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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and Saturday. Heavy frosts tonight. Rising temperature in the interior Saturday.

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\$26,500,000  
TO BE SPENT  
BY RAILROADOregon Territory to Be  
Improved During Year,  
O'Brien ForecastsGAS-ELECTRIC CAR  
TO BE SENT HERENew Carrier Will Be In-  
stalled on Branch Run  
Between La Grande  
and Joseph.

Expenditures totaling approximately \$26,500,000 by the Union Pacific system in the Oregon territory during this year are forecast by General Manager J. P. O'Brien, of the O.-W. R. & N. company following receipt of advice that the 1927 budget for that unit of the system had been approved, according to word received by railroad company officials here.

It is also learned that authority has been granted for the purchase of equipment to be delivered this year to the U. P. as follows: 22 baggage cars, 2 postal cars, 10 steel diners, 8 steel observation cars, and 10 gas-electric motor cars. One of the gas-electric cars is to be placed on the branch run between La Grande and Joseph.

Continuing the program commenced a few years ago many physical improvements are contemplated.

**To Lay Heavier Steel**  
About \$750,000 will be spent of replacing rail with heavier steel, \$200,000 for grading cuts, embankments and about \$140,000 for renewing or replacing bridges and trestles.

Additional yard tracks at certain terminals, extensions of passing tracks to facilitate movement of freight trains and similar items will require about \$175,000.

**To Reduce Curvature**  
To reduce the curvature and improve the alignment, a line change between Thon Hollow and Cayuse, in Eastern Oregon, is contemplated involving approximately \$75,000.

Much of this railroad's dispatching of trains is done by telephone and to facilitate this as well as to enable better communication between its offices at Portland and Seattle and intermediate points an additional telephone circuit will be installed. This with other wire and signal improvements will cost about \$50,000.

To the present tie treating facilities at The Dalles will be added.

**JAIL TERM IS  
PENALTY GUN  
OWNER DRAWS**  
Tom Wilson, negro, who was arrested at 2:30 a. m. yesterday because of suspicious actions and on whose person was found a .38 caliber revolver loaded with both steel-jacketed and lead-nosed bullets, was found guilty in municipal court late yesterday of disorderly conduct.

Judge C. M. Humphreys sentenced Wilson to 10 days in the city jail.

**MORE  
CLERKS  
NEEDED**  
When you and the buying public generally smoother a store with business it meets the trade growth by adding more salespeople. Business men want to serve you quickly, efficiently, and well.

Not 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 good or service talked about, and if you seldom pass his window, your trade is naturally attracted to the store that constantly calls 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 territory.

"Observer Advertising—  
A Merchandising Service"

L.D.S. Quarterly  
Conference Will  
Begin SaturdaySeparate Meetings of  
Women and Men Scheduled  
for Tomorrow—  
Public Is Invited.

The regular quarterly conference of the Latter Day Saints church will be held here Saturday and Sunday. The conference sessions will be Sunday and tomorrow separate meetings of the men and women will be conducted.

All women of the city are invited to attend the women's meeting, which is in charge of Mrs. George H. Lyman. Miss Emma Baxter has charge of the music for the morning's program, which will begin at ten o'clock. Several 10-minute topics will be given before noon on the general theme of child training.

**Several Addresses**  
Mrs. Lyman will talk on "Making the Home Attractive," after which a chorus made up of the primary officers will sing. Mrs. Aurilla Clegg will discuss "Proper Leading in the Home," and Mrs. Edna Stoddard will sing a solo, after which Mrs. John Stoddard will discuss "Social Opportunities in the Home." "Family Excursions" will be discussed by Mrs. Ray Baum, after which the morning session will close with music by a chorus from the relief society.

The afternoon meeting will begin at two o'clock, the theme being "The Development of the Spiritual Life of Women." Mrs. Helen M. Goddes will have charge of the music.

"The Need of Knowing the Gospel" will be discussed by Mrs. Anna Black, after which a trio, Mrs. Lester Stoddard, Mrs. Edna Stoddard, and Mrs. Leola Russell, will sing. Mrs. Mary Bean will talk on "Genealogy and Temple Work," followed by a trio selection by Miss Nellie Rogers, Miss Emma Baxter and Mrs. Elmer McManus. "Family Devotion" will be the topic of Mrs. Ellen Stoddard and following this Mrs. Leola Russell will sing a solo. Mrs. Kate Moffatt will talk on "Contact with the Religious People Outside the Home," and Mrs. Josephine Hanks will speak on "Cooperation and Reciprocity Between Husband and Wife in Church Affairs."

