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PERMITS FOR
BUILDING AT
HIGH TOTAL

All Former Records Broken with Third Month of Year Just Started

APPLICATIONS FOR
HOTELS A FACTOR

Figure Now at \$508,975 with Forecasts of Million-Mark Being Made by Conservatives.

When Julius Roesch took out a building permit Saturday for a seven-story hotel to cost approximately \$225,000, the total amount of building in La Grande this year passed over the half-million-dollar mark—a figure larger than the total for any one year in this city's history.

In 1925 the total was around \$400,000 and that year held the previous record.

\$1,000,000 Expected

Conservative guessers are now forecasting that permits for the year will reach a million dollars. Taking into consideration some \$175,000 which will be spent by the state to erect an Eastern Oregon normal school, possibilities that a dormitory may be built in connection with the school with local citizens attending to financial arrangements, possibilities that a municipal building or an armory building may be financed locally, and the general run of business and residential construction expected, a million dollars does not seem out of reason. It is pointed out.

The two largest permits are both for hotels. In addition to Roesch's application Saturday, W. C. Keckell, Portland promoter, took out a \$225,000 permit late in February for a six-story hotel to be built on the corner of Fourth and Adams, across from the Perkins Motor company.

Roesch has already started raising a part of his building fund. Adams and Fir, the site selected for his hotel, and Keckell has received bids, forecasting immediate construction.

General Building Active.
General building in La Grande is also active. Subletting the \$150,000 hotel from the corner of the whole, one finds almost \$60,000 of new construction scheduled.

This includes a \$16,000 rebuilding project of George Lyman's, and several residences. Among the more recent home permits granted are the following:

J. J. Luch, \$10,000; Lowell Williamson, \$3,500; W. B. Starnes, \$3,700; W. S. Harer, \$3,500; and G. R. Gilleland, \$3,000.

The February total was \$259,015, the greatest building month in its seventh day, the total stood this morning for this month at \$249,959, giving it a fair chance of surpassing February's high mark.

MARTIN TRIAL
NEARING END;
HIBBARD NEXT

The case of the state vs. Martin is still on trial in circuit court this afternoon although it appears that the jury will take the case late today.

At the conclusion of this trial the court will take up the case against C. R. Hibbard, charged with larceny.

KAY ILL IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 7 (AP)—State Treasurer Thomas H. Kay is still in the Portland Medical hospital for rest and diagnosis, in charge of Mrs. W. S. Jones and T. M. Joyce.

His condition is not regarded as serious. He went down to the doctors office this morning for an examination.

"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 they can buy more—and do. 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 attract the most desirable trade, will stimulate profitable growth.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Haircut, Shave
Prices Reduced
By Local Union

Barbers Charging 25 and 50 Cents Today—35-65-Cent Charges Thing of the Past.

After more than five years of paying 35 cents for a shave and 65 cents for a haircut, La Grande residents are today buying these same services at 25 and 50 cents. The La Grande barbers' union, in a week end meeting, unanimously voted to reduce its prices, effective this morning, according to William Fitzgerald, secretary. Lou Evans is president of the union.

The price cut takes place in all barber shops in this city. The reason given by the barbers for the reduction is to meet conditions that have resulted in reduced wages for mill workers and other laboring classes in this city of late.

Neck clips will now cost 15 cents. Other prices will remain the same as in the past.

Public Speaking
Contest Will Be
Held Tomorrow

A program that promises to be of special interest to the public will be given tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Mormon tabernacle, when a public speaking contest will be conducted by the M. L. A. of that church. Members of the M. L. A. will participate, the winner meeting the winner of a similar contest at Union towards the last of this month. In turn, the winner of that meet will contest the Baker winner in the annual M. L. A. day here in May.

The boy or girl who emerges victorious from this final contest will represent the Union state at the annual church conference in Salt Lake City in June. Mrs. Norman Frees, Attorney C. B. Elberhard and Attorney H. L. Hess will act as judges for the contest tomorrow evening.

