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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Rain tonight and
Thursday. Mild temperature.
Southerly gales on the coast.

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GOVERNOR URGES INCOME TAX

MT. EMILY CO.
CUT IN YEAR
45,000,000Large Amount of Lumber
Sawed by Local Com-
pany in 1926IMPROVEMENTS TO
BE MADE IN 1927New Dipping Tank to Be
Installed as Part of the
Company's Plan of
Progress.

The Mt. Emily Lumber company's mill here sawed 45,000,000 feet of lumber during the first year of operation. The new mill started operating full blast about Jan. 29 last year and with the end of December logs enough to total 45,000,000 feet of lumber had been cut.

The mill ran only one shift during most of the year, although there was about two weeks during the month of March, when the mill ran two shifts. The large capacity of the mill, however, makes it unnecessary to have two shifts. The capacity of the mill being 50,000,000 feet of lumber a year, or 100,000 feet for every eight hours in operation.

A total of 1,357 cars of lumber were shipped out of the yards during the year, about 67 of the cars loads going to local points. The loads average about 25,000 feet of lumber to the car.

Logging Hardest Land
During the first year the Mt. Emily company has been logging off the heaviest and hardest part of their timber claims, the camps being located at Five Points.

From here the company will move up the Grande Ronde river to Spring creek, the grades to be made and the laying of track started during the summer months. After logging off that section it will proceed on up the Grande Ronde river, where there is timber enough for a 25-year run, on the basis of 50,000,000 feet of lumber each year.

The mill was constructed for 50-year life, all of the foundations being of cement and the timbers being strong enough to stand that long, barring fire.

Payroll \$684,000
The company has employed steadily nearly 500 men during the first year in operation and more will probably be employed as the time goes on. The payroll during 1926 amounted to \$684,000.

Several additions were made to

SCORES VISIT
CITY'S SECOND
ARTESIAN WELL

After the news became generally known yesterday that La Grande's second artesian well had "come in" with a flow of about 200 gallons a minute, pouring an inch and an eighth over the top of the pipe and from a depth of 1250 feet, scores of citizens visited the well, inspected the water and watched the drilling operations which are still in progress.

No material change in the flow was noted this morning. No temperature nor chemical tests have yet been taken but will be in the near future, city officials declare.

EXPOSED
TO A NEW
IDEA

If you have traded long and loyally with a store or shop, you are probably looked upon by the business man as a "friendly old customer" and your trade and friendship are both often taken for granted.

Not often, but once in a while the business man who has enjoyed your patronage so long thinks it unnecessary to keep friendly contact with you through advertising and good service. He forgets that you may some day be exposed to a new idea, forgets that he may lose you through mere inattention, forgets that every business man's new customer was some other business man's old customer. So the forward merchant keeps contact with you through Observer advertising—there presents his "new idea" to you and both new and old customers. It's his insurance against old customer loss—his assurance of new customer gain.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Mr. Groundhog Turns Weatherman
For Day and Predicts More Winter

Here is Mr. Groundhog himself peering around to see what his weather forecast will be.

The proverbial groundhog, who has gained considerable reputation and disrepute as a weather forecaster, did his stuff today.

When he came from his winter haunts and looked around behind him to see if his shadow was nearby, he probably was discouraged. But around nine o'clock and a little later this morning the sun came out and not only the groundhog found a shadow, but practically everything else not covered by the last vestiges of the January snow.

Dearer Weather Ahead?
Now, according to tradition or superstition, La Grande is due to receive six weeks more of wintry weather with old King Boreas riding chill blasts and sprinkling snow bountifully over the Grande Ronde valley.

Had Mr. Groundhog not seen his shadow, it might have been a different sort of forecast, but if a fellow is to believe in bad luck, the dangers of walking on der ladders and having a black cat cross one's path, then there is no other recourse than to order six more tons of coal and a cord of wood, besides buying a new pair of red flannels and putting earflaps on one's headgear.

Some, however, placed little

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Senator Kiddle
Resumes Duties
At State House

State Senator Fred E. Kiddle, of Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, who has been in Portland recovering from a sinus operation, has returned to Salem and has taken up his work as legislator, according to word received from the state house today.

Kiddle has been in a Portland hospital for the past two weeks, leaving Senator A. R. Hunter to carry on for Union county in the upper house. Kiddle is chairman of the senate military affairs committee.

