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**THE WEATHER**  
OREGON: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probably local rains. No change in temperature. Moderate westerly winds on the coast.

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MAINTENANCE  
FOREMEN IN  
CONVENTION

O.-W. Company Workers  
Gather in La Grande  
for Two-Day Meet

OPENING SESSION  
THIS AFTERNOON

Division Engineer Chausse  
Is Presiding—Offi-  
cials from U. P. Head-  
quarters Attend.

Approximately 100 maintenance of way foremen and other officials of the second division of the O.-W. who are intimately interested in maintenance of way over that line between Huntington and Pendleton are in La Grande for a two-day session which is called into council meeting semi-annually. The sessions took up this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the company club house with Division Engineer Chausse presiding. Subject matter for discussion will concern itself with maintenance of way problems. The council will adjourn this evening until tomorrow afternoon when the concluding session will be held.

"Maintenance of way foremen" is a name that has broad application and the men assembled here for the council include section foremen, bridge and building foremen, water service foremen, motor car repair shop foremen and all their assistants. With these many branches of railroading represented, the topics are varied and those in attendance are free to discuss them, to the good of all present.

## Officials Attend

The meeting has attracted officials from and off the division and system. Among those are: R. V. Owens, general supervisor of line service of the Union Pacific system with headquarters in Omaha; H. A. Roberts, engineer of maintenance of way of the O.-W., with headquarters in Portland; P. A. Steers, of Salt Lake City; C. L. Larm, of Wallawa, and E. E. Martin, of Salt Lake City, who are president, vice president and secretary-treasurer respectively of the Maintenance of Way Foremen's association for the system.

Ten thousand five hundred watches are carried by certain employees of the system that must not and do not vary 30 seconds from current time," explained Mr. Owens today in speaking of his duties which seldom get publicity. "The whole system of checking these watches comes under the jurisdiction of my office and in each locality the details of the work are in the hands of local inspectors. In La Grande, there are Siegfried & Co., and J. H. Pearce & Son. By either intricate method, positive check is maintained at all times." Mr. Owens will, in the course of the council here, take part in the deliberations.

## Wins Medal Twice

While in La Grande for these meetings, Mr. Steers has been in—  
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FEED HONORS  
20 GUARDSMEN  
THIS EVENING

Twenty members of Company E of the Oregon national guard, who will complete their three-year enlistment term and will receive their discharges this week, will be honored at a feed following the regular drill period at Zuber hall this evening.

There will be special exhibition drills for the benefit of those who are leaving the company and all interested are invited to attend. Several of the original members of the guard company are re-enlisting.

THE  
POWER OF  
SUGGESTION

The primitive man who accidentally discovered fire when, it is supposed, he was playing with sticks and flints, was no longer satisfied with skins alone for body warmth and with raw foods for body stimulant.

The comfort and convenience of fire was first a luxury, then an absolute necessity. When one savage told another about it, it demonstrated it, it soon became one of the requirements of savagery. It progressed from the fire in the center of a cave or skin-covered shelter, to fireplace, to Dutch ovens, to wood and coal stoves, to gas and electric ranges. And all as a result of suggestion—suggesting something new, better, different—advertising it. Without this spreading of information civilization cannot progress. The Observer carries business news to 3000 families each day at minimum cost.

"Observer Advertising—  
A Merchandising Service"

Tigers Ranked  
Among Stronger  
Teams in Salem

Western Oregon Papers  
Praise La Granders—  
Richard Lyman Second  
All-Star Center.

Richard Lyman, captain of the La Grande high basketball team, was selected center of the second all-star state team in Salem Saturday night after the championship game. Lyman was single-digit high point man of the tournament with 26 points and fourth in total points with 57. Holden, of Tillamook, who wrecked La Grande's chances Saturday afternoon, was high point man of the tournament with 13. Eberhard, Eugene, scored 10 and Melvin, Medford, 11. Newlin made 11 and Zundel 13 points.

