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THE WEATHER

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CONFERENCE
PROGRAM IS
REARRANGEDW. L. Powers to Speak
Wednesday Noon at
Forum LuncheonGROUP MEETINGS
TO BEGIN EARLIERFarm Power Added to
Program—H. A. Lind-
gren, O. A. C., to Give
Report on Livestock.

The general committee of the economic conference to be held here next Tuesday and Wednesday and the chairman of the various committees met for dinner last night at Hot Lake, the meeting being the last one previous to the conference.

Most of the time was spent fitting the program together, some slight changes being made. The address by W. L. Powers, head of the soils department of the Oregon Agricultural college, was changed from Wednesday morning to Wednesday noon when the regular chamber of commerce forum luncheon will be held at the high school. It was also decided that the group meetings on Wednesday would begin at 9:30 o'clock to provide more time.

Farm Power Added
Farm power was brought up to the forum to be added to the general assembly. There will be two speakers, one to speak on electric power and the other power generated on the farm by machinery.

Group meetings in livestock and dairying will be held on Wednesday. H. A. Lindgren, livestock specialist from O. A. C., will give an outlook report on livestock. S. E. Miller, chairman of the group, will report on the livestock program of Union county; and Robert Withycombe will tell of the feeding work at the experiment station.

A short meeting of the newly organized Wool Growers' association of Union county will follow this group meeting, the purpose of the meeting being to explain the reason for the organization and to interest other sheep owners to join.

Janison to Speak
At the dairy group meeting N. C. Janison, O. A. C. extension worker, will discuss the dairy situation and the organization of a cooperative association will be discussed and plans probably made for organization. H. J. Nelson, president of the Union dairy association, will discuss cooperative marketing through Payette creamery. Dr. W. T. Phyl will tell of the distribution plan of the chamber of commerce.

W. L. Powers was here today from Wallawa county, where he has been making preparations for

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G. D. HARWARD
NEW MANAGER
OF N. Y. STORE

George D. Harward, formerly of Boise, has accepted the position as manager of the local New York store. Mrs. Harward will join him within a short time and they will make their home here. The Harwards have a son who will receive a doctor's degree at Stanford university this spring.

Mr. Harward is an experienced clothing man, having worked for another firm for 12 years. The policy of the New York store will be continued and built up to higher standards to meet the needs of a growing city like La Grande. It is said.

IF HE
USED HIS
MIRROR

The business man whose business doesn't grow is as disturbed as you are when your income doesn't do the same thing. He wants to know why—just as you do.

He might not be able to help you in your difficulty but you probably are able to help him—if he'd only ask you. You could tell him a lot of things about improved service and stocks possibly—but your primary reason for not trading with him is that his business isn't growing. And doesn't interest you enough. And it's probably a very interesting business—AFTER you know about it. The only way you can know about it is through his advertising. It's the one means on which you depend for business news. It's the business looking-glass. If his business is not in the picture you see, your interest naturally goes elsewhere.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

Bohnenkamp Co.
Buys Stock of
Skala Hardware

Announcement of Deal
Made Today—Purchasing
Firm to Absorb
Most of Goods.

The W. H. Bohnenkamp company today announced the purchase of the complete stock of the Skala Hardware company, located in the Roesch building on Adams next door to where the Black formerly operated.

The stock, with the exception of some trademark goods that conflict with merchandise handled by the Bohnenkamp company, will be absorbed and no sale will be staged. The trademark goods, however, including kalsomine, paints, etc., may be disposed of at attractive prices, the company reports. The fixtures will also be sold.

Inventory of the stock was started today. A big majority of the goods handled by the Skala company does not conflict with the lines the purchasing firm features.

Mr. Skala to Remain Here
F. J. Skala is uncertain as to his future plans although he has announced that he will remain in La Grande. He will be occupied for the next 30 days attending to the winding up of his hardware business.