Fight Card To
Be Staged Here
In Near Future

Arrangements are nearly completed for a 25-round boxing card which will be staged in La Grande within the next week or ten days. It was announced today by Hector McInnis, matchmaker.

Kid Parker, formerly of Portland but who has been fighting during the past year in The Dalles, Bend, Klamath Falls and Western Oregon cities, is scheduled to meet the slugging Del Adams, of Holme, Ida., in a ten-round main event.

The six-round semi-final has not been arranged as yet.

Had Woodfin, of La Grande, is to meet Billy Huskirk, of Pendleton in a six-round special. A four-round preliminary will start the evening off.

The hall where the card will be staged has not been determined but will probably be announced, along with the date, later in the week.

Autos Collide at
Second and Adams

Two automobiles, driven by J. E. Reynolds and Deputy Sheriff Hugo Klinghammer, collided at the Second and Adams intersection this morning about 9 o'clock. No one was injured although both machines were damaged considerably.

Coolidge May Speak
In Houston, Texas

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—President Coolidge has received several invitations to speak in Houston, Texas next October and some of those who have talked with him believe he is seriously considering an acceptance.

Chaplin Is Loser
In Court Skirmish

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2 (AP)—Charles Spencer Chaplin today lost the first of a scheduled ten-day series of legal skirmishes in the divorce suit brought by his wife, when Judge Walter J. Wood denied a motion of his attorneys in which they had made their first attack upon the receivership ordered for the protection of Mrs. Chaplin's interests.

PENDLETON FIVE
COMING FRIDAY

Undeclared Quintet to
Match Skill with La
Grande High

The athletic rivalry that exists between Pendleton and La Grande high schools will be at a boiling point here Friday night when the Buckaroos bring a crack basketball squad here with the intentions of leading their Oregon spring of victories intact.

The Umatilla county lads haven't lost a contest in this state this season and have dropped but one, that to Walla Walla's strong quintet.

La Grande enjoys a like record, except that no defeat has marred her state.

The game, scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock in the high school gym, will be of much importance, even though Pendleton is not in this district. When the district plans of basketball was arrived at and Umatilla county wasn't included in No. 1, local high school authorities maintained the Round-Up tour on the schedule although other out-of-district teams are not met in the regular playing season.

From all indications, the Buckaroos will rely upon an exceptionally strong offensive, which is in itself a strong defense. Most games have found the Pendletons scoring around the 50 mark. Among other teams to fall before the Bucks was The Dalles, twice defeated.

Play Wallawa Saturday
Besides the Friday night contest here the Tigers will get into action on Saturday night against a team which is ranked as one of the strongest in the district when they go to Wallawa. Joseph and Baker both noted out Wallawa but only a small margin as to leave the difference between them in doubt.

After this week end, La Grande will have four more games to play before the annual championship tournament at Union. Baker comes here Feb. 11, the Tigers go to Union Feb. 12 and to Pendleton Feb. 18. The pre-tourney season closes Feb. 19 with Wallawa here.

To Ask Court for
Imbler Crossing

The county court began the regular monthly session this morning at the court house with all of the commissioners and Judge U. G. Couch present. Most of the time before noon was taken up auditing bills and allowing for their payment.

Tomorrow the court will hear a petition from the people of Imbler asking for the opening of a grade crossing. The crossing is the first one this side of Imbler. According to the Imbler people the crossing now being used is a blind crossing and is dangerous. A representative from the railway company will probably be present for the hearing.

Scarlet Fever in
Imbler School

The Imbler school was closed yesterday afternoon when it was discovered that one of the students had a case of scarlet fever. The school rooms were fumigated last night and this morning school opened as usual.

Two homes at Imbler are now quarantined because of scarlet fever.

17 CASES ARE
TO BE TRIED
THIS MONTH

February Term of Circuit
Court to Begin Next
Monday Morning

McCULLOCH COMING
FOR FIRST WEEK

Judge J. W. Knowles to
Preside During the Re-
mainder of Session—
Grand Jury to Meet.

Seventeen cases, three of them criminal cases, were set for trial during the February term of court this morning when Judge J. W. Knowles held motion day at the court house.

