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THE WEATHER.
OREGON: Unsettled and mild.
probably rain tonight and Sunday.
Strong south and southwest winds
on the coast.

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O'HARA GETS
LIFE TERM IN
PENITENTIARYPleads Guilty in Circuit
Court to Charge of Sec-
ond Degree MurderWILL BE TAKEN
TO SALEM SOONJudge J. W. Knowles Ex-
cuses the Jurors—Two
More Cases to Be Tried
This Month.

Yesterday, with the consent of the state, Charles O'Hara, whose trial for murder was set for the first of the week, pleaded guilty to second degree murder for the shooting of Floyd J. Sturm, and was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary by Judge J. W. Knowles.

A first degree murder charge was placed against O'Hara, the distinction between the two being that in murder in the first degree the killing is done in cold blood with premeditation and deliberation.

Sentenced to Life

Time for the passing of sentence was waived by O'Hara, and on his attorneys' agreement with the state—filing as a record in the case a transcript of the testimony given at the coroner's inquest and statements by witnesses as to the incidents of the tragedy, the court passed sentence of life imprisonment, it being the only penalty prescribed by law for this charge. Sheriff Jesse Breshears will take O'Hara to Salem probably Tuesday.

The history of the case is somewhat as follows: There had been no trouble or quarrel between Charles O'Hara and Floyd Sturm, but on the morning of the tragedy, Nov. 6, last year, some of the men in the Osborn camp, where the two men were working and where the shooting happened—including O'Hara—had been drinking moonshine whiskey.

O'Hara borrowed a shot gun from Harry Hildreth's camp near by. Armed with the shot gun, and apparently mad with whiskey, he returned to the Osborn camp and met Mr. Sturm, his cousin, Dallas, and a man by the name of Mr. Mc Gavin standing near a log by the side of the track.

He asked Dallas what he was a man or a cur, Mr. Sturm started to step forward, and according to the testimony of the two surviving parties, O'Hara told him to stop, and on his failure to do so he shot.

O'Hara doesn't remember the incident, but he did not remember that he had not been drinking, as his mind was muddled.

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REMOVE LIGHT,
POWER POLES
FROM AVENUE

Removing of power and light poles from Adams avenue east of 3rd street is now practically completed in preparation for the installation of the new ornamental street lighting units.

The work was started Thursday after the city commissioners gave the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company permission to go ahead with the work. Eugene Walker, of the utility company, declared that it was his intention to keep a "step ahead" of the lighting district contractors, so as to obviate any chance of holding up the work in any way.

The majority of the wiring work on the streets in the lighting district is now attended to, it is reported.

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 doesn't interest you enough. And yet it is 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.

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Legionnaires
Of 2 Counties
In ConferenceState Officials Attend the
Meeting—Venison Ban-
quet held in Honan
Hall Last Night.

District conferences of the American Legion posts and the Ladies auxiliary of Union and Walla Walla counties held here yesterday were well attended.

The meetings started at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, the legionnaires meeting at Legion hall and the auxiliary at Honan hall. Round table discussions, when all questions were answered by department officers made up the afternoon's program in addition to a general business meeting. Kenneth Cooper, of the veterans' bureau of Portland, reported on the new national legislation concerning ex-service men.

Venison Banquet

In the evening a joint banquet of the legion and auxiliary was held at Honan hall, venison, donated by the state game commission, being the principal thing on the menu.

The banquet was served by the members of the auxiliary, during which time talks were made by the various state officers, including Arthur Murphy, department president; Frank McCulloch, district committee man, of Baker, and Mrs. Anna Herschmer, state auxiliary president, of Hood River.

Mrs. Mabel McInturf, state secretary, of Marshfield, and Mrs. William Kelly, of Baker, district committee women, were the other officials present for the women's meeting.

Carl Moser Here

Other legion officials present were Carl Moser, state adjutant; Kenneth Cooper, of the veterans' bureau; George Love, vice commander, and Jack Carey, editor of the Pacific Legion.

City Represented

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crowe and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Playle attended the banquet as representatives of the city and Mr. Hill made a short talk in behalf of the city.

A dance at Legion hall followed the banquet, until 1:30 o'clock when the department officers left for Hood River where they are holding a meeting today.

In regard to the state convention

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Senior Play to
Be Next Friday
And Saturday

"Adam and Eve," a French comedy drama, will be presented in the high school auditorium next Friday and Saturday evenings by the senior class of La Grande high school. Tickets for the play were placed on sale yesterday and high school officials announced that reservations may be made Thursday morning of next week at Glass Bros.

Monday members of the club will present a skit from the play of a high school assembly. The play is being directed by Miss Mabel Bennett.