The contestants and their topics follow: Lila Bean, "Neighbors"; Mae Bean, "The Night of the Storm"; Lucille Metcalf, "Self Improvement"; Ruth Irwin, "The Product of the Ages"; Ted Christensen, "The Sermon of the Mount." Music will also add to the evening program.

"Public speaking is not a lost art, as those who attend these contests may learn," said Mrs. Lester Stoddard, who has the contest here in charge. "Special interest has been shown both in and out of the church and we are expecting a large crowd. A decade or two ago, such contests were common, but unfortunately, of late the practice has not been so general," she concluded.

Coolidge Speaks
At Rotary Lunch

H. E. Coolidge, president of the chamber of commerce, was guest speaker at the Rotary club luncheon in the Foley hotel grill today. Speaking from the position of one who does not belong to this organization he outlined his ideas of Rotary. His talk was very interesting.

Hubby Slaps Wife
Then Sees Police

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 7 (AP)—Appearing before Deputy City Attorney Fred Jensen this morning at the police station, a man about 25 said: "I want to sign a complaint against myself." He told this story:

"This morning my wife was particularly anxious that I get up and build a fire. I wasn't hurrying enough to suit her, and she pulled the covers off me and tried to push me out of bed. I angrily said that if she did it again I would slap her. She did. I lived up to my promise, and then she turned her finger-saw knife on me. Look here."

And Jensen agreed the wife's nails had left their mark. "Well, she thought I ought to be arrested, and as she can't very well come down town to sign a complaint, I thought I'd do it on my way to work. I want to sign a complaint against myself."

Without waiting to get the man's name, Jensen announced that a man so considerate of his wife could not be a vicious husband, and refused to get out a blank complaint. The young husband went on to work, unarrested.

HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER HITS

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 7 (AP)—Struck by a hit-and-run automobile driver J. T. Hogan, chef of a restaurant, early today suffered fractures of both arms and legs. The driver struck him at an east side intersection as he was alighting from a street car at 3 a. m. Fellow employees said Hogan was a cripple having injured his spine in a fall when a child.

AGRICULTURE
CONFERENCE
8 DAYS AWAY

Fourth Annual Event to Open Here on Tuesday, March 15

WOMEN WILL HAVE
IMPORTANT PART

Miss Esther Cooley, from O. A. C., Will Attend—Local Women to Appear on Program.

The program has been completed for Union county's fourth annual economic conference, which will be held at the high school building here Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, March 15 and 16.

The conference will begin at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning with general assembly meetings from 9:30 until 10 o'clock. From 10:20 until 12 o'clock there will be group meetings in horticulture, farm crops, poultry and home economics, with the various committees in charge.

At noon those present will have lunch with the Union county chamber of commerce, to be served by the home economics department of the high school.

Picnic to Speak.
A talk by ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce at one o'clock will be followed by picnic. From two until four o'clock group meetings will continue until time for adjournment of the afternoon session.

In the evening the program will be devoted to boys' and girls' club work, motion pictures to be shown in the high school auditorium. This program will begin at seven o'clock and will continue until about 9:30.

Wednesday Program.
On Wednesday morning the conference will start with a general assembly at 9:30 o'clock and up until 10 o'clock a report of the soil

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LOCAL NIMRODS
WIN WITH A 38

Wind Handicaps Trapshooters But Astoria, Echo Also Troubled

Wind again played hob with the Wing, Pin and Fleetfoot club trapshooters in yesterday's contest in the Oregonian telegraphic shoot. The wind was so strong at the grounds at the foot of Oak and Cedar streets that the nimrods retired to the Lone Tree grounds. There the wind was much less strong, but still a handicap for the shooters added shelter to some extent.

In spite of the low scores turned in—a 68, the local club tied with Astoria in the first round and defeated Echo in the second event, the Echo shooters failing to better a 67. With La Grande's percentage of 500 before the shoot, this places them a notch higher on the percentage ladder and also leaves the Astoria-La Grande deadlock to be shot off in the near future.

