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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Rains west, probably
local snows and rains in east
portion tonight and Friday. Warmer
in west portion tonight.

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WOOL GROWER ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED

Sheep Men of County
Elect S. E. Miller
as President

SPROAT, LUDWICK ATTEND MEETING

Organization Includes
Both Range and Farm
Flock Owners—Mar. 16
Session Called.

The sheep owners of Union county organized last evening, the organization to be known as the Union County Wool Growers association, when a meeting was held here for that purpose.

Include Farm Flocks

The first plan was to include only the range sheep owners in the organization, but after the plan was introduced by R. J. Green, acting chairman, two or three of the sheep men present suggested that farm flock owners also be included in the association, which was followed by a unanimous vote in favor of the change.

The sheep men then voted to change the by-laws to that effect after which the by-laws were adopted.

More Than 30 Members
The purpose of the organization was to further the interests of the sheep owners of Union county. The membership will include from 25 to 30 sheep men.

Regular meetings of the association were scheduled for July and December of each year, although other meetings may be called when necessary.

A meeting was called for Wednesday, March 2, and the day of the Union county economic conference to be held in connection with the conference, to further the organization.

The meeting was an enthusiastic one with the majority of the range sheep owners in the county represented. Besides Hugh Sproat, secretary of the Oregon Wool

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COP DISTURBS BURGLAR BUSY OPENING SAFE

Inability to hide from the searching rays of light from Police-
man Claude Cooper's flashlight
caused one would-be robber to fail
to loot the safe of the La Grande
Grocery company last night.

About 11:20 o'clock Cooper, noticing the company's office was dark, flashed his light through the window and saw a man attempting to hide behind a desk. By the time he could reach the spot the man had disappeared and subsequent search failed to find him.

The burglar had been in the act of knocking off the combination of the safe when the policeman arrived, a survey shows.

The grocery company lost nothing, a check early this morning showed.

A BLANK DISPLAY WINDOW

The merchant who has an empty, blank and uninteresting store window doesn't succeed in getting you to "window-shop" in front of his place of business. If he puts in a neat, attractive, and interesting window display, you may notice the change and risk a glance. If he continues to have attractive windows, you get in the habit of looking in as you pass his store—others notice the window and gradually a following is built up that is profitable to both merchant and passing customer.

The merchant's "window" display in the Observer—his advertising message—is subject to the same reactions. If it is unattractive, uninteresting, "empty" of information or business news, you give it little more than a glance. But if it is interesting, inviting and very evidently written with your benefit in mind—then you watch for it, "look in," regularly. Hundreds of others do likewise and a following for that merchant's ad is regularly created—profitable to him and his reading customers. His "window" display in The Observer is seen every day by many times as many people as can be reached any other way inexpensively.

Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service

La Grande and Wallowa Teams On Union Floor

Large Crowd of Local
Fans Attending First
Game of District Bas-
ketball Tourney.

As The Observer goes to press this afternoon, the first game of the district basketball tournament at the Union floor to decide what team shall represent Union, Wallowa, Baker, Grant, Harney and Malheur counties is being played, beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

La Grande high and Wallowa high are the two contestants and a large crowd of local fans are watching the game. Coach Ian MacKenzie took Zundel, and Newlin, forwards; Lyman, center; and Stalcup, Berry and Hanks, guards, to Union and these same players will represent the blue and white throughout the tournament. Stoddard is ill at home today and another else may go in his place.

Future Games

Whether the Tigers' effective teamwork will be bothered by the bigger floor was causing some local fans worry this morning but the general belief is that La Grande will win its initial game. If La Grande wins today, the Tigers will meet either Union or North Powder at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and a win then would cause them to play again Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Vale and Prairie City, representing the extreme southern and western ends of the district, were already at Union this morning and every arrangement for the tournament had been completed.

Season tickets for the tournament are on sale now at Glass Drugs.

Besides the La Grande-Wallowa game, others scheduled for today follow: 4:30 p. m. Union and North Powder; 7:30 p. m. Joseph and Vale; 8:30 p. m. Baker and Prairie City.

Friday two rounds will be played, games coming as follows: afternoon, 1, 2, 3, and 4 o'clock; evening, 7, 8, and 9 o'clock.

INTEREST SHOWN IN BAND RECITAL

First of Indoor Concerts
to Be Held Here Sun-
day at 4 p. m.

