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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Unsettled tonight and
Wednesday, probably occasional
rains in north and west portion.
No change in temperature.

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\$450,000 TO
BE EXPENDED
BY POWER CO.Large Share of E. O. L. &
P. Improvement Work
in This ValleyCONTRACT SIGNED
WITH IDAHO FIRMLocal Company Assures
La Grande of Uninter-
rupted Service with
Augmented Power.

A transaction of considerable interest to La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley was made public today when announcement was made of the execution of a contract between the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company and the Idaho Power company whereby the latter company will purchase a part of its future power requirements from the Idaho company. While the details of the contract have not been made public, it is understood that the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company has the option to purchase any amount of electric power up to 10,000 horsepower and that the terms are very satisfactory to the local company.

It has been known for a year or more that the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company has been considering a number of methods of increasing its power supply and that one of the major problems in coming to a decision has been the growing power needs of this vicinity.

In entering into the agreement with the Idaho Power company the E. O. L. & P. will undertake an extensive transmission line substitution program. Delivery of power will be taken by the local company at Durkee, Ore., which will involve the building of 25 miles of 66,000 volt transmission line from Baker to Durkee. In order that the Grande Ronde valley may be guaranteed ample power for all purposes and dependability of service, the 66,000-volt line will be extended this year from Baker to Union and, in addition to a high voltage substation at Baker, one will be placed either at Union or La Grande as soon as conditions warrant it.

The cost of construction in connection with this program is approximately \$450,000. Financing and construction work will be handled by the Eastern Oregon Development company of which J. P. Lottridge is vice president and general manager, holding the same position with that company that he does with the power company. Headquarters of the Eastern Oregon Development company will be in Baker. A. C. Wright will be in charge of the engineering and construction work and J. H. Kling, general superintendent of the power company, will have advisory supervision.

Ad Power Company
This method of handling construction work by a separate company is common practice among public utilities in the carrying out of large and unusual construction programs. It enables an operating company, such as the power company, to be free to handle its regular work undisturbed by the unusual activities connected with a program of this kind.

"Before entering into a contract with the Idaho Power company we gave careful consideration to every possible source of power and came to the conclusion that by such a contract we would not only follow the general practice of modern public utility operation over all the country in making interconnection arrangements, but would have a dependable reserve at reasonable rates," Lottridge said.

"All through our negotiations

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"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"

La Grande High
Tossers on Way
to Salem TodayTeam Leaves on Early
Morning Train—State
Basketball Tournament
Begins Thursday.

Accompanied by Coach and Mrs. Ian MacKenzie, eight Tigers left La Grande this morning bound for Salem, where they will participate in the state basketball championship tournament.

The players making the trip are: Captain Layman, center; Zundel, Stoddard and Newlin, forwards; Staleup, Berry, Baker and Hanks, guards. A crowd of high school students saw this team off, bidding it good-bye and cheering it with high school yells.

The team will arrive in Portland tonight and spend the evening there, going on to Salem tomorrow morning.

Thursday morning at 11:45 o'clock the nine teams to enter in the tournament will draw for places. Playing will start in the afternoon and continue until Saturday night, when the finals will be played.

Eight Teams Selected
Late yesterday six of the nine teams had been definitely decided—La Grande, Pendleton, Marshfield, Medford, Wasco and Salem. A Portland team will participate but the metropolitan league title will not be settled until tomorrow. Washington and Franklin High are the leading teams. Astoria and Clatskanie played last night to determine the district championship and Astoria won the right to go to Salem. Eugene emerged triumphant in a game with Silette for the championship of the Lane county area.

The prevailing opinion here is that if the Tigers do not draw Medford or some exceptionally strong team for the first game, they will have a chance to win a number of games at Salem, and possibly the championship. The reason for hoping for a weaker team as a first opponent is to give the players a chance to familiarize themselves with the Willamette university floor before later games.

Records Impending
La Grande's record in Eastern Oregon this year is imposing. Eighteen games have been played, of which 15 resulted in victories. A total of 476 points have been scored by opponents 218.

