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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Friday probably rain in the west portion. Cooler south portion tonight. Fresh south to east winds on the coast.

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TRAIL BODY AGREES UPON NEW POLICY

Less Time Will Be Devoted to Publicity, More to Constructive Work

W. C. CALDER, BAKER
IS NEW PRESIDENT

Association Plans Caravans East and West from La Grande to Determine Cash Income.

Henceforth the Old Oregon Trail association will follow practical business methods in developing its programs, yet, at the same time, will not sacrifice a bit of the sentimentality that surrounds this most famous of home-seeking pioneer paths.

Such was the decision reached here yesterday at the annual meeting of the association.

The plan is to secure a major portion of necessary funds from business men directly interested in tourist travel rather than to resort to a set-quotas for towns and counties. Caravans will be sent east to Portland and west to Seaside to hold meetings of garage-men, auto camp proprietors, grocers, butchers, hotel men and all others who benefit from tourist trade. At these sessions it will be determined how much each town or city can furnish for the association's work. And, after the caravans report, a definite program for the year will be agreed upon.

The dollar membership will not be dropped but will be offered as in the past.

Less time will be devoted to publicity, leaving this in the hands of the Portland chamber of commerce, and more will be given to improving construction along the trail. A man will be sent along the highway during the tourist season for the express purpose of interviewing auto travel bureaus and camp grounds to spread the gospel of the Old Oregon Trail highway, especially in reference to scenic points of unusual interest and side trips.

W. C. Calder, of Baker, was elected president and C. C. Colt, of Portland, was re-elected treasurer. A. W. Nelson, of La Grande, who expressed a desire to retire, will continue as secretary temporarily until a successor can be chosen.

New directors elected follow: Two-year terms: W. C. Calder, Baker; C. L. Caldwell, Union; Herbert Cuthbert, Portland; one-year term: M. N. Huntington, Walla Walla; Sherwood Williams, La Grande; Mr. Sweeting, Pendleton.

Cooperation Stressed

Resolutions were adopted in the afternoon as follows:

Favoring policy of cooperation instead of antagonism to rival highways, both major and minor.

Commending the Oregon, Idaho and Washington press for its cooperation and its publicity.

Thanking Walter E. Meacham, past president; A. W. Nelson, secretary, and C. C. Colt, treasurer, for their service during the year.

The Portland chamber of commerce was commended lengthily for its publicity work on behalf of the Old Oregon Trail highway and personal praise was given Cuthbert, in charge of the work.

**LOCAL MAN IS
ELECTED HEAD
OF MARBLE CO.**

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Feb. 17 (Special).—The Black Marble company's directors, L. E. Jordan, Enterprise; Charles A. Binghamman, La Grande; John Dean, Cove; William Boulet, Elgin; H. McGoldrick, Imbler; J. Ross Leslie, Joseph; E. H. Gault, Joseph; S. D. Kellner, Enterprise; and J. A. Burleigh, Enterprise, met Monday evening here and elected officers.

Binghamman was elected president, Jordan vice president, Burleigh secretary and Gault treasurer.

The company contemplates opening up operations of the kilns as soon as spring comes.

**IF YOU WERE
INVITED TO
SPEAK**

If you were a business man and received an invitation to speak about your business—your goods and your services—before a crowd of twelve or fifteen thousand people in this territory, would you accept?

Maybe you'd be too bashful or stage-struck to speak for yourself, but you'd most certainly see that someone competent did it. It would be too wonderful a massed opportunity to miss. So is it any wonder that the progressive business men of La Grande grasp a similar opportunity and talk daily to the 15,000 readers of The Observer—especially when the cost is the lowest to be had?

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Flow Increasing at New Artesian Well at Viaduct

City Commissioners to Continue Drilling in Hopes of a Still Better Yield.

Decision to continue drilling at the new deep artesian well near the second street viaduct as long as indications exist that a better flow can be obtained, was made at the city commission meeting last night.

It was reported that the flow had increased considerably during the last few days with drilling under way and the commissionmen hope that the yield can still be bettered.

When the well first came in it was flowing about 200 gallons a minute. City Manager W. C. Crews reported this morning that the flow has increased to approximately 550 to 600 gallons a minute, which amounts to about 750,000 to 800,000 gallons every 24 hours. The flow is already much stronger than in the first well.