Judge C. H. McCulloch, of Baker, will be in La Grande for the first week of the court session and will try the cases set for that time. Included in the first week are: Monday, Feb. 7, C. H. Finn vs. the La Grande Warehouse company; Feb. 8, and Feb. 9, will be different cases of the same title; Feb. 10, Wong Sing vs. La Grande Grocery company; Feb. 11, Bowman Hicks Lumber company vs. C. H. Finn.

Hold-Over Cases
All of these cases were held over from the last session of the circuit court.

Saturday, Feb. 12, is a non-judicial day, being Abraham Lincoln's birthday. The following Monday morning, Feb. 14, court will start with a criminal case, the state of Oregon vs. C. R. Hibberd; Feb. 15 will be another criminal case, state of Oregon vs. Joe Pupill; Wednesday, Feb. 16, will be Coranah vs. Sloan; Feb. 17, Collins vs. Perkins; Feb. 18, Credit Service Commission vs. E. J. Donahue; Feb. 19, J. J. Foley vs. Hattie Friewald.

City Case Set
The third week will start with the case of Minerva Knight vs. the city of La Grande. Tuesday, Feb. 22 is George Washington's birthday and another non-judicial day. Wednesday, Feb. 23, the case of Hattie Friewald vs. J. J. Foley will be heard; Feb. 24, Hamilton vs. La Grande boxing company; Feb. 25, the North Powder Milling and Mercantile company vs. C. B. Mays; Feb. 26, Occidental Life Insurance company vs. Herman Moser.

The case of Dora Carr vs. the O. W. R. and N. company will be heard on Monday, Feb. 28 and on March 1 the case of Marsden

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Scout Troop Is
Organized Here
in L.D.S. Church

A boy scout troop with 16 boys was organized last evening when E. Russell Scott, scout executive, met with a group from the Latter Day Saints' church at the amusement hall. The scout troop is to be sponsored by the Mutual Improvement association and Elwood Gwilliams will be scoutmaster.

This afternoon Scott will go to Greenwood school to talk to the boys of the school about scouting, and probably organize a troop there. Tomorrow evening a troop will be formed in the Methodist Episcopal church, sponsored by the Men's Forum.

By the end of this week five troops will have been organized in La Grande, including at least 150 boys, according to Scott.

American Legion Post Considers Plans for July
State Convention—Auxiliary Appoints Committees

Both the American Legion post here and its auxiliary had lively meetings last night, the legionnaires meeting at Legion hall and the women at Honan hall.

A meeting of the convention committee was held preceding the regular legion meeting, when Harry H. Richardson reported for the transportation committee. He and R. M. Scott were in Portland last week when they interviewed railway officials in regard to transportation of legionnaires to La Grande during the convention and a reasonable rate for convention time was promised.

Plan Trip to Lake
Plans were discussed for a trip to Enterprise sometime soon to meet with the Enterprise post and arrange some of the details for the convention. The Enterprise post will assist in the entertainment of the visiting legionnaires during the convention, a trip to Wallawa lake being planned for

Willamette Glee
Club in Recital
At Local Church

College Singers Please
Audience—Former La
Grande Boy Scores in
Solo Numbers.

La Grande music lovers, gathered in the First Methodist Episcopal church last night at 8 o'clock, heard advance notices of Willamette university's gleemen prove true as to the ability of the singers and the assertion that the recital would be "characterized by its particular excellence."

Before going into the regular program, it may be said that Lloyd Thompson, baritone soloist, formerly of La Grande, was one of the highlights of the concert. His pleasing voice, in "The Road to Mandalay" (Speaks), stilled loud applause that burst forth at his appearance on the stage and, when he had completed the selection, he was called back for an encore and sang "Rolling down to Rio." The applause was great but Thompson did not come back for a second encore.

Craven, Wright Sing
Two other soloists, Ronald Craven and William Wright, tenors, pleased the audience with their numbers. Craven sang "Spirit Flower" by C. Tipton and then "Morning" as an encore. Wright sang "Little Brown Bird Singing" by Haydn-Wood.

The concert began when the glee club sang "Sword of Ferrara" by Hillard, then, after an encore, giving way to Craven. "At Dawning" by Cradman was the next ensemble number.

Quartet Pleases
The variety quartet, consisting of Wright, Craven, Willis Hathaway and Walter Kaufman, sang "Massa de De Sheenfold" in its first appearance and "Oh Miss Hannah" in the second part of the program. The quartet responded to demands for encores.