Of the two games lost one was to Wallawa. To even matters up the Tigers defeated Wallawa three times by imposing scores. The other loss was to Pendleton, champion of district No. 2, but La Grande also defeated Pendleton in a game played here.

The Observer will receive Associated Press stories of the tournament games at Salem.

A number of local people will go to Salem today and tomorrow, expecting to remain for the three days of the tournament.

PENDLETON, Mar. 8 (AP).—Eight Pendleton high school basketball players will leave here tomorrow morning for Salem where they will represent this district in the state basketball tournament.

Hotel Contract
May Be Signed
This Afternoon

L. S. Weeks, representative of W. C. Beckwith, who recently took out a permit to construct a six-story hotel at the corner of Fifth and Adams to cost \$225,000, returned this morning from Portland with the information that bids had been received for construction of the hotel and that the successful contractor would be determined late this afternoon and would be made public tomorrow.

**Bar Roller Skates
In Business Area**
Roller skating is taboo on Adams avenue from Greenwood to Fourth and on Depot from Jefferson to Washington.

This was the announcement made by Police Chief Clint Haynes this morning. He pointed out that boys skating in the business section are a menace to pedestrians. Unless this ceases immediately, he will take severe steps to enforce the ruling.

Major Loney to
Speak This Evening

Major Andrew Loney, who spoke at the Salvation Army hall Saturday and Sunday, will deliver a third address here tonight. His subject will be "Holiness."

The major is an interesting speaker and Envoy Barker urges all to come to the hall early if they wish seats. The meeting is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock.

LEGION AND
AUXILIARY TO
MEET FRIDAYDistrict Conference Will
Be Held in La Grande
This WeekSTATE OFFICIALS
EXPECT TO ATTENDQuestions Concerning Ex-
Service Men in Refer-
ence to Loans, Etc., to
Be Answered.

A district conference of the American Legion and the Legion auxiliary will be held here Friday, March 11, when department officials and district committeemen and committeewomen will be present.

This is an annual meeting, the purpose of it being to discuss the program of work of the organization and help all ex-service men in any way possible. Most of the time will be given over to discussion, when all questions of ex-service men regarding their loans, insurance, etc., will be answered.

State Officials Coming
Arthur Murphy, state commander, from Portland; Ken Conner, manager of the veterans' bureau at Portland; Carl Moser, state adjutant, and Frank McCulloch, of Baker, district committeemen, are expected to be here to meet with the ex-service men, and Mrs. Anna Horsman, of Hood River, state president, and Mrs. Mabel McInturf, of Marshfield, state secretary will attend the auxiliary meeting.

The legionnaires will meet at Legion hall and the auxiliary will meet at Honan hall, both meetings to begin at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

In the evening there will be a dinner for all ex-service men and their families at Honan hall, to be served by the auxiliary. Venues, donated by the state game commission, will be the main feature of the dinner. The dinner will be followed by a dance at Legion hall.

TICKETS ON SALE
FOR S. A. BENEFITConcert to Help Salvation
Army Will Be Held
Here March 25

Friday evening, March 25, has been set as the date for the Salvation Army benefit concert, arrangements for which are now being completed by Mrs. A. L. Kitch and her committee. All of the money made from the program will go to the Salvation Army to help the organization meet its obligations and continue to function here.

Today tickets for the concert went on sale at the Glass Drug Store and a large committee, of which every member has a personal interest in the success of the concert, started work selling tickets. Mrs. J. T. Longfellow is chairman of the ticket committee. Other members are Mrs. Earl Stoddard, Mrs. L. B. Moore, Mrs. H. A. Zurbick, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Inogen Russell, Mrs. Hal Bohnen Lamp, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Dallas Green, Mrs. Walter Gullis, Mrs. J. Green, Mrs. A. L. Richardson and Mrs. Will Adler.

All of the committee members and those who will take part in the program are giving their services willingly, declaring that the Salvation Army is an asset to the community in caring for those people who are in need of assistance and would not appeal to any church or organization other than the Salvation Army. No worthy case is ever turned away by the Salvation Army. It is held.