Miller Resigns.

C. B. Miller, local architect, tendered his resignation as a member of the city planning commission. The commission refused to act upon his resignation last night. In the hopes that he can be persuaded to continue in this position.

The treasurer's report for the month of January was read and filed. It showed \$107,814.81 cash on hand Jan. 1 and a balance of \$88,172.22 Feb. 1.

An ordinance was passed declaring the final assessments on sewer district 3-8 and an improvement district No. 164, was created calling for macadam streets, curbs, storm sewers, and a sidewalk on the east side of North Ash from Y to Benton.

Other minor matters were attended to before adjournment.

Six Arrests by Police Add To City 'Boarders'

"Talk about new hotels—I think the city hotel, otherwise the jail, is about as popular as any," Police Chief Clint Haynes remarked this morning. His register showed a total of 15 "boarders."

Nine are on the regular crew, doing time, and six arrests were made last night.

Jim Thompson, wanted by the Walla Walla county sheriff, is one of the prisoners.

Others include: Clyde Gargile, accused of possession of liquor; Wayne New and John Galman, charged with drunkenness, and two others, said by officers to have been drunk or taking drink.

Trials will be held today or tonight.

Campfire Guardian Association Formed

Following the forming of six new campfire girl groups here within the last few months, a guardians' association has been organized to supervise campfire girl activities and promote the work of the organization.

A year ago a group was organized with Mrs. A. V. Lindgren as leader. During the winter six more groups have been formed.

The guardians are Mrs. L. H. Aves, Mrs. D. C. French, Mrs. A. V. Lindgren, Miss Henrietta Herwig, Miss Myrtle Frost, Miss Esther Phelps, and Miss Arta Verity.

Mrs. Aves is chairman, Miss Verity, vice chairman and Mrs. A. V. Lindgren, secretary-treasurer. Officers were elected Tuesday at a meeting in the Neighborhood club rooms. Mrs. Lee Warnick was present as a representative from the girls' committee of the Neighborhood club.

**Hattie Friswold
Wins \$173 Verdict**

Hattie Friswold was awarded a verdict of \$173 in a breach of contract suit brought against Jerome Foley and others in circuit court. The plaintiff sued for \$200 and costs.

Today the case of the assault vs. Joe Pupill, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill, is being tried before Judge J. W. Knowles. Testimony for the prosecution is being taken this afternoon. Pupill was arrested following a shooting affray on the north side several months ago in which several Austrians were wounded, one seriously.

**Brothers' Day at
Grange Saturday**

The men of the Blue Mountain grange are preparing this week for brothers' day, which is to be observed Saturday. The men will serve the dinner.

The menu is being kept secret but the brothers promise it will be an elaborate one. Several members from other granges are expected to attend.

FARM RELIEF BILL NEARS HOUSE VOTE

Aswell and Curtis-Crisp Measures Rejected This Afternoon

ATTACK LAUNCHED BY G. O. P. LEADER

Representative Tilson Says McNary-Haugen Bill Would Be a Step Toward Sovietism.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP).—Rushing towards a final vote on the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, the house today rejected in rapid order the Aswell and Curtis-Crisp measures which were offered as substitutes.

The vote against the Aswell bill was 140 to 144, while that against the Curtis-Crisp measure was 177 to 156. Neither was a roll call vote and both bills can be offered later as substitutes although friends of the McNary-Haugen bill professed to see in today's test that token of the victory which they claim.

The house then rejected, 310 to 33, a move to substitute the debtors farm relief bill framed by Representative Jones, Democrat, Texas.

On a viva voce vote, the house also turned down a motion by Representative Hill, republican, Maryland, to substitute the Curtis-Crisp national commodity marketing bill, rejected last year.

TILSON ATTACKS BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP).—Legislation such as proposed in the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill leads in the direction of socialism and enactment of the measure would be a long stride toward that condition, Representative Tilson, of Connecticut, the republican leader, declared in the house today.

"It means," he said, "that a particular class of our people acting through representatives of their own choosing, are to be clothed with tremendous powers over the very means of life itself affecting vitally the lives and fortunes of the whole people."

"I cannot bring myself to believe that the courts will ever sustain such legislation."

The house leader attacked principally the sections of the bill providing for selection of a farm board by the president from a list of previously nominated industrialists.

