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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Local rains and snows and fog, with occasional sun tonight, Thursday cloudy, probably rain on the coast. Continued cool.

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IMPROVEMENT
WORK TAKEN
UP BY CITYHartenbower & Spaeth
Given Contract for Lay-
ing Water MainSTREET NAMING
PLAN PRESENTEDThree Sidewalk Districts
Considered—Bids on
One to Be Received on
March 30.Advancement of improvement
districts, opening of bids for the
laying of the second street water
main, and receiving of a recom-
mendation from the planning
commission for renaming of La
Grande streets and changing of
house numbers were the chief items
of business that came before the
city commissioners last night.The city planning commission's
recommendations, which provided
for numbering of all streets ac-
cording to directions from a cen-
tral point, and for renaming of
Adams avenue and Fourth street,
as Broadway and Main respectively,
were laid upon the table for fu-
ture action. The recommendation
also suggested that Monroe, Mid-
dleton, Jefferson and Washington re-
main unchanged, excepting where
these avenues run directly east and
west.

Award Contract

Three bids were opened in con-
nection with the laying of the sec-
ond street water main. The main is
to be of 18-inch diameter, and
will extend from the reservoir to
K avenue, a distance of 1500 feet.Hartenbower & Spaeth, bidding
\$2528.50, was given the contract
for the work. Other bids received
were: O. M. Holt & Lindstrom,
\$2668.50; R. A. Geary, Yakima,
\$2584. The engineer's estimate was
\$2820.

Improvement Districts

Last night was the time for hear-
ing of objections, demonstrations or
claims of grievances on improve-
ment district No. 164, providing for
sidewalks, storm sewers and man-
holes on North Adams from Y to I.
No objections were received and
the commission authorized the
city recorder to advertise for bids
to be received March 20.Improvement district No. 162
was created, providing for sidewalk
construction on North Birch, North
Spruce, Lake and other streets, and
time for hearing was set April 13.
Another sidewalk improvement
district, No. 165, for work on Vol-
unt, Oak, Jefferson and Grand
streets, was created, and April 13
was also set as the time for hearing.A petition for the improvement
of Box Elder from Jefferson to Ad-
ams was presented and referred to
the city manager.

