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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and
Wednesday. Fronts in interior to-
night; gentle variable winds.CHAIRMEN OF
COMMITTEES
ARE NAMEDAnnouncement of Appoint-
ments Made at Cham-
ber Luncheon TodayDIXON EXPLAINS
CHINA SITUATIONBelieves Kuomintang on
Right Path—the Rev.
W. C. Reece Speaks of
Australia.Announcement of committee
chairmen appointments made
at your last beginning was made
by President H. E. Coolidge today
at the regular chamber of commerce
forum luncheon in the Summer
gill.Only one director was named as
chairman of two committees, Dr.
W. T. Phy, who again heads the
health and agricultural groups.Other committee chairmen fol-
low: Robert Eakin, boys and girls
work; T. J. Scroggin, better busi-
ness; W. H. Bohnenkamp, city
planning; J. T. Longfellow, edu-
cation; F. L. Lilly, entertainment;
H. E. Coolidge, finance; H. E. Dix-
on, forum; W. C. Perkins, get ac-
quainted; G. L. Larson, good
roads; Dr. H. F. Murphy, mem-
bership; William Siegrist, mer-
chandise; C. A. Bingham, new in-
dustries; F. B. Appleby, publicity;
Frank McKennon, home markets;
and George Hamilton Curry, real
estate.Mr. Dixon speaks
Following the announcement of
appointments, H. E. Dixon spoke
at some length on conditions in
China, explaining many details that
are not generally clear in the Am-
erican mind.In analyzing the Chinese situa-
tion, he said, one must first re-
member that China is a centuries-
old nation, one that flourished be-
fore the birth of Christ, and one
which is made up of many men of
brilliant intellects and ambitious
purposes. "The idea that China is
a land of laundries, which some
Americans hold, is as far from the
truth as it can be," he said.Believes in Kuomintang
Until 1912 China was one vast
empire, its destiny guided by an
emperor whom his subjects looked
upon as the son of heaven. When
the country became a republic,
strife and unrest was more or less
precipitated. Today several war
lords are fighting for their person-
al gain and against their person-
alists are allied the Kuomintang,
or the peoples army, who only
yesterday captured Shanghai.
Mr. Dixon declared that he be-
lieves the Kuomintang is in the
right. "Their doctrine is 'China for
Chinese.' He expects them next to
press on to Peking.Foreigners extrajurisdictional rights
or concessions are doomed, he said,
although Great Britain, America,
Japan and other nations are forced
to protect these at present because
of tremendous interests now vested
therein. He forecasts that a time
will come, however, when such
(Continued on Page Five)UNION COUNTY
GRANGE MEETS
ON SATURDAYThe quarterly meeting of the
Union county Grange will be
held Saturday at Elgin, with
delegates from the various granges
in the county in attendance.George A. Palmer, master of
the state grange, is on the program
and L. H. Brethaupt, of the Ore-
gon Agricultural college extension
service, is scheduled to discuss the
agriculture outlook for 1927.
The Rock Wall and Grange Flat
granges of the Elgin section, and
the entertaining granges and will
provide luncheon at noon.YOUR
FEAR OF
STRANGERSIf you enter a strange store
in a strange town and a strange
clerk tries to sell you a strange
toothpaste, about ten times out
of ten he makes a failure of it.
You react unfavorably to the
strange merchandise or strange
person not introduced by
someone or some connection in
which you have confidence. You
prefer a store you know, and
goods you know. Your acquaint-
ance with both store and goods
made possible, is increased by
advertising. You become fa-
miliar with them, gain confi-
dence in them through advertis-
ing. The successful business man
cannot afford to slight this con-
tact with you, this opportunity
to gain and keep your confi-
dence. In the Observer he does
it at minimum cost with three
thousand families."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"Fire Insurance
Rating Bureau
Making SurveyLa Grande, with Municipal
Improvements Com-
pleted, May Be Given a
Lower Rate.G. H. Kroger and M. S. Farrell,
surveyors for the Oregon insurance
rating bureau, are in La Grande
and are making a survey of the
business district here for the pur-
pose of publishing new fire insur-
ance rates for this city.La Grande was promised lower
fire insurance rates with the in-
stallation of the pump fire en-
gine by the city and other improve-
ments.Improvements Completed
The improvements have all been
completed and the survey for the
new rates is now being made.It will probably require about
two months to prepare the rates
for publication. Mr. Kroger and
Mr. Farrell expect to be in La
Grande about two weeks. They are
rechecking every business building
in the city.Picture Contest
Program Will Be
Given March 28Final arrangements for the pic-
ture contest program were made
last evening when the art commit-
tee of the Neighborhood club met
in the club rooms, and Monday
evening, March 28, was announced
this morning as the date for the
program, which will be held in the
high school auditorium.The various school rooms re-
ceiving the highest percentage dur-
ing the recent art contest will be
awarded pictures at that time, and
individual students will receive
certificates.Each of the four schools taking
part in the contest will contribute
to the evening's program.Preparing Art Playlet
Central school is preparing a
playlet, which will show how art
touches upon every day life. The
story is about a little fairy who
finds a group of children who do
not like art, but by the magic
touch of music with the picture
they see that art is in everything.Greenwood, Riveria and Willow
schools are also planning interest-
ing parts in the program, which
will be announced later.Imbler Pig Club
Is ReorganizedThe Imbler pig club was reor-
ganized yesterday, with Frank Mc-
Kennon as leader. This is the be-
ginning of Mr. McKennon's sixth
year as leader of the club, during
which time much has been accom-
plished.More stock judging teams have
been selected from this club than
any other in the county.