H. E. Skala, his son, has accepted a position in the hardware and implement department of the Bohnenkamp company.

Mr. Skala and his sons came here three and a half years ago from Wallawa, Ore., and opened up their hardware business in the same location they now occupied. Mr. Skala gives as his reason for selling that he was unable to find a suitable location to move into. Because of the plans of Julius Roesch to erect a hotel and to raise that part of the building which the Skala company occupied to furnish a site for the structure, it was necessary for the hardware firm to either seek a new location or sell.

STATE LEGION
OFFICIALS HERE

Union, Wallawa County
District Conference Is
Under Way Today

Arthur Murphy, department commander of the American Legion; Carl Moser, of Portland, state adjutant; Kenneth Cooper, of Portland, representative of the veterans' bureau; George Love, of Eugene, department vice commander; and R. J. Chary, of Portland, editor of the Pacific Legion, arrived in La Grande this morning and are attending the district conference of the American Legion posts of Union and Wallawa counties being held here this afternoon.

A meeting of the Ladies' auxiliary to the legion is also being held with Mrs. Anna Hershner, state president, of Hood River; Mrs. Mabel McInturf, state secretary, treasurer, of Marfield; and Mrs. Jesse Kelly, district committee woman, of Baker, in attendance.

The executive committee of the local auxiliary entertained the department officers at a luncheon at the Sommer hotel this noon and the meeting was scheduled to start at 1:30.

This evening the legion and auxiliary and their guests will join in a banquet at Honan hall at 6:30 o'clock.

Arrest Violators
After March 15

On March 15, the city traffic officer and the city police will begin arresting all motorists who fail to observe the new traffic regulations as relating to Adams avenue and La Grande this morning and are attending the district conference of the American Legion posts of Union and Wallawa counties being held here this afternoon.

Island City Man
Takes Bankruptcy

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 11 (AP)—Listing his liabilities at \$115,292.73 and his assets at \$106,945, Andrew Van Blokland, an island city farmer, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in federal court today.

Van Blokland listed his principal assets as farm lands valued at \$50,620. Exemption of \$500 is claimed.

The California joint stock land bank of San Francisco is his principal creditor with a claim of \$21,509 on a note.

TIGERS WHIP
WASCO QUINT
EASILY, 43-10

La Grande Runs Up 15
Points Before Opponents Count

PLAY SALEM HIGH
AT 7:30 TONIGHT

Eugene Defeats Tillamook; Astoria Throws
Big Scare into 1926
State Champions.

TODAY'S SCORE:
Final: Pendleton 23, Tillamook 50. Pendleton eliminated.

By virtue of winning last night from Wasco the Tigers will meet Salem high tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the semi-finals in the state tournament. Scores by quarters may be received here by calling A. W. Nelson, 410-M, or William Pearce, 357-W. Last night more than 300 fans were present.

When Eugene defeated Medford this morning, only four teams were left in the championship flight—Eugene, Salem, La Grande and Marshfield. After the La Grande-Salem game tonight Marshfield will play Eugene, leaving the finals to be played tomorrow night.

FRANKLIN, MEDFORD LOSE
WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Mar. 11 (AP)—Franklin high, of Portland, was swamped by a series of belated field goals from the hands of the Marshfield high eagles here this morning and lost a 34 to 26 decision in what was the opening game for both in the state high school basketball tournament.

In a following game the Eugene quint defeated Medford, 21 to 13. After staging a comeback in the third quarter the Medford youths slumped and failed to tally in the last period.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 11 (AP)—Featured by Salem's narrow escape in its game with Astoria the annual state high school basketball tournament, conducted by Willamette University, got under way here yesterday with four games.

Salem eked out a 25 to 20 decision over the seaport hoopers while Eugene beat Tillamook 25 to 16. La Grande trounced Wasco 42 to 10, and Medford beat Pendleton 25 to 8. Franklin and Marshfield drew bytes and will clash this morning.

Astoria Scores Salem
Weakened by the loss of three players, declared ineligible, Astoria entered the game under a handicap but with more than enough determination to make up for it.