2 Stills Found
In Operation by
Sheriff, Report

A raiding party, led by Sheriff Jesse A. Breshears, arrested two men on the Adamsworth place near La Grande about 9 o'clock last night and confiscated two small stills, about two gallons of moonshine liquor and discovered about 100 barrels of mash, they report this morning.

Officers accompanying the sheriff were Deputy Hugo Klinghammer and Officers Bill Howard and Roe, from the police department. According to Sheriff Breshears, both stills were in operation when they visited the place, and the work was being conducted by Walter Murphy and Corrie Robinson. Charges of setting up and operating a distillery will be placed against the latter and the former will face a smaller charge.

Major Loney Will
Speak at S. A. Hall

Major Andrew Loney will be the speaker this evening at the Salvation Army hall at 8 o'clock. He will tell the story of his life before and after becoming a Salvationist. The major has spent 40 years as a Salvation Army officer and those who heard him last Saturday night a few personal remarks will not doubt wish to hear him tonight. All are urged to come early in order to be sure of a seat. Andrew Loney Jr. will furnish music.

Tomorrow evening at 8 p. m. the major will speak on the subject, "The Society of Hell." This will probably be his last service in La Grande.

TILLAMOOK IS
WINNER OVER
TIGERS, 32-13Victor Goes into Consola-
tion Tournament Fina-
ls This EveningSALEM, EUGENE TO
PLAY FOR TITLE1926 State Champs Catch
La Grande in a Slump
and Spoil Local Hopes
for Championship.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 12 (AP)—La Grande high was eliminated from the state high school basketball tournament here this afternoon, losing to Tillamook 32 to 13 in the consolation semi-finals. At halftime the score was: Tillamook 15, La Grande 7.

As a result of last night's defeat by Salem high, 29 to 11, the La Grande Tigers were eliminated from any chance to place first or second in the state high school basketball championship tournament although the team still has a chance to win third or fourth, depending upon the outcome of this afternoon's game in the consolation semi-finals.

"La Grande fans who saw the Tigers play against Wallowa in the opening game at the Union tournament will know just what happened at Salem last night," said a local fan over long distance telephone from the state capital last night concerning the Salem game.

After one quarter of pretty ball, this same informant said, the team lost its eye completely and from then on acted exactly as it did in the Wallowa game.

"Salem couldn't miss the basket and La Grande couldn't hit it; our fight and teamwork was on a par if not superior to Salem's," concluded the fan.

At the end of the first quarter the Tigers were trailing Salem 3 to 4. The half score was in favor of Salem 10 to 5. In the third quarter La Grande scored 6 points while Salem gathered to but failed to chalk up a marker in the final period.

Starting of teams at the conclusion of last night's games follows:

Team	W. L.	Points
Tillamook	3	0 1,000
Eugene	2	0 1,000
Salem	1	1 500
Marshfield	1	1 500
La Grande	1	1 500
Medford	1	1 500
Tillamook	1	1 500
Astoria	1	1 500
Franklin	0	2 000
Pendleton	0	2 000
Wasco	0	2 000

SALEM, EUGENE IN FINALS.
WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY
SALEM, Ore., Mar. 12 (AP)—Salem and Eugene advanced to the finals.

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FRUITDALE ROAD
TO BE IMPROVEDResidents Vote to Raise
\$600 to Be Matched
by the County

FRUITDALE ROAD—The residents of the Fruitdale community living along the mile and five-eighths section of unimproved road in that section met at the Honer-Wilson home Thursday evening and subscribed \$600 for the improvement of the road, the amount to be matched by the county, the money to be taken from the general road fund.

The section of road will be graded, gravelled and macadamized and when completed will join the Mt. Glen market road and the Hunter lane, making about a seven mile loop of road.

The estimated cost of the road is \$1,200, one-half of which the residents of the Fruitdale section are furnishing. Any amount over that will be paid by the county.

Work on the road will start just as soon as weather conditions will permit.

Scout Leaders Gather Last Night
In First of Series of 10 Meetings

Twenty-five Union county boy scout leaders, assistant scout masters and senior patrol leaders met in the basement of the First Methodist Episcopal church last evening for the first of a series of ten leadership training meetings to be held here.

The Rev. William M. Bradner, of Cove, was elected scout master for the school and every Friday evening in the basement of the M. E. church was the time and place set for the meetings.

WOMEN TAKE
BIG PART IN
CONFERENCEHomemakers' Section to
Feature Address by Miss
Esther CooleyPRACTICAL HOME
DEMONSTRATIONSVocational Guidance De-
partment Is Added to
the Program—Arrange-
ments Not Complete.

