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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight
and Thursday but local fogs
in the west portion. Cooler
in the east portion tonight.

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CITY TAKES
STEPS AHEAD
IN 2 YEARSImprovements of Many
Natures Established
Since Jan. 1, 1925WATER AND SEWAGE
QUESTIONS SOLVEDFive Miles of Water
Mains Laid—Northside
Streets Graded—Side-
walks Built.Municipal growth and develop-
ment in La Grande since Jan. 1,
1925 has been greater than at any
other corresponding period in the
city's history, a resume of the ac-
complishments of the past 22
months reveals.Foremost among the additions to
the city are the \$105,000 sewage
disposal plant, the improvement of
the Beaver creek water system,
establishment of two artesian wells
and building of a thoroughly mod-
ern pumping plant of a 1000-gal-
lon capacity a minute driven by
100 horsepower motors, and the
remodeling of the municipal build-
ing and improvement of the fire
fighting equipment—a joint work.
These were all provided for by the
citizens when they approved a
\$250,000 bonding measure at a
special election in June, 1925.Other Improvements
In addition to these projects,
which have been carried on to a
successful completion, the city
commissioners, by utilizing each
year's budget to the best advan-
tage, have made several other for-
ward steps, which are presented
in an interview secured from W.
C. Crews, city manager.Speaking of the bonding meas-
ure projects, he said:
"The installation of the sewage
disposal plant, which was placed in
operation some months ago, result-
ed in a flood of inquiries from other
cities in the Northwest and in
some cases, personal visits by city
engineers and other officials.
Among municipalities that sent of-
ficials here for purposes of inspec-
tion were: Walla Walla, Eugene,
Baker, Roseburg and others. With-
out an exception the visitors praised
the sewage plant."No Water Shortage
"The remodeling of the water
system and the addition of the ar-
tesian wells—one of which is in
operation and the other still under
construction—enabled La Grande,
coupled with work at other points
along the entire system, to pass
through a very dry summer with
no shortage of water of any great
extent and, in addition to supply
the city, Emily Lumber company
with water to keep its mill in op-
eration.""Since Sept. 1 the city has been
furnishing the railroad with all
the water used by it while the rail-
road well is being repaired.""The Beaver creek extension
work included the laying of a new
main around the storage reservoir
and the connecting of Little Beaver
creek and Hidden spring. Last
summer every drop of water avail-
able in the Beaver creek territory
was brought to La Grande and, as
winter approaches, we have 17
feet of water in the storage reser-
voir at a time of the year when it
is usually almost dry. This sup-
ply will keep the mains full dur-
ing freezing weather when the
streams freeze over.""At the Old Town reservoir we
tore down the old fence cut away
brush and weeds, built a new
wooden wire fence and installed a
modern chlorination plant."Water Quality High
"With these improvements, be-
sides insuring a sufficient quantity
at present, the quality of the water,
according to chemists who have
tested samples from the mains, is
at a very high point.""The additions to the fire fight-
ing equipment have already demon-
strated their effectiveness. For
example, if we hadn't had a pump-
er, Perry might have been de-
stroyed by flames several weeks ago
when some haystacks in that town
caught fire. An ordinary fire truck
was inadequate for the job.""The remodeling of the munici-
pal building has not only in-
creased its appearance and made it
more adequate, but it has also
made the structure more valuable
from a financial standpoint."City New Projects
Then turning to the projects that
have been completed and are now
under way outside of the limits of
the \$250,000 bonding measure, he
touched upon the new city hospi-
tal, the city warehouse, laying of
city water mains, building of new
streets, both sanitary and storm
street work, and other like im-
provements."The new city hospital is modern
in every way and is capable
of handling 100 patients under or-
dinary circumstances. In an em-
ergency it could care for at least
150.""During the last two years the
(Continued on Page Five)Legion's Style
Show Discloses
New CreationsSartorial Problems Are
Worked Out in Presen-
tation Now Appearing
at Arcade.For the man and the woman
who care about clothes and the
mode—a classification that appar-
ently leaves few persons out—the
American Legion's style show,
which opened a two-night run at
the Arcade theatre with a good-
size crowd last evening, combines
the fascination of windowshopping
and "trying on" the satisfaction
of knowing what is authentic and
smart, and the recreation of en-
tertaining vaudeville and a motion
picture that is thoroughly easy to
watch.Whether the show-goer's inter-
est runs to collegiate smart-cuts
or the latest thing in toddlers'
clothes, he finds his problems all
worked out, and the answer pre-
sented in living illustrations. The
Art & Baby shop, Clinton's Clothing,
Westenhaver & Gilbert, and the J.
C. Penney company provide the
sartorial acts of the show. The
W. H. Bohnenkamp company, the
Christy Garage and the Cartozian
garage people provide an attractive
setting. Vaudeville is added by Miss
Beulah Nevill, in a deliciously
vivacious dance, and Paul Krause,
of Portland, who is an adept to
over-ripe drama."Fig Leaves" A Feature
When the La Grande fashion
opening is over, when the seven
young men and six young women
have modeled the newest in youth-
ful wear, and the eight babies have
paraded the most exciting styles in
nursery circles, there is still the
picture, "Fig Leaves," as slyly
knowing a treatise on human
folks as ever found its way to the
screen."In the beginning," paraphrases
the title, "woman had three prob-
lems: 'I haven't a thing to wear.
I haven't a thing to wear. I haven't
a thing to wear.'"Eve's Solution
"Eve thinks she has a solution,
but it nearly wrecks the garden
of Eden, and ends about where it
begins. Not however, without first
having displayed in technicolor a
gorgeously breathless collection of
feminine creations that would jus-
tify the picture if it needed an ex-
cuse, which it doesn't."