At the start Salem's clever floor work and brilliant offense seemed due to overwhelm the Astorians, but they fought gamely.

Quickly Salem ran up 2 to 1 count and it was 16 to 3 at the quarter. But then Makinen of the trailing quint cut the margin to 16 to 7 just after the second period opened. But Salem had it up again to 16 to 19 at half and 27 to 13 when the last quarter arrived.

Three field goals in rapid succession by Makinen put Astoria within easy reach of the Salemites 27 to 24. There were five minutes to go and things looked bad for the champions. Slowly but surely the Salemites widened the margin. Lyns, Schwaubauer and Slegman did the work. At the last Makinen who was the outstanding player of

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Ten Boy Scout
Training Meets
Are Scheduled

First of Series to Be This
Evening in the First
Presbyterian Church
Basement.

About 20 men are expected to be in attendance this evening for the first of a series of ten boy scout leadership training meetings to be held in La Grande for scout masters, assistant scout masters, senior patrol leaders and members of the troop committees interested.

The meeting will be held in the basement of the First Presbyterian church and will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. W. T. Phyl, president of the Eastern Oregon Tri-county council, will speak, after which those present will be shown the elements of tenderfoot work of boy scouts.

Choose Scout Master
The school will be run on the basis of a boy scout troop and the scout master for the school will be chosen this evening and those present divided into patrols. Knot tying will be one of the principal lessons this evening.

The course to be given, which will include eight meetings indoors and two out of doors, is a standard course and has been approved by the department of education of the Boy Scouts of America.

Morelock Will
Occupy Part of
French Garage

With the Roesch building at the corner of Adams avenue and Fir street being torn down, preparatory to rebuilding, the Morelock Auto company, located in the building across moving to La Grande from Wallawa, will move to the place occupied by the Harris French Motor company.

The Morelock company will occupy the west side of the place and workmen are now busy preparing the show room, which will be 25 feet by 36 feet in size. The shop will join the show room at the back.

The place will be replastered and repainted. It will probably be the middle of next week before it will be ready to occupy. Until that time Mr. Morelock is showing his cars in the room formerly occupied by the Black Cat.

Ship Lion Cubs
To White House
For President

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (AP)—Two lion cubs are on their way from South Africa to be added to the white house menagerie, without any enthusiastic approval from Jackson Wilson, negro attendant of the presidential pets.

The city of Johannesburg notified President Coolidge today that the cubs, promised some time ago, had been shipped to Washington where they will join within the white house grounds Rebecca, the lioness, and her cubs.

It is the present intention of the president to keep the cubs as long as they are small and friendly. When they outgrow these qualities they will go to the national zoo here.

Wilson took the news of their coming with considerable misgiving.

He inquired at length as to their size, habits and degree of ferocity but apparently was reassured by Mr. Coolidge.

Contract Lambs For
Summer Delivery

It has been reported that two of the larger sheep growers of Union county have recently contracted their lamb crop, for delivery this summer, one lot being contracted for \$19.66 a hundred and the other for 11 cents.

Both lots of sheep are owned by Grand Teton valley growers. This word will be good news to other local sheepmen, as buyers have been for the most part talking lower prices this season. It is said.

15 CREMATED
IN 2 HOMES
IN THE EAST

Six Burned in New Jersey
Blaze Caused by Pour-
ing Oil into Stove

FAMILY OF NINE
DIES IN FARM FIRE

One Escapes Flames by
Leaping from Second-
Story Window—Others
Trapped in Sleep.

BLAIRSVILLE, Pa., Mar. 11 (AP)—Nine persons, all members of the same family were burned to death when fire destroyed their home of Clarence Marsh at Tun-nelton six miles west of here early today.

The dead are:
Clarence Marsh, 45, his wife, 40 and their five children ranging in age from one to 12 years; and Mrs. Harry Montgomery, 21, and her one-year-old child, Mrs. Montgomery was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Marsh.

Only one person, Harry Montgomery, husband of one of the victims escaped. He leaped from a second story window. The victims were believed to have been trapped in their sleep.

