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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Rain west and prob-
ably local rains or snow in east
portion tonight and Thursday.
Warmer tonight.

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**\$869,580.95
IS TOTAL OF
UNION TAXES**Statements to Property
Holders to Be in Mails
About April 1LA GRANDE CITY
TAX RATE IS 22.9Union Again Tops List—
Total Value of All Tax-
able Property in Coun-
ty Is \$25,756,352.Tax receipts are now being pre-
pared in the sheriff's office of the
county court house and will be in
the mail by April 1, allowing plenty
of time before May 5, when the
first half of the tax is due and
should be paid.After that time a small rate of
interest is charged on the unpaid
taxes until they are paid. The second
half to be paid, Nov. 5, when, if
not paid, the taxes will become
delinquent. If not paid within a
month from that time, Dec. 5, ad-
ditional interest will be charged.The first half of the 1927 taxes,
based on the assessment roll of
1926, amounts to \$434,790.48, the
total for the year being \$869,580.95,
which is a large figure, but last
year. The total value of tax-
able property in the county being
\$25,756,352.Of the total tax for the year
\$461,028.70 is the general tax, in-
cluding state tax, general fund,
school fund, library fund, road
fund, indigent soldier's fund, mar-
ket road fund, road bond interest
and road bond redemption.Cities and Towns
The sum of \$147,684.09 of the
total is special taxes levied by
cities and towns. La Grande has
the highest valuation of any city in
the county, \$5,196,682, and the tax
is \$116,943.92, the rate being 22.9
mills.Union has the highest tax rate of
any town in the county; the rate
being 27.7 mills and the valuation
being \$17,575. The tax amounts to
\$4,811.59. North Powder is
second with a rate of 21.9 mills,
the valuation being \$294,244 and
the tax \$6,444.38.The rate at Summerville is 11.9
mills, the valuation \$23,620 and the
tax \$2,810.81; at Elgin the rate is
2.5 mills, the valuation \$409,832
and the tax \$1,024.59; Imbler, tax-
ing 6.3 mills, valuation \$135,796, tax
\$855.51; Cove, rate 8.3 mills, valua-
tion \$163,352, tax \$1,355.82 and
Island City, rate 6.4 mills, valua-
tion \$124,219 and tax \$795.The special tax levied by schools
is also higher at Union than any
other place in the county, the rate
being 12.9 mills. La Grande is
second with 12.7 mills.School Taxes
Following is a list of the
special taxes levied by schools, ac-
cording to the various school dis-
(Continued on Page Five)**GLASPEY WILL
GO ON TRIAL
NEXT SUMMER**M. M. Glaspey, arrested last
October with one of the largest
moonshining outfits ever taken in
Union county, officers say, was ar-
ranged in the circuit court Mon-
day and yesterday entered a plea
of not guilty.Glaspey is out of jail under \$750
bonds. His trial will probably not
be until the next term of the cir-
cuit court in June.A 50-gallon still and complete
equipment, along with 40 gallons
of first-run liquor were confiscated
when Glaspey was arrested, of-
ficers reported.**MORE
CLERKS
NEEDED**When you and the buying pub-
lic generally another a store
with business it meets the trade
growth by adding more sales-
people. Business men want to
serve you quickly, efficiently,
and well.But sometimes a business man
overlooks other factors in his
selling organization. He doesn't
select one clerk to wait on a
customer full of people but he may
expect a small window display
and customer-satisfaction to do
all his advertising. And that
doesn't reach his prospects. If
you never hear his goods or ser-
vice talked about, and if you sel-
dom pass his window, your trade
is naturally attracted to the store
that constantly tells its business
story and invites your patronage
through Observer advertising.It is the most economical
customer-contact to be had in
covering the La Grande terri-
tory."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"**Break Sidewalk
For Installation
of Light System**NePage & McKenney Co.