Much interest is being manifested in the La Grande municipal band concert which will be held in the Arcade theater next Sunday, Feb. 27, at 4 p. m. This will be the first indoor concert of the season, none having been given since because of Director Andrew Loney being confined to the hospital for several months.

A pleasing program has been prepared and the band members have been working diligently to perfect it. Several specialties have been arranged, one of which will be the appearance of Paul Knautz in solo with the band. Knautz has always been a favorite with local audiences and his appearance undoubtedly will be welcomed strongly. A novelty in the form of a saxophone quartet will also be included on the program. Popular numbers will be played as encores. The "Evolution of Dixie," by Loney, will be one of the regular program numbers.

Several new members will be heard for the first time with the local band.

The concert is free to the public.

Dee Cummings To Face Grand Jury

Ralph and Elmer Chilson were dismissed on the move of the district attorney this morning and the hearing of Charles Stiles was continued until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The three were arrested last week on a charge of possession of hash.

Herrick Quiz Is Nearing an End

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Investigation by the senate public lands committee into the Fred Herrick contract for government timber in Grant county, Oregon, drew near a close today with nomination of C. M. Granger, district forester and Fred E. Amek, assistant forester, Portland, who testified the contract carried more than ordinary safeguards. Granger said Herrick's methods of financing the project had not been adopted to the contract but he added he had never had any doubt of the ability of Herrick to carry it out. He recalled that a \$50,000 penalty had been exacted from Herrick for delay in meeting terms of the contract.

CELEBRATION FORECAST OF BUSINESS MEN

Would Take Place When
Street Lighting Dis-
trict Is Illuminated

CITY COMMISSION WILL COOPERATE

Affair May Take Nature
of Spring Jubilee with
Band Music and Win-
dow Displays.

A street lighting celebration or a spring jubilee was forecast in La Grande last night when a group of business men appeared before the city commission and requested that the street lighting installation be made as rapidly as possible so as to have it ready for operation sometime before Easter.

It was explained that the business men desired to make something more of the event than a mere turning on of lights and sought to provide some kind of celebration or community program coincident with the first illumination of the business section. The improvement is looked upon as of considerable importance and as one that should attract a great deal of attention in this territory.

City Cooperates

Coming in the spring as it does it offers an opportunity to provide an attractive jubilee that will be beneficial to the general public and business people alike. It is pointed out.

After discussing ways and means of getting the installation done, the commissioners voted to instruct the city manager to get construction under way as soon as possible and have the district completed at the earliest possible time.

The commissioners indicated a desire to cooperate with the business interests to make the event of importance to the entire community. F. B. Appleby outlined the plan of the business interests before the commission.

Plans Yet Indefinite
Plans are very indefinite as yet but the men is to make the event mark a new era in this city's life. Several tentative plans have been suggested among them being one to arrange for the illumination of the streets and on the same evening unveil specially decorated displays in windows throughout the business district at a set hour.

It is also suggested that on the chosen evening the municipal band would play short concerts at various street intersections in the lighting district and that it might also be possible to have automobiles excluded from the district for a brief time so as to accommodate the anticipated crowd and give sufficient freedom to the entire event.

Plan Demonstrations
It is probable that many merchants will, immediately following the unveiling of the windows, conduct a special demonstration of exhibits, using live models or providing novel displays in other ways. It is pointed out that the time of the year would be ideal for displays of spring wearing apparel and the public generally would be inter-

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SOME GOLFER



Doc Grahame, of Mobile, Ala., has started a cross-country golf tournament of his own. Across the 300 miles from Mobile to the Pacific coast Grahame is trekking, driving a golf ball in front of him. He figures his score will be around 1,500,000. This picture of Grahame, taken as he started out, shows him with a trophy he recently won.

Lawmakers May Revive Kay Plan To Raise Money

Opinion Issued from At-
torney General's Office
Only Against General
Form of Bill.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP)—Lawmakers, casting about on a sea of uncertainty for a port of refuge from the threatened state deficit were today talking of reviving the so-called Kay plan as a solution of their trouble.

The plan, providing for diversion of \$1,100,000 raised annually for market roads to the general fund, and issuance of highway bonds to replace the market road fund, was discarded several days ago because of objections by Attorney General Van Winkle, but today it was discovered that these objections, struck at the form of the plan rather than its substance, and that a bill could be drawn to obviate them.