SIX DIE IN NEW JERSEY
BROWNS MILL, N. J., Mar. 11 (AP)—Use of kerosene to make the kitchen fire burn faster resulted today in the death of a father, his four children, and one grandchild. They were burned to death when the farm house of William Stevenson at Sunset Lake, near here, was destroyed. Mrs. Stevenson and a daughter were badly burned and one son is missing.

The dead:
William Stevenson, 55.
Shirley, 12.
Ernest, 11.
Alfred, 9.
Mildred, 6.
Lillian, the grandchild, one month old.

Stevenson's wife, Rebecca, 48, is seriously burned.

Chara, mother of Lillian, is suffering from burns and a fractured hip, the result of a fall from the second story. The missing son, William Jr., 14, his father saw him flee in his night clothes from the burning house. A search for him at the homes of neighbors in the woods nearby was started immediately.

LOVE CULT IS
UNEARTHED IN
OAKLAND, CAL.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 11 (AP)—Russell J. Alley, 35, and his son Lloyd, 15, are under arrest today on a warrant issued in Oakland, Alameda county, charging membership in an asserted "love cult," known publicly as "The Sacred School of the White Brotherhood."

Alley senior is charged to have been a leader in the cult.

Issuance of the warrants, popularly called the arrest in Oakland of Mrs. Gertrude Wright and Miss Emma Gibbs at the headquarters of the cult, District Attorney Earl Warren, of Alameda county, informed officers here that at least 100 men and women of Oakland had attended meetings of the organization, membership in which was declared composed mostly of high school students.

"Mating schools" of the cult were declared to have been conducted in at least six California cities and eight cities of other states and Mexico.

Mrs. Wright and Miss Gibbs specifically were charged with having induced an 18-year-old Oakland high school girl to join the cult.

Young Alley was believed to have taken part in her initiation in a word and allegedly improper ritual.

Wyoming Snowstorm
Delays Mail Plane

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Mar. 11 (AP)—A snowstorm which swept Southern Wyoming, forced down the east bound air mail plane at Cheyenne, 20 miles west of Rawlins last night and the mail was sent through by train. The west bound plane, due here today, had been delayed about nine hours by an Iowa storm.

The snowfall in Cheyenne totaled two inches.

13 WIVES



John W. Kearney, arrested in San Francisco on a misdemeanor charge, admitted possessing 13 wives, when questioning turned that way. "It was easy," this middle-aged Don Juan told police.

3-POWER NAVAL
PARLEY ASSURED

Japan, United States and
Great Britain to Meet
This Summer

TOKYO, Mar. 11 (AP)—Japan accepted President Coolidge's proposal for a three-power naval arms conference today when the cabinet voted unanimously to favor the project and called Ambassador Matsudaira in Washington to notify Secretary Kellogg of its decision.

Acceptance by Japan of the American proposals for a three-power conference to discuss further curtailment of naval armaments means that the United States, Great Britain and Japan will send delegates to Geneva this summer in an effort to find practical methods by which competitive construction of cruisers, destroyers and submarines may be avoided.

Great Britain's determination to participate in the conference, notwithstanding the declaration of France and Italy to send delegates to Geneva, was communicated to the state department yesterday.

The acceptance of Japan and Italy may yet find it possible to participate in some way in the discussions, which will be held here. Some officials believe these two European continental nations should be invited to send observers and technical experts to sit in at the meetings.

Klamath Minister
Ill of Pneumonia

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 11 (AP)—The Rev. M. L. Pettelle, charged by prohibition officers with transporting moonshine across the Shikhyu mountains, is lying ill at a local hotel. He was taken with a severe case of pneumonia last evening and physicians stated today he will be confined to his room for several days. He was to have appeared before a Jacksonville justice today for preliminary hearing on the booze charge, but he will be unable to be present. Horace Manning, his attorney, will present the facts to the justice and ask for continuance of the hearing until Pettelle can be present.