The club is beginning this year
with nine members, although there
may be others join later. Clifford
Conrad is president; Lloyd Ledbet-
ter, vice president; and Grant
Stratman, secretary.H. G. Avery, county agricultural
attended yesterday's meeting, and
assisted in the reorganization.Mother to Visit
Hugh De AutremontSAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 22 (AP).
—Hugh De Autremont, alleged
murderer-banished of the Alcatraz
train holdup of 1925, today awaited
at the Alcatraz island prison the
arrival of his mother.Mrs. De Autremont is en route
to San Francisco from her home in
Lakewood, N. M., and is expected
to arrive late tonight or tomorrow.
Federal postal officials who have
reported no progress in their grill-
ing of De Autremont hope that his
mother may persuade him to con-
sider and give information concern-
ing the probable whereabouts of his
two brothers, Roy and Ray, char-
ged with complicity in the holdup.Gas Reduced Two
Cents in SouthLOS ANGELES, Mar. 22 (AP).
—A further reduction in the retail
price of gasoline to fourteen and a
half cents a gallon was announced
today by the Pan American Petrol-
eum company. This is the second
two-cent reduction here since Sat-
urday when leading companies an-
nounced a cut from 14 1/2 cents a
gallon.Urges Extension
Sugar Beet WorkCHICAGO, Mar. 22 (AP).—Urg-
ing extension of the beet sugar
industry in the U. S. and "fair"
tariff protection, the U. S. Beet
Sugar association ended its con-
ference here today. President
Steven H. Love, of Salt Lake City,
and Secretary Harry Austin, of
Washington, D. C., made public a
resolution the conference had ap-
proved urging retention of the tar-
iff on sugar.U. S. MARINES
TAKING PART
IN SHANGHAIAmerican Troops Have
Task of Protecting All
Vital ServicesPI SURRENDERS
TO INVADING ARMYStreets of Captured City
Strewn with Dead—
Looting and Murdering
Are General.SHANGHAI, Mar. 22 (AP).—The
United States marines today were
settled in their shore billets and
actively participating in the main-
tenance of order inside the settle-
ment boundaries, hence they have
not thus far experienced clashes
with the Chinese such as the British
have had at the barriers.However, there has been some
excitement, since the areas they
patrol are within range of rifle fire
from the Chinese sections.Today several spent bullets from
the fighting in the native (Chapel
district) fell in the regimental head-
quarters, established in Siam road,
but there were no casualties.British, Americans Friendly
The Americans have the im-
portant task of protecting the vital
services against attempts by agita-
tion to cripple them.The marines are on the most
friendly terms with the British
troopers who hold the adjacent

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FOREST SERVICE
TO INSTALL LINEThirty-One Miles of Tele-
phone Wire to Be Laid
During SummerThirty-one miles of new tele-
phone line will be built by the
forest service in this division of
the Emattila national forest this
summer. Gerald Tucker, forest
ranger here, announced this morn-
ing.Mr. Tucker just returned from
Pendleton, where a meeting of
forest rangers was held during the
past week for the purpose of plan-
ning work for this year.Sixteen miles of the telephone
line will be from Kamela to the
Summit ranger station, and the
other 15 miles will be from the
Tuckers ranger station to the Toll
gate station.All the building of this line
the telephone system of the forest
will be practically completed with
the exception of a few spur lines,
which may be constructed later.When the work is completed a
central dispatcher will be estab-
lished at Kamela, and all fires of
the Emattila national forest,
which included 125,770 acres will
be handled through this office,
which will greatly increase the ef-
ficiency of the forest service crews
in locating fires and in putting
them out before they have spread
over a large territory.Complete Work by Aug. 1
Plans are to have the telephone
line complete by August 1. Work
in some parts will begin as soon
as the weather will permit, al-
though the major portion of the
work will not be started until af-
ter July 1.Whitman Glee Club Pleases Crowd
of La Grande People With ConcertOne of the best concerts heard
in La Grande for some time was
given last evening when the Whit-
man all-college glee club appear-
ed at the high school auditorium
here, under the auspices of the
American Legion post No. 42.