An interesting program is being arranged, including some concert numbers. All local talent will take part in the program, which will be held at the L. D. S. tabernacle.

Speaking of his shop's position, Joe Williams, of The Royal, declared that his future course as to prices would be decided at a joint meeting of journeymen and master barbers which will be held tonight. If it is agreed that all shops drop to the 25 and 30 cent level, Williams declares that The Royal will also reduce its prices.

At the barbers' union meeting Friday night it was unanimously decided, according to the president, Lou Evans, to permit any shop that wished, to reduce its prices to 25 and 30 cents.

Yesterday morning following the negotiations taking place at varying hours, until only two shops remained at the former level when the closing hour arrived.

Evans points out that the barbers' union does not regulate prices although it does set a minimum price scale, which is now 25 and 30 cents. The object of the meeting tonight will be to determine what prices shall be charged in La Grande, the decision to be made by the barbers themselves.

Accomplishments
Of Legislature
Told at ForumKiddle and Weatherspoon
Describe Recent Ses-
sion of Law-Makers to
Chamber Members.

A discussion of the affairs of the recent state legislature, with State Senator Fred E. Kiddle and Representative H. H. Weatherspoon in the explanatory role, immediately followed the announcement of the appointment of four committee chairmen for the coming year at the chamber of commerce forum luncheon today at noon at the Sommer.

President H. E. Coolidge announced that Dr. W. T. Pyle would again head the agriculture and health committees, that G. L. Larson will continue as chairman of the good roads committee, that Coolidge will lead the finance committee, and that W. C. Perkins is the new chairman of the get-acquainted committee.

Other committee chairmanships will be assigned in the near future.

It was also announced that the next luncheon will be held Wednesday noon at the high school building in connection with the economics conference.

Kiddle Speaks
Senator Kiddle was introduced as the first speaker and he described, in brief, the work accomplished by the legislature. He declared that the session had been harmonious as a whole and praised Speaker Harry Corbett.

Among things accomplished he regarded as important was the repeal of some 100 old laws no longer applicable to present conditions. He forecast that an equal number will be wiped off the books at the next session.

He touched upon the financial program, describing the efforts made to care for the expected deficit, and praised the governor's program, which was partly approved by the senate and house. Kiddle also mentioned several tax bills indirectly bearing upon taxation that were passed. Auto legislation enacted showed a trend toward interstate uniformity, he said.

Representative Weatherspoon paid more attention to the doings of the house in his speech. Sizing up the representatives he declared that there were approximately 20 good members, 15 spineless members and that the rest were just so-so. He declared that the average intelligence of the group was lower than the average at a meeting of business men and also declared that the most dependable legislator is the average business man.

The house accomplished quite a bit, Weatherspoon said, declaring that the work it waded through was considerable.

"I have the almost faith in Governor Patterson," he said, "and I look for the state to be without a deficit to face at the beginning of the next biennium."

In reference to the governor's votes, he declared that the legislature didn't give him the money so "he cut the pattern to fit the goods."

Senator A. R. Hunter and Representative Charles Hunter were unable to attend the luncheon.

Advertising Two
Highway Projects

Two state highway jobs on the La Grande-Wallawa Lake highway, the contracts for which will be let March 23, are now being advertised by the state highway commission. The contract calls for maintenance material between here and Minam to be used in regrading work, and the other calls for material between Elgin and the top of the Minam grade to be used in resurfacing.

This new surface will be put on the section strengthening it for oiling next year. Too many soft places in the surface prohibits oiling this year.

Streets' Renaming
Will Be Discussed

The question of renaming La Grande streets that are now known by letters, such as A avenue or X avenue, will be taken up tomorrow night at the city commission meeting, beginning at 7:30 o'clock in the city hall.

The commissioners invite all persons who are interested in the renaming of the streets to attend.

The morning session of the secretary's meeting will begin at 10:30 o'clock at the city hall here, and the afternoon session will begin at 1:30 o'clock. Topics to be discussed are: "Relations With Local Communities," "Land Reclamation," "Membership Matters," and "Sixteenth Annual Banquet" for the Commercial Organization Secretaries at Eugene.

