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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Fair tonight and Wednesday slightly warmer in the interior tonight. Light variable winds.

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BIG CHERRY
HARVEST IS
PREDICTEDCove Orchardist Expects
Largest Yield in the
Valley's HistoryPICKING TO BEGIN
TWO WEEKS EARLYBumper Crops of Small
Fruits and Apples,
Prunes, Plums and
Pears Also Expected.

Cherries will begin ripening in the Cove and Union districts and in other parts of the Grande Ronde valley fully two weeks earlier than ever before, according to Earl Blackland, of Cove, who has recently investigated conditions as a whole.

The main cherry harvest is expected to start about June 20 although a few orchards will begin ripening before this time.

Heavy Yield Expected

Not only will the harvest be a fortnight earlier, but one of the heaviest yields in the valley's history is expected. The trees are well laden with fruit at present and the opinion is that the cherries are too far advanced now to be seriously damaged regardless of weather conditions. The prospects at Cove are for a harvest of from 80 to 70 carloads.

However, because of the bearing wood killed in the December, 1924, cold wave, the crop will be only about 75 to 80 per cent of former maximum crops. Several thousand trees have been planted to replace the killed stuff but these will not begin bearing for some time.

When the young trees are yielding, Mr. Blackland estimates that former productions will be at least doubled.

Bumper Crops Foreseen

Not only is the cherry outlook favorable but all small fruits and apples all bear promise of bumper crops. Last week's freeze injured strawberries to some extent, possibly 30 per cent. A large number of new plants were put in last year and with this increase in acreage in strawberries, it is soon hoped to begin producing in carloads in this near future.

Mr. Blackland, who recently returned from Idaho, reports that the orchards there are all looking good, especially Italian prunes and apples.

W. H. VOGEL WILL
MANAGE UNION'S
LIVESTOCK SHOW

UNION, May 11. (Special)—After being urged by President Miller and other members of the stock show association W. H. Vogel has consented to manage the Union Livestock show this year, June 6, 10 and 11. Mr. Vogel was asked to accept the management some time ago.

He entered upon his duties this week and will from now until after the show devote his entire time to this work.

Federal Expert Comes Here
To Conduct Soil SurveyResults
Are
Obvious

The business men of La Grande and the manufacturers of the nation who advertise intelligently in The Observer consistently throughout the year do not spend their money by chance. The results to be had are obvious—and they appreciate the value of The Observer's advertising columns accordingly.

The constantly increasing number of firms who are adding to their advertising budget for Observer space indicate conclusively by their action that satisfactory returns accompany every ad insertion. Concentrating advertising money in The Observer permits greater emphasis and more frequent messages—a valuable aid.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

Daily Bible
School Here
Is Advocated

Linfield College Professor Makes Strong Plea for a Continuation of Classes.

A strong plea for the daily vacation Bible school and a clear-cut explanation of how such an institution proves itself an immeasurable force toward good in the community were incorporated in the address of Professor W. B. Sly, of Linfield College, McMinnville, before the chamber of commerce forum luncheon at the Foley grill at noon today.

"These schools have come to stay and they will find their place in our educational system," he declared, adding his best wishes for the success of the proposed vacation school in La Grande.

Great Upbuilding Force

Such schools are the only effective counteraction to the downward tendency of civilization, he declared, stating that religious education is the greatest upbuilding thing in the world today. "Education without character is insufficient."

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PLAYGROUNDS
HERE FAVORED

City Council of Parent-Teacher Associations Lending Support to the Movement.

Several yearly reports of committees were given yesterday afternoon when the city council of parent-teacher associations met at 1:15 o'clock in the Neighborhood Clubrooms, with Mrs. George H. Lyman, president, presiding.

The report of most importance was one given by Mrs. Carl G. Helm on supervised playgrounds. Mrs. Helm said that she had been asked by the Rev. W. C. Ross, chairman of the boys' and girls' department of the chamber of commerce, to present the subject at the council meeting and ask the cooperation of the council in trying to secure supervised playgrounds for the children of the city.

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Boy Scout Organizer
Speaks Before Rotary

Will D. Janin, regional organizer for the Boy Scouts in the Northwest, addressed the La Grande Rotary club at its weekly meeting at the Foley hotel Monday noon. Janin is a Rotarian affiliated with the club at Everett. He is promoting the organization of new scout troops through this part of the county.