**ART EXAMS ARE
BEFORE SCHOOLS**

Much Interest Shown by Children; Contest Attracts Many Entries

Great interest is manifested in the art examinations, which started in the La Grande schools yesterday. Two members from the art committee of the Neighborhood club, which is sponsoring the movement in the schools and the parent-teacher president of each school, form the committee in charge of the examinations.

Oral examinations in all of the lower grades were completed this morning and this afternoon the written examinations in the fifth and sixth grades are being given. Shortly before two o'clock this morning more than 1,000 slips had been given out to the children, the slips indicating the number of children taking part.

In the oral examinations the children were required to name 20 pictures and the artist in three minutes. One little child in Mrs. Ingie's room named all 20 pictures and was correctly in one minute's time yesterday.

When the slips are gone over by the committee in charge the room in each school with the highest average, considering the number of students in the room, will be awarded a picture. In addition to this each child passing the examination will be awarded a certificate from the State Federation of Women's club art department.

**La Grande Girls to Face Union
Minus Betty Cochran, Star Center**

With the news that Betty Cochran, the girls' star center, has been forbidden to play in the Union-La Grande game Saturday night, because of a severe case of the "flu," local fans are debating whether the girls can spring a second team surprise as the boys did against Baker last Saturday. The team will undoubtedly be handicapped by this loss in the center where the team's work combination between Cochran and Stange was a source of strength, but Coach Johnson has tried a number of prospective combinations this week and the rest of the team is in good condition

PATTERSON'S INCOME TAX BILL PASSES

Senators Approve Administration Measure at Night Session

THREE NEGATIVE VOTES COUNTED

Fight to Obtain Amendments to Governor's Plan to Cover Deficit Beaten 21 to 9.

The ways and means committee appropriation bills were introduced into the house this morning but adjournment came before any major items were reached. The La Grande armory bill is among the measures now before the house. Action may be taken later today.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 17 (AP).—The tilting bill was reported out by the senate committee on amendments and taxation this afternoon with the recommendation that it pass. Several members of the committee did not join in the report and reserved the right to oppose the bill.

Opponents predicted the bill would be killed in the senate.

**Ministers Begin
Religious Census
Campaign Today**

A religious canvass of the city, under the auspices of the ministerial association, was started today in an effort to determine the religious affiliations of the people of La Grande.

A meeting was called Tuesday night of the canvassers when instructions were received and canvassing teams were appointed in the various districts. Yesterday the ministers of the city met and completed allotments of territory.

About 30 teams, of two persons each, will do the canvassing and the entire city will be covered as well as some of the close-by districts just outside of the city limits.

The ministerial association is asking the cooperation of the people in regard to the canvass, declaring that the questions asked will require only a few minutes to answer and that only general questions and nothing of an embarrassing nature will be asked.

The purpose of the canvass is to get in the idea of the religious situation throughout the city. Plans are to have the canvass practically completed within a week's time.

**Man Badly Injured
In Shooting Fray**

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 17 (AP).—Thomas McCormick Jr., of Keno, is near death and Aaron Moore, grocery man of the same town, is under arrest, in an open charge as the result of a shooting affray on the main street of the small town at 11:30 a. m. today.

A shotgun shell fired at a distance of seven feet, tore off the lower side of McCormick's face and jaw. His recovery is in doubt.

According to authorities, the shooting was the culmination of an argument between Moore and his father, Isaac Moore and McCormick. The argument, it is said, was over state game laws.

**Revision of Rates
Suspended Today**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP).—A revision of class rates to Portland, Ore., and Seattle from points along the Oregon—Washington boundary, which railroads propose to make effective tomorrow, was suspended today by the interstate commerce commission, effective June 8.

