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THE WEATHER  
OREGON: Cloudy tonight and  
Sunday, probably rains in north  
and west portions. Warmer to-  
morrow.

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ARMORY, SHOW  
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WORST HEREBelief Held by Many,  
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Building Will AriseUNION FAIR LEAST  
DAMAGED OF ALLElgin Event Loses \$1,000  
Appropriation, While  
Wallowa Fair Fails to  
Get \$4,000.

With the cold dawn of a second day after the widespread slashes of Governor I. L. Patterson's veto ax—which lopped off a number of appropriations having a direct bearing upon Union and Wallowa county's future in at least some respects—the inclination of most is to sum up the total "damages" and attempt to interpret its effect.

The veto of the La Grande armory bill is considered not only a blow to La Grande but to Eastern Oregon as a whole, inasmuch as La Grande is headquarters of the Second Battalion, 186th Infantry, and also because there is no military building in this state east of the Cascades.

May Build, Anyhow  
There is an undercurrent of belief, however, that some ways and means will be found to construct either a municipal building which would house the national guard company or else outright build an armory with the hope of getting a special appropriation from the state. It is pointed out that \$40,000 is available to match an appropriation by the state but whether this could be used with no appropriation for the building is a question. Many declare that the city could devote the funds to a special election so that the money would be available for construction of a building without waiting for a state appropriation.

The veto of the blunder county fair appropriation bill, which included \$6000 for the Union live stock show, \$4000 for the Wallowa county fair, and \$1000 for the Union county fair, is causing some consternation, especially in Union—where many believe that the life of the show itself depends upon the securing of the state appropriation.

The Wallowa county fair had received a biennial appropriation of \$3000 before—giving it \$1500 during 1925 and a like sum in 1926.

MAJOR LONEY  
TO SPEAK AT  
ARMY MEETING

Major Andrew Loney, of Spokane, Wash., is in La Grande today and will speak at the Salvation Army hall at 8 p. m. on "Pioneer Days of the Army." Major Loney, who is the father of Director Andrew Loney Jr. of the La Grande immediate band, has been associated with the Salvation Army work for more than 40 years. Music will be furnished tonight by Andrew Loney Jr. and Paul Knutson.

Tomorrow Major Loney will deliver an address on "The Four Armies" at the evening meeting and Tuesday night, Mar. 8, he will speak on "Holiness."

Red Shield Boys'  
Club Is Growing

The Red Shield Boys' club of the Salvation Army met last evening with 27 members present. Each boy pledged himself to aid in the betterment of the club and to bring in a new member.

This club is for boys between the ages of eight and 21 years.

"ALL THE  
BUSINESS  
WE CAN DO"

Once in a while—not very often, of course, you find a firm that isn't a consistent advertiser because they have "about all the business we can do, anyhow."

What a wonderful business to have! And what a wonderful opportunity for growth! No business has all the trade it can handle. Their facilities, real or possible, are unlimited. When stocks are selling out their business goes—and does. And when business is that good with so little effort, think how tremendous it might be with energetic selling and sensible advertising! But business does not always remain that good. It can drop away more rapidly than it is built. Advertising, properly planned and placed, will act as insurance against such a possible loss, will stimulate profitable growth.

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A Merchandising Service"

Issues Program  
For Agriculture  
Conference HereEx-Governor Walter M.  
Pierce to Speak Tues-  
day Afternoon—Soil  
Survey Scheduled.

The program for the fourth annual agricultural economics conference, which will be held in La Grande March 15 and 16, has been arranged.

The Tuesday meeting will begin at 9:30 a. m. with general assembly followed by group meetings and luncheon at noon with the chamber of commerce. Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce will speak at 1 p. m. and more group meetings will be held. In the evening a boys' and girls' club program with motion pictures will be the feature event.

On Wednesday a report of the soil survey in this county will be presented by Prof. W. L. Powers, O. A. C. at 9:30 a. m. Group meetings will take up the rest of the time before lunch. In the afternoon speaking and committee reports will be heard.

Following this the Union County Wool Growers' association will meet.

Bottles, Capper  
Machine Used by  
Local Creamery

Installation of a new bottle and capper machine at the Mt. Emily creamery on Fir street has resulted in completion of a program of operation which does away with the touching of the milk at any time by one's hands.

In point of sanitation, the proprietors point out, this machine with the chain of others at the creamery, is practically the last word. They say that there is no other machine of this kind in use in Eastern Oregon.