Prohibition officers arrested Dick Zadra, at Weed, Cal., last night on the charge of being an accomplice of Mr. Pettelle. They insist he was the companion to Mr. Pettelle in the car. Zadra denies it all.

Girl May Be in
Orphan Annie Role

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 11 (AP)—Belief that Catherine Mary Melvin, 11-year-old girl, who has been missing a week is "on the road" in a disguise of a comic strip character, was expressed today by Inspector Craddock, head of the missing persons department at police headquarters.

A girl answering her description has been seen several times about the city since she left home last Friday noon, but in each instance the person who saw her failed to recognize her until later.

APPOINTMENT TO WAIT

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 11 (AP)—No appointment of a successor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. H. Canon, state parole officer for the past year under the administration of Governor Pierce, will be made until the newly created office of superintendent of the penitentiary has been filled by the board of control. It was announced from the office of Governor Patterson.

Frick Gives to
Death After 108
Hours' Battle

Friends Kept Paralyzed
Man Alive After Nat-
ural Breathing Was No
Longer Possible.

CHICAGO, Mar. 11 (AP)—Game to the last flutter of a stalwart heart, Albert Frick yielded to death last night, four and a half days to the hour after the 23-year-old youth began a grim battle with the mystery that numbed his lungs and placed his life in the hands of three score valiant friends.

He died as two of them ceased the steady compressing and relaxing, pressing and releasing that for 108 hours and 15 minutes had pursued the breath of life in and out of the body chilled into helplessness by creeping paralysis.

Attending doctors, amazed at his ability to live more than half a week, although powerless to breathe, knew the end was coming, but the last phrase through Frick's parched lips was a halting assurance that "I'm all right."

Death Two Hours Later
Two hours later the two men then forcing the paralyzed diaphragm into action stepped back from the bed to permit a doctor to read from his stethoscope tubes "it's all over" and with streaming faces slipped from the room to tell the 54 comrades waiting for their turn to continue the fight.

One of the men who lifted his tired hands with the physicians' announcement, Harry Reynolds, was a member of the first pair of volunteers who began artificial respiration.

Medical science knows little of the disease except that there have been few instances of recovery, but when Frick's breathing ceased Sunday physicians swiftly started artificial respiration, hoping to keep oxygen fed to the body tissues until the youth rallied from the paralysis which had set in three days after an attack of intestinal influenza.

Volunteers Respond
Working feverishly, they dispatched a call for volunteers to aid them, and within a few hours dozens of employees of the Public Service company of Northern Illinois, for which Frick had been a salesman, appeared at the hospital and offered their services.

Organized into shifts of two men each and instructed by the company to remain as long as necessary, the band of volunteers took up the exacting work, two at a time forcing the lungs to take in and expel air.

After 30, 40 and then 50 hours passed and Frick continued to live, even appearing to improve at times, physicians grew hopeful, recalling that medical records described one case in which a victim of the mysterious malady was kept alive for 41 days by artificial respiration, before death. That was in 1898, and the patient was a 20-year-old girl at a St. Paul hospital.

Nourishment Through Legs
For two days Frick received all his nourishment through a glucose solution injected into his paralyzed legs, but Wednesday his condition was so improved that he could swallow food in small quantities.

He also became able to walk more freely, with a little faster pumping of the numbed breathing muscles, and encouraged his comrades with cheering gasps, directing them to "press a little harder, boys," or "not quite so hard."

Yesterday morning, however, he grew weaker and both doctors and his friends, although permitting no break in respiration, except for the administration of oxygen, gave up hope. He dropped into his first lengthy sleep since last week, but it was from exhaustion and last night he lost consciousness for the first time since he was stricken.

Central Japan
Recovering From
Quake Tragedy

TOKYO, Mar. 11 (AP)—Central Japan, recovering slowly from the havoc wrought by Monday's earthquake, was swept today by a terrific gale. The storm brought renewed hardships in the Tanaka district blowing down many of the hastily erected refugee shelters after troops had experienced great difficulty putting them up.