**Men to Meet**  
The men's meeting will be a priesthood convention, with W. D. Hanks in charge.

A program is being arranged by the M. L. A. for Sunday evening.

GRANGERS WILL  
MEET TOMORROWTwenty-Second Anniversary  
to Be Observed  
at Homecoming

GRANGE HALL, Mar. 15 (Special)—A program of unusual interest of the Blue Mountain grange tomorrow, which will be in the form of a "homecoming," when the twenty-second anniversary of the organization will be observed.

Senator Albert R. Hunter, J. E. Reynolds and Thomas Wallingford will be the speakers of the day. Master L. E. Wright will give the welcome address, and Mrs. W. F. Gokeler will review the early history of the organization. Music will be furnished by a double quartet, composed of La Grande high school students.

Memorial services for deceased members will be conducted by the chaplain, Mrs. R. L. Masterson. Mrs. John Hamman, chairman of the birthday committee, will have charge of the banquet at noon.

Mrs. L. F. Wright, flora of the grange, will have charge of a seed and plant exchange during the day and the home economics committee will sell a quilt.

Senior Play To  
Be Given Tonight

With the house practically sold out for both nights, the senior class of the La Grande high school will present "Adam and Eve" for the first time this evening, the curtain to rise at 8:15 o'clock. Doors will be open before 8 o'clock.

The second showing of the play is scheduled for Saturday night. Final rehearsals were held Thursday.

Two Students Die  
By Own Efforts

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 18 (AP)—Harold P. Bergeret, 27, junior architectural student at Tulane university, shot and killed himself today at his home.

GALVESTON, Tex., Mar. 18 (AP)—Ed Main, 17, high school junior, killed himself last night with a rifle. Friends said Main, a brilliant student, had been worrying about a part he had in a school play.

NANKING AND  
SHANGHAI IN  
MUCH DANGERCantonese Armies Seriously  
Threaten Two  
Oriental CitiesGENERAL STRIKE  
CALLED BY UNIONCoolies and British Ma-  
rines Clash at Chung-  
king—Consul Protests  
to Chinese Leaders.

SHANGHAI, China, Mar. 18 (AP)—Both Nanking and Shanghai are seriously threatened by the Cantonese armies which are engaged in a large scale offensive against the Northerners to the northwest of this city.

The violence and scope of the Southern thrust together with defections from the northern ranks indicate the early fall of Nanking and possible isolation of Chang Tsung-Chang's northern forces in Shanghai, in which event this great international port would become an easy prize for the Southerners.

The American missionaries in Nanking have begun preparations to carry out the suggestions of the American consul John K. Davis for early withdrawal of the aged and infirm as well as women and children from Nanking to Shanghai.

**STRIKE CALLED**  
SHANGHAI, Mar. 18 (AP)—The general labor union today issued a communique calling a general strike to be held tomorrow at noon and continue until the nationalists (Cantonese) occupy Shanghai.

The communique calls on the workers to maintain order and avoid becoming involved in any mob action, and notifies the public that the strike is purely of a political nature and intended to show sympathy with the nationalist cause.

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Mr. Mrs. Earney  
Married Sixty  
Years March 17

Just 60 years ago yesterday—March 17, 1867—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Earney, Grande Ronde valley pioneers, were married at Farmington, Utah. Their silver wedding anniversary was celebrated at their home at Rinehart, with a number of friends and relatives.

Tomorrow Mr. Earney will also celebrate his 84th birthday anniversary. He was born March 12, 1843, at Hude Hamshire, England, coming to America in 1864. During the same year he went by ox-team to Farmington where he met Jane Todd, who in 1867 became Mrs. Earney.

**Born in Scotland**  
She was born at Larnarkshire, Scotland May 6, 1851 and on her birthday will be 75 years old. She came to America in 1866 crossing the plains by mule train to Salt Lake City the same year.

In the year 1876 Mr. and Mrs. Earney came from Utah to the Grande Ronde valley by mule train, and have since made their home here.

**Took Out Homestead**  
The first full and winter they were here Mr. Earney worked for A. Sumner and helped to build the William Snodgrass store in old La Grande. He then settled on a homestead three and one-half miles northeast of Summerville, during which time he worked with Charles Chatten, Jim Riggs and Mr. Kuhn butchering hogs and curing meat for J. H. Rinehart, which was freighted out with teams to Silver City and to Walla Walla, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Earney have no children of their own. They raised two orphan children, now Mrs. Jacob Hutz, of Portland, and Mrs. LeRoy Blanchard, of La Grande.