Library Report Presented

A letter was received from the
state librarian, calling attention to
the excellent report of the La
Grande library for 1926. The let-
ter expressed the opinion that La
Grande's report would be consid-
ered the best in the state.The dog catcher problem was
taken up and the commissioners
(Continued on Page Five)ARREST NEGRO
SUSPECTED OF
HOLDUP PLOTTom Wilson, negro, is being held
in the city jail today on a charge of
carrying concealed weapons. He
was arrested at 2:30 o'clock this
morning at the C. W. depot.
The police believe that Wilson
had intentions to stage a holdup.
His actions prior to arrest, they
reported, were suspicious. The negro
had in his possession a .38 caliber
revolver, loaded with steel-jacketed
and lead bullets.MORE
CLERKS
NEEDEDWhen you and the buying pub-
lic generally, another a store-
with business it needs 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
expect one clerk to wait on a
store 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 patron-
age 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"Moonshiner Is
Sentenced to a
Year in PrisonCorria Robinson Pleads
Guilty—Circuit Judge
J. W. Knowles Fixes
His Penalty.Corria Robinson pleaded guilty
to a charge of operating a distil-
lery this morning before Judge J.
W. Knowles in the circuit court
and was sentenced to serve a year
in the state penitentiary.Robinson was arrested last Fri-
day with Walter Murphy, when
officers made a raid on the Alms-
worth place near here and found
two stills in operation. He was
sentenced to serve a year in the
penitentiary.Murphy pleaded guilty to a
charge of unlawful possession of
intoxicating liquor and was fined
\$250 in the justice court Monday.
Parley Price pleaded not guilty
to a charge of contributing to the
delinquency of a minor this morn-
ing before Judge Knowles, when
he was arraigned in the circuit
court. He will be given a hear-
ing next Wednesday.LEGION IS HOST
TO BUSINESS MENComing State Convention
to Be Held in La
Grande DiscussedMore than 100 legionnaires and
business men of the city met for
lunch on this noon at the Sum-
mer hotel, the business men being
the guests of the members of the
legion post.The purpose of the meeting was
to talk over the American Legion
state convention to be held here
July 21, 22 and 23. Legion Com-
mander Hugh E. Brady presided
and gave a brief outline of what
remains to be done between now
and time for the convention.Senator Fred E. Kiddle talked on
the general convention program;
Harley Richardson spoke concern-
ing the financing of the conven-
tion; Lynne Holmquist talked
about the music and drama cap-
es; Roy Williams talked concern-
ing the publicity and R. B. Huron
told about the parade during the
convention.Big Convention Due
General information from over
the state indicates that the conven-
tion this year will be the largest
yet. Delegates will be here not
only from Oregon, but from Wash-
ington and Idaho as well.The president of the city, A. T.
Hill, spoke for the city, saying that
the legionnaires may expect their
delegations to be met with the
cooperation and support. H. E.
Coolidge, president of the Ore-
gon county chamber of commerce,
promised the support of that or-
ganization.Last night a meeting of the
convention-committee of the legion
was held at Legion hall, when the
legion post signed for a press in-
formation clipping service.Reports were received from Eu-
gene, Grants, Hess, Pendleton,
Heppner, and Portland concern-
ing their delegations to the conven-
tion. It was also announced that a band
and two drum corps would be sent
to the convention from Southern
Idaho.To Dedicate Gym
At Imbler TonightThe new gymnasium at Imbler,
which is now completed with the
exception of the stucco, which will
be put on as soon as the weather
permits, and the finishing of the
interior of the dressing rooms, will
be dedicated tonight, when a pro-
gram for that purpose will be held
in the building.The Imbler Parent-Teacher as-
sociation, which started the move-
ment for construction of the gym,
has arranged for the program.
Ric-Governor Walter M. Pierce
will be the principal speaker.Forest Service to
Hire More OfficersSALEM, Ore., Mar. 17. (AP)—A
corps of special law enforcement
officers will be employed by the
state forestry department during
the summer of 1927. It was an-
nounced here today by E. A. Elliott,
state forester.The total amount of the state's
share set aside for payment of the
salaries of district fire wardens is
set at \$19,750 for the fire season
of 1927. This sum has been allo-
cated to the various organizations
and include the following units:
Baker, \$200; Chehalis-Marion,
\$1200; Douglas, \$1200; Eastern
Lane, \$1000; Klamath, \$200; Union,
\$250; Western Lane, \$1000; Jack-