In addition to a discussion of current business.

OLD-FASHIONED, BUT SAFE



It's better to be safe than stylish, Miss Alice Edwards of Cleveland, O., decided. So she put on garb of the days when knights were bold before venturing out among the hurrying, scurrying thrives. When one hit her, the driver got an awful jolt, while Miss Edwards merely arose, dusted off her armor, and went on her way.

Negro to Fight
Del Adams Here
Saturday, Mar. 19

Tiger Thomas, Portland negro, will fight Del Adams, of Boise, Ida., in the main event of a boxing card to be held here Saturday, March 19, it was announced today by Hector Melonis, matchmaker.

Thomas recently fought a draw with Del Fontaine in Portland and is a protégé of James Daugherty, who has a stable of fighters that have drawn much attention throughout the country. Daugherty was referee in the Dempsey-Gibbons fight in Shelby, Mont.

George Godfrey, colored, will accompany Tiger to La Grande and will assist him as second during the fight.

Adams has never been forced to extend himself in a fight in La Grande and fans believe that in Thomas he will find a man strong enough to force him to the limit.

Preliminaries will include Dove Knight, Harry Harris, Kyrmit Davis, Bud Woodfin, Firpo Ford and Belmar Allen. A four-round battle royal is also to be arranged.

W. G. Ide Speaks
Here At Friday
Secretary Meet

"Cooperation" will be W. G. Ide's subject Friday noon when he will speak before a joint meeting of the La Grande Realty board and chamber of commerce secretaries of this district, who will be meeting here that day. The two groups will meet for lunch at the Sommer hotel and all interested are invited to attend. Ide is general manager of the state chamber of commerce.

M. C. Martin Held
Guiltyless by Jury

M. C. Martin, accused of issuing a forged receipt, was found not guilty in circuit court late yesterday by a jury of 12.

The trial of C. R. Hibberd, charged with larceny, is before the court today. The state will introduce evidence on the stand at 2 o'clock this afternoon and it is not believed that the case will reach the jury before tomorrow.

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3-POWER NAVAL
PARLEY SOUGHTEngland and Japan Asked
to Join America in
Arms Agreement

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (AP).—The United States has definitely proposed to Great Britain and Japan a three-power naval limitation conference to meet in Geneva next earlier than June 1.

In the event of acceptance by the London and Tokyo governments, which have not as yet replied, France and Italy probably will be asked to send representatives to the conference as observers.

The new invitation is understood to contain no definite formula for fixing maximum tonnage limitations upon cruisers, destroyers and submarines. The purpose of the conference at Geneva will be to explore the possibilities of arriving at an understanding for these maximum tonnage limitations which could be accepted, particularly by Great Britain as a European power, and in view of the non-participation of France and Italy in the agreement.

Washington hopeful
The Washington government recognizes that such limitations on construction as it hopes will be reached must be subject to periodic review by the three governments in the light of building progress.

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Inventor Edison Knocks Ty Cobb
Down With a Well-Placed Bingle

FT. MYER, Va., Mar. 8 (AP).—A venerable recruit named Tom Edison has made good with the Philadelphia Athletics.

In his first time at bat, Edison, a local boy, who has won some fame in the juvenile league, yesterday whined the ball back at the pitcher with such vigor as to knock \$25,000 worth of baseball talent flatter than the joke about youth being served.

The pitcher was Ty Cobb who had donned for the first time in 23 years of big league baseball, a uniform other than that of the Detroit club. In celebration of the occasion some newspaper and movie picture photographers arranged a special party and Edison was drafted from his rubber experiments to play one of the leading roles.

Cobb Grinning.
While the cameramen deployed for places in the sun, Connie Mack, acting as master of ceremonies, escorted the white-haired wizard to the plate, armed him with a bat, and instructed him in swinging at

a ball which the grinning Cobb stood ready to pitch.