The all-star selection follows: Center, Eberhard, Eugene; forwards, Horner, Eugene; Duffey, Salem; guards, Colbert, Eugene; Anderson, Medford. Second team: Lyman, La Grande; center, Makinen; Astoria; Melvin, Medford; forwards, Olinger, Salem; McDonald, Medford; guards, Holden, Tillamook, given honorable mention.

Although La Grande high school dropped out of the three games Saturday during the state basketball tournament, the Tigers returned to La Grande still considered as one of the strong quintets of the event.

All members of the team excepting Eldon Hanks and Richard Lyman were home this morning. Those two were due to arrive later in the day, making the trip by automobile.

Reports received here in reference to the Salem game which La Grande lost 29 to 11 did not give the Tigers as much credit as they actually earned, according to comments in Salem newspapers.

## Evenly Matched

The Salem Capital-Journal, speaking of the contest, says: "So fast did the game start out that the quarters passed before one knew it. Both teams were checking their close with the opponents apparently nervous with so much at stake and both so evenly matched. Though both sides took shots during the first quarter it was three minutes after the start's gun before the first point was registered when Zundel, Tiger forward, dropped in a free throw only to have Tom Duffey come back with a field goal. Olinger converted two more free tosses which gave Salem the lead 4 to 1. Lyman, the unerring center, who made such an impressive showing the night before against Wasco by scoring 26 points, tossed a field goal and the period ended a second later, 4 to 1.

At the outset of the second half the La Grande hoopers rallied and before Salem could gather it's feet together the Eastern Oregon players had garnered two field goals by Lyman, sunk a long range. Zundel countered a minute later and put his team in front, 11 to 10. Salem awoke to the fact that they were making impossible tries from the middle of the court and started working the ball close. Led by Duffey, who was playing the best game of the season, by fighting savagely the Salem team seemed to be unable to miss, holding a 20 to 11 point lead at the end of the third quarter.

## Holden Runs Wild

In the Tillamook-La Grande

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Club Leader Is  
Rotarians' Guest  
At Lunch Today

H. C. Seymour, state club leader from the Oregon Agricultural college, spoke at the La Grande Rotary club luncheon at the Foley grill at noon today. Horace Addis, editor of a farm publication, was also present and spoke briefly.

Mr. Seymour told of the boys' and girls' clubwork in Oregon, giving figures on the extent of the work in the state and in Union county specifically, similar to figures published in The Observer some time ago. He told of the good that is being accomplished by the work. Mr. Seymour was introduced by Warren K. Gilbert.

J. P. Cruden Hurt  
Slightly in Wreck

The large touring car driven by J. P. Cruden, district sales manager of the Standard Oil company, was wrecked on the Old Oregon Trail highway, about two miles east of here yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Cruden pulled his car to a side road and ran into the bank to avoid hitting a small car, which was coming on to the highway from a cross road, it is reported.

Mr. Cruden was in the car alone and was unhurt except for a slight injury to his nose. The car was damaged considerably, the left front wheel being broken, the fender bent and the front part of the car damaged generally.

He was on his way to Walla, Ida., from Walla Walla, Wash., his headquarters. He left here by train last evening, being compelled to leave his car.

CONFERENCE  
OPENS HERE  
ON TUESDAY

Fourth Annual Event  
Will Be Staged in High  
School Building

DEAN DUBACH TO  
SPEAK TOMORROW

La Grande, Union and  
Imbler Glee Clubs Will  
Furnish Music—Pro-  
gram Completed.

Arrangements have been completed and everything is in readiness for the opening of the fourth annual Union county economic conference at the high school tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. School will be dismissed for the two days while the conference is being held in the building.

All junior and senior students of the high school, however, are urged to attend the vocational guidance conference with other juniors and seniors of Union county, which will be a part of the conference, beginning also at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

## Program Complete

The program for this part of the conference has been completed and includes many interesting speakers. High school glee clubs of Union, La Grande and Imbler will furnish music for the vocational conference and it is with music by one of these groups that the program will start. At 9:45 o'clock Dean U. G. Dubach, dean of members of the Oregon Agricultural college, will address the entire assembly on "The Need of a Vocation."