Every woman in Union county—housewives of town as well as rural homes—is invited to participate in the homemakers' section of the economic conference that will open at the high school building Tuesday morning under joint auspices of the Union county chamber of commerce and the grange. Mrs. La J. Chudwick, of Cove, is chairman of the committee in charge.

Miss Esther Belle Cooley, of the Oregon Agricultural college, extension service department, will be the principal speaker of the women's program, and has prepared talks in answer to three important problems of homemaking.

To speak at 1 p. m.

Arriving Tuesday on train No. 34, she will be ready to address the women at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on the subject, "When the Farm Woman Entertains." Wednesday morning she will give a demonstration talk on spring sewing, including some helpful hints on remodeling for the school girl wardrobe. She will speak also on the budgeting of time and expense in the home.

The opening program Tuesday morning will be welcomed by the homemakers who desire practical help in interior decorating. Mrs. Grace Busey, of La Grande, will explain some of the popular methods of decorating lamp shades, pillows, draperies, and small furniture pieces.

Mrs. Mabel Cleaver will give some helpful suggestions and rules for the "homemaker's" grouping of furniture. Miss Alice Marquardt, county health nurse, will complete the morning with a discussion of the school child's lunch, and what it should comprise.

Table Service

A demonstration of table service will be given in connection with Mrs. Cooley's entertainment. This Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Lois Davis, La Grande high school home economics teacher, will be in charge, with high school girls to assist her. Mrs. Ruth Longfellow, in a talk entitled "With an S. A. E. and a Two-Cent Stamp," will reveal some interesting sources of up-to-the-minute household hints.

In view of the finds of the recent botulism survey in Union county, Dr. W. T. Phy will tell the homemakers how to insure their families against poisoning in canning vegetables in his talk on Wednesday morning.

On the recommendations made

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Blue Mountain
Clubmen Elect
Elmer Stoddard

Elmer L. Stoddard was elected president of the Blue Mountain Country club, Chase, Idaho county, vice president, and Earl C. Reynolds, secretary-treasurer last evening when the board of directors met at the chamber of commerce offices.

As the present board of directors is the first since the adoption of the by-laws those present drew lots to determine the length of the term which they were to serve on the board.

Those drawing one-year terms are: W. C. Perkins, S. D. Crowe, Charles Binger, Dr. W. T. Phy, and William Siegert; two-year terms, E. L. Meyers, Charles Binger, Dr. A. L. Richardson, H. E. Dixon and Chase Bohnekamp; and three-year terms, A. J. Stange, G. L. Larson, Charles Reynolds, Elmer Stoddard and Earl Reynolds.

The president was authorized to appoint a building committee and reports were heard from the greens committee before adjournment.

Train Service Is
Hurt by Storms

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Mar. 12 (AP)—Train service into Kansas City from the west was disrupted today because of the heavy snow storms in Eastern Colorado. Trains were from four hours to more than nine hours late.

LONGEST HIGHWAY SPAN



These pictures illustrate completion of the Carquinez Straits bridge, longest highway span in the world, connecting San Francisco east bay section with northern California. The upper picture shows the lifting of a final span in place by counter weights, an unique method. Below, one of the four 140-pound steel pins that tied the span in place.

Large Crowd in
Attendance at
Entertainment

A large crowd witnessed the three plays presented in the L. D. S. tabernacle last night by the M. L. A. Three dramas, "A Kiss in The Dark," "Time of Ancestry," and "Love Is A Game," were well given and drew much praise.

Those taking part in the three plays follows:

"A Kiss in The Dark," Billie O'Leary, Mae Reed, Thelma Pickett, Maxine McNeil and Joe Benson.

"Time of Ancestry," Maxine McNeil, Gladys Williams, and Dave Hendrickson.

"Love Is A Game," Barbara Hunt, Maxine McNeil and Alverson Adams.

Mrs. Lora Russell sang two numbers and Mrs. Kate McNeil gave two readings during the intermissions.

CHAMBER WILL
HEAR REPORT
DR. W. P. POWERS

The regular forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce next week will be on Wednesday instead of Tuesday and will be in the domestic science building of the high school under the direction of Miss Lois Davis.

Dr. W. P. Powers, soils expert from the Oregon Agricultural college, will be the speaker and will tell of the soil survey of Union county.

The chamber of commerce will furnish lunch for those attending the conference on Tuesday also, but Wednesday will be the day for the forum luncheon. All chamber of commerce members are urged to attend both luncheons, however, and as many of the conference meetings as possible.

Lunch will be served by the domestic science department of the high school under the direction of Miss Lois Davis.