The mighty Cobb came in half way from the pitcher's box and tossed an easy one right in the inventor's wheelbarrow. He caught it squarely and before the astonished Ty could lift a hand the ball hit him on the shoulder and rolled him over in the dust.

Fans yelled lustily: "Sign him up," and cameras were turned frantically.

"Think you will be able to do that when you are 80?" Edison asked Cobb.

"Hope so," said Connie, answering for Cobb. "It will mean a lot of pennants to us in the next 40 years."

If Edison had gone in for baseball instead of electric lights, phonographs, rubber and such fooleries, he would have been a great free hitter.

That is the deliberate judgment of Cobb, Manager Mack "Kid" to the plate, armed him with a bat, and instructed him in swinging at

300 La Grande
Students Will
Get Art AwardsOregon Federation of
Women's Clubs to Re-
ward Local Children
for Efforts.

Three hundred students in the La Grande grade schools will receive certificates from the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs for work done during the art contest sponsored by the art department of the Neighborhood club, it was announced by the committee in charge yesterday, after a check of the students taking part was completed.

The rooms receiving the highest percentage, which will receive pictures given by the Neighborhood club, will not be announced until a meeting for the purpose of presenting the pictures will be held.

Pictures have been selected and ordered and the meeting will be as soon as their arrival here.

There will be an interesting program in connection with the meeting. The names of the 300 students receiving certificates will also be announced at that time.

In the meantime the committee, headed by Mrs. E. Rosenbaum, is preparing the program and getting everything in readiness.

Thomas Miller
Sentenced to 18
Months in "Pen"

NEW YORK, Mar. 8 (AP).—Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, today was sentenced to serve 18 months in federal prison and pay a fine of \$5000 when arraigned in federal court.

Miller, alien property custodian in the Harding administration, was convicted last Friday of conspiracy to defraud the U. S. of his honest and best services in connection with the allowance of claims for \$7,000,000. Harry M. Daugherty, former attorney general, was indicted with Miller, but the jury disagreed on Daugherty, and the indictment against him was dropped.

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A number of army airplanes have gone to the Tangei Region from Kyoto to investigate the damage. This district, which was the hardest hit, is not heavily populated but is studded with small villages, the inhabitants of which are employed in the production of silk.

The stock exchanges were apparently little affected today, thus indicating a belief that the earthquake damage was not great economically.

Refugees Swarm
Refugees from Minayama are swarming to the snow covered railway lines in hope of transportation of some place where they can find food and shelter. Other small towns in the Tangei district are suffering similarly.

Okaaka and Kobe are quiet and business is proceeding as usual. Okaaka has 23 persons killed, and in Sakai, a nearby town, 18 lost their lives.

Their was extensive damage through the quake itself and from fires which started immediately afterward. At Okaaka, the water works were threatened for a time, but the flames were extinguished before serious damage was done. Thirteen houses and four factories were destroyed.

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Jack Dempsey Is
Willing to Fight

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 8 (AP).—Jack Dempsey said today that he would be ready to fight any heavyweight contender this summer with whom Tex Rickard wants to match him, and that it makes little difference to him whom he meets.

PRESIDENT TO
SPEND SUMMER
IN THE WEST

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (AP).—President Coolidge intends to spend the summer in the west.

He has made no selection among the many summer residences offered him in western states, but he has made up his mind to establish his summer white house somewhere beyond the Alleghenies.

Offers that he regards as very tempting have come to him from places covering the stretch from Michigan to Utah.

He does not want to spend the summer too far away from Washington but he feels that the west would provide better than any other part of the country the elevation and cool climate which he intends to make a prerequisite of any selection he may make.

Toadstools Eaten;
4 Persons May Die
SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 8 (AP).—Four persons were seriously ill today from the effects of eating toadstools gathered in Golden Gate park in the belief that the poisonous plants were mushrooms. Physicians said they had an even chance for recovery.

The victims were: Detective Sergeant Richmond Tathan, veteran of four wars; Mrs. Tathan, and Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Wagner, all of San Francisco. The meal was eaten at the Tathan home.

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