Four clubs turned in perfect scores yesterday—Eugene, Salem, Coquille and Hood River.

La Grande shooters' cards were mixed as follows:
Alvin Bennett and Jesse Brooks, 23; Claude Mackey, 22; H. K. O'Brien, 20; Bohlenkamp, Elmer Stoddard and H. E. Coolidge, 21; and William Rollins, 20.

Tigers to Leave at 8 a. m. Tuesday;

Aggravators Win East Oregon Title

The La Grande high school basketball team, champion of Union, Walla Walla, Baker, Grant, Harney and Malheur counties, will leave La Grande tomorrow morning on Train No. 17 for Salem, where the team will meet other championship teams of Oregon in the annual tournament to decide the state title.

Play will not begin until Thursday afternoon but the drawings are expected to be attended to Thursday morning. The question of bracketing Eugene and Salem—or the winners from these two districts—at extremes and let the others draw will be decided just before the drawings.

Three Teams Entered.
To date only three teams have qualified for entrance—La Grande, Pendleton and Medford. Eugene and Siletz play tonight for the title and other districts will know their representatives within the next two days.

Don Mackenzie, coach, will take Zaudel, Stoddard and Newton, forwards; Captain Lyman, center; Banks, Berry and Stalcup, guards. An eighth man, either Baker or McCorkle, will make the trip also. La Grande people are intending to see the Tigers off tomorrow morning and a large crowd is expected to gather at the depot to bid the team "good-bye and good-luck."

Load Limit Now
In Effect Upon
Highway to West

Pendleton-La Grande Section of the Old Oregon Trail Closed to Heavy Traffic.

A load limit of 6500 pounds, including the vehicle, has been placed on the Old Oregon Trail highway between here and Pendleton until the frost leaves the road bed and it becomes dryer. This was announced this morning by Oscar Cutler, of the local highway department offices.

One half-mile strip of the highway just this side of Glover is in a very bad condition as a result of the wet weather and the frost leaving the ground, which caused the surface to break open and the road to become rough and muddy.

A crew of workmen are busy at the place in an effort to improve it and a tractor is kept there to assist the travel through. It will probably be several days before cars will be able to go through without assistance.

Salvation Army
Hears Address
By Major Loney

There was not even standing room at the Salvation Army hall Saturday night when Major Andrew Loney, from Spokane, spoke on "Pioneer Days of the Salvation Army." Major Loney told some very interesting stories of the persecutions and hardships endured by the early day Salvationists, of which many people have no idea.

Major Loney has been in the service of the Salvation Army for 40 years and carries several scars of his service.
Andrew Loney Jr., and Paul Knautz, furnished music during the evening.

On Sunday evening Major Loney again spoke to a large audience, taking as his subject "The Four Armies." The first army he described as "people who have shined away their day of grace, the second army he said, was those who had never tried to be Christians in life, but when faced with death repented and were forgiven, the third army the little children, and the fourth the people who are now outside the church.

To Speak Tuesday.
Tuesday evening Major Loney will again be the speaker at the Salvation Army hall, when his subject will be "Holiness."

Other church services in the city were well attended yesterday also. Laymen occupied the pulpit at the First Methodist Episcopal church in the evening, the general theme being "Laymen in the Church."

Clifford Pratt
Hit by Automobile

Clifford Pratt, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Pratt, was seriously injured last night when a car ran into him knocking him down and cutting a severe gash in the back of his head and bruising his face considerably. The accident occurred near the Church of God chapel just after the evening services. The little boy started to cross the street and dashed in front of the car and was hit before the driver saw him.

A doctor was summoned and the wound was dressed. He lay in a dazed condition until about 4:30 o'clock this morning, when he began to recover. This morning he was resting easily.