Other numbers sung by the glee club were "Just a Cottage Small" by Hanley; "Jolly Students" by Mendenhall; "Dinah" by Aket; "Tell Me Not of a Lovely Lass" by Forsyth, and the college song "Old

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FIRST INSTITUTE
TO BE AT UNION

Three Teachers' Meetings
to Be Held in County
During Spring

The first of three school institutes to be held in Union county this spring will be Saturday, Feb. 12, at Union, the county school superintendent, E. A. Sayre, announced yesterday. The second institute will be held at Elgin and the third in La Grande. The dates for the last two have not yet been set.

H. H. Lasset, professor from the department of education at Whitman college, will be the principal speaker at the Union institute. He will address the Union county teachers gathered there both in the forenoon and afternoon.

A complete program for the institute is being made up by the county school superintendent and will be announced later.

Court Dismisses
Alienation Suit

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (AP)—Dismissal of the \$500,000 alienation of affections suit filed by Madame Helen Modica, against the Countess Margaret Thaw Carnegie De Perigny, sister of Harry Thaw, became known today.

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The Sunday following the convention.

During the regular legion meeting the progress of convention plans was reported and the American Legion show, to be Feb. 14 and 15, was discussed.

The dances at Legion hall were reported to be a success so far. Beginning tomorrow night old-time dances will be held every Thursday night, sponsored by the post. An effort is being made by the post to make the dances better as the time goes on.

A permanent hall committee was appointed, with Jess Andrews as chairman and manager. Other members of the committee are Otto Palmer, Lloyd E. Busby and Ray Williams.

A class of 25 new members were initiated at the meeting of the Ladies' auxiliary at Honan hall. Plans were to initiate a larger class, but several were unable to be there.

LOCAL WOMAN
MISSIONARY
CARRYING ON

Miss Geneva Sayre, in
Honan Province, Not in
Immediate Danger

MANY RELIGIOUS
WORKERS REMAIN

Overthrow of Old Traditions and Respect for Authority Fail to Kill Mission System.

With war in China and word that several missionaries have been compelled to leave, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sayre have received inquiry after inquiry asking about their daughter Miss Geneva Sayre, who has been a missionary in China for the past five years.

Word received from her by her parents says that there is war and rumors of war all about Honan province, where she is stationed, but that they are going ahead with the work untroubled.

Situation Serious
Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Sayre received a statement from missionary headquarters regarding the condition in China and the part where their daughter is located. "The situation in China seems to be assuming a serious aspect," the communication reads. "But the relatives and friends of missionaries there should not be unduly alarmed. A map of China will help greatly in visualizing the situation."

"The province of Honan is located well to the north. Hankow, the seat of the trouble a few weeks ago, is in the province of Hupsh, south of Honan, and Canton and Poonchow are in the southeastern part of China, a long distance from the province of Honan. Remembering that China in three times larger than the United States, including Alaska, and the lack of transportation facilities, distance means much more there than here."

No Alarms Yet
Several letters had been received at the missionary secretary's office from the missionaries in China, and although they were mailed about a month ago, all was quiet in their section. A close watch is being kept upon the situation by the missionary secretary's office and in the event of danger prompt action will be taken, according to the communication.

MISSIONARIES 'STAND PAT'

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (AP)—American missionaries in China are standing by their posts in the face of danger and mission institutions are being maintained despite a nationalist campaign against religion in Southern China and general renewal of political and religious warfare.

Overthrow of old traditions and respect for authority in favor of unbridled freedom in the nationalist campaign have failed to kill missionary zeal, or wreck the mission system, reports from missionary authorities in China indicate.

Most of a remote past and taboos symbolizing China's ancestral worship are being destroyed and a general philosophy breeding an immorality and materialism undreamed of in old China has been spread in the nationalist anti-religious campaign. Dr. N. Bercevic, Presbytery missionary doctor on the island of Hainan, China, has informed the Presbyterian board of foreign missions here.

ACCUSES RUSSIAN

LONDON, Feb. 2 (AP)—Commenting on the rupture in negotiations between the Soviet government and the British government, the Daily Telegraph said today:

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House Fails to
Agree to Plan
To Build Ships

Senate Amendment to the
Naval Supply Bill Goes
to Conference—Tax Cut
Action Due Friday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—Without debate the house today refused to accept the senate amendment to the naval appropriation bill, providing for three more cruisers. The bill was sent to conference.