Starts Actual Construc-
tion of La Grande's
First District.Workmen for the NePage & Mc-
Kenney company, which has the
contract for the installation of La
Grande's first street lighting im-
provement district, broke concrete
this morning on the sidewalk in
front of the telephone company's
building starting first actual con-
struction work. By noon the work-
men were busy a block to the east
and city officials declare that the
installation will be rushed, although
they say they are unable to fore-
cast how long it will take for the
job to be completed.One hundred light units, all of
600-candle power, are to be in-
stalled on Adams avenue and Elm,
Elm and Depot streets, which com-
prise the district. Eight units will
be an illuminating glow on the
Adams-Elm, Adams-Elm and Ad-
ams-Depot intersections and other
intersections in the district will
have four units.The superintendent of the Ne-
Page & McKenney company is
here and is hiring as many local
men as he can use to attend to the
work.Removal of Western Union poles
off of Elm and Depot streets was
started yesterday and is continuing
today.The Eastern Oregon Light &
Power company began its work of
removing poles from Adams avenue
yesterday. The total value of tax-
able property in the county being
\$25,756,352.**La Grande Man
Wins Land Prize
Worth \$10,000**PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 16. (AP)—
Lewis B. Harris, a locomotive en-
gineer of La Grande, Ore., won the
grand prize in a land drawing here
today for tracts from the Oregon-
California railway land grant. He
drew a tract of 80 acres near Heil-
brunn, the Mount Hood loop near Heil-
brunn, which was sold to have an
immediate value of \$10,000. Nearly
100 persons had filed on this tract.About 200 applicants for the 82
tracts of cut-over land crowded the
land office and hall of the post of-
fice building hours before the draw-
ing began.Harris' address is box 387, La
Grande.Mr. Harris has been on the sec-
ond division of the O-W railroad
since 1917, and is well known in
railroad circles here. Most of his
friends today were delighted with
the news of his good fortune.**Artesian Well Is
Capped by City**The second city artesian well,
located near the Second street viaduct,
and flowing from 800 to 900 gal-
lons of water each minute, was
capped yesterday by city employ-
ees.The well will remain capped until
it is necessary to augment the
present supply from Beaver creek.
The first artesian well is also
capped.Before the well was capped
scores of local citizens and some
outside visitors witnessed the flow.**K. P. Lodge Members
To Visit Pendleton**Local lodge members will have a
part in the Umatilla county
Knights of Pythias convention next
Monday at Pendleton when the cast
which dramatized the story of
Damon and Pythias at the recent
Pythian district convention here
will journey to Pendleton and pre-
sent this play to the members of
the Umatilla lodge members.**City President Is
Presented Bouquet**That La Grande firms are up to
the minute in business methods is
again being demonstrated, this time
by Clark's Florists who, as mem-
bers of the F. T. D. (Florists
Telegraph Delivery) are taking
part in the nation wide F. T. D.
week, Mar. 14-20. Every year this
week is observed by members of
the association with a national con-
vention which is now in session at
Detroit, Mich. Through the F. T. D.
services, all members of the as-
sociation are delivering bouquets to
the mayors of their cities with
greetings from the mayor of Det-
roit. A. T. Hill, president of the
city commission of La Grande, was
presented with a bouquet through
Clark's florists here. That firm
has an interesting window display
this week, illustrating the possi-
bilities and advantages of this ser-
vice. A globe with silver ribbons
representing telegraph wires is the
theme of the window.**SUCCESSFUL
CONFERENCE
ENDS TODAY**Group Reports Delivered
in High School Auditor-
ium This AfternoonEX-GOVERNOR ON
SPEAKING PROGRAMNo Assembly Meet Early
This Morning — Lunch
with Chamber of Com-
merce at Noon.All of the group meetings of the
Union county economic conference
being held at the high school
building here, were completed this
morning and this afternoon follow-
ing a report by Dr. W. L. Powers
on the county crop meeting this
morning and a talk by ex-Governor
Walter M. Pierce, chairman of the
committee, were scheduled to re-
port when recommendations will be
heard.Instead of an assembly meeting
this morning the groups went to
their rooms immediately and started
on the days work.

Some Finished Tuesday

The farm crops, boys' and girls'
clubs, and horticulture departments
finished their meetings yesterday.