The milk is dumped into the pasteurizer, thence pumped into the bottle and capper, where bottles direct from the washing machine, sprayed with an alkaline solution and rinsed in clean water, are automatically filled and capped.

Ide Will Attend  
Secretary Session

W. G. Ide, general manager of the state chamber of commerce, will be in La Grande for the district meeting of chamber of commerce secretaries to be held Friday, March 11, and will be the speaker at a combined meeting of the secretaries and the La Grande board that day at noon at the Sommer hotel, to which the public is invited.

The secretaries' meeting will begin at 10:30 a. m. in the morning at the city hall. The afternoon session will begin at 1:30 o'clock. C. C. Gignoux, agricultural agent for the Union Pacific system, will probably be here for the meeting also.

Legislators Will  
Be Club's Guests

Representatives from this district to the state legislature—Senator Fred E. Kiddle, Senator A. R. Hunter and Representative H. H. Weatherhead—will be guests at the regular forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce Tuesday noon at the Sommer hotel. Each will be called upon for a short talk.

Steamer's Crew  
Fighting Blaze

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 5 (AP)—Radio dispatches received today by the federal telegraph company from the steamer Hollywood en route to San Pedro from South American ports, stated that the crew of the vessel was fighting a small fire that started about 5 a. m. today in the vicinity of Number 3 hold.

Chase Ends When  
Cop Gets Youth

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 5 (AP)—In one of the most thrilling chases ever witnessed in downtown Portland streets Patrolman Bill D. Brown, in his police automobile, captured Irving Delany, 22, on parole from the Washington state reformatory after that youth in a stolen automobile had speeded down Broadway at 65 miles an hour and wrecked havoc among other automobiles in his way. Two privately owned machines are in garages to-day as the result of Delany's wild ride. The chase ended at 2:39 a. m. when Delany abandoned his badly damaged car and ran. Patrolman Brown, following in his car, succeeded in heading him off.

'ROSE MAIDEN'  
IS PRESENTED;  
WINS PRAISEMonday Musical Chorus  
Gives Program Before  
Fair-Sized CrowdVOCAL SOLOISTS  
EARN APPLAUSEMany Local Singers Ap-  
pear in Cantata—Inter-  
pretation of Numbers  
Excellent.

Frederick Cowen wrote a collection of classic music when he compiled "The Rose Maiden" and last evening at the high school auditorium this collection was interpreted by the Monday Musical chorus in a manner that earned the enthusiastic approval of the singers by way of applause and verbal praise. As a director, W. W. Nussbaum displayed his capacity of interpretation and control of a chorus in a masterly way. Mrs. Harley H. Richardson won the admiration of the audience and chorus alike by her work at the piano.

## Score Appealing

The score is a lovely thing with delicate shadings and flowing melodies that are as essential to the cantata as the singing. Ordinarily, the piano is secondary adjunct to chorus work, but "The Rose Maiden" is different.

While the audience was small, it was appreciative. Those who attended not only heard local soloists of known worth in fine voice, but got the thrill of hearing new voices—new in the sense that they seldom appear in solo concert. G. L. Dutton, Paul Kaatz, Florence Lynch Miller, Richard Dykhus and others may be classed as familiar personages on the vocal stage and each was in fine fettle to handle the parts assigned them.

Voices not so familiar, and some of them young, with much promise, delighted the audience. Mrs. Earl Stoddard, Mrs. Earl Reynolds, Mrs. A. W. Nelson, George Rinkie, Mrs. J. H. Stoddard, Mrs. M. J. Myer, Wilhelme, Earl Stoddard, and others rendered their respective solo and trio numbers with more than

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LOCAL NIMRODS  
IN FOURTH RANKLa Grande Shooters Tied  
with Coquille Hunting-  
ton, Hood River

The Union county Wing, Fin and Picketfoot club, participating in The Oregonian telegraphic trapshoot, will shoot against the Astoria Rod and Gun club and the Echo Rod and Gun club tomorrow—the third Sunday of the tournament. It is announced today. Trapshooters will again meet at the grounds at the foot of Oak and Cedar street.

As a result of the two losses the first Sunday of the tourney, La Grande shooters are now tied with Coquille, Hood River and Huntington of fourth place among the 29 teams entered, with a percentage of 500 Eugene, Bend, Salem and Pendleton lead the list with no losses and a perfect percentage. Astoria, Enterprise, Toledo, Monitor and Echo have as yet failed to win.

There are two ties carried over from last Sunday to be decided tomorrow. The clubs deadlocked over from last Sunday to be decided tomorrow. The clubs deadlocked are Baker and Echo and Pendleton and Hillsboro.