A group of senate and house leaders met this afternoon for the purpose of drafting such a measure.

The Kay plan was proposed by State Treasurer Kay following the defeat of the administration tithing bill in the senate Monday.

The attorney general ruled that the market road fund, having been levied for the year for a specific purpose could not be diverted.

Diversion Unnecessary
It now develops, however, that an outright diversion is unnecessary as the market road fund is mingled with and is a part of the state highway fund.

So all that is necessary to provide in the bill is that an amount equal to \$1,100,000 annually shall be transferred from the highway fund to the general fund and that the highway commission shall issue bonds equal to the amount transferred, and the bonds be retired by a general property tax spread over a nine year period.

CONDUCTS MUSIC DEMONSTRATION

W. W. Nusbaum Presents
Model Lesson to Local
School Teachers

For the purpose of demonstrating to the teachers of the La Grande public schools how a model music lesson should be conducted a demonstration was given yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the high school by W. W. Nusbaum, director of music in the La Grande schools.

The demonstration brought out many points about how to handle class work in music, which will prove of great value to the 20 grade school teachers present.

The third grade room of Willow school, of which Miss Williamson is teacher, was used by Mr. Nusbaum in giving the demonstration.

3,500 Tons Hair Sheared in Bobs

CHICAGO, Feb. 24 (AP)—More than 2500 tons of hair have been sheared or shingled from the heads of American women during the bobs era. It is estimated by J. Eugene Sauer, permanent wave specialist of London and Paris.

There are 14,000,000 bobbed heads in the United States today, he said in a trade address and about half that number spend \$15,000,000 a year for having their locks waved.

May Invoke Cloture Rule in the Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—When the filibuster on the Boulder Canyon dam bill was renewed today in the senate Senator Johnson, republican, California, in charge of the bill, began circulating a petition to invoke the cloture rule limiting debate.

The necessary 16 signatures for presentation of the petition were quickly secured but the Californian said he was not yet certain that he would file it. A two-thirds majority would be necessary to bring the debate limitation rule into effect but should it be invoked the bill would have to be acted upon at this session.

Methods of Reed Assailed Today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The methods of Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri, in conducting the campaign funds inquiry were assailed in the senate today by Senator Robinson, republican, Indiana, who in turn was assailed by Reed of making a "scurrilous insinuation" that he does not dare to make openly.

Robinson assailed particularly the lone hand investigation of Reed in Indiana as chairman of the campaign funds investigating committee declaring the Missourian has backed there alone "in the sunlight of publicity."

KNIGHT CASE AGAINST CITY IS NONSUITED

Judge Ends Trial at Con-
clusion of Plaintiff's
Testimony

WAS SUING FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES

Circuit Court Now Hear-
ing Case of North Pow-
der Mercantile Co. vs.
Chas. Mays.

The \$10,000 damage suit against the city of La Grande, filed by Minerva Knight who sought to prove the municipality responsible for injuries to her hip she suffered some time ago, was thrown out at 10:20 o'clock this morning at the conclusion of the plaintiff's testimony.

Cochran and Eberhard, attorneys for the defendant, immediately moved that Judge J. W. Knowles nonsuit the case, and the presiding judge upheld their motion. R. J. Kitchen was attorney for the plaintiff.

This is the first of a recent series of suits for damages filed against the city that has ended in a victory for the defense. Recent cases resulting in victories for the plaintiffs included the Lee Reynolds case, the Buchanan case and one or two others.

As soon as the case was nonsuited, the court began selecting jurors for trial of the case the North Powder Mercantile and Milling company has brought against Charles Mays. This was completed early this afternoon and the court began taking the plaintiff's testimony.

The North Powder company is seeking to collect about \$3400 from the defendant on its alleged promise to pay another's debt.

Former Governor Expresses Views On New Tax Plan

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP)—"They have stolen the liberty of heaven to serve the devil in" declared former Governor Walter Pierce when asked what he thought of the income tax proposed by Governor Patterson and enacted by the legislature.

He continued:
"It is a travesty on the principle of the income tax, devised to protect the corporations and will not yield sufficient revenue to materially help the state. If the grange initiative income tax had been adopted, the state's financial problems would have been solved, for it would have returned approximately \$2,000,000. But the big interests are in the saddle and there seems no way of unseating them."