Because the attendance was small,
a report from the horticulture de-
partment divided part going to
the farm crops meeting and others
to the horticulture meeting.The groups in session this morn-
ing were livestock, dairying, and
home economics.Work in the home economic de-
partment was finished before noon
and those present voted in favor of
several recommendations.Favor Landscape Gardening
Among the things favored by the
group is the addition of a land-
scape and gardening section for
both men and women at next year's
conference; cooperation with the
parent-teacher association organ-
ized in making Union county 100
per cent, with a parent-teacher as-
sociation in every school; the con-
tinuance of the subjects of farm
(Continued on Page Five)**FIRM TO OCCUPY
NEW QUARTERS**Union Mortgage and In-
vestment Co. Plans
Move on April 1The Union Mortgage and Invest-
ment company, which was incor-
porated about a year ago, will move
its offices into the rooms now oc-
cupied by the Jester Shoe Shop and
the Colonial Beauty shop as soon
after April 1 as the offices may be
secured. It is anticipated today by
the president, H. E. Brady.Mr. Brady will move his law of-
fice and Justice of peace court into
the new quarters, also, he an-
nounced. Miss Rita Belle Kitchen
will be his assistant.The company recently purchased
the Weeks & Black Co., and the
William Miller & Co. insurance
business and A. V. Lindgren, for-
merly of the latter firm, is now
conducting the insurance depart-
ment for the purchasing concern.The company has taken over busi-
ness formerly transacted by the
companies it purchased.L. S. Weeks and C. J. Black have
charge of the real estate depart-
ment of the firm and Mr. Black
(Continued on Page Five)**Little Johnny Groundhog Proves
His Ability to Forecast Weather**Six weeks ago today a certain
optimistic prophet won his laurels
in no uncertain fashion—Mr.
Johnny Groundhog.He foretold the weather, not
wisely, but too well!On Feb. 2, it will be remembered
the little animal hid himself from
his winter quarters, peeped out on
a sunny Grande Ronde valley
and decided that six more weeks
of winter was in store, so back to
his den he hieed himself.With the weather agreeable and
with memories of last year's win-
ter, a goodly share of the local
people said "ho-ho" and prepared
for the coming of spring. They
are still preparing.Johnny Was Right
As difficult as it is for mankind
to admit the veracity of the ani-
mal kingdom, it must be admitted
that for once, at least, the ground-
hog knew his thermometer. In
point of long-distance forecasting
the little fellow scored a bullseye—
witness the 21 degrees above zero
experienced in La Grande last
night. And at 7:30 this morning
it was still three degrees below
zero. Yesterday and for the past
two or three days snow has fallen
in slight quantities. The air has
been chilly and winter coal sup-**BATTLE NEAR
SHANGHAI IS
IN PROGRESS**Heavy Fighting Reported
to the West and North-
west of CityGENERAL CHANG
WOULD SELL OUTAmerica Investigating the
Preble Incident — Pro-
test Likely If Chinese
Were in Wrong.SHANGHAI, Mar. 16. (AP)—
Heavy fighting is reported west
and northwest of Shanghai, where
the Cantonese are driving toward
the railway which connects Chang
Tsung-Chang with his base, Tai-
nan, in Shantung province.Telegraphic communication be-
tween Nanking and Peking, An-
hui province, is interrupted, but
responsible quarters do not believe
Peking has been captured by the
southerners, as claimed by the
Kuomintang press in Peking. It
is believed, however, that Nanking
is seriously menaced. Both Nan-
king and Peking are on the rail-
way.To the southeast, along the west-
ern shore of Lake Taihu, near Ning
a battle is reported under way,
with no indication as to the prob-
able outcome.Chang Tsung-Chang is concentrat-
ing Shantung troops at Suo-
chow and Changchow, respectively
east and north of the lake, to pre-
vent cutting of the railway there.CHANG SEEKS \$5,000,000
LONDON, Mar. 16. (AP)—WITH
the nationalist forces in China
keeping up their intensive struggle
to surround and isolate the Nan-