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METHODISTS OF
DISTRICT CONFERGood Literature Dis-
cussed at Meeting in
La Grande ChurchDr. Edward Laird Mills of Port-
land, editor of the Pacific Coast
Advocate, was the guest-speaker
when the Methodist pastors, three
deacons and five secretaries of
the district, met at the First Meth-
odist church Tuesday noon to dis-
cuss the promulgation of good lit-
erature. The meeting was follow-
ed later in the day by a gathering
of the Methodist Camp Grounds as-
sociation of Eastern Oregon.The first discussion took place
over the literature table, the women
of the district serving. Dr. Harry
S. Hamilton, of Boise, superintendent
of the district, presided during the
session.In addition to several townspeople,
the participants were: The Rev.
and Mrs. J. D. Hollister, of Joseph;
the Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Gussom,
of Enterprise; the Rev. Edward H. H.
Reynolds, of Walla; the Rev. J. H.
Pleming, of Baker; the Rev. Robert
C. Lee, of Union; H. C. Hanson, of
Huntington; Dr. Henry W. Parker,
of La Grande; Deaconess Mabel
Aubrey, of Imbler; Deaconess Julia
Blandford, of Haines; Deaconess
Alice Payne, of Cove; Mrs. Walter
Strickler, secretary of literature at
Baker; Mrs. C. F. Smith, secretary
at Cove; Mrs. J. J. Baker, secre-
tary at Cove; Mrs. H. S. Brown.

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HOUSES
ARE
IN DEMANDHouses and apartments, fur-
nished and unfurnished, are in
demand in La Grande. The Ob-
server office has been sought by
a number of new residents the
last few days seeking information
of residences for rent.Good living quarters are not
plentiful—there is not enough
to supply the demand. People
having attractive property to
rent can get immediate and
pleasing contact with prospects
through the Observer Want Ads
—at very small cost. No mat-
ter what you want—something
to sell, something to buy, some-
thing to rent, something to do,
a Want Ad will get action.
Phone Main 37 or bring in your
copy today."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"NO ARMORIES
NOW EXIST IN
EAST OREGONTwo-Thirds of the State
Lacks Proper Nation-
al Guard HousingTAXPAYERS HERE
HELP BUILD MANYLa Granders Now Said
Eager to Have Fund
They Contribute to
Bring Benefits.For many years, La Grande tax-
payers have been building arm-
ories. Their money has helped to
establish armory halls all up and
down the western border of the
state. But none of it has ever
been used to build an armory in
that region east of the Cascade
mountains which composes two-
thirds of the area of Oregon.This dearth of proper national
guard housing in Eastern Oregon
is not because the companies of
this region are less deserving of
state expenditure. Time and again
the local guardmen have been
rated by army officers here to in-
spect them as among the finest in
Oregon, records show. Further-
more, the local company is con-
stantly recruiting. It has long ago
outgrown the only hall in town
where drill can be held, officers
declare.La Grande Must Pay
If the state appropriates money
for an armory building this year,
and many believe that it will—La
Grande taxpayers will again be
called upon to pay their share.
For that reason, and because they
can see no territory more in need
of one than their own, many of
them figure that it would be bet-

