to survey the potential leaders in the field.

But unofficial as the announcements are, several names of women prominent in the Federation have been talked about as possible presidential material. In each case, the women have been re-

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Upton-For-Governor  
Club to Be Formed

A meeting, for the purpose of forming a La Grande Upton-For-Governor club, will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the offices of Justice of the Peace Hugh E. Brady. It was announced this morning. The meeting is open to the public and all Upton supporters are being asked to attend.

W. M. Greene, of Portland, who served with Upton in the islands, will be in attendance.

Offer Fifteen Dollars  
For Golf Club Name

Fifteen dollars to the woman or girl who submits the most acceptable name for La Grande's newly organized golf club is offered by the directors. The names are to be given to Earl C. Reynolds, club secretary, on or before May 10. In case two or three contestants (to be named by the directors), no judges, decide a name is most appropriate, the prize will be split. If more than three have submitted the winning name, the contestants will cast lots for the prize.

## MASONRY TO MEET

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Thief Valley  
Bill On Desk  
Of PresidentCoolidge's Signature Will  
Provide for Irrigation  
of Large Tracts of  
Land.

NORTH POWDER, Ore., Apr. 30. (Special)—The fate of the Thief Valley dam irrigation project, so important to the Powder valley, is now in the hands of President Coolidge, according to two telegrams bringing word from Washington to W. A. Stuart of the Powder Valley Land & Irrigation company. The report said the bill to make the dam on the Powder river a possibility was on the president's desk, waiting to be signed or vetoed.

The proposed dam would be located a few miles southeast of Telocaset and east and a little north of North Powder. It constructed, it would make possible the irrigation of a major part of the Powder valley, and would affect ranches as far as Eagle valley, in both Union and Baker counties.

While it would not directly benefit farmers on the upper slopes of the valley between Telocaset and Medical Springs, it is believed the added moisture in the atmosphere created by the artificial lake would bring a greater amount of rainfall to this section of the country.

13 CASES ON  
COURT DOCKET

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 30 (AP)—Thirteen cases are scheduled for hearing by the state supreme court during the semi-annual Eastern Oregon session which opens at Pendleton next Monday. Less than a week will be required for the hearings. The cases to be argued are:

Northern Pacific Construction company, appellants, vs. Wallawa county, appealed from Wallawa county.

John Dennis, appellant, vs. First National bank, of Baker, and George Sprollop, appellant, from Baker county.

C. L. Standing vs. William Gordon, et al., appellants, appealed from Baker county.

Union County Cases.  
United States National bank, of La Grande, vs. E. E. Miller, appellant, appealed from Union county.

City of La Grande, appellant, vs. Mary Rummelhart, et al., ap-

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SPECIAL GRAND  
JURY TO PROBE  
CHICAGO DEATH

CHICAGO, Apr. 30 (AP)—An order for the impaneling of a special grand jury to investigate the slaying of William H. McSwain, young assistant states attorney, and other gang killings and surrounding conditions in Chicago and surrounding suburbs, was granted Robert E. Crowe, states attorney, today by William V. Brothers, acting chief justice of the criminal court.

Crowe presented a petition revealing that threats had been made against his life, to kidnap his children and to bomb his home.

Recent months have recorded in Chicago and Cook county an increasing number of gang murders, the prosecutor said in his petition.

Three resorts of Cicero, suburb of Chicago, were raided last night and 85 men arrested by officials from states attorney's office in an attempt to uncover information on McSwain's slaying.

Illness Delays Flight  
From Madrid to Manila

HANOL, Indo China, Apr. 30. (AP)—Resumption of the Madrid-Manila flight by Captains Gallarza and Loriga has been delayed. Captain Gallarza's mechanical condition is said to be spilt. Atmospheric conditions, too, are not propitious for an immediate start. So the date for the take-off for Macao, China, has not yet been fixed.

500 FAIL  
TO CHECK  
OIL BLAZEStandard Oil Reservoir  
Ignited by Lightning  
Late YesterdayDAMAGE MAY RUN  
ABOUT \$297,000.00Unless Winds Fan the  
Flames, Danger of  
Spread to Other Tanks  
Is Not So Great

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Apr. 30. (Special)—Standard Oil reservoirs boiled over at noon today scattering hundreds of workmen to points of safety.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Apr. 30. (AP)—Blazing throughout a night of rain squalls which washed out many of the retaining dikes, the oil in the Standard Oil company reservoir No. 24, which was struck by lightning yesterday, burned with undiminished fury today, threatening at any time to overflow the red hot rim of the 500,000 barrel capacity tank and spread a sea of fire among other reservoirs in the tank farm.

Oil company officials were more optimistic at a later hour this morning, believing that the tank might not boil over and commu-

nicate with the other reservoirs of the farm.

Between 400 and 500 men worked on fire walls to prevent it possible the spread of burning oil should the tank boil over.