## Dean Dubach Coming

At 10:20 o'clock Dean Dubach will talk to the junior and senior boys and at 10:55 o'clock Dr. W. T. Pby will talk to the boys on "Medicine and Surgery as a Profession." At 11:30 o'clock Robert S. Eakin will address the boys on "Law as a Profession."

The girls attending the conference will hear Miss Blazer, head of the home economics department of O. A. C. at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and at 11:15 o'clock Miss Mozelle Hair, of the University of Oregon extension service, will talk to them.

At noon the high school students will have lunch in the domestic science rooms with others attending the conference, when C. C. Gignoux, agricultural agent for the

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PASTOR OF IOWA  
CHURCH CALLED

The Rev. J. George Walz  
Accepts Invitation by  
Presbyterians

## The First Presbyterian church

here will have a pastor beginning May 1. The congregation voted to call the Rev. J. George Walz, for eight years pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, of Nevada, Iowa, at a congregation meeting some time ago and a letter of acceptance has been received.

The Rev. Mr. Walz has resigned as pastor of the church there and is now preparing to move to La Grande. He, with Mrs. Walz, will drive to La Grande and plan to be here by May 1.

The attention of the officers of the local church was called to the Rev. Mr. Walz some months ago without his knowledge and there was considerable investigation on their part some time before his communication with him personally.

## Highly Recommended

Although he has never spoke in the church here he comes highly recommended. Following is what the Nevada Evening Journal said concerning his resignation: "The people of this city have long recognized the Rev. and Mrs. Walz"

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45 Union County Teachers Attend  
Second Institute at Elgin, Oregon

About 45 teachers of Union county gathered at Elgin Saturday for the second of three local institutes held here this spring.

Miss Mozelle Hair, of the University of Oregon extension service, was the principal speaker of the day. After invocation by the Rev. E. A. Pollock and music by the Elgin high school glee club she gave an interesting address on "The School and the Community," telling the relation of the school to the community and its value.

Roy Conklin, superintendent of the Union schools, gave a paper entitled "Is Athletics Carried Too Far in the High Schools?" followed by a general discussion, which

SAPIRO SUES  
HENRY FORD  
FOR MILLION

Auto-Maker Figures for  
Second Time in Court  
Action for Libel

MAY TESTIFY WHEN  
CASE IS ON TRIAL

Suit to Begin Tomorrow  
in Detroit—Defense  
Expects to Summon 150  
Witnesses.

DETROIT, Mar. 14 (AP)—For the second time in his career Henry Ford figures in a \$1,000,000 libel suit. The suit filed by Aaron Sapiro, Chicago lawyer and Farmers' Cooperative organizer that begins in federal court here tomorrow, however, finds the motor king in the role of defendant.

Eight years ago at Mount Clemens, Ford was plaintiff in a suit against the Chicago Tribune. He was awarded a verdict of six cents. The Tribune suit was based on a charge that it had termed Ford an anarchist.

In the suit to begin tomorrow Sapiro charges Ford and the Dearborn Independent libeled him in a series of articles that charged, a Jewish conspiracy to control agriculture and also Sapiro sought to utilize the farmers cooperative organizations to his private gain.

## Ford May Testify

Whether Ford will appear personally in the suit is disputed by attorneys on both sides. C. B. Longley, of counsel for the auto maker, asserted today that Ford had not been subpoenaed.

To this William Henry Gallagher, for Sapiro answers:

"A subpoena was issued to Mr. Ford's lap several months ago. I am confident he will not make it necessary for us to ask the court to have him brought in."

Just what testimony plaintiff's counsel plans to get from Henry Ford, the witness, against Henry Ford, the defendant, was not revealed.

## Many Witnesses

While the defense plans to summon about 150 witnesses, the plaintiff's counsel has named only four. Additional witnesses Gallagher said, would be determined by the nature of the testimony brought forward by defense attorneys.

Testimony of the big array of defense witnesses will be supplemented by approximately 250 depositions taken from potato growers in Maine, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota and New Jersey; cotton growers in Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, and South Carolina; wheat growers in Kansas, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and fruit and vegetable growers in all parts of the country.