Howard E. Pratt, of the Whit-
man conservatory of music, is di-
rector of the glee club and under
his leadership the 28 young men
and women have developed a
technique that can be used in the
presentation of a most interesting
program.Soloists Pleased
Soloists on last night's program
were: Frances Higgins, who ap-
peared in an incidental soprano
solo, accompanied by the glee club
in "The Sound of Song" by Bal-
duna; Mary Catherine Brock, so-
prano, who sang "Lo, How the
Gentle Lark" by Sir Henry Bi-
shop, with a flute obligato by
James Yennet; Stephen Penrose
Jr., bass, who sang "Lilly Ann,"
by Warner, accompanied by the
glee club; Lois Hood, who sang
"Hear American Singing," text by
Walt Whitman and music by Har-
vey B. Gaul.In the second part of the pro-
gram, in which the Whitman vil-
lagers, composed of 12 members
took part, Virginia Hagg, first vi-
olinist and orchestra leader, played
a solo "Hejre Kati" by Hubay; andWar Clouds In
Central Europe
Thinning TodayTension Arising Out of
Italo-Jugo Slav-Alban-
ian Controversy Is at a
Lower Pitch.PARIS, Mar. 22 (AP).—The
tension arising out of the Italo-
Jugo Slav-Albanian controversy
brought to the fore by Italy's al-
legations that the Jugo Slav gov-
ernment was mobilizing forces on
the Albanian frontier, had relaxed
today. This was attributed to the
prompt steps taken by the Paris,
Berlin and London governments.After a brisk exchange of views
yesterday between the various cap-
itals there was further negotiat-
ion today. It was announced that
nothing would be left undone to
settle the question to the satisfac-
tion of all concerned, and to find
a way to prevent a recurrence of
the trouble. For the most part the
diplomatic efforts are understood
to be directed toward satisfying
Italy without having to invoke the
good offices of the league of na-
tions council. Italy declined to ac-
cept the authority of the council in
1922 in the dispute with Greece
over the island of Corfu, but the
urgent summoning of the council
still remains a possibility and the
powers interested will not hesi-
tate to do this should the situation
show further signs of becoming
aggravated.Denials Made
Jugo Slavia has made repeated
denials of alleged military prepara-
tions with a view to fomenting
trouble in Albania.When the Italian minister at
Belgrade attended yesterday's ses-
sion of the Jugo Slav parliament,
there was a demonstration by the
opposition that compelled a sus-
pension of the sitting. Later, when
the national assembly resumed the
session, foreign minister Peritch
expressed the deep regret of the
Jugo Slav government over the
insult to the Italian minister.Kane Arraigned
In Justice Court
In Burglary CasePatrick Kane, was arraigned in
the justice court yesterday after-
noon, charged with entering the C.
J. Brewer store here and taking
clothing. He waived preliminary
hearing and is being held in the
county jail. His bonds were set
at \$500.Charles West, negro, also ar-
rested in connection with the burglary,
will have his preliminary hearing
this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the
justice court. He is also being held
under \$500 bonds.Ray Longwell, arrested on the
same charge, was turned over to
the juvenile court, being only 17
years of age.The three were arrested near
Rieth Saturday and were brought
to La Grande Sunday.New Business Is
Opened in CityMr. and Mrs. George Moriarty
have moved to La Grande from
Salem, Ore., and have opened
into the cleaning and pressing
business in the place formerly oc-
cupied by Weavers, on Depot
street.They were in the same business
at Seaside for three years, before
coming here. Mr. Moriarty will
be associated with them here.They have moved into the house
at 106 Greenwood street and plan
to make this city their permanent
home.Whitman Glee Club Pleases Crowd
of La Grande People With ConcertFrances Higgins appeared in a sec-
ond soprano solo, "The Wind's in
the South," accompanied by the
orchestra.
A Whitman college campus
symposium was given by the
chorus and orchestra, taking the
audience through the basketball
season, football, tennis, baseball
and ending with the co-ed. In-
terpretative dances of the college
activities were given by Miss Helen
Meyers and Richard Lawrence,
who were the plaintiffs. Kenneth
Casey, the defendant; Harold Mc-
Carthy, the court usher; Robert
Myers, the foreman of jury; and
other members of the glee club
the bridemaids, jurymen and spec-
tators.Anna Lou Curtis was piano ac-
companist, during the first part
of program and also played the
piano in the orchestra, which ac-
companied the comic opera.