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Conference of
Grangers to Be
Held SaturdayUNION COUNTY
GETS \$13,176.00Allotment of State Mar-
ket Road Fund Is
AnnouncedSALEM, Ore., Oct. 27. (AP)—
Distribution of \$516,197.44, repre-
senting the second half of the state
market road fund among the vari-
ous counties of the state was an-
nounced by the state highway de-
partment today. Included in the
distribution which is made on a
basis to match county funds raised
by a special market road levy of
one mill are the following coun-
ties:Douglas, \$20,039; Jackson, \$29,
125; Josephine, \$4,929; Klamath,
\$16,177; Lane, \$31,750; Marion,
\$32,260; Multnomah, \$52,815; Polk,
\$13,060; Umatilla, \$29,092; Union,
\$13,176; Wallowa, \$8,283.The conference will open at
10:30 o'clock and J. A. Nice is
scheduled to preside. The program
is under the direction of Mr.
Gekeler.TEACHERS AND
PARENTS FORM
ORGANIZATIONPERRY, Oct. 27. (Special)—A
parent-teacher association was or-
ganized at Perry this week, when
Mrs. Carl G. Helm, district vice
president of the Oregon P. T. A.,
Mrs. C. E. McPherson, president
of the La Grande central council,
Mrs. Alexander, of the Willow
association, and E. A. Sayre, county
superintendent, met with the
parents and teachers here.Twenty persons enrolled as
members of the association. Mrs.
Gather Hansen was elected presi-
dent; Mrs. Mary B. Kall, vice
president; and Mrs. Nell Robert-
son, secretary-treasurer.
After talks by Mrs. Helm, Mrs.
McPherson, Mrs. Alexander and
Mr. Sayre, telling of the work of
the parent-teacher organization
throughout the state, A. R. Hunt-
er spoke briefly on the Eastern
Oregon normal school measure
and the free textbook bill, to be
voted upon at the coming elec-
tion.

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Smokers to Meet
Election NightOfficers of the Jolly Pipers or-
ganization of La Grande are con-
sidering arrangements this week for
the next meeting of the smokers,
to be held election night at the La
Grande Electric company next
door to the Observer.No special program is being pre-
pared but the smokers will be able
to smoke during the election,
mostly by radio. A large attend-
ance is expected.Perley, Pioneer
Of Railroad, Is
Called BeyondFuel Supervisor of O.-W.
Dies in Portland After
Operation—Well
Known Here.The body of A. W. Perley will
be taken to Puyallup, Wash., for
burial Nov. 1 following funeral
services at the Finley Undertaking
chapel in Portland at 2:30 p. m.
Saturday, a telegram received here
today announced.PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 27. (AP)—
A. W. Perley, widely known old
time locomotive engineer of the
O.-W. R. and N. lines died here
today.Mr. Perley underwent a major
operation Sept. 17. Apparently he
was recovering satisfactorily when
a sudden reaction caused his death.
Perley was born at Woodstock,
New Brunswick, Dec. 9, 1856. He
entered the employ of the old Ore-
gon Railway and Navigation com-
pany as locomotive engineer Nov.
10, 1884, serving until April, 1907,
when he resigned to accept a position
with the Washington state
railroad committee.In August 1912, he was reem-
ployed by the O.-W. R. and N.
lines as representative of the me-
chanical department, remaining in
that position until Oct. 1921, when
he was appointed fuel supervisor,
which position he held at the time
of his death.

PERLEY KNOWN HERE

A. W. Perley, who died at Port-
land early this morning, was well
known and liked among railroad
men here, having visited La
Grande as O.-W. R. and N. fuel
supervisor from the past 14 years.
It was on his way back to Port-
land from Eastern Oregon that he
became seriously ill about a month
ago.Mr. Perley was engineer on one
of the first work trains out of
Portland, when the tracks for the
O.-W. were first laid. The late
J. C. Gulling, of La Grande, was
conductor on the same train.
After several years on the O.-
W. he went to work for the Wal-

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Fishing Season
To Close SundayPORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 27. (AP)—
Sunday will be the final day of
the present season trout fishing sea-
son all over the state except in
Klamath county and in tide waters,
according to E. F. Averill, state
game warden. The announcement
was made in answer to numerous
requests which have been coming
into Averill's office.In Klamath county the season
will close until Nov. 30.
This extension of season is allowed
because the warmth of water in
Klamath lake and nearby streams
makes fish flesh unfit for use
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Two income tax bills are pro-
posed by initiative petitions. One
called simply as the income tax bill,
is known as the granite bill, hav-
ing been originated by the Ore-
gon state senate. The other is
termed the income tax bill with
property tax offset, providing for
deduction from the income tax all
property taxes levied during the
preceding year and actually paid
during the income year.Interest Shown in Bill
The Eastern Oregon tuberculosis
hospital act, providing for the
establishment and operation of a
branch tuberculosis hospital some-
where in the state east of the Cas-
cades, the place to be selected by
the governor, secretary of state and
state treasurer, is another bill on

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WILL SPEND
\$66,635 ON
LOCAL ROADAward Contract for Im-
provement of Wallowa
Lake HighwayJOSLIN, McALLISTER
ENTER LOWEST BIDUmatilla, Malheur and
Morrow County Jobs
Also Let by State High-
way Commission.PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 27. (AP)—
A large delegation from Marion
and Yamhill counties appeared be-
fore the state highway commission
yesterday afternoon and urged that
body to make the paved road be-
tween Newberg and Woodburn
part of the state highway system.A bridge on this route needs ex-
tensive repairs and it is hoped to
have the commission take over the
highway before the work has to be
done. The commissioners will
consider the matter.