Whitman Glee Club To Appear in  
La Grande Next Monday, March 21

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Mar. 18 (Special)—Twenty-two of the four states of the Pacific Northwest are represented in the personnel of the Whitman All-College glee club which will appear in La Grande, Ore., on Mar. 21, under the auspices of the La Grande American Legion, of these cities only three can boast of having more than one member in the club. These are: Walla Walla, which leads with seven; Spokane, coming next with three; and Yakima, with two. Walla Walla and Spokane are the only cities having two or more members in the 12-piece orchestra which will accompany the club on its trip of southwestern Washington, eastern Oregon, and southern Idaho this year.

The program this year promises to be more diversified than ever before. Instead of a program

ARKANSAS IN  
STORM PATH;  
10 ARE DEADTwisting Winds Swoop  
Down on Half a Dozen  
Small CommunitiesKLONDIKE VILLAGE  
IS HARDEST HITEntire Family Snuffed  
Out—School House De-  
stroyed at Mountain-  
view.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Mar. 18 (AP)—A half dozen small communities in southwest Arkansas today were recovering from the shock of twisting winds which last night left a toll of ten known dead and a score or more injured, some critically.

The brunt of the storm centered around Klondike where six lives were snuffed out in a single household.

Mrs. Edgar Smith, her two children, Inez and Clifford, Lennie Cash, 22, Matthew Cash, 17, and Artie Cash, sisters and brothers of Mrs. Smith, were dead at Klondike.

Lloyd McAllister, 20, of Willis and Olga Moody, of Mountainview, were the others listed among the known dead.

Two were known to be injured at Delight, Pike county, and eight to ten injured at Mountainview. Destruction of a school house was reported from Mountainview.

Mr. and Mrs. John Buckalew of Pointview were the others killed.

Communities in the vicinity of Benton reported casualties. The twister dipped near Alexander where the state training school for girls is located and several of the buildings of the institution were blown and two women hurt.

Two were probably fatally injured near Texarkana. Hall and rain accompanying the storm in that community caused considerable property damage.

Scout Training  
Meeting Tonight

The second meeting of the boy scout leadership training school of the Eastern Oregon Tri-county council for Union county, second masters and assistants, patrol leaders and interested committees, will be held in the basement of the First Methodist Episcopal church this evening.

The scout leaders will assemble at 7:30 o'clock, and the meeting will open with a song, followed by a discussion of scout literature.

Dr. Ray Murphy, vice president of the council, will be the speaker of the evening. He will talk on "What is Scouting?" Following his talk knot tying and rope making will be taken up.

There will be discussions on "What is the Scout Committee?" "What is the Scoutmaster?" "What is the Scout?" Games will be discussed and demonstrations given.

COYOTES RAID  
FARM CORRALS  
NEAR KLAMATH

HILDEBRAND, Ore., Mar. 18 (AP)—Driven by hunger and cold from the snow covered hills of Klamath, mount and finished coyotes are brazenly raiding livestock corrals and pig pens on farms in the Hildebrand district east of Klamath Falls.

A calf was recently pulled down and killed by the predatory beasts, on the Badner ranch.

Another coyote raided the pig pen on the Beck ranch home. Mrs. R. Beck called for help and rushed into the yard. The coyote leaped casually past her dragging a small piglet.

The heavy winter has rendered the farm homes of Klamath more susceptible to the raids of predatory animals. The beasts, naturally cautious, have forgotten their native born cunning in the greater surge of hunger.

The orchestra, which is under the direction of Mrs. Esther Sundquist Powers, head of the violin department of the Whitman Conservatory, promises to be the best in the history of the school. The finishing touches will be put on the work during the coming week, and all will be in readiness for the two weeks tour which starts March 19.

## SALEM LEGION CORPS COMING HERE



Above is a picture of the drum and bugle corps of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, Salem, Ore., which will be here in July during the Oregon state convention. The Salem corps won the state championship in 1925 and 1926 and is out to make it three in a row. This is the bunch that the other corps hope to outsmart on the drill grounds.

BLARE OF BUGLE  
TO CUT AIR HEREFifteen Legion Drum  
Corps Coming to La  
Grande July 21, 22, 23

As time for the state American Legion convention to be held here July 21, 22 and 23 draws nearer, legion posts over the state are sending word to the convention commission telling of their plans to attend.

Already the La Grande post is assured of having at least 15 drum corps here for the three days.

The Salem post will send its 25-piece corps, winners of the state championship for the past two years and this year out after the cup for the third year, which, if won, will be Salem's to keep.