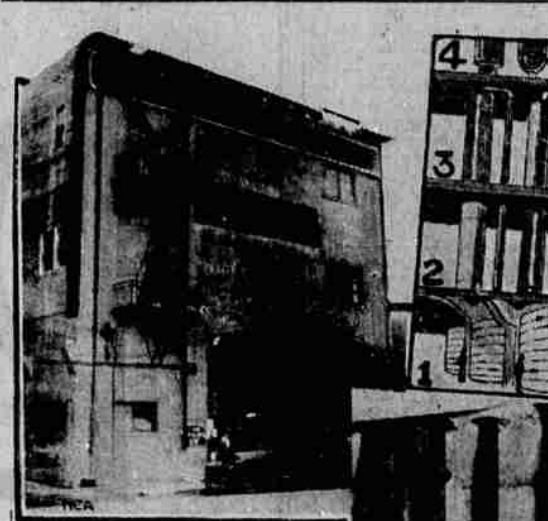
**Star's Condition
Is Still Critical**

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 17 (AP).—The condition of Mabel Normand, who is in the Santa Monica hospital suffering from a bronchial pneumonia and an abscessed lung, remained critical today. The film player's temperature dropped from 102 during the night to 101, but her respiration had gone up to 40, showing that the lung congestion is making breathing very difficult.

**Japanese Woman
Freed by Jurors**

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17 (AP).—Mrs. Mary Higurra, Japanese kindergarten teacher, who killed Masao Okada with a hammer when he forced his way into her room Sunday night, was exonerated by a coroner's jury. District Attorney Meyers said all evidence showed that she acted in self defense, and that the case was submitted to the grand jury merely as a formality.

\$100,000 L. A. STILL UNCOVERED



These views and diagram illustrate the largest distilling plant ever seized in the west. Enforcement officers at Los Angeles, where the plant was uncovered, say that it cost \$100,000 and had been doing a business of \$12,000 a day for six or eight weeks. The diagram shows its arrangement on four floors of the building illustrated, while below agents inspect a portion of the apparatus.

WALLOWA, UNION MASONS GATHER

Joint Meeting Held in the Presbyterian Church Here Last Night

Dinner was served to approximately 135 Masons from Union and Wallowa counties at the First Presbyterian church dining room at 6:30 o'clock last evening by the local Post Matrons' society of the Eastern Star, with Mrs. Florence Bacon, president, in charge, when a joint meeting of Union and Wallowa county Masons was held here.

During the dinner a musical program was furnished by an orchestra composed of members of the La Grande lodge, No. 41 A. F. and A. M.

Following dinner the Masons adjourned to the lodge hall and witnessed the conferment of the Master Mason degree by a select and talented degree team from Wallowa county. The work was exemplified by one of the finest exhibitions of ability in this line that has been seen in this vicinity, according to the Masons present.

During the course of the evening the visiting masters and prominent visitors were introduced. At appropriate times the local Masonic quartet rendered selections which were well received. Visiting members were permitted, following the work of the evening, to express their pleasure in seeing the performance of the evening.

The following lodges were well represented: Wallowa, Joseph, Enterprise, Lostine, Baker, Union, Cove, Elgin and Summerville. There were also several visitors holding membership in lodges located in other towns in Oregon or other states.

After the degree work a general get-together was held before adjournment.

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This college youth, federal agents said, furious at having been fleeced of \$7000 in one of the night clubs, went to Washington, obtained a position as a prohibition agent and has been spending his own money in getting evidence against high class night clubs.

The agents refused to reveal the young man's identity, but it was said he had seven others, including four women agents, had been guests at various night clubs. The party was said to have been in the Three Hundred club at the time of the raid and to have tipped off the raiding party.

Eighteen agents, including four women, descended upon the club,

People of Cove Expect to Have Rail Connection

Hope to Cooperate with City of Union to Maintain Operations on the C. R. of O.

A movement is under way at Cove, sponsored by fruit men and others vitally interested in the matter, to negotiate with the county for the purchase of the Cove-Union stretch of railroad or to secure some disposition of that portion of the Central Railroad of Oregon so that the line may be placed in condition to serve Cove interests at least a part of the year and to provide for the movement of crops to outside markets.

With Union people planning to operate the stretch between Union and Union Junction Cove interests believe that arrangements could be made whereby Cove and Union could cooperate in operations, placing the operation costs and the overhead at a minimum.

It is said that no plans have as yet been made by the county in reference to the Cove-Union stretch of railroad but that the sentiment of the county as a whole would be favorable to the Cove plan if it were so arranged that no additional expense would be placed on the county and the purchase price taken care of.

Cove service to the O.-W. main line, it is pointed out, would benefit the county as a whole as well as the Cove people.