Robert Zakin, chairman of the program committee, presided over the luncheon. Janin's talk was supplemented by the reports of three representatives of the La Grande club at the district convention of Rotary at Victoria, B. C., about three weeks ago. J. J. Carr, Dr. Ray F. Murphy and Frank B. Appleby.

Federal Expert Comes Here
To Conduct Soil Survey

A soil survey that is expected to yield some valuable information for the farmers of the Grande Ronde valley was commenced this week by A. E. Kocher, of the United States department of agriculture bureau of soils. All the various kinds of soil represented in this vicinity will be carefully examined and separated into types on the basis of texture, structure, color, age and formation.

Not only will the survey make it possible to determine the crops that can best be grown in the valley, but it will also furnish data of importance in deciding whether irrigation and drainage would be feasible in Union county.

During the survey, which will require three or four months, Mr. Kocher will have headquarters at the office of H. G. Avery, county agent, in the federal building. Beginning about the middle of June he will be assisted by a young graduate of O. A. C. named Alven.

The soil survey is conducted jointly by the department of agriculture and the experiment station of the Oregon Agricultural college. The service was granted Union county in response to the request of the agricultural committee of the chamber of commerce. That committee will continue.

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87 MEMBERS
PRESENTED
TO W.B.A.

District Convention Views Presentation of Candidates

DANCE TONIGHT TO
END RALLY HERE

Delegates from Wallowa County Towns Appear in Afternoon Session Ceremony.

A full class presentation of eighty-seven candidates—new members of the Women's Benefit association—was the principal feature of last evening's program of the Eastern Oregon rally of the organization, which began here yesterday morning and will close this evening with a dance at Zuber hall.

During the afternoon session yesterday the Joseph and Enterprise revues and color bearers. This is the first time since the organization of the Wallowa county chapters that they have appeared in a ceremony of this nature. Echo review gave an exemplification including flag service, after which the Pendleton team conferred the degree of fraternity.

Junior Give Program

At 4:30 o'clock the members of the Junior W. B. A., under the direction of Mrs. Giles Harnden, presented a song and dance program. The afternoon exercises were interspersed by several musical numbers. Misses Ruth Murchison and Ethel Harnden each played piano solos and Little Misses Ruth Murchison and Mabel Woll gave a song and dance number, accompanied by Miss Marian Harris at the piano. The four little Cooper children took part in the program. The two little daughters, Mabelbeth and Alice Jeanette played the violins, and the oldest son, Buddy, played a piano number. The baby, who is about two years old, gave a recitation.

Officials Honored

After the class presentation by the La Grande review in the evening the Pendleton review gave a display of fancy drills and the

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COMMUNITY SALE
DAY PLANNED FOR
WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

La Grande's first monthly community sale day will be Wednesday, May 26, it is announced today by the merchants' committee of the chamber of commerce.

At the request of firms behind the plan, the committee has drawn up a working plan which will be explained at a gathering of the merchants at the chamber of commerce offices at 7:30 this evening.

The business men will conduct their individual sales every one according to his own ideas. Each is apportioned a uniform space in the advertising space, however, and limited to the mention of only one or two items that will be on sale.

As a special accommodation to the farmers of the community, the merchants are providing a free auction service. Auctioneer, clerk, advertising and other necessities of the occasion will be furnished without expense to the sellers. Farmers may list anything they have for disposal up to the day of the sale. But in order to be mentioned in the auction advertising, the articles will have to be listed with Earl C. Reynolds, chamber of commerce secretary, not later than Tuesday, May 18.

Patriotic Celebration
To Merge With Pageant

The patriotic celebration proposed by the Union County Ministerial association for July 4 is to be merged with the American Legion's patriotic pageant of July 25, according to the Rev. C. V. Dunn, pastor of the Central Church of Christ, who is secretary of the association.

All organizations desiring to be represented on the general committee that will have charge of the July 25 program are asked by the association to appoint two members at once and report the appointments to Mr. Dunn, who can be reached at 1106 N. Avenue, or by telephone 230-W. A meeting of the general committee will be called for the last of this week to begin the preparations. The program will be given in the daytime in order to co-operate with the legion, which is presenting its historical pageant in the evening.