McMinnville will send a 25-piece corps; Roseburg a 25-piece corps; Cottage Grove, 25-piece; Medford, 25-piece; Marshfield, 25-piece; Eugene, 25-piece; Portland, 25-piece; Baker, 25-piece; Pendleton, 25-piece; Bend, 25-piece; Hood River, 15-piece; Vernonia, 15-piece; St. Helens, 20-piece; and Corvallis a 35-piece drum corps.

La Grande's 25-piece drum corps will also take part in the drum corps contest during the convention.

**Legion Band Coming**  
In addition to these the only known legion band in the northwest, made up entirely of legionnaires, will be here from Sheridan, Ore. This band has 35 pieces and has promised to play day and night, at any time the convention commission desires.

Accompanying the band will be a women's glee club of 20 voices, made up of legion auxiliary members. There will probably be another glee club from McMinnville, besides several auxiliary drill teams.

Besides the drum corps Portland will also send its hillies band, the only one of the kind in the state.

**May See Spokane Corps**  
Indications now are that a 27-piece drum corps will be here from Spokane, Wash.

The Idaho state department of the American Legion has postponed its convention, which was previously scheduled for the same week as the Oregon convention, to the following week, in order that the Idaho officials and legionnaires may attend the convention here. They plan to bring two drum corps and probably a band.

U. S. Farmers to  
Sow More Wheat  
In 1927 Season

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (AP)—Planting intentions of farmers on March 1 were for 1.5 per cent more acreage of spring wheat than harvested last year and 1.8 per cent more corn, the department of agriculture announced today.

Intentions as to other crops were: Oats 2.2 per cent more; Barley 14.3 per cent more; Flax seed 11.3 per cent less; Tame hay 1.8 per cent more; Potatoes 14.9 per cent more.

**Tax Cut Due Next  
Year, Chief Says**  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (AP)—Reports on tax collections presented to President Coolidge have convinced him that unless a business recession occurs in the present year, congress at its next session will be justified in cutting the income and other revenue rates.

**Man Electrocuted  
At Klamath Falls**  
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 18 (AP)—While conducting a special line in the yards of the Alameda Lumber company late yesterday afternoon, Miles Lippert, line man for the California-Oregon Power company was electrocuted. Death came a few minutes later.

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Blue Mountain  
Club Committee  
Members NamedStanding committee of the  
Blue Mountain country club for  
the year have been announced by  
the club president, Elmer I. Stod-  
dard, and committee meetings will  
probably be called by the chair-  
man in the near future to start  
the year's work.

Following are the committees: building—William Stegert, chairman; Dr. A. L. Richardson, Earl Stoddard, Mrs. A. J. Stange and Mrs. T. J. Scroggins; greens—G. L. Larson, chairman, S. D. Crowe and K. L. Kinzel; finance—W. C. Perkins, chairman, Chase Bohnenkamp and Charles H. Reynolds; tournament—Charles H. Reynolds, chairman, Charles Blinger and Norman Frees.

The building committee will probably be the first to start work. Plans are to build a new club house this year.

Cook Parole To  
Meet Opposition  
In U. S. Tribunal

CLEVELAND, O., Mar. 18 (AP)—A warrant for Dr. Frederick A. Cook, explorer and promoter was issued here today. Indictments charging use of the mails to defraud returned in July, 1925, on which the warrant was based make it possible that Dr. Cook may be brought here to stand trial, providing he is released from Leavenworth penitentiary on a conditional release, granted yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (AP)—Legality of the five-year parole granted Dr. Frederick A. Cook, explorer and oil promoter, by Federal Judge James G. Wilson, at Fort Worth, Tex., is expected to be tested in the United States circuit court of appeals.

While Attorney General Sargent and other officials of the department of justice so far have refused to comment on the probationary order extended yesterday under the 1925 federal probation act, it is regarded as certain that District Attorney Zweifel, at Fort Worth, will be instructed to press for action on the appeal he already has announced will be filed.

This immediately would throw the question into the higher federal court and possibly start legal proceedings that would be continued until the U. S. supreme court would be reached.

**Serving 11 Years**  
Dr. Cook, who still claims to be the original discoverer of the north pole, now is serving a 14-year sentence at Leavenworth penitentiary on conviction of misuse of the mails for all stock promotion.

He will be paroled to Frankie Williams, at Fort Worth attorney and churchman.

While the new parole law has been used in a number of instances by judges during the two years since its adoption, government attorneys at Fort Worth raised the same objection that was pointed to here in that a judge did not have the authority to grant probation after a prisoner had begun serving his sentence.

This apparently is the main issue raised as far as the department of justice is concerned and its determination is expected to have far-reaching effect.

Judge Wilson in granting the parole held that the new law is a "radical departure, without parallel," and gives the trial judge control over the prisoner until the termination of the sentence period.