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POLICE RUIN
ATTEMPT TO
BOMB CHURCH

One Dynamiter Killed and Companion Injured in Hail of Bullets

AUTHORITIES NOW
SEEK HIGHER-UPS

Officers, with Elaborately-Laid Trap, Prevent Destruction of Frisco Cathedral.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 7 (AP)—Search for "higher-ups" in the plot to bomb St. Peter and Paul cathedral church, in the Latin quarter here, was pressed by police today while an unidentified dynamiter lay dead in the morgue and an alleged confederate was in a hospital seriously wounded by police gun fire following the fifth attempt to blow up the edifice in a little more than a year.

The wounded man denied participation in the dynamite attempt. The other man was killed as he fled after placing a bomb containing 26 sticks of dynamite in the church entrance and lighting the fuse.

While detectives shot down the fleeing suspect, a policeman risked his life, and possibly saved the lives of his companions by breaking the sputtering fuse to prevent explosion of the bomb.

Trap Prepared.

The detectives laid an elaborate trap for the dynamiter, basing their plans on the fact that three of the four previous attempts to wreck the building had been staged early Sunday. Seven policemen were stationed inside the church and two in a window across the street, while a team of men, ostensibly guarding the church, paraded back and forth in front.

The tenth man, armed with a saw, dashed forward, and after yawning loudly, went inside the church as if to sleep.

The concealed policemen communicated by an electric buzzer system, and after the visible guard had disappeared, apparently giving the bombers just the chance they wanted, the hiding detectives renewed their vigilance.

Weeks of Waiting.
Their efforts were rewarded yesterday after weeks of vain watching. Two men approached, one on each side of the street. The unidentified man laid the elaborately prepared bomb inside the church entrance, and fled when the police ordered him to halt. Two shots killed him instantly.

The other man, Charles Monahan, 60-year-old, hesitated as the shots were fired, and then, disregarding orders to halt, started toward a nearby park. The police shot him and later sought his protests that he knew nothing of the bomb plot. They pointed to his admission that he had been arrested in Seattle as a war-time spy, and as indication that he was the type to be drawn into bombing outrages. Ecklund said he had worked in the Santa Clara county hospital and in a

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Match Maloney,
Sharkey; Fight
Will Be May 19

NEW YORK, Mar. 7 (AP)—Tex Rickard announced today he had matched Jim Maloney and Jack Sharkey, Boston heavyweights for a 15-round bout at Yankee Stadium on May 19. The bout will be another step in the elimination tournament to produce a contender for the title held by Gene Tunney. It will be the first of the outdoor bouts of the season.

Alpert Resigns
From Local Store

Among the business changes which took place in La Grande within the past few days was the resignation of Michael Alpert as manager of the New York Store.

Alpert came to La Grande two years ago, soon after the establishment of the store, here and has been its manager since then.

Alpert does not plan to leave La Grande however, although he has not decided what line of business he will engage in. During his stay in La Grande he has become very much attached to the city and the people of the Grande Ronde valley generally and for this reason he has decided to remain here.

Before the World war, in which he served, Alpert was a successful architect. After discharge because of injury he took up mercantile life and was sent here as manager of the New York store. He was the originator of the lower price merchandise plan and in this has been very successful.

BANDIT QUEEN



Vivian Ingram, 25-year-old flapper, who confessed in Toledo, Ohio, that she and two men held up nine filling stations and a number of petting parties. The girl has a four-year-old daughter. She faces imprisonment.

JAPAN ALARMED
AT HEAVY QUAKE

Conflicting Reports of Damage Are Received Houses Collapse

TOKYO, Mar. 7 (AP)—Several American tourists were injured by a falling gangplank while boarding a steamer at Kobe during today's earthquake. In the central part of Japan, says a dispatch received from that city by the Asia Shimbun.

TOKYO, Mar. 7 (AP)—Central Japan was shaken by an earthquake this evening which caused considerable alarm in Tokyo, Osaka and Kobe, but not extensive damage has been verified in these cities.

Reports from the region of Tama indicate the quake may have reached its greatest violence there. Dispatches from that region say many houses collapsed, one railway bridge fell and several tunnels were damaged. Considerable damage was reported at Miyazu in the old province of Tango.