Seek Longer Highway

Lin county folk asked the com-
mission to extend the Santiam
highway beyond Cascade to Des-
chutes county. This proposed sec-
tion would cost about \$1,000,000.
The county offers \$50,000 to match
with the state, and wants the fed-
eral government to equal this to
start the work. No action
was taken.Lane county delegates asked ad-
ditional work on the McKenzie and
Florence highways. Next meeting
of the commission will be held
here November 23.

Contracts Awarded

The commission awards these
contracts:
Benton county—Hodgett-Sum-
mit and North Market road; nine
miles surfacing; J. C. Compton,
\$23,200.Grant county—Arlington to
Shuford; 11 miles resurfacing;
Triangle Construction company,
\$30,190.Josephine county—Deer Creek-
Hays hill; 4.93 miles grading;
Schell and Rhoads, \$47,300.
Malheur county—Ontario-Nysa-
and Vale-Cairo, Material, H. J.

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DEVIL DOGS, WATCH DOGS NOW

(Copyright by Harris and Ewing)
Bandits who have been preying upon the United States mails will
be confronted by the same olive drab uniforms and determination
the Germans faced in Belleau Wood if further holdups are attempt-
ed. Here are the first leathernecks to be posted over the mails at
Union Station in Washington. H. H. Hillary, fourth assistant post-
master general (right) looks on approvingly.Women Leap to
Death From an
11-Story HotelNEW YORK, Oct. 27. (AP)—
Mrs. Bertha Washauer, 52, and
her 32-year-old daughter, Dor-
othy, are dead today as a result
of leaping from the eleventh
story of the Martha Washing-
ton hotel for women.The two women registered
under assumed names a half
hour before carrying out their
suicide pact. They were identi-
fied through a doctor's card on
which was written, "Brother
knows all about the money."

Impaled on Railing

There was a crash of glass as
the mother's body struck a can-
opy over the hotel entrance. A
moment later Miss Marjorie La-
plante, a nurse of Toronto, Ont.,
who occupied a room two floors
below, was started by a crash
as the body of the daughter
struck and was impaled upon
the iron railing around a bal-
cony outside her window.Miss Laplante seized the girl,
but was unable to overcome her
struggles."Let me loose, you fool. Let
me loose. I want to go with
mother," Miss Washauer shout-
ed. She then fought herself
free and dropped the remaining
distance to the entrance canopy
beside her mother.

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"LIVING SKELETON"

MEHFOOD, Ore., Oct. 27. (AP)—
Bud Sharp, 37, of Napa, Cal., a
carnival company attaché, who was
found by the traffic department on
the Pacific highway near Talent
Monday presumably in a staying
condition, informed the grand jury
this morning when they called to
investigate his case, that he was a
"professional human skeleton." He
said he had followed that line of
work for 14 years.MYSTERY WORLD
KEEPS SECRETSMars Defies Earthly Be-
ings—Bigger Tele-
scopes NeededCHICAGO, Oct. 27. (AP)—Mars,
the ruddy world of mystery, about
which men have speculated for
hundreds of years, is not likely to
yield very much information con-
cerning its physical aspects until
larger and more powerful tele-
scopes are made.This was the opinion of astron-
omers at Yerkes observatory, Wil-
liams Bay, Wis., who have been
training their lenses on the enigma
of the skies, now a scant 34,400,000
miles from a questioning earth.
Weather was ideal at Williams Bay
last night, but air currents inter-
fered with the observation creating
a haze about the planet and caus-
ing its telescopic image to waver.Several sketches were made, however, and observa-
tions will be continued for the next
two weeks.

White Spot Smaller

Current scrutiny of the planet,
which has two moons to the earth's
one, has revealed that the sunspot
region is well advanced. The white
spot at the north polar region,
taken to be ice or snow, was con-
siderably smaller than during the
observations of August, 1924, the
last time Mars was in a favorable
position for investigation.The intriguing question as to
whether life exists on the planet
still remains a matter of conjecture,
in the opinion of many astron-
omers. To the scientist, life may
mean the vestiges of vegetation
deducted from apparent climatic
and atmospheric changes, but to
the man in the street life means
only one thing—human life.Professor Edwin H. Frost, of
Yerkes, believes that if life exists
on Mars, it is of such a low form
that the building of canals, the op-
erating of light signals to the earth
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