Whitman College Glee Club Will  
Give Concert Here Monday, Mar. 21

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., Mar. 5 (Special)—The Whitman all-male glee club, which will appear in La Grande on March 21 under the auspices of the La Grande post American Legion has been progressing rapidly with its rehearsals during the last two weeks, and promises to give a program up to the high standards set by previous glee clubs of the college. The excellence of the music, clever features, fine costumes, and varied lighting effects assure those who attend its appearance in La Grande of a program well worth hearing.

The success of Whitman opera is known far beyond the confines of the campus, and Howard J. Pratt, director of the Whitman conservatory of music, has arranged to present as part of the glee club program a short one-act opera entitled "Trial by Jury." This comic production, written by Gilbert and Sullivan, has long been a prime favorite and will give those who see it a real treat. Mary Catherine Breech, soprano, of Baker, Ore., has been chosen as

Four Captured  
In Pistol Fight  
By Prohi AgentsRobbers Drained Liquor  
From Federal Ware-  
house Through 600 Feet  
of Hose.

CHICAGO, Mar. 5 (AP)—More than 600 feet of hose was used by thieves in siphoning bonded whiskey from a government warehouse to an apartment building. It was revealed today after police and federal agents had captured four men in a spectacular pistol fight and recovered thousands of dollars worth of the liquor.

The four were William "Klondike" O'Connell, who was held for a time in connection with the slaying of Assistant State Attorney McSwiney last year, William "Fur" Sammons, known to the police as a gangland power, John Barry and John Davis.

A fifth man was pursued over the roof of the warehouse but he escaped amid pistol fire by dropping down a wall of the building which houses "Fur" Sammons' liquor valued at \$1,000,000.

Pressure Pumps Used  
O'Connell and Barry were found manning two high pressure pumps from which the robbers trailed the long stretch of hose to a battery of tanks in the apartment building. The tanks already had received whiskey which federal agents estimated was worth \$200,000.

More than 50 detectives and federal men took part in the roundup of liquor thieves after they had received a tip that the government warehouse, operated by the Morris and Bros., was to be robbed. The two men at the pumps were taken after a brief struggle when the officers who had lain in wait for hours popped out of hiding places and surrounded the pair. Sammons and Davis, posted on the roof, were captured after they had emptied their guns.

Receive Bids on  
Proposed Hotel  
For La Grande

Word was received here today from J. S. Weeks, who is in Portland in the interests of the proposed hotel to be constructed here at the corner of Adams avenue and Fourth street, that bids on the building were all in and are now being considered.

Hill Wins \$2500;  
Martin on Trial

Henry T. Hill, plaintiff in a civil case against E. O. Wilson, was awarded \$2,500 by a circuit court jury yesterday.

Today the case of the state of Oregon vs. M. C. Martin, charged with uttering a false receipt, is being tried. The state witnesses were being examined this afternoon.

Millwright Killed  
At Medford Today

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 5 (AP)—Francis M. Wallace, aged 56, an expert millwright, well known in Pacific coast lumber circles, was fatally injured at the Owen-Oregon Lumber company plant here this morning when he fell from a high scaffold, sustaining injuries that resulted fatally en route to the hospital. Wallace was born at Roseburg, Ore., and came to this city from Susanville, Cal., three weeks ago. A son, F. E. Wallace, resides in Los Angeles, A. daughter, Mrs. Geo. W. Wallace, resides in Seattle. He belonged to all branches of Masonry.

There were no eye witnesses to the accident. An inquest will be held this afternoon.

Hugh Brady New  
Exalted Ruler  
of Elks' Lodge

Hugh Brady was elected exalted ruler of the local B. P. O. Elks lodge here Thursday evening when the annual election of officers was held.

Other officers to serve during the year 1927-28 are: advised, serving knight, John Andrews; esteemed loyal knight, G. L. Berry; esteemed lecturing knight, E. L. Knight; secretary, W. R. Winters; treasurer, C. L. Thompson; trustees for three years, R. O. Williams and H. R. Lee.

H. L. Hess was elected delegate to grand lodge and L. H. Branswell was elected alternate delegate. These officers will be installed at the first regular meeting of the lodge in April, which will be Thursday, April 7.

The Rev. M. L. Pettie was formerly pastor of the Wallowa, Ore., Christian church and is well known in both Union and Wallowa counties.