king position from Shanghai, comes
a report from Shanghai that Gen-
eral Chang Tsung-Chang, the
Shantungese, defender of that city,
has offered for a large money con-
sideration to evacuate the zone of
actual hostilities.Shang desires about \$5,000,000
for admission into the province of
Kiangsu, says a dispatch to the
Westminster Gazette. If the amount
is not forthcoming, it is asserted,
he intends if necessary to retreat
upon Shanghai itself, thus bringing
the prize city of the Orient into the
struggle for mastery between the
southerners and southerners. Ac-
cording to the correspondent the
Chinese merchants in Shanghai are
unable or unwilling to raise the
huge sum demanded.To Remove Women
Preparations have been made in
Nanking to remove the women and
children from the zone of close ap-
proach to the Cantonese.A promise has been made by
General Ho Ying-Yin, nationalist
commander in the province of Che-
kiang, which borders on the south
of the province of Kiangsu, in which
Shanghai is situated, that he will
not attempt by force to take the
international settlement in Shang-
hai, says another dispatch to the
Westminster Gazette. He has prom-
ised also to fully protect settle-
ments inside or outside the settle-
ments.America to Protest
He has requested that the mil-
(Continued on Page Five)**Andrews Variety
Store Closes Up**The Andrews Variety store, lo-
cated on Adams avenue between
Elm and Elm street, has closed its
doors and will not reopen it is an-
nounced. The store was in op-
eration for the last time Saturday.
Announcement will be made later
as to the disposition of stock.

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**Beauty Shop To
Change Location**Announcement was made today
by Mrs. K. Lucie Day, that the
Colonial Beauty shop will, in the
near future, change its location
from the shop next to the Jester
Shoe shop in the Foley building
to the space now occupied by
Weeks and Black in that same
building. "I feel that with larger
space which the new location will
give us will be a distinct advan-
tage in our business," said Mrs.
Day today. The change will be
made about the first of the month.**Warehouse Burns;
Loss Is \$200,000**OAKLAND, Cal., Mar. 16. (AP)—
The warehouse of the Pacific
Coast Canning company here was
destroyed by fire last night with
the loss estimated at \$200,000.
Fire bureau officials reported
finding evidence of incendiaryism.**Coolidge Vetoes
War Widow Measure**WASHINGTON, Mar. 16. (AP)—
The plan of congress for large
pensions for civil war widows has
been turned down by President
Coolidge.Reversing his privilege of
"pocket veto" the president has
pigeon-holed the bill.**TEXAN, 91, WEDS GIRL, 26**At 91, Colonel Charles Goodnight, ranchman of Clarendon,
Texas, has just married Miss Corinne Goodnight, 26, of Butte, Mont.
Miss Goodnight, a telegraph operator, read of the colorful life of
the colonel, a noted southwestern pioneer, and wrote to him. The
romance resulted.**Blasphemes God
And Gets 60-Day
Term in Prison**TORONTO, Ont., Mar. 16. (AP)—
Ernest V. Sterry, editor, found
guilty yesterday of blasphemous
libel against the deity, was sen-
tenced to 60 days in jail.Judge Courtwright, in pronounc-
ing sentence, also recommended
that Sterry be deported after serv-
ing the sentence.Sterry was convicted of "scur-
rilous and irreverent, indecent and
libelous" criticism of God, the
scriptures and the Christian reli-
gion. He may not protest depor-
tation proceedings if they are initiated
by his counsel. He has resided in
Canada 16 years.His defense in the trial was that
his criticism was directed not
against the current conceptions of
the Christian god, but against the
"mythological" conception of the
ancient "Jewish god," "an irate old
party," as described in the old test-
ament.**Stock Feed Short
In Wallowa County**WALLOWA, Ore., Mar. 16. (Spec-
ial)—With the solid snow staying
well in the higher sections of the
country and stormy disagreeable
weather much of the time, making
it necessary to feed the greater part
of the livestock, feed supplies are
becoming somewhat shorter each
week. Some who are out of hay,
