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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Rain tonight and
Friday. Mild temperature. South-
erly gales on the coast.

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\$175,000 IS
REQUESTED
FOR NORMALWays and Means Com-
mittee Favors Appro-
priation for SchoolALLOW \$40,000.00
FOR MAINTENANCEState Also Takes into
Consideration Plan of
La Grande Men to
Build Dormitory.News that the joint ways and
means committee had approved an
appropriation of \$175,000 for a
school building for the Eastern
Oregon normal school in La Grande
and \$40,000 for maintenance, sal-
aries and the like, was received in
La Grande early this morning.Besides the Associated Press dis-
patch received over The Observer's
cable wire from the state house,
State Senators Fred E. Kiddle and
Albert B. Hunter sent telegrams
telling of the committee's action.
The Associated Press story fol-
lows:SEATTLE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore.,
Feb. 3. (AP)—Normal schools of
Oregon will have well over a mil-
lion dollars with which to operate
in the next two years, counting
millage taxes, receipts, appropriations,
approved by the ways and
means committee of the legislature.The ways and means committee
has approved appropriations aggregat-
ing \$334,210. Millage taxes for
the normal schools at Monmouth
and Ashland total \$412,150, the re-
ceipts for these two schools are
estimated at \$52,000, and the peo-
ple of La Grande will issue bonds
in the sum of \$100,000 to build a
dormitory for the school to be es-
tablished there.For the new Eastern Oregon nor-
mal at La Grande the committee
approved \$175,000 for a school
building and \$40,000 for mainte-
nance, salaries, wages, etc.The southern Oregon normal
school at Ashland will draw \$66,-
000 in millage taxes. In a previous
meeting the ways and means com-
mittee approved \$32,210 for sal-
aries, wages and general expenses,
and last night \$150,000 was ap-
proved for a new dormitory. An
additional \$100,000 was requested
for new buildings. Receipts are
estimated at \$12,000.CLUB LEADER
TO COME HERE
EARLY IN WEEKLeonard Allen, assistant state
club leader, will arrive in La
Grande the first of the week and
with H. G. Avery, county agricul-
turalist, will hold a series of meet-
ings, beginning Monday. In the
various districts interested in boys'
and girls' club work.The meetings will be to discuss
club work and show motion pic-
tures of various clubs in the state
and the work they are doing.Eagles to Launch
Membership DriveRobert Hoepfer, representative
of the Fraternal Order of Eagles
grand lodge, arrived in La Grande
today and will assist the La Grande
Aerie in a membership drive, which
will begin immediately.Hoepfer will probably be here
for several weeks.MAKES REQUEST
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (AP)—
Secretary Kellogg was called upon
by the senate to give it the names
of Americans and American cor-
porations owning or claiming lands
or oil concessions in Mexico.EXPOSED
TO A NEW
IDEAIf 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 en-
joyed 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 inatten-
tion, forgets that every business
man's new customer was some-
other business man's old cus-
tomer. So the forlorn merchant
keeps contact with you through
Observer advertising—
"A Merchandising Service"Renumbering of
Houses Is Need,
City Dads HearJ. H. Keeney Resigns
from Boxing Commis-
sion—Paving to Be Re-
paired.Discussion of various problems
featured the city commission meet-
ing last night, ranging from re-
numbering of houses to repairs of
pavement.City Manager W. C. Crews de-
clared that the numbering of
houses here has not always been
regular and that some confusion
has developed, and that some have
no numbers. City Attorney George
T. Cochran suggested that this be
referred to the city planning com-
mission and President A. T. Hill
acted upon his suggestion.A letter from R. J. Green called
attention to settling of the pave-
ment and sidewalk on Second be-
tween M and N and asked if this
could be fixed. Crews reported that
the Warren Construction company
would fix this as well as several
other jobs this year. The construc-
tion company guaranteed its work
and will have to make these re-
pairs at no expense to the city.