SEA CHEATED  
OF CREW OF  
FLAMING SHIPSister Vessel Comes Out  
of Night to Achieve  
Thrilling RescueTERSE MESSAGES  
IN AIR TELL ALLStorm Tossed Lifeboats  
Give Up 40 Men After  
Apparent Doom Stared  
Upon Them.

NEW YORK, Mar. 5 (AP)—A new story of heroism was added to the annals of the sea today in the rescue of the crew of 40 of the fire swept Spanish freighter Cabo Hatteras 150 miles off New York.

The Cabo Torres, sister ship of the doomed vessel, emerged unscathed from the darkness of the night to range itself alongside the burning ship when the nearest aid was believed miles away.

How Captain Zafra and his crew were picked up from their storm tossed life boats after they had abandoned their ship was tersely told in a radio message.

"808 make all speed. We are afire," was the first message that came through the air shortly before five o'clock yesterday afternoon. A dozen vessels rushed to her aid.

The call for help continued for about 20 minutes, gradually growing weaker and finally died. Radio broadcasting along the entire Atlantic coast was halted to leave the air free, while land stations and ships stood by to await further word from the ship in distress.

Then, after a wait of two hours, came the message: "Life boat picked up with 13 men." It was sent by the Cabo Torres and relayed by the Japanese freighter Washington Maru.

The air again became silent. The Washington Maru, however, was speeding to the burning ship and covered the 25 miles in about three hours.

"Torres has saved all, Washington Maru will proceed to destination,"

Another wait of almost two hours followed and then at 5:22 came the news that told of another victory over the sea.

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A few minutes later the wireless of the Washington Maru relayed some additional details from the Cabo Torres.

"Cabo Hatteras completely abandoned. Crew picked up by Cabo Torres standing by."

The Cabo Torres left New York

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## Loss Is Great

LONDON, Mar. 5 (AP)—A wireless message to Lloyd's from the steamer General Duchesne by way of Mauritius and dated yesterday says:

"A terrific cyclone completely wrecked Tamatave town and harbor. The damages are over 100,000,000 francs (\$4,000,000)."

The steamers Calina, Stane and Amanda, and the sailing vessels Elizabeth and Harky are a total loss. Loss of life is expected."

## FIVE SHIPS SUNK

PARIS, Mar. 5 (AP)—The French ministry of colonies was still without confirmation early this afternoon of reports reaching Paris by way of London that the town of Tamatave on the east coast of Madagascar had been ravaged by a cyclone. The reports said it was feared there was some loss of life and that five vessels were reported to have been sunk.

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## THIS ISN'T EASTERN OREGON



No, this is Western Oregon, during the flood period of a week or ten days ago. These pictures, taken along the Pacific highway, in the vicinity of Springfield and Eugene, show some of the damage. In the picture below the piers mark the roadway. The river usually is only a few hundred feet wide at this point.

CYCLONE SWEEPS  
FRENCH COLONYIsle of Madagascar Suf-  
fers Heavy Loss of  
Life, Property

CAPETOWN, South Africa, Mar. 5 (AP)—A terrific cyclone which struck the east coast of Madagascar Thursday is reported to have taken 500 lives, say private wireless messages received here today by way of Mauritius. The town of Tamatave is described as devastated.

Madagascar Island in the Indian ocean off the east coast of Africa is a French colony. The island is estimated to contain 230,000 square miles. The Malayan element predominates among the inhabitants, the number more than 2,400,000. There are about 19,000 Europeans on the island.

Tamatave, on the east coast, is the most important seaport, and was for some time the capital. The latest census in 1923, gave it a population of 13,216.

The colony is governed by a governor general and a consultative council of administration which sits at Antananarivo. This city in the center of the island, has a population of 68,500.

GOAL POSTS TO  
Be Set Further  
Apart Next Fall

NEW YORK, Mar. 5 (AP)—To curb the emphasis on goal kicking from the field and in the try for point after touchdown, gridiron goal posts will be moved backward ten yards behind each end of the playing field for the 1927 season.

The national intercollegiate football rules committee decided today.

The playing field remains the same in length, 100 yards, but the new distance between goal posts will be 120 yards.

The change is aimed principally at making goal kicks more difficult, taking away much of the advantage gained by a team with a star kicker, but it also is designed to remove the hazard of the goal posts interfering with rushing attacks at the goal line.

The rule makers approved retention of the much discussed shift plays but took measures against their illegal use by defining a one second halt as approximately sufficient and increasing the penalty from five to 15 yards for not making that required stop.

"The action on the shift retains all its strategic advantages while also giving officials definite measures by which to prevent its abuses," J. K. Hall, chairman of the committee explained.