American Consul
Is Badly Wounded

BUTENOR ATRE, Argentina, Mar. 12 (AP)—A dispatch to La Nación from Sao Paulo, Brazil, today said Merdonio W. Goforth, American consul today, in a grave condition from the knife wounds inflicted upon him yesterday. His assailant, an American giving the name David Catfield, is 73 years old and has been a resident of Brazil since 1871.

About two years ago, the dispatch says, Catfield made an effort to return to the United States but found that he could not obtain a passport. Recently he had again been pressing the consular authorities in this connection.

He called at the consulate yesterday morning and talked violently to Mr. Goforth. Finally he produced a knife and stabbed the consul several times. He told the police that he had acted in self defense.

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WEEPAP STRIKE
IS RICHEST YETNewest Boom Town Liter-
ally Rests on a Gol-
den Foundation

TONOPAH, Nev., Mar. 12 (AP)—Evidence that Weepah, new gold boom town northwest of here, rests on a golden foundation was plentiful here today after its discoverers had given demonstrations to skeptical arrivals.

While 200 persons looked on, an Oakland newspaper reporter, guided by Frank Horton, owner of Weepah's principal claim, dug his way into the earth and pulled out as much rocky soil as his hand could hold. A San Francisco newspaper man crushed it, and it was panned by Horton. It produced two tablespoons of gold.

Fred Gilbert, a seasoned young "desert rat," who recently sold a claim 12 miles from Weepah to New York interests for \$100,000 and who not so long ago found ore near here which produced \$12 in gold to the pound, declared after seeing the find that he "never would speak of high grade ore again."

Greatest Strike

Sourdoughs and prospectors who have ranged from the Yukon River and from Grapple Creek to Hudson Bay, looked on and said they never had seen the like before.

"I broke open a chunk of rock awhile ago about six inches in diameter," said Gilbert, "and found the whole inside plastered with free gold. And I saw other bonanzas disclose the same value. They were at least 50 per cent gold."

Weepah today began to blossom forth as a real town. Its first "important" hung out a sign reading:

"Chamber Free"

"Water \$2 a barrel; gasoline 50 cents a gallon; lard and eggs 80 cents; white milk 50 cents a drink, chamber free."

Guy Millard, prospector who saw Goldfield at its height said after

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Boxing Card Is
Complete Up to
The Semi-Final

With the exception of the semi-final six-round event, all bouts for the boxing card to be held here next Saturday night have been arranged.

Tiger Thomas, Philadelphia negro, will meet Del Adams, of Boise, in the 16-round main event, and local fans are expecting to see one of the best scraps in years. Adams has never fought anyone here that forced him to open up but in Tiger Thomas, it is believed he will have a real opponent. Thomas is scheduled to fight a main event in Portland a week from Tuesday.

The bout is to start at 9 o'clock in order to give business men a chance to attend. Tickets are on sale at all clear stores. In connection with the higher prices, Hector McInnis, matchmaker, points out that this fight will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

Pirpo Ford, 124, will meet Billy Knight, 125, of Umatilla, in a four-round special, and a four-round battle royal will be the opener. Glen and Earl Ford, Kid Mahoney, of Umatilla, and Kid Guck are expected to participate.

Doomed Men Try
To Escape From
Joliet, Ill. JailOne of Six Desperate
Convicts at Large—5
Men Wounded During
Gun Battles.

CHICAGO, Mar. 12 (AP)—Six desperate convicts, under sentences, for murder in a state prison break a year ago, made a new drive for liberty from the county jail at Joliet, Ill., early today, with the aid of smuggled saws and guns. Hours later five men lay wounded, two seriously, and only one convict was at large.

At a cost of \$1500 to pull the job, three of the convicts who were Mexican fled to Chicago where two of them were recaptured after a gun fight with policemen. Meanwhile their three American companions were besieged in the Joliet jail.

Investigation On

The confession of Charles Duchowski, one of the six, that \$1500 was provided for the dash for liberty, led to an immediate investigation to determine by what means the prisoners obtained the guns and saws.

Duchowski, Charles Schader, Walter Staleski, and the Mexicans, Gregorio Riso, Robert Torres, and Bernardo Riso, were sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Peter Klein, deputy warden at the new Stateville penitentiary last May when seven prisoners stabbed and beat Klein to death in an escape.

The six had received two stays of sentence by court order and a third early in the week by appeal allowed by a state supreme court justice.

Early today the Mexicans sawed their way from their cell, escaped into the hall pass where they overpowered and bound two night guards. Tossing arms and saws to the three Americans in another cell, the Mexicans then bound the night jailer and at the jail door held up two deputy sheriffs, kidnapped one and raced away in the sheriff's auto.