Shipping Goods to La Grande

The former governor is shipping his library and household goods to La Grande, which will continue to be his legal residence, although he will practice law in Portland.

BILL REPORTED OUT

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 24 (AP)—The senate committee on reclamation and irrigation today reported out senate bill 222, authorizing formation of the Columbia basin irrigation district with recommendation that it do pass.

Thrilling Rescues From Houseboats Dramatic Climax to Oregon Floods

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP)—Thrilling rescues from houseboats adrift on the swollen Willamette river, and destruction of about a score of the frail houseboats which had been torn from their moorings gave a dramatic climax today to Oregon flood situation.

High waters from upstate reached the city of the Willamette and its tributaries turned the river here into a swirling torrent. Fire boats, tug and other craft were out early this morning in response to calls for help, some of the voyaging houseboats were occupied, and residents, unable to reach land or to navigate their cumbersome craft were helpless in crust of the flood tide.

A floating log raft driven by the current into a houseboat moorage at Long Island, ripped a number of the houseboats loose into the stream and sent them racing away.

Women Rescued

Mrs. R. McGee, a widow of a Bremton, was taken from one of the houseboats. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, initials unknown were next rescued from their floating home. William Lepper, special officer for the Long Island moorage, was thrown into the water when his rowboat collapsed and was rescued ten minutes later.

Fireboats stopped a dozen or more houseboats in the upper harbor and searched them for possible occupants. A low fog over the river handicapped the rescuers. The searching vessels were un-

POCAHONTAS



Because she is one of the best horsewomen and most graceful riders in southern Texas, Miss Ermie Gass of Laredo was chosen to impersonate Pocahontas in the Washington's birthday pageant in Laredo. Miss Gass rides a spirited horse bareback.

FLORENCE BANK CHIEF INDICTED

Henry Bergman and Har-
riet Weatherston Now
Held in Alabama

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP)—Three indictments were returned late yesterday afternoon by the Lane county grand jury against Henry Bergman, president of the Florence State and Savings bank, and Harriet Weatherston, cashier, who were arrested a few days ago in Alabama following their disappearance here.

One of the indictments charges them with larceny by embezzlement of \$17,740.22 of the bank's funds, on Jan. 27, which is the date of the purported hold up as related by Miss Weatherston.

Another indictment charges them with knowingly and wilfully aiding and abetting a state bank to increase its loans and discounts when its reserve was impaired, and the third charges them with larceny by bailment of an automobile owned by C. H. Harris, Eugene lumberman. It was in the Harris car that Bergman and Miss Weatherston fled to California after they had been questioned here concerning the supposed robbery.

Bail Fixed

Bail was fixed at \$15,000 each in the embezzlement case, and \$5000 each in the loan and discount charge. Bail was not fixed in the larceny by bailment charge.

Sheriff Frank Taylor and Mrs. Taylor are now on their way to Birmingham, Ala., to bring the fugitives back to Eugene for trial.

A "not true bill" was returned by the grand jury in the case against Carl Bergman, vice president of the bank, and a brother of Henry Bergman. Carl Bergman was charged with increasing loans when the reserve was insufficient to cover them.

Umatilla Wheat Outlook Bright

PENDLETON, Feb. 24 (AP)—Grain buyers, after a survey of the county wheat sections, are prospects of a bumper wheat crop for 1927. The wheat land has enjoyed more moisture since September than it has had for a number of years. Estimates are that not more than 12 to 15 per cent of the 1926 crop is still in the hands of the growers.

Foreigners Band Together in City

SHANGHAI, Feb. 24 (AP)—Foreigners who had been living outside the foreign settlement districts of Shanghai were brought within its borders today because of the arrival in the city of large numbers of defeated and demoralized soldiers of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, deposed war lord.

The retreating troops arrived by train from the front between Sungkiang and Hangchow, where the victorious Cantonese invading army is preparing to continue its advance toward Shanghai.

American, Portuguese and Japanese military companies of volunteer residents of the foreign settlements of Shanghai stood by to check any attempts by the demoralized troops to enter the foreign sections of the city.

Flexible Provisions Upheld by Tribunal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The much debated "flexible provisions" of the tariff law under which the president is empowered to raise and lower tariff rates within certain limits was upheld as constitutional today by the court of customs appeals.