Elaborate arrangements have been made for the accommodation of spectators, a formidable array

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Charleston Saves  
Man From Cannibals

SYDNEY, Australia, Mar. 14 (AP)—Knowledge of the intricacies of the Charleston, much discussed dance, saved the life of Palmer Kent, Australian composer, he declared here today upon his return from a lonely walking tour on Epi Island, in the New Hebrides group.

The natives of the island, Kent explained, still are in the cannibalistic era and head hunting is a respected diversion. Kent was surrounded by a group of armed aborigines, who appeared on the verge of attacking.

To distract their attention the composer danced the Charleston and the natives quickly caught the infection and soon hundreds of the cannibals twisted and gyrated in emulation.

Seal-nude men, women and children followed his movements eagerly, and when he had shown them all he knew about the dance, lavished him with presents and escorted him in safety to the coast.

## WORKMEN EVICT COOLIDGES



President and Mrs. Coolidge, evicted by repairmen who are extensively to alter the white house, move into the Schlesinger residence on Dupont Circle, Washington. Above, we see the first lady of the land entering her new home carrying a clock she particularly treasures; below, carpenters busy themselves with the erection of booths to shelter the police guard about the temporary white house.

La Grande Trap  
Men Win Three  
Firsts Sunday

La Grande's Wags, Elmer and Fred, Foot club trapshooters advanced a long step in the Oregonian's telegraphic event yesterday by winning from Hood River and Washington county in the regular double-header and shooting off a tie with Astoria. Their percentage was raised to 750 as a result, with six wins and two losses.

La Grande turned in a 74 score, one less than perfect, while all three opposing teams shot a 73. The blue rocks had a bad day at La Grande. Three grounds yesterday, three shooters turning in perfect scores, three breaking 34, three getting 23 and two 22. After the first round was shot off J. B. Smith broke 25 straight for a third perfect score, although this did not count in the tournament scores.

The results of yesterday's event were:

Charles Smith and Charles Binger, 25 out of 25; William Rollins, Alvin Bennett and Pete Kingsley, 24; H. K. O'Brien, Jesse Eberhard, and Chase Holmquist, 23; Claude Mackey and J. B. Smith, 22; Charles Reynolds, 21 and Dr. Murphy, Tracy Hollister and W. H. Bohlenkamp, 20.

Bank of Stanfield  
Closes Its Doors

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 14 (AP)—The Bank of Stanfield, at Stanfield, Ore., was closed Saturday by order of the state banking department.

Tim Haddock, examiner of the state banking department, said today that the closing was the result of withdrawals of deposits following the death of Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, of Portland, who had been aiding the bank for some time.

The bank had deposits of \$40,000, its capital was \$25,000, and surplus \$5,000.

Commerce Chamber  
Elects Forsythe

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Mar. 14 (Special)—The Enterprise chamber of commerce held its regular dinner meeting at the Enterprise hotel last week with 65 members and visitors present.

The following officers were elected for the new club year: president, R. L. Forsythe; first vice president, Ira Snyder; second vice president, Carl N. Miller; secretary, D. B. Beavie; treasurer, Fred Savage; H. R. Jamison was elected to the board of governors for a two-year term and C. L. Booth was elected for a one-year term.

County Agent C. N. McDonald, W. L. Teutch, of the O. A. C. extension service, and C. A. Hingaman, of La Grande, were speakers during the evening.

## PLAN RADIO HEARINGS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14 (AP)—Hearings on the entire radio situation are planned by the new radio commission. Four members of the commission called today on President Coolidge to pay their respects prior to organizing tomorrow.

ASKS COURT TO  
DIRECT VERDICT

Counsel for Harry F. Sinclair  
Declares He Was  
Not Under Oath

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14 (AP)—A directed verdict of not guilty was asked for by the defense today in the contempt trial of Harry F. Sinclair.

In arguing the motion before Justice Hite in the District of Columbia supreme court, George P. Hoover, chief counsel for the lessee of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve declared there was no evidence to show that Sinclair had been sworn as a witness before the senate oil committee at the time he refused to answer additional questions.