**Uncle Sam Sends
More Warships to
Southern Waters**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP).—Concern for the safety of American lives and property because of the recently increased outbreaks in the Nicaraguan civil war evidently has prompted augmentation of United States naval forces in the Central American republic.

The additional forces included a company of 200 marines and a division of six airplanes, making the dispatch of aircraft to the Nicaraguan zone for the first time. Both units were ordered from San Diego to Corinto on the west coast of Nicaragua and will be taken on the destroyer tender Melville as soon as the airplanes are made ready for shipment.

In addition to the San Diego units, the naval transport Itasca, which is enroute to San Diego from Philadelphia to Newport, R. I., to take aboard 800 bluejackets for duty with the fleet in Cuban waters, also is being held in readiness by the navy department to transport marines from the Quantico, Va., base to southern waters if need for them arises.

Three cruisers the Richmond, Cincinnati and Marblehead, which arrived yesterday at Honolulu, from Nicaragua enroute to the Asiatic fleet, are being detained at the Hawaiian port to await further orders.

PANAMA, Feb. 17 (AP).—Rear Admiral Latimer, in charge of the special United States service squadron in Nicaraguan waters, said today he had not requested additional marines.

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STORM STILL GRIPS SOUTH COAST AREA

Death Toll Steadily Growing in California—500 Persons Homeless

SNOWSLIDES KILL THREE IN UTAH

San Diego Menaced for Many Hours; Untold Damage Caused to Crops, Highways.

By the Associated Press

Southern California flood bound as the result of four days of unprecedented rain and snow.

Five thousand persons homeless after fleeing from high water in Venice, Long Beach, Anaheim, Fullerton, Los Angeles, San Diego and smaller towns near the southern metropolis.

Death toll reached 21 at toll in snow slides near Fresno was swelled to 13.

Property damage untold; \$1,000,000 damage to bridges in Los Angeles alone; total probably will reach several millions.

Nearly 100 oil derricks blown down by violent winds at Tatt.

Nearly every railroad and highway in flood district blocked, limited train service started from Los Angeles east.

San Diego almost completely isolated with high water threatening for a time residential district and marine base.

Continued rain promised for today and night, storm approaching from the Pacific ocean.

Flood conditions prevailed in at least 20 cities. With seven of them badly inundated.

UTAH SUFFERS

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 17 (AP).—Snowslides which cost three lives and the worst cloudburst in the history of the region visited, were Utah's share Wednesday of the great storm which is sweeping the Pacific coast, leaving death and ruin in its wake.

The three dead were victims of separate snowslides which swept mining communities in the Picher region, five others were injured, two probably fatally.

The dead:

Gus Goodart, 55, Latada, Utah. Moroni Mower, 30, Latada, Utah. Dan Grundvig, 40, Watia, Utah.

The snowslides were part of a series on both sides of Indian summit which blocked all traffic into the Utah basin over the Castle Gate dike road and paralyzed mail service for 24 hours.

DEATH TOLL GROWS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17 (AP).—Flood stricken Southern California today turned an eye toward the growing totals of deaths and destruction as the result of the worst storm in its history, with thousands of its beset citizens sought refuge from a menace still unabated.

With the known death toll standing at 21, property losses from rain, snow and wind which has beset the sunny southland with unprecedented violence for four days probably will total several million dollars. Up to an early hour today 5,000 persons had been driven from their homes.

A survey last night, made up from reports received over limited lines of communication, showed at least 30 cities had been partly or wholly deluged, seven of them badly. Damage to bridges alone in Los Angeles was estimated at \$1,000,000.

San Diego Menaced

San Diego stood in imminent danger of a catastrophic flood for several hours last night and early today but the waters finally started to recede. At one time plans were made to dynamite a Santa Fe railroad bridge there to lessen the danger because the trestle had been holding back the roaring overflow. Communication was limited and the city was cut off from all communication except one or two congested telegraph and telephone lines.

No estimate of the San Diego losses could be made early today.

A survey of damage done at Tatt, which is out of the southern flood area, where a windstorm toppled over nearly 100 oil derricks indicated the loss there would run to \$250,000 or more. San Francisco shippers claimed a loss of \$100,000 due to the weather.

Union Pacific railroad officials said equipment destroyed in the wreck of the roads Los Angeles-Chicago flyer at Whittier Tuesday night would represent a \$150,000 loss.