Senatorial
Casualties
Threatening

Republicans Facing Defeat, Democratic Committee Says; Stanfield on List.

WASHINGTON, May 11. (AP)—Political casualties among republicans senators who voted to ratify the Newberry vote, "threaten to be very great this year," in the opinion of democratic national committee.

"The recent defeat of Senator William B. McKinley, of Illinois," it is said in a statement issued today, "caused his colleagues to comment on the political deaths that set in on the republican side right after the Newberry vote."

"Senator James F. Watson, of Indiana, succeeded in the primary the other day, but a young opponent, in state politics for the first time, received 127,000 votes, a protest of sinister portent for November."

Stanfield on List

"Senator George W. Pepper, of Pennsylvania, is the next Newberry man to come up at a primary election this year aside from McKinley, against whom final judgment has already been passed. Others include Cameron, of Arizona; Cummins, of Iowa; Curtis, of Kansas; Ernest, of Kentucky; Gooding, of Idaho; Harrell, of Oklahoma; Lenroot, of Wisconsin; Moses, of New Hampshire (paired) Oddie, of Nevada; Stanfield, of Oregon; Wadsworth, of New York; Watson, of Indiana; Weiler, of Maryland, and Willis, of Ohio."

Nine were defeated in 1922 and four in 1924, the statement said.

DEMOCRATS SEEK CHANGE
IN NOMINATION RULES

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 11. (AP)—Some supporters of William G.

WOMAN FILES
DAMAGE SUIT

Mrs. Minerva Knight Will Attempt to Collect \$10,000 from City of La Grande.

Mrs. Minerva Knight filed suit against the city of La Grande Monday afternoon for the collection of \$10,000 that she claims is due her in reparation for injuries she suffered in a fall Dec. 27, 1925, for which she holds the municipality responsible.

The complaint, according to the notice of her suit filed through her attorney, H. J. Kitchin, sustained a broken leg and other serious injuries that night last winter, when in alighting from an automobile she stumbled over an embankment in the 2600 block on North Ash street. The mound of gravel had been left there negligently, she claims, by workmen in the employ of the city.

LOCAL HOSPITAL
WILL KEEP OPEN
HOUSE TOMORROW

In company with other hospitals over the land, the Grande Ronde hospital will commemorate the birthday of Florence Nightingale tomorrow by keeping open house. From 2 to 6 o'clock, the doors will be open to the public. Miss Delia Lofgren, head nurse, will receive, assisted by the wives of La Grande physicians, and by those of her corps of nurses who can be spared from duty. Tea will be served, and the visitors will be escorted over the newly redecorated institution. Several important improvements, including the X-ray plant, will be pointed out.

Miss Lofgren is emphasizing her invitation to all babies born at the Grande Ronde hospital and to their mothers. She has promised a gift to each of them that launched on the adventure of life within the walls of the institution.

As has been their custom in other years, the P. E. O.'s of Chapter 17 will furnish special musical entertainment for the occasion. Mrs. A. L. Richardson, chairman of the chapter's hospital committee, has prepared a varied program of vocal and instrumental solos and group numbers. They will be presented in three groups, one for each of the open-house hours. The P. E. O.'s have a special interest in the affairs of the hospital, since it has made the comfort of patients there the chapter's particular philanthropic care. Close account is kept of strangers who find their way into the institution, and everything possible is done to lessen the worries and loneliness of their confinement there.

SITUATION
IN ENGLAND
IS SEASIER

Both Factions Confident of Strike Settlement in Near Future

SOME UNION MEN
RETURN TO WORK

Main Body of Strikers Remain Out, Government Spokesman Says; Train Wrecked.

LONDON, May 11. (AP)—Peace negotiations in Great Britain's general strike can be definitely said to be going under the surface.

They have not yet reached an official status, and what results they will achieve remains to be seen, but a man in the labor ranks stated late this afternoon parties were proceeding. They were in such a delicate state, however, he added, that nothing further could be said for the moment.

He said it was possible something tangible would be forthcoming tomorrow.

LONDON, May 11. (AP)—Indications of an easing in the general strike deadlock became more pronounced this afternoon.