If winds do not spring up during the day officials believe that the danger of the fire spreading to other tanks will be considerably lessened.

Loss will approximate \$297,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 30. (AP)—Lighting, which formerly was left out of the picture as an insurance hazard in California, because there was not supposed to be enough of it in the state to matter much, has now been included in industrial policies because of the devastating pranks it is playing in the oil fields.

Grasshoppers, Geese  
Stripping Wheat Fields

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Apr. 30. (AP)—Ranchers in the Tule lake section here are up against the modern version of the devil and the deep blue sea.

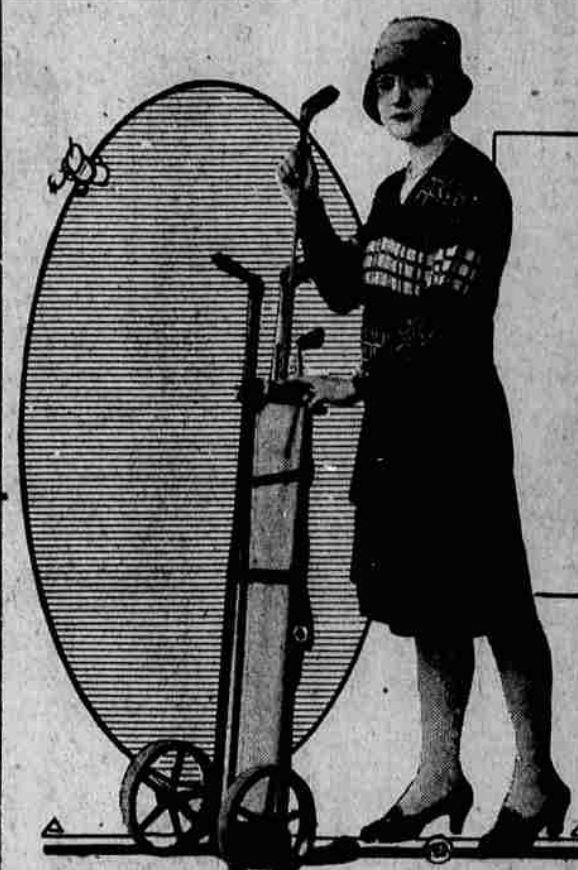
Grasshoppers, which were yesterday reported to have cleaned a ten-acre field on the Dalton ranch today, moved their lines to include a 100-acre field on the Myers ranch, stripping it clean.

While this action was taking place a report came into the county agent's office from the Claburn ranch, stating that northbound geese had alighted and between sundown and sunrise clipped a 150-acre field of young wheat to the ground, leaving not a vestige of green.

## TODAY'S GAMES

| AMERICAN LEAGUE                                                                               |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| BOSTON (AP)                                                                                   | R. H. E. |
| Boston                                                                                        | 2 5 1    |
| Philadelphia                                                                                  | 5 9 1    |
| Batteries—Ehmke, Lundgren, Wittabe and Bluchoff; Gaston; Gray and Cochran.                    |          |
| NEW YORK (AP)                                                                                 | R. H. E. |
| Washington                                                                                    | 2 7 3    |
| New York                                                                                      | 7 10 0   |
| Batteries—Coveleskie, Marberry and Tuley; Shocker and Collins.                                |          |
| NATIONAL LEAGUE                                                                               |          |
| BOSTON (AP)                                                                                   | R. H. E. |
| New York                                                                                      | 4 8 5    |
| Boston                                                                                        | 5 12 1   |
| Batteries—McGuillan, Fitzsimmons, Graham and Snyder; Werz, Genewich, Harn and Seimer, Gibson. |          |
| BROOKLYN (AP)                                                                                 | R. H. E. |
| Philadelphia                                                                                  | 4 19 2   |
| Brooklyn                                                                                      | 8 11 4   |
| Batteries—Pierce, Maun and Wilson; Grimes and Hargreaves.                                     |          |
| PITTSBURGH (AP)                                                                               | R. H. E. |
| Cincinnati                                                                                    | 4 17 2   |
| Pittsburgh                                                                                    | 13 17 3  |
| Batteries—Mays, Day and Pincich; Meadows and Smith.                                           |          |

## Drive It Yourself



A drive-it-yourself golf bag is, at the moment of going to press, the very latest. It was introduced at the national golf show, in Chicago.

WILL IMPROVE  
STATE RIVERS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30. (AP)—Alotments totaling \$45,225,450 for river and harbor improvements during the fiscal year beginning July 1 have been announced by the war department.

They were provided for in the \$50,000,000 lump sum appropriation carried in the annual army supply bill, \$4,475,550 being reserved for contingencies.

Among the projects listed are: Coquille river, Oregon \$345,000; Coos river \$2000; Columbia and lower Willamette \$300,000; Tillamook bay and bar \$125,000.