The earthquake occurred at 6:28 p. m., and continued three minutes with a horizontal motion. It was plainly felt here, causing considerable alarm but no damage.

The Tokyo newspapers issued extra editions publishing sensational reports that a number of fires had started at Osaka, telephone and electric service there had been suspended and that the populace had stampeded in a panic to the street.

The Nippon Shimbun Rengo news agency had no confirmation tonight of any serious damage at Kobe or Osaka. Several persons were reported injured at Osaka in the partial collapse of a moving picture theater.

Conflicting Dispatches.
Conflicting dispatches are reaching

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Legislators to
Attend Luncheon

Members of the chamber of commerce will be given an opportunity to hear the delegates from this district to the state legislative tomorrow noon at the regular forum luncheon at the Sommer hotel.

All of the legislators, Senator A. R. Hunter, Senator Fred E. Kildie, Representative C. A. Hunter and Representative H. H. Weatherhead have expressed their intentions of being present.

The new president, H. E. Coolidge, will preside over the luncheon for the first time. There will also be announcements from the board of directors as the result of the first meeting of the new board which will be this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Floods in Texas
Damage Property

DALLAS, Tex., Mar. 7 (AP)—Property damage estimated at \$250,000 was caused here today by flood waters in low sections. A downpour of rain which lasted several hours, with creeks rising rapidly, stalled street cars and autos and flooded many houses. Police and firemen rescued numerous residents.

DAWES ON VACATION

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (AP)—Vice President and Mrs. Dawes leave today for Havana on a vacation trip which will also take them to Panama before returning home to Evanston, Ill.

States Cannot
Bar Negroes at
Primary Polls

Supreme Court Decision Rules Federal Government Has Control over State Elections.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (AP)—The constitutional guarantee giving negroes the right to vote applies to primaries as well as general elections in the opinion of the supreme court.

Overthrowing a Texas statute under which negroes are prohibited from voting in democratic primaries, the court found today that even though the primary is not mentioned in the federal constitution, federal jurisdiction is sufficient to bar the states from making primary laws out of harmony with the constitutional guarantee of equal rights for the races.

"States may do a good deal of classifying that it is difficult to believe rational," said the court in a unanimous opinion. "But there are limits and it is too clear for extended argument that color cannot be made the basis of a statutory classification affecting the right set up in this case."

The court said it was not even necessary to take into account the fifteenth amendment, which gives negroes the right to vote, because the injustice of the Texas statute was sufficiently apparent when considered merely in the light of the fourteenth amendment, which prohibited the states from making any law to abridge the rights of citizens on account of race or color.

"The statute of Texas . . . assumes to forbid negroes to take part in a primary election, the importance of which we have indicated, discriminating against them by the distinction of color alone," said the opinion.

"The objection that the subject matter of the suit is political is little more than a play upon words."

Veneta Suspect
Held in Prison
At Walla Walla

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 7 (AP)—Charges of murder were filed in justice court here this morning against Albert Brownlee and Dewey Russell, alleged participants in the Veneta holdup and the shooting of Esten Hooker in the morning which ensued. The charges are for the murder of Hooker.

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 7 (AP)—The man held in Walla Walla as the Veneta suspect is believed by Sheriff Frank E. Taylor, of Eugene, to be Alfred Brownlee, ex-convict, and the man sought, according to information at the sheriff's office today. The description of the man caught in Walla Walla tallies closely with that of Brownlee, according to the sheriff.

Dewey Russell, 26, suspected of being Brownlee's accomplice was arrested here Saturday, and is being held pending an investigation. Russell is also a former convict.

Both men will be charged with participation in the Veneta holdup, and probably with the murder of Esten Hooker, who was shot while hunting the fugitive in the wilds of Wolf creek later, officers said.

Good Will Plane
Falls Into Ocean

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, March 7 (AP)—One of the American army good will planes fell into the sea shortly after taking off today for the north. There were no casualties.