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LIFE OF FROZEN  
WOMAN IN DOUBTMrs. D. W. Amburgey  
Suffers Relapse, Result  
of Leg Amputation

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Mar. 18 (AP)—Induced by the shock of amputation of her right foot and the terrible exposure she suffered, Mrs. D. W. Amburgey, whose tragic experience in the wilds of Lake county has aroused the interest and sympathy of thousands, is suffering a relapse, according to a long distance phone communication yesterday. Today will probably tell the tale of whether she will recover from her experience.

Federal services for Arlo Amburgey, aged 5, and Audrey Amburgey, aged 4, who were frozen to death a few miles from the Amburgey home near the Campbell Archer mill, were held yesterday afternoon in Lakewood. Mrs. Amburgey, because of her condition, was unable to attend the funeral.

Complete exoneration of Mr. Amburgey of the suspicion of running a moonshine still in his lonely cabin 24 miles north of Lakeview was announced last night by Sheriff E. A. Friday.

Determined to find out for himself whether or not there was any foundation to the rumors of the father's moonshining activities the sheriff journeyed to the little cabin and found the alleged mash to be out and a still to be a large kettle.

Miss Weatherston  
Will Serve Six  
Years in Prison

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 18 (AP)—Miss Harriet Weatherston, former cashier of the Florence State and Savings Bank, was today sentenced to serve a sentence of six years in the state penitentiary. Sentence was pronounced by Judge G. F. Skippworthy, of the circuit court.

Miss Weatherston entered a plea of guilty yesterday to a charge of larceny by embezzlement of funds of the bank, and the sentence was pronounced on this plea.

Miss Weatherston received the sentence without show of emotion. During the plea of attorneys for both sides in the case, prior to the sentence today, she sat with eyes lowered. When she stood up to receive sentence she looked straight ahead, her face expressionless.

Mount Vesuvius Is  
Again in Eruption

NAPLES, Mar. 18 (AP)—Mount Vesuvius resumed eruption activity last night. The crater was hidden from view by columns of flame and dense smoke.

The new outburst, which followed several light shocks of earthquake, in the explosion of hardened lava from the cone. They say there is no danger for the present.

Nevada Divorce  
Law Is Amended

RENO, Nev., Mar. 18 (AP)—An amendment to the Nevada divorce law making the residence requirement three months instead of six months was passed by the Nevada legislature in its closing hours today and the bill was immediately signed by Governor Fred B. Balzar. The act originated in the senate and was an amendment to an assembly measure, passed by the lower house three days ago, making insanity a ground for divorce.

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REED TELLS  
OF SAPIRO'S  
PAST DEALSCrowd Fills Courtroom to  
Hear Opening State-  
ments in Libel SuitCHARGES CONTROL  
OF TOBACCO BODYCounsel for Ford Tells of  
Failures of Plaintiff's  
Associates in West and  
Elsewhere.

DETROIT, Mich., Mar. 18 (AP)—Charging that Aaron Sapiro obtained more than \$1,000,000 from cooperative organizations which he promised, that he was unprofessional in the way he solicited business as a lawyer, and in the advice he gave the organizations he formed, Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, in completing his opening statement in the million-dollar libel suit against Henry Ford, told the jury that he would show the articles alleged to be libelous were printed in good faith.

"We will ask you to find that Aaron Sapiro was an exploiter," he said.

William J. Cameron, editor of the Dearborn Independent, took the stand this afternoon as the first witness in the libel suit.

Mr. Cameron was called by William Gallagher of counsel for Aaron Sapiro, plaintiff in the suit.

You have differed on occasions as to the value of opinion with Mr. Ford," Gallagher asked.

"Yes, at different times."

"In what way?"

"Mr. Ford objects to war and looks leniently on Russia but doesn't hamper us."

"Prior to 1924 were there any other differences of opinion with Mr. Ford?" Gallagher continued.

The defense objected and was sustained.

"Prior to April 1, 1924, had you or Mr. Ford ever discussed the subject of an international banking ring of Jews?" Another defense objection was sustained.

"Why, your honor, this is the gist of the case," said Gallagher.

"As a journalist, does this publication come under any special class?"

"Yes, we feel it our duty to go into fields of agriculture, politics, economics, money, other fields that other publications do not care to touch."

DETROIT, Mich., Mar. 18 (AP)—Rehearing arguments of the activities of Aaron Sapiro, plaintiff in the million-dollar libel suit against Henry Ford, Senator James Reed, of Missouri chief counsel for Mr. Ford, said he would show that Mr. Sapiro and his associates absolutely controlled the Burley Tobacco association referred to in yesterday's session.