Keeney From Commission

J. H. Keeney, who has been a
member of the boxing commission
for two years, resigned last night.
His resignation was accepted and
Hill suggested that Crews confer
with Roy Furnum, chairman of
the commission, concerning a suc-
cessor.The city attorney reported that
drafting of a garbage ordinance
would have to wait until after the
trial of Minerva Knight vs. City of
La Grande was heard in circuit
court.Commissioner Charles Playne
said that La Grande needs a
building ordinance more than laws
regulating the disposal of garbage.
The survey list for January,
amounting to \$4,764.71, was al-
lowed.NEW EXAM FORMS
USED IN COUNTYResult Is Successful—
State Contemplating
Adopting MethodA new form of examination
questions was introduced at the
last eighth grade state examina-
tion held Jan. 20 and 21, which
proved so successful that the state
department contemplates using
this method in all subjects in the
near future. The new method was
used only in the Geography ex-
amination last month as a try-out.The new form is known as the
objective test, and the first one
consisted of 175 printed questions,
to be answered by writing in a
word or making a cross to indicate
the correct answer. In this way
less writing was required of the
pupil and more time given for
thinking.

Pupils Like Plan

Reports from over the county
indicate that the pupils as well
as the teachers are well pleased
with the new method. E. A. Sayre,
county school superintendent, re-
ports. Pupils taking the examina-
tion were not expected to pass out
of the subject at this time, but
answered the questions as a trial.Seven pupils, outside of La
Grande public schools, entitled to
pass out of the eighth grade and
begin their high school work were
granted diplomas. They were:Evelyn Bowman and Lawrence
Jones, of North Powder; Beulah
Wright and Eldon Gray, of Lower
Cove; Beulah Lay, The Park; and
Wanda Hendren and Irene Taylor,
Sacred Heart academy.Aged Man Hangs
Himself in ShackPORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3. (AP)—
Fred Albers, 67, hanged himself
in a shack belonging to Dr. S. D.
Briggs, a high school teacher, early
today. Albers, who had been an
inmate of Altheim, a German
home for the aged, moved Sunday
to Dr. Briggs' place. Yesterday he
asked for a rope to be fastened to
the rafters above his bed, so he
could pull himself up off the bed
in the mornings. He was found
dead this morning, hanging by the
rope. He had no known relatives.

8000 HOMELESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 3.
(AP)—Nine hundred families or
8000 persons are homeless in the
White river valley flood area. It
was estimated today by Miss Nel-
lie Williams, representative of the
American Red Cross at Bradford,
Prairie county, after a survey of
the White Cache, Little Rock and
St. Francis river sections.