Snake river, Washington, Oregon and Idaho \$1000.

Willamette and Yamhill river, \$21,000.

Redwood creek, California \$5000.

Chatahokee river, Oregon \$5000.

Shuslaw river, Oregon \$25,000.

Yaquna bay and harbor, Oregon \$54,000.

CATTLE RUSTLERS  
ACTIVE IN LAKE,  
KLAMATH COUNTIES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Apr. 30. (AP)—Recrudescence of cattle rustling on the part of scattered bands in the foothills of Klamath and Lake counties has cost stock men thousands of dollars in the past few months and was the incentive for a meeting of peace officers here yesterday and today.

During the past 30 days organized bands of cattle thieves working from Bend in Central Oregon, to Alturas, in Northern California have been killing and butchering stock on the range and apparently disposing of their stolen beef in some as yet unknown market.

Stockmen in Lakeview county with sparsely settled sections offering little hindrance to actions of the cattle thieves have suffered most from the depredations.

Four Automobiles Go  
Over McKenzie Pass

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 30. (AP)—Four automobiles crossed the summit of the Cascade mountains through the McKenzie pass yesterday, a full month earlier than last year, and a record for an early season crossing. A car driven by Hugh Winder of Eugene was driven through to Sisters, Martin Hansen, of Medford, and C. N. Soronson, of Sisters, drove through to Eugene. W. W. McNamara, of Oregon City, and M. A. Field, of Eugene, were in another car to make the trip over the summit.

Ordinarily, travel over the pass does not begin until well into June. The crossing yesterday is the earliest on record.

OPEN FIGHT  
ON FRENCH  
DEBT PLANAttack Launched in Sen-  
ate Today by Senator  
Reed, of MissouriSMOOT UPHOLDS  
COMMISSIONERSBefore Debate Started,  
President Coolidge Re-  
quested That Measure  
Be Ratified.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (AP).—A fight over the ratification of the new Franco-American debt settlement began in the senate today before the settlement itself had been formally received from the White House.

Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, foe of the Italian and other debt agreements recently ratified, reopened his attack on the American debt commission which he said, had gone further than the law creating it had intended.

The commission's policies were defended by Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah, one of the members, who declared the negotiations had only done what congress expected them to do in negotiating settlements based on the capacity of the debtors to pay.

Coolidge's Ratification.  
Before the debate started, President Coolidge had said that the French settlement was the capstone of a series of similar ratifications, but the parliamentary situation prevented immediate presentation in the senate.

PLANE CRASH  
FATAL TO TWO

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Apr. 30 (AP).—Bessie Coleman, said to be the only negro woman aviator, was killed here today while piloting an airplane in a practice flight. William D. Willis, 36, of Dallas, Tex., a white man who was handling publicity for an exhibition the woman was to have given here tomorrow, also lost his life when the plane turned over and fell 2,500 feet. The woman tumbled out but Willis fell with the plane.

John T. Betach, of the Jacksonville Negro Welfare league, who had accompanied the two to the field, struck a match to light a cigarette after the plane fell and the gasoline was ignited, consuming Willis' body. Betach was detained by police.

## BUTTERFAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 30. (AP)—Butterfat f.o.b. San Francisco 43 1/2 cents.

Quiet May Day In Prospect  
In United States Tomorrow

NEW YORK, Apr. 30. (AP)—May Day, the occasion of many fatal European labor riots in recent years, is expected to pass quietly tomorrow in the United States, where it is observed only by a comparatively small radical group. The day is not sanctioned as a holiday by the American Federation of Labor.

The central executive committee of the workers' (communist) party today circulated from New York a resolution urging communists all over the country to observe tomorrow as "a day of demonstration against international imperialism," on the ground that the last year has seen "the tightening of the grip of naked imperialism upon the toiling masses throughout the world."

The greatest radical activities of the day, perhaps, will occur in New York city, where 15 communist mass demonstrations are scheduled and in New Jersey where the Passaic textile strike is ending its fourteenth week.

The workers' communist party and the young workers' communist league are holding a May Day afternoon mass demonstration in

Cleveland, Ohio.

There has been talk of a possible May Day strike of the building trades in Portland, Ore., for a dollar day wage increase. Other Pacific coast cities have no demonstrations in prospect.

A circular is being distributed among seamen at Houston, Tex., urging a strike for a day of rest. In Pittsburgh, Pa., May Day will mark the opening of the national four day convention of the Socialist party.

MEXICO CITY, Apr. 30. (AP)—Organized labor has completed preparations for the most extensive May day celebration that Mexico ever has known. The regional confederation of labor has ordered a cessation of work, except that absolutely essential to the government and the public utilities.

Mexico City will be without newspapers tomorrow and all business will be suspended, except in the bakeries and milk shops, which will be open for a brief period in the morning. Street cars, taxicabs and telephones will limit their services.