A. J. Cook, the miners' chief, declared:

"Peace is possible at any moment, on terms that will give economic security to the miners."

Numbers of people had been approaching the miners' leaders, he asserted, with a view to settling the deadlock.

Tide Has Turned

At almost the same time a government spokesman was saying to the newspaper men:

"Without being unduly optimistic, I think we may say that the tide has turned. There is a tendency over all the country for the strikers to drift back to work."

The trades union congress, which has charge of the general strike, doubted this statement, reiterating that the solidity of the men was strongly maintained.

The North Wales prebysiteria added its voice to the plea for peace by telegraphing King George asking him to call a round table conference of all the leaders concerned in the crisis.

Some Workers Return

Reports from the provinces indicated that the return was steady, collapsing in South Wales, as far as the tramway men, railway men and electricians were concerned. The government spokesman, citing improvement in the transportation services, said that the 5,503 trains were run yesterday in the whole country as compared with 845 on the first day of the strike.

The first case of serious sabotage since the general strike began

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Husband, Thought Dead
20 Years, Blast Victim

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11. (AP)—After she had mourned him for a victim of the San Francisco fire 20 years ago, and married again in the meantime, Mrs. W. L. Winslow, of Los Angeles, has learned that her first husband was the William Cope killed in the recent Grizzly creek tunnel tragedy near Quincy. Identification through effects and acquaintances was made by their son, Wm. John Cope, a student of Stanford university.

Canada's Winter Wheat
Damaged 13 Per Cent

OTTAWA, May 11. (AP)—Canada's estimated area sown to fall wheat has been depleted by 13 per cent, 165,000 acres having been reported as winter killed. This reduction leaves the area to be harvested for all Canada at 753,073 acres. The percentage of winter killed wheat is larger than in any year since 1918 when the proportion was 52 per cent.

These figures are given in the first crop report of the present season, issued by the dominion bureau of statistics and are based upon returns from crop correspondents at the end of April.

TODAY'S GAMES

NEW YORK, May 11. (AP)—American: Cleveland at New York postponed, cold weather.

BOSTON, May 11. (AP)—American: Detroit at Boston postponed, cold and threatening rain.

Investigating Gang Murders



High city and state officials were present when an official investigation into Chicago's gang murders, including the killing of Assistant State's Attorney McSwiggan, was launched by the Cook county grand jury. This photo, taken in Judge William Brothers' courtroom, shows Attorney General Oscar Cardstrom (left) and State's Attorney Robert Crowe in front, and Sheriff Peter Hoffman (left) and Chief of Police Morgan Collins behind them.

HOME WRECKED
BY EXPLOSION

Dynamite Blast Injures Son of Klamath Falls District Attorney E. L. Elliott.

KLAMATH FALLS, May 11. (AP)—One side of the home of District Attorney E. L. Elliott, former special prohibition prosecutor for this district, was wrecked at midnight by the explosion of a quantity of dynamite, set off by an unknown hand.

The charge was placed on a window sill of a bedroom ordinarily occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, but used as a sleeping room last night by Jack Elliott, fifteen-year-old son of the family.

Force of the explosion, which took place within three feet of the head of the youth shattered the side of the house demolished the bed and tore up the mattress on which he was sleeping blowing part of it across the room.

Thurs Scratched

The only injury was a slightly scratched thumb.

The mirror in a dresser across the room was shattered by explosion and the wall opposite the window, in which the charge was placed, was penetrated by the flying fragments of plaster and debris.

The Elliott home is situated on a high hill overlooking the business and residential section of the city somewhat isolated. Despite this, the sound of the explosion was heard by residents within a

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SPANISH FLYERS
PREPARING FOR
FINAL JOURNEY

APARRI, Luzon, P. I., May 11. (AP)—Captains Loriga and Gallarza, Spanish airmen flying from Madrid to Manila, arrived here today on the next to their last lap. That aviators decided to remain here two days before proceeding to Manila.

Gallarza and Loriga arrived in the former's machine. Loriga's plane having been wrecked when he fell into the South China sea before reaching Macao. Their mechanics will follow them by steamer.

Escorted by flyers of the United States army, they will take off Thursday for Manila, 200 miles, a land flight over the island of Luzon.