"Mr. Sinclair was not under oath and not a witness," Hoover said. "So he could not have violated the section of the statute under which the indictment here was returned."

## "Fishing Expedition"

Characterizing the senate inquiry as a "fishing expedition," Hoover said the committee either was seeking to drive Sinclair to the point where he would have to refuse to answer on the ground that his answers might tend to incriminate him or to obtain evidence to aid the

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Quakes Felt At  
Different Points

POTSDAM, N. Y., Mar. 14 (AP)—A heavy shock resembling an earthquake shook Potsdam today. Substantial buildings were rocked but no damage was reported. The tremors lasted for several seconds. They were felt also at Ogdensburg.

## OSLO, Norway, Mar. 14 (AP)—

A slight earthquake shock was felt at several places between Arendal and Mandal, Norway, at 2:25 o'clock this morning. Greenwich time. Houses trembled sufficiently to awaken the occupants. No damage was reported.

## VIRALIA, Cal., Mar. 14 (AP)—

A slight earthquake shock, windows in Viralia shortly after 5 o'clock this morning. No damage was reported.

City Manager of  
Austin, Tex., Shot

AUSTIN, Tex., Mar. 14 (AP)—City Manager Adam R. Johnson was shot and seriously wounded in his office at the city hall today.

Dr. C. W. Goddard, city health officer, was arrested by City Marshal J. N. Littlepage. No charge was filed.

## PHYSICIAN SUICIDES

AUSTIN, Tex., Mar. 14 (AP)—Dr. C. W. Goddard, city physician, held in connection with the shooting of City Manager Adam R. Johnson this morning, was found dead this afternoon in the city jail. His throat was cut.

Trouble Hovers  
Over Gold Boom  
Town in Nevada

Prospector Finds Gold-  
Bearing Gravel Worth  
\$50 a Pound—Weepah  
Is Electrified.

TONOPAH, Nev., Mar. 14 (AP)—The spectre of trouble hovered in the office at Weepah today when the gold boom camp woke up and found itself potentially twice as rich as was first supposed.

Discovery of rich surface deposits by a red shirted prospector here yesterday, who came quietly back to camp after a day of work in the hills became known and he failed miserably in attempting to keep secret the fact that he had found surface gravel worth about \$50 a pound.

The development electrified Weepah. Prospectors and even Sunday visitors scattered over the country almost in the twinkling of an eye, hoping to locate claims or at least fill their pockets with gold.

## Trouble Looms

The presence of surface values holds the possibility of trouble, for under state laws, locators may file placer claims on areas already staked out for quartz or lode mining. This means two classes of claims may be filed on one area, and the placer miner is entitled to all the gravel down to the regular lode.

Thus far only lode claims have been filed. The double system never has been tried in this state, and old timers say there will be trouble if both placer and lode claims are allowed.

## Claim Jumpers Bold

Claim jumpers are manifesting boldness in their operations. One of the seasoned prospectors, Frank Dumond, reported his location notices had been torn up.

With the possibility of conflict in sight a movement was launched among locators to discuss pooling their claims. Ed McKelvie, discoverer of the surface fold, refused to say where he made the find because he was uncertain as to the legal status of the claim involved.

He was reported to have favored pooling to eliminate the possibility of clashes. McKelvie is an authority on the rights of prospectors.

Thus far the Weepah camp which is but ten days old, has collected a new type of gold seeker. There has been no disorder and no disputes. The Rainbow chasers of today are smooth tongued, polite and good natured.

Up to yesterday Weepah was a gold camp without a burro, but one arrived today in the wake of an old timer who reached Goldfield in its heyday only to find all claims had been staked.

More color was added when an itinerant gambler showed up with a word of green balsa cloth and a pair of dice and set up his layout in front of his tent. He said his name was "Honest Jim" and was too modest to give any other.

The dance hall girls put in an appearance in number for the first time yesterday, dancing here and there in limousines and wearing mackinaw. Many of them have claims, some of which were staked out for them within eight hours after news of the strike hit Tonopah.