Trusty Wounded

With three desperate men armed in their cell, and three fleeing, an alarm quickly brought police and additional deputies for a siege of the jail.

Believing the convicts were at large in the jail, the police threw tear bombs into the hall pass and opened fire on a trusty, wounding him as he descended the stairs.

An hour later the police advanced to find Staleski, Duchowski, and Schader still in their cells, and ready to give up. The three surrendered their pistols and there was peace in the jail once more.

In the meantime the Mexicans headed toward Indiana Harbor in a wild dash for apparent refuge in the Mexican colonies of the steel district but the auto broke down. They grabbed a taxicab and still holding the deputy sheriff, John Krueh, started for South Chicago.

Thorny Path

But their new path was covered with thorns. They had not gone far before they met a Chicago police auto squad. Bullets began to fly, and Gregorio Riso, convict, William Frost and George Grant, po-

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Dentists Meet
In Baker Monday
For Convention

A large delegation of La Grande dentists will go to Baker the first of the week, where they will attend the first annual joint meeting of the Eastern Oregon District Dental society and the Southwestern Idaho Dental association to be held there next Monday and Tuesday, March 14 and 15.

Those attending are invited to come Sunday and bring their golf clubs although the meeting will not begin until Monday morning. After the registration an address by the president of the Eastern Oregon society, Dr. F. V. Pryor, of Hermiston, will open the conference.

Two-Day Program

Addresses, clinics and discussions on the subject of dentistry will make up the two-days program. There will be a banquet on Monday evening and conference will close Tuesday afternoon after a table clinic at 3 o'clock.

Dr. E. P. Mossman, of La Grande is first vice president of the Eastern Oregon association. Dr. C. P. Charrier, of Boise, is president of the Idaho organization.

Missing Girl Is
Found in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 12 (AP)—After a week of wandering about the streets, sleeping at night in barns and woods Catherine Mary Melvin, 11, was found late yesterday. She told the police she played truant a week ago Friday because her problems were too hard, and that she got lost and could not find her way back. She got some groceries by charging them to a family, and bought some by trading in empty milk bottles which she found on porches at night, she said. She was discovered when a woman found her with a bicycle which disappeared.

Announcement of his position at the white house yesterday clearly foreshadowed a rejection of the Diaz proposal.

INVASION OF
FOREIGNERS'
AREA FAILSDurham Light Infantry
Turns Back Shan-
tungese SoldiersCANTONESE PLAN
NEW OFFENSIVENative Bankers at Shang-
hai Worried over De-
mands of Gen. Chang
for Money.

By the Associated Press

The first attempted invasion of the international settlement at Shanghai by armed Shantungese soldiers occurred today.

A group numbering about 500 approached the settlement but 200 British soldiers of the Durham light infantry were rushed up and the Shantungese withdrew.

Guards about the international settlement at Shanghai were doubled this afternoon.

Bankers Worried

Native bankers at Shanghai are worried over the demands of General Chang Tsung-Chang, Shantungese leader, for money to finance his defense of the city against the Cantoneses.

The second anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, pioneer Chinese republican leader was observed today, many factories closing. Labor unrest there is unchanged and strikes multiplying. Despite the bad weather Chang Tsung-Chang continues to bring up reinforcements to defend Shanghai. According to reports in London the Cantoneses may start a big drive to capture Shanghai within a week.

Business activities are resuming at Wuhu on the Yangtze river where anti-foreign riots occurred a few days ago.

NEW OFFENSIVE

LONDON, Mar. 12 (AP)—A new offensive by the Cantoneses along a wide front with the object of capturing Shanghai is expected within a week by reliable authorities in Shanghai, says a dispatch to the Daily Mail today from its correspondent, Sir Percival Phillips. He asserts that the future in China is likely to be full of surprises, but gives no hint as to their nature.

In Shanghai the labor outlook in Shanghai apparently is furnishing enough unpleasant uncertainties. Unrest is spreading, each day bringing fresh signs of possible serious trouble and developments are being awaited with uneasiness.

M. Merkuloff, chief white Russian advisor to Marshal Chang Tso-Lin, the northern warlord, has arrived at Shanghai from Tientsin, where he conferred with Mme. Borodin and three Russian couriers arrested by the northernners when they seized the soviet steamer Pamiat Lenina last Saturday. He is quoted by the Daily Express as saying that Marshal Chang does not consider them prisoners as they are protected by diplomatic privileges, but that in any event, no drastic action will be taken before the case is thoroughly examined.

Merkuloff added that Mme. Borodin had been making many voyages to and from Siberia and that on the last occasion Marshal Chang warned her it