CREATE NEW OFFICE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (AP)—
Creation of a new civilian insular
office, to administer the territorial
governments of the Philippines,
Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands,
Guam and Samoa, is proposed in a
bill prepared by Chairman Willis
of the senate territorial committee,
as an outgrowth of the Carl
Smithson investigation in the house.CONFERENCE
DATES ARE
NOT DECIDEDFirst Arrangements Dis-
carded Because of Con-
flicting MeetingsOTHER PLANS ARE
MAKING PROGRESSMore Than Usual Atten-
tion to Be Devoted to
Woman's Part in This
Year's Annual Event.Although no definite dates have
been set for Union county's fourth
annual economic conference, plans
are going ahead for one of the
best conferences ever held here.
Wallowa county is also planning
an economic conference this year,
the dates of the two to correspond.
It is thought now that the Union
county conference will be March
17 and 18 and the Wallowa county
conference the following two
days, March 19 and 20. Dates
selected earlier, conflicting with
other conferences and had to be
discarded.More than usual attention is to
be devoted to woman's part of the
conference this year with Mrs. J.
J. Chadwick, of Cove, prominent
in grange work in the county, as
chairman of the committee. Mrs.
Lynn Hill, of Elgin, and Mrs. W.
T. Phay, of Hot Lake, are other
members of the committee.At present the committee hopes
to have two specialists from the
women's department last year—
the first time the conference ever
had a division of this kind, will
act as advisor.Announcement of the women's
program will be announced at all
of the grange meetings in an ef-
fort to enlarge the attendance this
year as much as possible.At present the committee hopes
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of something regarding entertain-
ing in the farm home with sug-
gestions as to serving, the menu
and table etiquette, planning
spring sewing and helps in re-
modeling clothes for school; home
decoration and the arrangement
of furniture; practical budgeting
and accounts for the home; and a
health period, in which the hab-
its of children, remedies for phys-
ical defects and problems on suit-
able school lunches will be dis-
cussed by Dr. Phay and Miss Alice
Margaret, county health nurse.Round table discussions will be
in charge of local women when
everyone will be given a chance
to ask questions and express
opinions.Will Celebrate
Anniversary of
Oregon Feb. 14Plans for local celebration of the
state of Oregon's 59th birthday
anniversary here Feb. 14 have
been worked out by the Sons and
Daughters of Union County Pion-
neers. It is announced today.A banquet featuring chicken will
be served in the M. E. church build-
ing at 6 o'clock in the evening,
open to the public. A small charge
per plate will be made and a pro-
gram in keeping with the day is
being arranged. Tributes to
pioneers will form a part of this.
The organization is hopeful of
making this an annual affair.Wales Town
Has 58-Letter
Name!LANFAIRWELLYNGWYLL-
LOGEIRYCHYRNDROSWELL-
ANDYSILOGOOGOGGOCH, Wales,
Feb. 3. (AP) This little town on the
island of Anglesey is becoming
popular as a vacation resort, and
the villagers are all agog over the
pronunciation of the name of the
place.Llanfair, the first two syllables,
or Llanfairgoch, the first two com-
bined with the last syllable, always
has been used, but with the grow-
ing importance of the town, the
hundred per cent Llanfairians, who are burst-
ing with civic pride and who also
have plenty of time to spare, insist
on running through the full gamut
of Welsh polysyllables.A literal translation of the vil-
lage name is: "Church of St. Mary,
in a hollow of white hazel, near St.
Tysilio church, which is near a
red cave."Wallowa Grange
For Income TaxWALLOWA, Ore., Feb. 3. (AP)—
At a recent meeting of the
Wallowa grange a resolution was
adopted favoring a state income
tax law, embodying the principles
advocated in the state grange in-
come tax measure, which was de-
feated at the Nov. 2 election.Banker and Fair
Cashier Sought
By State PolicePresident of Florence
Bank and Woman Em-
ployee, 26, Disappear—
Depositary Robbed.EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 3. (AP)—
A warrant has been issued for the
arrest of Henry L. Bergman, pres-
ident of the Florence State bank,
following his disappearance. An-
other warrant is out for Miss Har-
riet Weatherston, cashier of the
bank, who has also disappeared.The warrants charge the two
with embezzlement of the bank's
funds.Prior to their disappearance Miss
Weatherston told a story of robbery
of the bank. A lone bandit un-
masked, entered the bank and
robbed it of more than \$13,000 in
cash, and an additional sum in
travelers checks, she said. The
holdup locked her in the vault
after securing the funds, she said.
She was alone in the bank at the
time. Bergman was in Portland.Bank Closed
The bank was ordered closed
yesterday by H. O. Vogett, bank
examiner, who has been at Flo-
rence for a number of days, in-
vestigating the bank's affairs.The story of the robbery was told
by Miss Weatherston last Thursday.
Later she came to Eugene, where
she was questioned by county of-
ficials. She told the same story
here.She and Bergman had separate
rooms at a local hotel. On Tuesday
morning they had an appointment
with officials here but failed to
keep the appointment. An investi-
gation revealed that they had left
the hotel, but had not checked
out. They had not been at the
hotel over night.Borrowed Auto
Yesterday it was learned that
Bergman had borrowed an auto-
mobile from C. H. Farris, lumber-
man of this city, who has a saw-
mill at Cushman. He said that he
wanted to go to Portland to raise
money to take the bank over, after
the robbery. He said that he
would return Tuesday, and that
Miss Weatherston was returning to
Florence.Bergman cashed a \$200 check
here just before his disappearance.
Bergman has extensive timber
and lumber interests at Florence.
His wife and two children are at
Florence. He is about 35 years old.Miss Weatherston, a native of
Florence, is 26 years of age. She
has been employed as cashier of
the bank for a number of years.

PART OF MONEY RETURNED

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 3. (AP)—
A portion of the money missing from
the Florence state bank last Thurs-
day was returned to H. O. Vogett,
examiner for the state department
of banking, who is in charge of the
investigation.