Visit to Mexico, Nicaragua Held Not Necessary

Administration Expresses
Views on Matter—
Chairman Borah Stands
Pat, However.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—The senate today asked Secretary Kellogg by resolution whether companies in which Edward J. Doherty, Harry F. Sinclair or "The Mellon interests, are interested were among those holding oil concessions in Mexico or whether these companies have accepted the new Mexican oil concessions.

TRIP HELD UNNECESSARY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—After consulting with President Coolidge, Secretary Kellogg has written Chairman Borah indicating that the administration sees no necessity for the projected visit to Mexico and Nicaragua by the senate foreign relations committee.

The secretary, who is ill at his home here, said the committee could obtain full information regarding the situation in these two countries from two state department officials who were directed to appear before the committee at its session today.

They are Stanley Morgan, chief of the department's Latin American division formerly American charge in Nicaragua, and William S. Howell Jr., of the Mexican division.

Secretary Kellogg's communication apparently did not cause Chairman Borah to change his mind as to the desirability of his committee going to Central America during the recess of congress, and he was prepared to press for action on his resolution.

2,300 American Fighting Men at Shanghai Today

SHANGHAI, Feb. 24 (AP)—The force of fighting men sent to Shanghai to protect American lives and property during the fight of opposing Chinese factions for possession of the prized city increased its full strength today with the arrival of 1,200 marines from San Diego, Cal., in transport Chaumont. Arrival of the new troops brought the American force to about 2,300 men. In addition, five men-of-war swing at anchor in Whampoa river which has been transformed into "baptism by fire" for the richest city of the far east. Other United States naval vessels, destroyers, are on their way here three from Manila and one from Pagoda Anchorage in Southern China.

One thousand Shanghai troops arrived here tonight from Nanking. Their final destination is believed to be Sungkiang, 25 miles south of here, where the Cantonese are expected to attack next in their drive on Shanghai.

These are the first northern troops to arrive here in the Peking regime's program for assisting Marshal Sun Chuan-fang in defense of the city.

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COUNTY BILL ON SALARIES DISAPPROVED

Attempt to Pass Measures
over Patterson's Veto
Is Defeated

REVENUE RAISING PLANS UP TODAY

Mott Would Double Fees
Levied Against Corpora-
tions in New Scheme
Presented Today.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP)—With almost the same wording in each, a pocketful of veto messages on salary increases for officers of various counties came into the house yesterday afternoon from Governor Patterson's office. With each disapproved bill came a brief note pointing to the financial stringency of the state and stressing it as the reason for veto action. House bills vetoed included 312, 37, 253 and 185 providing for the increase in pay of various officers in Union, Lane, Washington and Multnomah counties.

The governor also expressed disapproval with section four of house bill 448, introduced by Representative William Briggs, of Jackson county. The bill is an irrigation measure which will become a part of the code with section four eliminated.

Backing of the administration was felt in the house yesterday afternoon when those seeking to override the veto of Governor Patterson on a minor bill seeking to raise the salary of the county clerk of Gilliam county were able to muster but 25 votes. Twenty-nine representatives voted to sustain the governor. Three members and representatives (Governor Keary and Seelye) were not present.

Among bills passed by the senate late yesterday was house bill 352, relating to salaries of county officials of Jackson county.

PLANS BEFORE LEGISLATURE

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 24 (AP)—Proposed last minute revenue raising measures including the tobacco, gasoline, and drivers' license tax bills were read in the house the first time yesterday afternoon. They were expected to be placed on second reading today.

Whether they will come up for third reading will likely be determined this afternoon.

In addition to the direct revenue raising bills a resolution was introduced by Speaker Carlin, which would provide for an arbitrary raising of the base on which to apply the six per cent increase limitation. It would specify that the levy to be fixed in December 1928, for the year 1929, should be \$3,000,000 plus six per cent, minus the estimated return of the proposed income tax law.

New Proposal

A new proposal for raising approximately \$1,000,000 for the state's distressed pocketbook will be presented by Representative James Mott, Clatsop county, today. Mott's plan is embodied in two bills, one which would approximately double the fees paid by foreign and domestic corporations and another which would double the fees paid by foreign insurance companies doing business in Oregon.

Foreign corporations now pay a fee of \$20