Owing to engine trouble the plane failed to take off cleanly and ran into some rocks in the harbor. The damage was said to be slight and it is hoped that the flight can be renewed today or tomorrow.

The other two planes returned to await the repairing of their sister ship.

Select Jury For
Sinclair's Trial

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7 (AP)—Selection of a jury for the trial of Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate, on a charge of contempt of the senate in refusing to answer certain questions in the Teapot Dome investigation, required only a little more than two hours today in the District of Columbia supreme court.

The taking of testimony was delayed until tomorrow, however, government counsel announcing that their witnesses had been summoned for that time.

The indictment against Sinclair resulted from his refusal to answer questions asked him by the oil committee three years ago. It is the first criminal proceeding against Sinclair to come to trial, although a civil case seeking conclusion of the Teapot Dome already has resulted in a government victory in the lower courts and now is pending in the supreme court.

U. S. MARINES
MAY FIRE ON
SACASA'S MEN

American Troops to Attempt to Prevent Fighting at Matagalpa

PEACE MISSION
BACK IN MANAGUA

Report Is That Liberals Will Continue Strife Unless Armed Intervention Prevents.

MANAGUA, Mar. 7 (AP)—Sixteen hundred American troops from Quantico arrived at Corinto today on the transport Henderson.

MANAGUA, Mar. 7 (AP)—United States marines—135 of them—today were on their way to Matagalpa to prevent fighting there between liberal and conservative factions.

Major H. G. Bartlett, in charge of the contingent, made known that a note would be sent to General Moncada, chief liberal military leader, informing him that if the liberals should attack Matagalpa they would be fired on as the marines were being sent for the express purpose of preventing combat that might jeopardize the lives and interests of Americans in Matagalpa.

The major gave his views to the liberal mission, which met the marines when the mission was returning from May after unsuccessful peace discussions with General Moncada.

Mission Returns.
The mission, on its return to Managua, recalled that in the interview with General Moncada Friday he declared the liberals doubtless would continue fighting until the United States actually declared armed intervention or fired on liberal forces. The general said he was unwilling to see the marines fight the United States. The liberal mission holds the opinion that if the United States were to declare actual intervention and temporarily take charge of Nicaraguan affairs, peace would follow immediately.

After reverses in fighting in the Jinotega area the conservatives today were bringing up reinforcements in the hope of wiping out the liberals. Almost all the conservative troops now at Matagalpa are to be withdrawn on the arrival of the marines.

After conference with President Diaz and leading liberals, Gustavo Arguello Cervantes, a member of the peace mission, expected to proceed to Puerto Cabezas, headquarters of the liberal government. There he will try to talk peace with the liberal president, Juan B. Sacasa.

TRANSPORT DUE

CORINTO, Nicaragua, Mar. 7 (AP)—The United States trans-

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GOLD CLAIMS
DOT DISTRICT
NEAR TONOPAH

TONOPAH, Nev., Mar. 7 (AP)—Visions of golden fortunes danced in the heads of tenderfoot and sour-dough miners as they layed plans to make another "pile." He did not hesitate to show visitors, including mine operators and metallurgists, samples of the ore. The land on which the strike was made was sold under judgment three months ago with the privilege of redemption within six months. Horton expects to reclaim the land and begin practical development.

Horton, who like many prospectors, once gained and lost a fortune in the game of gold, is laying plans to make another "pile." He did not hesitate to show visitors, including mine operators and metallurgists, samples of the ore. The land on which the strike was made was sold under judgment three months ago with the privilege of redemption within six months. Horton expects to reclaim the land and begin practical development.

McNary Sworn in
As Federal Judge

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 7 (AP)—John H. McNary, newly appointed United States district judge of Oregon was sworn in today by Judge Robert S. Bean. Judge McNary, brother of United States Senator C. L. McNary, has been practicing law for many years at Salem. He succeeds the late Judge C. E. Wolverton.