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SEVERAL BILLS
COME TO A VOTEGeneral Luxury Tax
Measure Withdrawn by
Wasco County SolicitorSTATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore.,
Feb. 3. (AP)—Oregon, My Ore-
gon, is adopted as the state song
by senate joint resolution number
3, which was passed by the senate
today. The resolution must yet
pass the house. It is recom-
mended by the schools and patri-
otic societies.The Indian or whoever may in-
clude in a game called "Indian
sticks" may continue to play with-
out being a law breaker, because
the house today indefinitely pos-
tponed house bill 26, introduced by
Representative Joseph N. Scott, of
Pendleton. The bill would have
classified "Indian sticks" with other
gambling games and provided a
penalty for operators of the same.The house also rocked to sleep
house bill 92, which would have
levied a tax of five per cent on the
gross receipts of express com-
panies in Oregon.Representative Albert S. Roberts,
of Wasco county, withdrew house
bill 213 which would have provided
a general luxury tax. Representa-
tive A. E. Allen took similar ac-
tion with his bill 252, which would
have provided for a heavy system
of license tax on theaters and
other amusement places.Representative King was prepar-
ing a bill today to add one cent to
the gasoline tax, the additional
revenue to be used in scaling down
auto license fees.Speaker Carlin today requested
authors of various proposed re-
venue measures to withdraw their
bills this afternoon so that the
state may be cleared to consider
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OF LOGGING
FIRMS LOOMSSeventy Per Cent of
Northwestern Compan-
ies Figure in Plan360 MILLIONS IS
PROPERTY WORTHConference in Chicago Is
Described as One of the
Best Meetings of Lum-
bermen Since War.PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3. (AP)—
Plans for a gigantic merger of log-
ging, milling and lumber shipping
in the Pacific Northwest, involv-
ing approximately 70 of the large
companies of Oregon, Washington
and British Columbia and repre-
senting about one-third of the an-
nual lumber output of this section,
give promise of materializing, ac-
cording to information given out
today following a conference in
Chicago of heads of the interested
companies.The merger involves property
valued at \$360,000,000 and is said
to be the largest merger of the
sort on record. The financing of
this merger will be handled
through a great bond issue.A statement of the conference
was issued by the National City
bank, signed by 18 well known
Oregon lumbermen. The confer-
ence was described as the best
meeting of lumbermen since the
great war. Subjects discussed fol-
low:1—Conservation of timber.
2—Stabilization of the industry.
3—To decide on plans for the
integration of the industry.4—To confer with the represen-
tatives of the National City com-
pany of New York with reference
to the possibility of later on con-
solidating some of the interests.Each delegate present pledged
his institution to unlimited co-
operation in the program.San Francisco
Bay Region Hit
By Heavy RainsSAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3. (AP)—
Tremendous rains cascading
down on the San Francisco bay
region between 5 a. m. and 7 a. m.
today turned streets into rivers,
forced the abandonment of hun-
dreds of automobiles and, in the
eastern section of Lake Merritt, in
Oakland, stopped all street car
traffics for an hour.Approximately 500 automobiles
were marooned on the highway be-
tween Oakland and San Leandro
when that artery was turned into a
mill race. All of the storm sewer
manholes in the Oakland busi-
ness section sent up geyzers of
flood waters, in some instances
several feet high. Many basements
of the costly homes in the Lake
Merritt region were flooded, and
that body of water overlapped its
banks and ran out on the en-
circling roads.At some points in Alameda county
the streets were under three
feet of water.San Francisco did not appear to
be so hit although there were
many flooded streets and basements.McNary Farm Bill
Is Before SenateWASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (AP)—
The McNary-Haugen farm equal-
ization fee measure was taken up
by the senate today on motion of
Chairman McNary of the agricul-
ture committee.TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 3. (AP)—
Lady Nicotine's "pags" have come
back to Kansas. Twenty years' en-
forcement of a law forbidding the
sale of cigarettes ended today when
Governor Paulsen signed a bill of
repeal which had been ratified by
the legislature.Bishop Scatters Ashes on Fellow
Passengers and Is Put Off TrainDENVER, Colo., Feb. 3. (AP)—
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Denver Liberal church, ejected
from a passenger train at La
Junta, Colo., yesterday, because
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fended the aesthetic nature of the
conductor and his habit of scat-
tering ashes over himself and those
in his immediate vicinity offend-
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the plane. Failing of a response
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JUST A BUNCH FROM DOGVILLE