Slayers of McSwiggan
In Boston, Is Belief

BOSTON, May 11. (AP)—A gang of Chicago gunmen, believed to have been implicated in the murder of Assistant State's Attorney William McSwiggan, are in hiding here, according to information in the hands of the police.

Superintendent of Police Crowley today ordered detectives to search for the men and warned all officers to be on guard against possible attempts at robberies.

Portland Climber Dies
After 130-Foot Plunge

SALEM, Ore., May 11. (AP)—J. A. Johnson, of Portland, high climber for Camp No. 11 near Silverton, died in a hospital as a result of a fall of nearly 130 feet Monday afternoon. Johnson was seen to slip about 30 feet, hang on for a minute, and then drop the remainder of the distance to the ground. It is believed that a hook failed to catch in a bull chain and then his safety belt broke.

WAR CLOUDS
GATHERING
IN EUROPE

Austrian Count Declares Situation Is Worse Than in 1914

BESSARABIA FUSE OF POWDER BARREL

General Poverty a Present Safeguard; Pan-European Federation Is Advocated.

BERLIN, May 11. (By The Associated Press)—In launching a campaign for the establishment of a Pan-European federation, the Austrian count, Von Coudenhove-Kalergi writes in the Viennaische Zeitung, that "Europe is on the verge of another war." The war menace, he declares, is greater than in 1914; the present European developments are to be viewed from historical standpoints as the prelude to a new outbreak.

"One day Europe will have placed before her the alternative of war or a general revolution as a counter measure to a new outbreak, and this means the smashing of the present European system," says the count, who long has been a leader in the movement in favor of the organization of a United States of Europe.

Many Problems Crop Up

The count declared the Western Alliance-Lorraine problem has been permanently solved by the Locarno agreements, but says in its place at least a dozen new Alliance-Lorraine have cropped up in Eastern Europe, which are "located in the most responsible for all European wars since 1918."

The count's plan to prevent the main safeguard against war is general poverty, which, however, is not considered inescapable. He contended that the league of nations also represents a certain prophylaxis.

The count points out that the tendency of every European state which is more limited to cultivate relations with a neighbor of a neighboring state than with its immediate neighbor, continues a permanent menace to peace. He asserted that Bessarabia represents "the principal fuse of the European powder barrel, involving conflicting policies of Russia, Germany and Italy."

Italy Is Menacing

Still another menace, he says, threatens from Italy. "The objective of whose avowed imperialism and militarism still is uncertain, whether directed toward Africa, Asia or Europe."

"Today," says Count Von Coudenhove, "any lunatic is capable of involving Europe in another

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SENATE BOARD
PUTS OKEH ON
PROHI MEASURE

WASHINGTON, May 11. (AP)—The revamped administration measure for tightening up dry law enforcement was approved today by a majority of the senate prohibition committee and will be recommended to the judiciary committee today.

The bill is not expected to pass at this session of congress. The vets are prepared to debate it at length, offering as amendments their modification proposals.

Norge Starts Polar Flight;
Captain Amundsen Confident

OSLO, Norway, May 11. (AP)—The Amundsen-Ellsworth dirigible Norge started on its flight to the north pole and Alaska this morning, says a message from Kings Bay, Spitzbergen.

Roald Amundsen, the noted explorer, and Lincoln Ellsworth, his companion on their unsuccessful attempt to reach the north pole last year, hope primarily to discover land during the flight of their Italian-built dirigible, Norge, which began today. Amundsen has pointed out that it is only 3000 miles from Spitzbergen to Alaska and that the discovery of even a small piece of land near the top of the world would afford an invaluable connecting link between America and Europe and Asia.

Will Fly Over Pole

Under the plans outlined by Amundsen this spring, the Norge will fly in almost a straight line across the pole and through the center of the unexplored region of the Arctic in the polar sea.

Italy Interested

The Italian government is keenly interested in the flight and it was through Premier Mussolini that the Amundsen-Ellsworth expedition was given the use of the dirigible. Before leaving for Spitzbergen, Captain Amundsen said that he had never entered on any of his explorations with greater confidence of success than on this flight. He believes that the flight should prove a vast amount of information on the polar sea and the ice floes in addition to the possibility that it will discover hitherto unknown land.