state that it is almost impossible to
find any who will sell even
small lots.Where the snow has been gone
for any length of time, the new
grass is beginning to start up nicely,
although it will require several
days warm sunshine yet to make
feed good enough for stock to make
their own way. Stock owners in
the valley section now feed them-
selves fortunate in having a con-
siderable amount of old hay left
over from last winter, as it has in
all instances been made very good
use of this winter. It is probable
that grass will have become well
enough started on some of the
range areas to allow some stock
to be moved out from the feed
yards within the next week or two.**Indian to Sell**Pine Nut Jim, Pine Indian who
made the first location at Barrel
Springs three years ago, agreed to
sell his rights, terms unannounced,
and today a messenger was dis-
patched to the home of "Death
Valley Scotty," in Death Valley, to
get the old Indian's thumb prints
for the prospective buyers, Ed J. Rob-
erts, San Francisco, and Homer
Black, and Pine Nut Jim's agent
agreed that the thumb print would
be better than the Indian's mark
on a bill of sale.The latest discovery is reached
from the head of a precipitous can-
yon where G. Matt Corns geologist
found ore assaying 47.8 to the ton
at a depth of 20 feet by an old
shaft. The geologist reported that
the ore is in a sill of an altered
granite vein, as similar to the Trade
Dollar mine, of Silver City, Idaho.
He said the surface showing ap-
(Continued on Page Five)**Two Women Entered
In Oregon Prison**SALEM, Ore., Mar. 16. (AP)—
Two women, Bertha Dillon and
Doris Watkins, convicted by fed-
eral authorities of forgery in con-
nection with postal money orders,
were committed to the Oregon
state prison here today by special
arrangement with the federal gov-
ernment. The women were brought
here from Seattle. Each is sen-
tenced to serve a year and a day.The two new comers raise the total
number of women at the state peni-
tentiary to eight. Five of the num-
ber are under sentence from fed-
eral convictions, the other three be-
lieved state cases.**Negroes Fear for
Safety of Coin**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.,
Mar. 16. (AP)—A long line of
negroes staged a steady run on
the postoffice here for heavy
withdrawals from the postal
savings department today fol-
lowing reports circulated wide-
ly through the negro section
that "the government was go-
ing broke."**STERLING SENTENCED**SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 16. (AP)—
Harold Sterling, 21, who escap-
ed from an Oregon reform school,
stole an automobile, and drove it
to Roswell, Cal., where he was
arrested, was sentenced yesterday
to five years in a federal peni-
tentiary for violation of the national
vehicle theft act. The boy's moth-
er, Mrs. Mary S. Sterling, of Cor-
vallis, Ore., persisted that the boy
was only 17 years old, but the
federal court accepted reforma-
tory records.**More Victims To
Add to Chicago's
Crime Statistics**Father Suspected of Mur-
dering Two Children—
Gangland's War Again
Flames Fatally.CHICAGO, Mar. 16. (AP)—Wal-
ter Scholl, at various times an ac-
countant, salesman and real estate
broker, and a former convict, was
sought today, dead or alive, for the
slaying of his two small children.The bodies of Vivian, his eight-
year-old daughter, and Donald,
two years younger, both children of
his first marriage, were found in
an abandoned Gary, Ind., house
yesterday by police who forced an
entrance at the urging of Scholl's
second wife, Margaret, from whom
Scholl had been separated.Ether-soaked towels found near
the bodies told the story of the
two deaths. Cuts about the mouth
of Donald indicated how he fought
the sickening sweet odor of the
death liquid.Discovery of the bodies came af-
ter Gary police had been told by
Mrs. Scholl that she feared the
children had been killed. She
began, which Scholl rented a week
ago. Officers went to the place re-
turned and reported that it was un-
occupied. Mrs. Scholl insisted,
however, that another search be
made. The officers went again,
forced a door and found the bodies.