To stop the use of the hurdle for "town meeting purposes" Mr. Hall added, officials now may play the five yard penalty for delaying the game to a team consuming more than 15 seconds in giving the signals.

Another important rule change the committee acted to, to encourage the use of the backward pass by ruling that the ball, if fumbled, grounded or thrown out of bounds on such a pass, shall be declared dead on the spot and stay in the offensive team's possession, unless it is the fourth down, or the fourth down the play is downed, or the opposing team. Previously the ball, on backward passes has been free for recovery and a run by the opposing team.

Completing its two days session, the committee also ruled that hereafter fumbled punts shall be de-

Prohibition No  
Party Issue Is  
Democrat View

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (AP)—Democratic senators in caucus today unanimously approved the decision of the Reed campaign investigating committee to go forward with its inquiry in any state it chose.

A declaration that prohibition should not be regarded as a party issue was adopted unanimously today.

In a statement after the caucus, Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the party floor leader, outlined the caucus action as follows:

"It is recognized that differences exist in the various states on political subjects and that these differences respecting prohibition are not to be regarded as partisan in nature.

"In the very nature of the question, it cannot be made a party issue."

Senator Robinson of Arkansas was unanimously reelected democratic senate floor leader for the seventh congress.

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SESSION TO  
BE CALLEDCoolidge Sees No Need  
for Early Meeting of  
Seventieth CongressNATION'S SOLONS  
ON LONG VACATIONWar Department, Minus  
\$20,000,000 Appropriation,  
Hopes to Prevent  
Loss of Strength.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (AP)—Advised by President Coolidge that he did not contemplate calling a special session of the seventieth congress, 469 senators and representatives today began a nine-months vacation following the death of the sixth-ninth.

Sixty-two, nine senators and 53 representatives, will not return next December, they either having retired to private life or entered other federal fields of endeavor.

Announcement that the president saw no necessity for a special session to consider the major bills that failed of passage before the gavels fell yesterday was made at the white house, several hours after adjournment.

While the legislation adopted had been generally beneficial to the country, in the president's opinion, he feels that congress had ample opportunity to put through other bills for which there was urgent need, but that failure of some of these does not develop an emergency warranting a special session.

"Notable Achievement" The McFadden branch banking bill, the radio control measure and the bill setting up the federal board of mediation in railroad labor disputes, were listed on the president's behalf as being among the more notable achievements of the sixty-ninth congress.

Several hundred bills and resolutions, many essential to various governmental activities, died with the conclusion of the session.

Chief among these was the \$24,700,000 deficiency bill, which provided funds for the army and navy, pensions, government loans to farmers for seed, and other activities.

While President Coolidge recognizes that inconveniences will be caused as a result of failure of this measure, he expects a way will be found for the government to carry on with some of the activities affected.

As to the bonus loans, the president said that failure of the \$25,000,000 fund provided by the bill for this purpose will not work serious hardships. He believes a workable plan will develop by which banks can make loans as originally contemplated.

## War Department Busy

Realizing that it must now go along as best it can without the funds provided for it in the bill, continuing work on the aircraft carriers Lexington and Saratoga, by diverting funds from the increase in navy appropriations.

Modernization of the battleships Oklahoma and Nevada will be delayed, but it is hoped to continue construction of the fleet submarine V-4.

Failure of the two public buildings bills would not entirely hold up building operations, although the program will be retarded. It was said at the treasury. Under

GOLD RUSH ON  
BUT LOCATION  
YET MYSTERY

TONGVAH, Nev., Mar. 5 (AP)—Gold rush scenes, rivaling Klondike days, were enacted on Lone Mountain near here yesterday, with "filvers" taking the place of dog teams, following the discovery three days ago of high grade gold ore by Frank Horton Jr. and Leonard Taylor, 19-year-old boys.

More than 200 experienced prospectors and four women braved rain and snow in searching for the location notices posted by the lads, but failed to find any trace of their claim.

W. E. Schmidt, a Western Union employee, has put in a claim for a one-third of the discovery, alleging that he grubstaked the two lads.

Three Arrested  
On Holdup Charge

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 5 (AP)—Eight holdups within the last 29 days, each of which yielded a fair sum of cash, are credited by police to Oliver McGinnis, 24, alias Albert Ford, and Steve Ragan, 21, arrested in a garage today 20 minutes after they are alleged to have held up and robbed Dudley D. Boyd, attendant in a filling station.

Detectives interrogating the pair say they have admitted the holdups.

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