son, \$1000; Josephine, \$1000 and
Wallowa, \$200.CONFERENCE
REPORTS ON
FILE TODAYGroup Meetings Make
Recommendations as
to Future CourseWALLOWA COUNTY
MEETINGS BEGINNo Change Advisable in
Reference to Winter
Wheat Farming Dis-
tricts.Union county economic confer-
ence—the most successful one in
the four years that the conferences
have been held here—closed yes-
terday afternoon with the reports
and recommendations of commit-
tees in charge of the various groups
during the conference.From here extension workers,
along with the local county agent,
H. G. Avery, went to Enterprise,
where the first annual Wallowa
county economic conference is be-
ing held today and tomorrow. E.
L. Ballard, county agent leader, Ira
S. Clark, resident control work-
er from O. A. C. and W. L. Teuch
of the O. A. C. extension service,
will take part in the program there
in addition to H. A. Lindgren, N. C.
Jameson and H. C. Seymour.Attendance 1500
About 1500 attended the meet-
ings during the two days, including
about 300 junior and senior high
school students who attended the
vocational conference.Yesterday afternoon Dr. W. L.
Powers, of the Oregon Agricultural
college soils department, gave a re-
port of the Union county soil sur-
vey and ex-Governor Walter M.
Pierce gave an interesting talk
looking back on the years during
which time he was state governor.
He also told something of the
farmer's outlook, saying that he be-
lieved that times would be better
for the farmer.Dr. W. T. Phy, conference chair-
man, took charge of the meeting
following Mr. Pierce's talk and
called for the reports of the various
committees.No formal report was brought
out from the vocational guidance con-
ference which was held for the first
time this year. Dr. Phy told of the
success of this part of the confer-
ence and mentioned the speak-
ers during the two-day meeting.Vocational Conference Ends
The vocational conference closed
yesterday afternoon at about the
same time of the main conference,
with W. H. Guild, superintendent
of the second division of the O. W.
I. and N. talking to the boys on
"Futures and Industries," while Miss
Florence Hixson talked to the
girls on "Home Economics," and
F. B. Appleby, editor of The Ob-
server, addressing the entire group
on "Journalism."Dr. Phy thanked the various
committee chairmen and their as-
sistants and others who helped to
make the convention a success, af-
ter which the entire group gave a
(Continued on Page Five)Play-Goers Get
Reserved Seats
for "Adam, Eva"The usual Thursday morning
rush on reserved seats for the sen-
ior play, which will be given Fri-
day and Saturday night in the
high school auditorium, occurred
this morning and when the last one
in the long line had passed by the
seat board, the best tickets were
taken.The seniors when they present
"Adam and Eva" are assured of
playing to full houses on both
evenings.Play rehearsals are now being
held and those who have witnessed
these, predict that the show will
be one of the best presented here
in high school circles in many
years.Campfire Girls Celebrate 15th
Anniversary of the OrganizationToday marks the 15th anniver-
sary of the organization of camp-
fire girls in the United States and
during this week—which is known
as anniversary week—La Grande
campfire girl groups, with other
groups all over the United States
are observing the anniversary.The campfire organization origi-
nated in the state of Maine just
15 years ago today and at present
it boasts 150,000 members.
Campfire organizations in the
larger cities have been broadcast-
ing appropriate programs all dur-
ing this week and several local
girls have been able to listen in.Tuesday night a meeting of the
campfire girl guardians was held
here when the anniversary was
discussed.Tree Ceremonial Planned
Plans were also discussed for a
public tree ceremonial, in which
the various groups of the city will
join in giving, April 8. This is
tree year in the campfire organiza-Supreme Court
Review of Dry
Laws PossibleAged Letter May Be Used
in Attempt to Secure
Action on the Eigh-
teenth Amendment.WASHINGTON, Mar. 17. (AP)—
Possibility of a supreme court
review of the constitutionality of
the eighteenth amendment on the
basis of a recently discovered let-
ter, written by one active in public
life at the time the constitution
was drafted, was viewed dubiously
today by lawyers familiar with the
proceedings of the nation's highest
tribunal.While the letter, yellow and
faded by the 123 years that have
passed since it was penned by
Gouverneur Morris, was presented
formally yesterday to the New York
legislature at Albany in a petition,
constitutional lawyers here were in-
clined to believe the communica-
tion failed to raise sufficiently
meritorious questions to bring
about another decision on the
amendment.