Gang Vengeance  
Exact; Fourth  
Victim Murdered

CHICAGO, Mar. 14 (AP)—Gangland's mysterious vengeance, striking swiftly for the fourth time within 48 hours, has overtaken another victim of the notorious and once powerful Genna liquor band.

Alfonzo Fiori, reputed bootlegger, blackhand extortionist and gun point collector for the Gennas, was found yesterday riddled with bullets in a passageway beside an inn on the west side.

Detectors trying to run down the assassin of Lefty Kennel and Charles (The Big) Haddock, shot to death Friday night, were hastily diverted to the new investigation. Police also announced they had no clue yet to the slayer of Benjamin Schneider, shot to death in front of his North Side home a few hours before the bodies of Kennel and Haddock were found. They were searching for some possible link between the slayings the first in the ranks of gangland since a peace pact was agreed to last fall.

Duke of York Is  
Host to Big King

CHRIST CHURCH, New Zealand, Mar. 14 (AP)—The Duke of York met the world's "greatest" monarch today in the person of King Tani Solomon, of the Chatham Islands. The king weighs 335 pounds and made the 526-mile voyage from his realm, east of New Zealand, solely to pay his respects to British royalty.

Solomon is a king without subjects, as his people, the Morioris, have been all but wiped out by the Maoris. It was a trying journey for Solomon, but he felt amply repaid by the duke's warm welcome and his obvious admiration of the king's girth.

RUSSIA MAY  
GIVE HANKOW  
RECOGNITION

Nationalist Capital to Re-  
ceive Envoy, Accord-  
ing to Reports

LITTLE FIGHTING  
IN CHINA TODAY

Weather Partly Checks  
Battle—Cantonese,  
However, Keep Moving  
Toward Shanghai.

By the Associated Press  
Activity in China today was mostly on the political front. There were heavy rains and little fighting around Shanghai which the nationalists are trying to capture.

Advices from Hankow, present nationalist capital, say a truce has been declared in their party's internal dispute. But the fundamental dispute between the extremists backed by Russian influence of the nationalists might check their military triumphs or cause the whole movement to collapse.

## May Recognize Hankow

Russia may recognize the new government shortly, it was reported in Moscow. Simon Orloff, of the soviet foreign office, is preparing to leave for Hankow as an unofficial representative but may become permanent envoy.

Labor unrest continued at Shanghai with red agitators active. Police are appearing urging workers to rise and seize power, also approving the assassination of workers. The foreman of a Japanese cotton mill was assassinated yesterday.

## MOVE TOWARD SHANGHAI

LONDON, Mar. 14 (AP)—Advices today indicated that the Cantonese troops were keeping up their steady movements toward Shanghai, their chief objective in the warfare against the northern forces. They now are menacing graves of the long lines of communication of the Shanghai general Chang Tsung-chang, defender of the city.

Seventy men, five miles out from the city, tore up the rails of the Nanking-Shanghai railway causing the derailment of a passenger train. Cantonese sympathizers are circulating reports that Chang is considering evacuating Shanghai and withdrawing northwestward to the Yangtze river.

## Navy John Cantonese

One dispatch from Shanghai says the Yangtze squadron of the Chinese navy lying off Woosung has gone over entirely to the Cantonese. The squadron comprises 22 vessels.

It is reported that the situation in the international settlement in Shanghai has become increasingly menacing and that the British outpost along the 21-mile defense line have been strengthened.

Fighting has been in progress in the province of Kiangsu, which lies directly north of Shanghai. The roar of guns was heard at Soochow, 57 miles northwest of Shanghai. A big battle also has been in progress in a heavy snowstorm between forces of Marshal Chang Tso-Lin of the northern forces and semi-independent Honan troops between

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OREGON WOMAN  
SUSPECTED OF  
KILLING HUSBY

ALBANY, Ore., Mar. 14 (AP)—Mrs. Anna Fullen, 25, was held in the Linn county jail here today on a charge of shooting her husband, E. H. Fullen, who died in a hospital at Salem last night.