The house also refused to accept all other senate amendments. The procedure is customary.

Representative French, republican, Idaho, was appointed to head the house conference.

Action Due on Tax Plan
The senate agreed today to go on record not later than Friday on the democratic proposal for tax reduction at this session of congress.

Plans to send regular American diplomatic representatives to the Irish Free State and to Canada has so far progressed that a state diplomatic request for appropriations for the purpose is now before the budget bureau.

Reject Proposal
The treasury's proposal for replacing the stock of medical liquor was rejected today by the house ways and means committee by a vote of 16 to 8.

The Trammell resolution proposing to rescind senate ratification of the world court was considered today by the senate foreign relations committee, but final action was deferred.

Chairman Borah said the resolution probably will be taken up again next week, but indicated there was little prospect of favorable action.

By a vote of eight to five, the senate foreign relations committee today indefinitely postponed action on the Norris resolution proposing an investigation of published reports that the state department sought to disseminate propaganda on bolshevik action in Mexico.

SAYS FEAR WAS
CAUSE OF CRIME

Woman, Aided by 12-
Year-Old Daughter
Slays Husband

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 2 (AP)—Anton Liska, 38, was hanged to death with axes wielded by his daughter Elizabeth, 12, and his wife, Anna, 35, today because they were "afraid he would kill us."

The wife, in telling police of the killing, said she struck the first blow with a long handled woodman's axe and her daughter aided her with a hatchet.

Mrs. Liska said her husband has been whipping her and their three children, Elizabeth, Tatlonette, 10, and Victoria, 14, and that the latter was forced to leave home. She told police that during the night she awakened her husband and asked him to get her a drink. He refused and quarreled with her for getting up and while returning to bed stumbled over an axe. Fearing her husband meant to kill her she awoke Elizabeth who secured a hatchet.

"I hit him several times on the head with the axe," Mrs. Liska told the police, "and then Elizabeth hit him."

The mother then awakened the other two children and all four went to a nearby police station.

"I'm sorry in a way I did it," she told police, "but I feel my children are safer. My heart is lighter for my children's lives. My husband had been drinking and abusing us so that we all feared for our lives."

Decision Helps
Local Producers

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Commenting upon the decision of the state supreme court yesterday upholding a rate order of the state public service commission, the commission today pointed out in a statement that it will permit a more free movement of basic agricultural commodities between Eastern Oregon and Willamette valley points.

It will permit the Eastern Oregon producer of hay to find a market among the western dairymen to the advantage of both producer and consumer said the commission.

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PATTERSON'S
PLAN GIVEN
LEGISLATURE

Special Message to Law-
Makers Is Delivered
This Afternoon

PROPOSES POPULAR
VOTE BE ORDERED

Revenues Would Not Be
Available Until 1928—
Would Tax State
Boards in Meantime.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Governor I. L. Patterson, in a special message to the state legislature, in joint session this afternoon, proposed that a state income tax be provided to meet the revenue problem of the state. The tax he suggested would be moderate, he said, and its maximum would not exceed three per cent.

Declaring that a referendum might be expected on the measure, the governor asked that the legislature provide for a special election to submit the question to the people.

Tax State Boards
The revenue from the proposed state income tax would not be available until 1928, he said, and for necessary funds for the state government in the meantime, he proposed that a five per cent tax be levied upon the revenues of state boards and commission.

Governor Patterson did not broach the income tax proposal until he had reviewed various expedients for raising the revenue necessary to bring the state out of an expected deficit of \$3,000,000 in next biennium. "The income tax I recommend would be graduated, and would have a low maximum, not more than three per cent," he said. "It would be framed with no intent or expectation that its revenue would be immediately sufficient to put the state on a cash basis, but it would provide sufficient revenue to meet the necessary obligations of the state under the present laws and when the obligations shall have been met, the income tax will operate to reduce the burden of state taxation on the property of the taxpayers."

Does Not Fear Capital
"It is my conviction that an income tax properly drawn will produce revenues sufficient to meet the present emergency and yet be so light in its application that capital or industry will not be reluctant to come to this state."

"It is my observation that the antipathy of new capital and industry is not to the payment of a moderate income tax, but to an apprehension of the state under the present laws and when the obligations shall have been met, the income tax will operate to reduce the burden of state taxation on the property