Alleges Contradiction

Elliot Tuckerman, a New York
lawyer and a former member of the
legislature, transmitted the letter to
Albany with acknowledgment of
his inability to take direct action
in Washington. He, however, con-
tended that the letter found in a
book, "The Life of Gouverneur
Morris" by Jared Sparks, itself
nearly a century old, showed that
the supreme court in upholding the
prohibition amendment had acted
in contradiction to the intent of
the drafters of the constitution.Tuckerman's petition was refer-
red to a committee and so far there
has been no indication what action
those opposed to the eighteenth
amendment may take although it
is believed that this is the first
time their attention has been di-
rected to the letter.The petition contended that the
whole constitutionality of the
amendment depended on the mean-
ing of one short phrase in the fifth
article of the constitution which
deals with the procedure by which
amendments may be adopted. This
says congress shall propose amend-
ments "whenever two-thirds of both
houses shall deem it necessary."

A Legal Question

Morris' letter written to Erskine
Tracy, then a United States senator
said that "the idea that two-thirds
of the whole number of senators
and of representatives are required
by the constitution to propose an
amendment, is certainly correct."
Tuckerman contended the legisla-
ture that the eighteenth amend-
ment was proposed by two-thirds
of a majority of both houses but
not by two-thirds of the whole
memberships.Coolidge's Wrist
Bandaged TodayWASHINGTON, Mar. 17. (AP)—
President Coolidge appeared at
work today with his right wrist
bandaged. It was explained that
the president had been bothered by
lameness in the right wrist and part
of the hand for several days, and
that the bandages were applied on
the advice of his physician.White house officials said there
was no infection nor broken bones.
Although the wrist is consider-
ably enlarged, the president is able
to sign the necessary papers which
come before him daily.Portland Attorney
Sentenced to PenPORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 17. (AP)—
William G. Martin, Portland at-
torney, was sentenced to 12
months in McNeil Island prison
today by Federal Judge J. S.
Been over a matter of about \$30.
Martin was convicted of filing
a false pauper's oath for a client
to escape paying a fee, and pocket-
ing the fee for himself. Martin
was discharged recently, the case
having been in court several
months, due to delays and demur-
res.Judge Been said he regretted to
impose the sentence because he
had known Martin since the latter
was a boy and had known his
family.Other Cases Pending
As they exchanged views and
argued back and forth they were
(Continued on Page Four.)BEAVERS BUY
ELMER PONDER,
PITCHING STARPORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 17. (AP)—
Elmer Ponder, former major
league pitching star, has been pur-
chased by the Portland club of the
Pacific coast league. This was
reported in a special to the Tele-
gram today from San Jose, Cal.,
where the club is training. Ponder
was sold by Salt Lake to St.
Paul, but returned to report. Presi-
dent Thomas L. Turner of the
Portland club recently purchased
him from St. Paul. The San Jose
dispatch said an announcement of
the purchase of Ponder was with-
held until today when news was
received that he had been cleared
of an arson charge at Los An-
geles.The local organizations are ar-
ranging to plant several trees at
Gangloff park and at some of the
churches of the city. A special
meeting to further plans for the
public ceremonial will be held next
Tuesday evening.Last night the Seaside campfire
girl group, the oldest in the
city, observed the anniversary
when a meeting was held at the
home of Miss Jean Williams. Miss
Lenore Ely was given the rank of
wood gatherer, the first rank, and
tree poems were given by various
members. Miss Lucille McFarland
sang "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer. Several
girls were awarded honor
badges.
Refreshments were served at the
close of the evening.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY—HIS DAY IN THE SUN

SINCLAIR PLANS
TO FILE APPEALConvicted of Contempt of
U. S. Senate, Oil Man
Girds for BattleWASHINGTON, Mar. 17. (AP)—
Completed by a day of litigation
of contempt of the senate Harry P.
Sinclair was determined today to
fight his way to the highest tribu-
nal in the land in an effort to keep
out of jail.The multi-millionaire oil op-
erator was found guilty late last
night on each of four counts in
an indictment charging him with
refusing to answer questions in the
House of Representatives Tuesday.
House of Representatives.Unless he grants a motion for a
new trial, Justice Hix has no op-
tion other than to impose both a
jail sentence and a fine—a mini-
mum of one month and \$100 and
a maximum of 12 months and \$1000.
The case went to the jury at 1:30
p. m. At 2:15 o'clock the word was
passed that the jury had reached a
verdict, but there was a wait of
nearly an hour while Justice Hix
was being communicated with and
proceeding to the courtroom.As Justice Hix arrived, the de-
fendant stepped into the court-
room and sat down just within the
rail while the jury filed to their
places nearby. The roll of jury
was called and then came the so-
lemn question from the clerk:
"Gentlemen of the jury, have
you arrived at a verdict?"
"We have," returned the fore-
man."Guilty!"
"What say you as to the first
count?" inquired the clerk.
"Guilty," came the response.
Read aloud ensued for a second
count, only to be broken again by
the clerk."What say you as to the second
count?"
"Guilty," was the response. And
so the questions and answers went
on the other two counts.Sinclair betrayed no emotion and
did not even change his position as
his bail bond was continued.
The 12 men impassioned 11 days
ago for the trial of the second of
the court criminal causes growing
out of the senate inquiry deliber-
ated for more than seven hours.Other Cases Pending
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(Continued on Page Four.)WOMAN CASHIER
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Guilty in EugeneEUGENE, Ore., Mar. 17. (AP).—
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ier of the Florence State and Sav-
ings bank, entered a plea of guilty
in circuit court this morning to a
charge of larceny by embezzlement.She had previously entered a
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Recovering; One
Leg AmputatedLAKEVIEW, Ore., Mar. 17.
(AP).—Her right foot amputated
as a result of being frozen while
she and her three children were
lost in the mountain snows north
of here early this week, Mrs. D.
W. Amburgey was recovering to-
day. Though both her legs were
frozen to the knees physicians de-
cided that amputation of her
right foot only was necessary.The funeral of her two children,
Arlo, aged 5, and Audrey, 4, who
died from exposure Monday, is
expected to be held Friday or Sat-
urday, depending upon the time
of arrival of Mrs. Amburgey's
mother from Portland. The two-
year-old child kept alive by the
warmth of the mother and the
family's faithful dog Jiggs, was
showing no ill effects.Oregon-California
Lumber Firms JoinSAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 17. (AP).—
Merger of the Hammond Lum-
ber company of San Francisco and
the Whitney Lumber company of
Oregon was announced today by A.
B. Hammond, president of the local
concern.Amalgamation of the two com-
panies unites holdings in Oregon
conservatively estimated worth over
\$1,000,000.Experienced lumber men here
place the value of the Whitney
properties, including a new saw-
mill, logging equipment and growth
at more than \$1,000,000. Value of
the Hammond interests, adjoining
the Tillamook bay and Garibaldi
regions, Oregon, is estimated to be
over \$1,000,000.