With La Grande's dog population well over the half thousand
mark, this bunch from Dogville thought that maybe The Observer
readers might like to look 'em over. The little fellow to the
right, with a black ear and an inquisitive twist to his head, is
asking: "Got any chickens to chase today, mister, or any bones
to bury? We're the gang that can do it for you."Says Slavery Is
In Existence in
Parts of SouthNEW ORLEANS, Feb. 3. (AP)—
Black slavery comparable to that
which existed "down the river" in
ante-bellum times, was the object
of an extended investigation today
by department of justice agents.The indictment yesterday of
Webb Bellue and John D. Alford,
of Amite county, Mississippi, on
charges of abduction, sale and en-
slavement of five negroes is to be
followed by disclosure of peonage
in St. Helena and Tangipahoa par-
ishes in Louisiana, if evidences now
in the hands of the U. S. district
attorney here proves substantial
officials said.Alford and Bellue were indicted
on testimony that they had gone
to the home of Crawford Allen, 50-
year-old negro, near the Louisiana
border, in Amite county, Mississip-
pi, last August, seeking his grown
daughter. When they failed to find
the woman, according to the in-
dictment they forced Allen to get
out of a sick bed and accompany
them to a farm at Plaquemine, La. They
also forced his wife and three
children, all under 12 years of age,
to accompany them. The negroes
were taken at night and hurried
from their home half clad.Sold for \$20
The family was sold for \$20, de-
partment office justice agents
charged, and was forced to work
several weeks without pay and
with little food. An armed guard
watched the negroes.Investigation of the case has re-
vealed the existence of peonage
conditions under which other
negroes are held in a state of vir-
tual enslavement, officials said.My company will never go to
Wall Street," Henry Ford has said.
Stock of the Ford Motor com-
pany is not available in any mar-
ket, but Ford Motor company of
Canada is quoted on the New York
cable against Henry's wishes, the
presumption is.Except for the one instance of
handing a hat, Ford has been a
good host to callers from Wall
street. New York financiers at
various times have been his guest
in Detroit with the stipulation that
talk of buying his company was
barred.Ford's greeting
"Oh, you are one of those Wall
street guys," was Ford's greeting
(Continued on Page Five)Senate Adds to
Army Supply BillWASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (AP)—
Besides approving the house
provision for an increase in the
size of the standing army to
118,750 men, the senate ap-
propriations committee has
added \$2,295,135 to the annual
war department appropriation
exceeding the budget estimate
by \$224,555.Increased added by the senate
committee include:
Expenses of the national guard
\$110,280.
The total of the bill is \$360,293,-
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REACH CHINA
SHORES SOONTwo Battalions Nearly
Ready to Depart from
San Diego BaseCOMPANY LEAVES
CAVITE TOMORROWThree U. S. Cruisers Will
Sail from Balboa in the
Next 24 Hours, Pres-
umably for Far East.SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 3. (AP)—
—Carrying 1,200 officers and men
of the fourth regiment of U. S.
marines, the naval transport Cham-
mont sailed from here this after-
noon for Guam. The vessel will
go to its destination by way of
Honolulu. Leading of the trans-
port was completed earlier than
the estimated time necessary.SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 3. (AP)—
—After one battalion of the Fourth
regiment of marines from the San
Diego base had worked through
the night loading ammunition and
supplies aboard the big transport
Chamont, due to sail late today
for the orient, the second battalion
took up the task this morning and
it was expected that the troop ship
would start before evening for
Shanghai by way of Honolulu and
Guam.Butler General Goodbye
Although General Smedley D.
Butler, noted commander of the
battalion, had been expected to
depart formally at a review yester-
day afternoon, he went to the pier
late last night to see the first bat-
talion embark and expressed re-
gret that he could not accompany
the marines on their mission.Colonel Charles S. Hill will com-
mand the fourth on its voyage and
into such work as may be deman-
ded of it in the far east. It is un-
derstood here that the Chamont will
stop at Guam only for orders and
if the marines are not needed be-
fore sent to Manila. General Butler
at the municipal pier today to say
goodbye to the departing marines.MARINES LEAVE CAVITE
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (AP)—
A force of 250 American marines
will leave Cavite, Philippine is-
lands, tomorrow for Shanghai,
China.Admiral Williams, who as com-
mander of the Asiatic fleet has
been given discretion in the move-
ment of American naval forces in