As relief by sea had been hindered by rough weather, it was feared the gale would further delay help for refugees in the villages along the coast which suffered most from the quake.

Latest figures compiled by the home office, which are not looked upon as final, gave the number of dead through the quake as 2687 with 6443 injured. The home office estimated that 16,000 buildings were destroyed.

Relief measures went on steadily despite serious handicaps. The authorities giving particular attention to those in need of medical care. Their next thought was for the thousands compelled to camp out in the cold and snow through the collapse of their homes. Strenuous efforts were made to prevent an epidemic, and to provide food and clothing.

CHINESE WAR
APPROACHING
REAL CRISIS

Fighting in Honan Province
May Have Definite
Bearing on Outcome

U. S. TO PROTEST
EXCESSES IN WUHU

Cantonese Reported to
Have Looted American
Mission Property in a
Village Near Shanghai

By the Associated Press
Fighting which may have a decisive effect on the outcome of the struggle between the northern and southern Chinese is going on behind the scenes in Honan province. Its seriousness is indicated by the arrival of 600 wounded at Peking.

It appears that the long predicted clash has at last occurred between forces allied with Wu Pei-fu and those of the Manchurian warlord, Chang Tso-Lin, who is driving southward through Honan to attempt to halt the northward advance of the Cantonese.

Plans Blank Attack
Chang, known as a master tactician, is reported to be planning a flank attack in Honan, meanwhile rushing 60,000 reinforcements southward to carry on his main advance toward Hankow. Cantonese forces are entrenched on the South Honan border to block the way to Hankow.

Rains have turned the terrain around Shanghai into huge morasses, temporarily halting the military operations of the Cantonese. These forces seek to cut the railway to the north and thus sever the supporting lines of General Chang Tso-Lin, northern defender of Shanghai.

Russias Protest
Revolutionaries have presented a second note of protest to the Peking government over the seizure of the steamer Paniet Lenina and the arrest of three soviet couriers, together with Mrs. Brodina, wife of the Russian consul who tells his adviser to the Cantonese government.

"The note warns Peking that it will bear 'full responsibility' for the safety of the party. Messages from Tsunantzu, where the Russians are held, say they are safe and receiving good treatment.

Special guards are reported to be protecting the leading British military personages in Shanghai in the face of growing extremist agitation. The British forces there were augmented today by arrival of the Coldstream guards.

U. S. TO PROTEST
SHANGHAI, Mar. 11 (AP)—The American consul-general at Hankow was drawing up a protest today for presentation to the Cantonese authorities against excesses in the city of Wuhu after soldiers occupied by Cantonese, soldiers several days ago. John MacMurray, American minister at Peking instructed the consul to make the protest, as American mission property was looted.

Wuhu is 200 miles west of Shanghai.

Anti foreign demonstrations held there Tuesday and Wednesday led to the removal of foreign women and children to places of safety and a group of them left yesterday on the steamer Kutuo.

With military developments along the front south and west of Shanghai prevented by rains, preparations for attack and defense by the southern and northern armies respectively, continued. The northern chief concern is to maintain communications along their principal artery, the Nankin-Shanghai railroad, and they are continuing to send reinforcements of Shantung troops to Nanking.

Gunsmen Active
Gunsmen hired by local extremists killed a number of loyal workmen yesterday. The Chinese foreman of a Japanese cotton mill

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BANDITS BLOW
UP ARMED CAR;
GET LARGE SUM

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Mar. 11 (AP)—Blowing up an armored truck with a bomb while it was en route to the Pittsburgh Terminal car company's Covertide mine this afternoon, nine armed bandits, estimated to amount to \$100,000. The driver of the truck and two guards were badly injured.

The auto had proceeded from a Pittsburgh bank along the Liberty road, a main highway in Bethel township, and had turned into a side road when the explosion occurred. The bomb, set off just as the armored car was going through an under-passage of the Mountour railroad, wrecked the auto.

The robbers grabbed the payroll and sped away in an auto, parked nearby. The run from the main highway to the mining plant is 500 yards.