Children KidnapedReports from Pittsburgh, Penn.,
today were that the children were
kidnaped last December from the
Juno Tavenley school there. Several
school mates of the Scholl children
identified pictures of Walter Scholl
as the man who took away the
boy and girl.The children lived in Pittsburgh
with their grandfather, the Rev.
Charles Scholl, who had adopted
them because of reported discord
between Scholl and his second wife.GANG WAR FLAMES
CHICAGO, Mar. 16. (AP)—Saw-
off shotguns roared again today
barely 12 hours after funeral ser-
vices were held for Frank (Lefty)
Kencil a victim of last week's gang
feuds.Benjamin Zuckerman, 32, res-
taurantier, ostensibly, he said just
before he dropped off to sleep in
his own home at dawn, but he was
consoled during his imprisonment
because he could talk with his
companions above him all during
his imprisonment.Early yesterday Ashworth de-
scended into the well to clean it.
He was being lowered in a rope
ladder and when he reached the 40-
foot level part of the well side
above him caved in and the stones
formed a roof over his head, cut-
ting off sunlight and air. This lack
of air circulation was considered
the greatest possible adverse cir-
cumstance to his recovery.Volunteers Aid
As soon as Ashworth's plight be-
came known a crowd of volunteers
assembled and began removing the
rock curbing of the well. In shifts
of three men each, the rescuers
were lowered into the hole, and
as fast as they could fill buckets the
debris was drawn to the top. Four
men operated a windlass.At midnight at least 13 persons
remained at the well-side. Ash-
worth's voice could be heard clearly
but it was growing fainter.In the early morning hours amid
a rumble of stone and earth, the
rescuers reached the suspended
man. As he was pulled to the
top, several of those who sur-
rounded him offered a prayer.**Income Tax May
Bring As Much
As \$625,000,000**WASHINGTON, Mar. 16. (AP)—
With the high tide of March in-
come tax collections past and mil-
lions of dollars enroute to the
treasury by mail, officials today
expressed the hope that receipts
for the first quarter would exceed
\$625,000,000. Previous estimates
placed the total at \$600,000,000
but even that figure is \$100,000,
000 over the same period last
year.Although treasury officials
pointed out that the resulting sur-
plus does not mean immediate tax
reduction, its size will be an im-
portant factor in determining just
how far congress will go in writ-
ing the new tax bill promulgated
next winter. Right now the ex-
cess over government requirements
is slated for use in reducing the
public debt.Increase in individual income
tax payments is not expected by
treasury officials to be great in-
asmuch as it is now estimated that
only 2,000,000 persons make these
contributions to the government's
financing plans. Last year the
seven highest individual income
tax payments aggregated \$10,025,
000.**Four Burned
IN GAS BLAST
AT SHAMROCK**AMARILLO, Tex., Mar. 16. (AP)—
Four men were burned to death
and one probably fatally injured
today in an explosion of gas at a
gasoline absorption plant one mile
west of Shamrock. The dead, all
of Shamrock, are: C. B. Bell,
Jack Todd, W. Melton and L. A.
Cheney.The plant being erected by the
Columbia Gasoline corporation,
suddenly burst into flames with-
out warning, trapping the work-
men, two of whom were inside
the large absorption units and the
others on the outside. Those on
the outside were hurled 40
feet to the ground, their clothing
in flames. The bodies of the oth-
ers were removed from the bot-
tom of the gas chambers.**Rogue Valley Is
Covered by Snow**GRANTS PASS, Mar. 16. (AP)—
For the first time this year, snow
has blanketed over the Rogue val-
ley early today. The snow melted
off rapidly this morning as rain
started to fall. Higher mountains
have received a heavy fall of snow
during the past few days.**SNOW IN EUGENE**EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 16. (AP)—
Eugene's mercury, slumping night-
ly, hit the 28 degree mark last
night, and when residents of the
city awoke this morning they found
the surrounding hills blanketed
with another light coat of fresh
snow.**RESCUE MAN
FROM PRISON
IN DEEP WELL**Jeff Ashworth Is Taken
from 55-Foot Hole Ear-
ly This MorningWALLS CAVED IN,
ENTOMB