18-YEAR-OLD ARRESTED

SEATTLE, Mar. 17. (AP).—Ron-
ald Hartmann, 18, of Dallas, Ore.,
was arrested near here last night
and held on an open charge while
police started an investigation into
the ownership of an automobile
which he was driving. Officers
who arrested the youth said the
clothing he was wearing was stolen
from a logging company near Dal-
las.ARIZONA DESERT
BLOOMS IN GOLDProspectors Pouring into
New Fields—Some
Desert WeepahPHOENIX, Ariz., Mar. 17. (AP).—
Motors are roaring in Arizona
and the dim trails and desert
stretches where once the prospe-
ctor and his patient burro plodded
are filled now with rushing motor
cars of a new day. And all roads
lead to Winkelman, where a rich
gold strike was reported yesterday.From all parts of Arizona pro-
spectors, adventurers, capitalists
and speculators are pouring into
the Dripping Springs region be-
tween Globe and Winkelman. The
news of what many hope is the
greatest gold strike in Arizona for
years proved to be an indiscrimi-
nate magnet. Grizzled old vet-
erans view the enthusiasm of
youth in the rush for "pay dirt."

Old Timers Arrive

They are pouring in from Ton-
opah, from the famous old camp
of Cripple Creek—the old-timers
with memories of gold rushes from
the Klondike to South America.
Among yesterday's early arrivals
were several who had started for
the Wopah, Nev., field, after
their plans upon hearing of the
strike in the Dripping Springs
district and charged for the new
district. At noon yesterday there
were 30 persons on the ground;
by mid-afternoon there were 50.
The "million dollar rains" of
(Continued on Page Five)EMERALD ISLE
IS DECKED IN
GREEN TODAYDUBLIN, Mar. 17. (AP).—Erin
is wearing the green today for St.
Patrick. From Cork to Belfast
and from Dublin to the Emerald
islands of the west, little sprigs of
shamrock are seen everywhere.
All the so-called is taking a holi-
day, all business activities in the
free state have stopped and the
day is given over to religious
services and celebrating.Sparat means parliament or
government.De Autremont In
Alcatraz PrisonSAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 17. (AP).—
Alcatraz Island, grim prison of
the U. S. army, today received with-
in its walls the uniformed, man-
acled and heavily guarded figure
of Hugh De Autremont—brought
from the Philippine islands to face
charges of murder for his part in
the hold up of a train in Siskiyou
mountains, Oregon, October 11,
1925.De Autremont was taken from
the transport Thomas shortly after
dawn and by tug rushed to Alca-
traz Island. What was transpiring
at Alcatraz during the day could
only be a matter of conjecture. No
unauthorized person was allowed
within speaking distance of the
prisoner at any time during his
transfer from the ship to the island.
Three guards with rifles were al-
ways at his back.FEDERAL COURT, Detroit, Mar.
17. (AP).—The million dollar libel
suit against Henry Ford was held
up this afternoon while Judge Fred
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TRIAL OPENS
IN DETROITJewish Attorney Asks for
\$1,000,000 Damages for
Alleged LibelDEFENSE TO TRY
TO PROVE TRUTHSenator Reed, Represent-
ing Auto Maker, De-
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court room here early today to hear
the \$1,000,000 libel suit against
Henry Ford and the few available
seats soon were taken.Aaron Sapiro, Chicago attorney,
who claims his reputation was in-
jured by a series of articles in the
Dearborn Independent, Ford's pub-
lication, was in his accustomed
place. Before him was his attorney
William Henry Gallagher, who was
expected to wind up his opening
statement and give the floor to
Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri,
chief counsel for the auto manu-
facturer.Sapiro's plea summarized his
plea, which had brought out three
points.
First an attack by the Independent
upon individuality; second, an
attack on his profession as a law-
yer, injuring him with his clients;
third, an attack on his work in or-
ganizing cooperative marketing as-
sociations. He was also accused of
being a member of a ring of inter-
nationalists.