The comic opera is a new glee
club feature and adds much to the
interest and variety of the pro-
grams.STUDENT MOB
BEATEN BACK
BY POLICEMENUnderclassmen of John
Hopkins University
Take Part in RiotNATIONAL GUARD
ARMORY WRECKEDFive Men Injured, One
Seriously—Violence Re-
sult of Sophomore At-
tack on Freshmen.ANNAPOLIS, Mar. 22 (AP).—
Ten Johns Hopkins students today
paid fines of \$25.50 apiece for par-
ticipation in a freshman-sophomore
riot here last night which caused
appeals for aid from the state mil-
itia. Nine of the fined students
spent the night in jail, and Bern-
ard Brack, seriously injured by a
policeman's club, pleaded guilty from
his hospital bed. Physicians
said Brack would recover.ANNAPOLIS, Mar. 22 (AP).—
Maryland's staid and ancient cap-
ital was recovering its composure
today after witnessing unprece-
dented transformation of usually
quiet statehouse circles into a
volcano of exuberant violence by
half a thousand battle-hungry
Johns Hopkins university under-
classmen.A freshman class dinner, even-
tually eaten against vehement ex-
pressed sophomore wishes, but in
a building sans window panes and
door panels, of much broken
crockery and under protection of
eight lines of high pressure fire
hose, was the cause.One student seriously injured,
four others known to have re-
ceived hospital or medical treat-
ment, and a score nursing swollen
heads, black eyes, sprains and
bruises, nine in jail, and a na-
tional guard armory badly bat-
tered, is the officially tabulated
result.Skull Fractured.
Bernard Brack, of Baltimore,
suffered a possibly fractured skull
from a blow from a policeman's
night stick.At Annapolis Emergency hospi-
tal he remained unconscious for
several hours after the battle had
ended, and physicians feared that
if complications arose his injury
might prove fatal.John Grayson Turnbull, of Tow-
son, Md., and Gladstone Head-
cock, of Baltimore, also went to
the hospital with heads battered
from contact with police bullets.
Turnbull was released at his own
request but police took him in
custody on the hospital steps. Ed-
win S. Gordon, of Bedford, suf-
fered head and neck injuries, was
being flown from the top of a
flight of stairs and Baldwin Street,
Baltimore, broke his arm in a leap
from an armory window.After officers of the national
guard had been refused permis-
sion by Governor Ritchie to mus-
ter the men to clear the building,
Shaver Alan Lewis Howard, who
had been injured in the law by a
flying paving block, called out
the fire department. The sophom-
ores were drenched out by eight
high pressure streams of water.Traffic Held Up.
The battle attracted 3,000 peo-
ple to the center of the city, and
held up traffic through the town.The nine students arrested on
charges of entering and destroy-
ing state property, mischief and
inciting riot were to be arraigned
today. State's Attorney A. Theo-
dore Brady said the state prop-
erty damage charge would not be
pressed, as the classes had pledged
themselves to pay for the damage.Slain in Bed
Snyder was slain shortly after
he went to bed on returning with
his wife and child from a card
party at the home of a friend.
Gray told police he hid in one of
the rooms of the house after en-
tering through a door purposely

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Decision Made On
Property OwnershipSALEM, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP).—
A husband's right to real property
held by himself and his wife by
the entirety may be said in this
state on execution issued from a
judgment against either the hus-
band or the wife alone. It was ruled
today by the state supreme
court in a decision reversing Cir-
cuit Judge George H. Homan of
Multnomah county in the case of
Cance vs. Ohmari. The question
had never been ruled upon by the
Oregon state supreme court. The
court, however, qualifies its ruling
by saying:"This ruling does not destroy the
nature of the estate. The sale on
execution of the interest of the
husband would not destroy or af-
fect the right of survivorship in
the wife. The wife's interest would
not be touched. If the husband
survived the wife the purchaser
would have the entire estate. If
the wife survived the husband the
purchaser's interest would termi-
nate with the death of the husband."
The opinion was written by Justice
Coshaw.Three Slain When
Engine Blows UpVILLA GROVE, Ill., Mar. 22.
(AP).—E. M. Robinson, Salem,
engineer; I. D. Bruce, fireman; and
C. M. Parlow, lead brakeman, both
of Villa Grove, were instantly
killed early today when the engine
of a freight train blew up near St.
Peter, Ill.

VIGOROUS

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes,
dean of the United States su-
preme court, walked to the cap-
itol at Washington with his usual
springy step on his 84th birth-
day, as pictured here. Few men
of his age in any walk of life
have retained their physical and
mental vigor as has this distin-
guished son of the New England
bard.TWO PLEAD NOT
GUILTY TO CRIMEWife and Sweetheart Re-
pudiate Confessions of
Murdering HusbandNEW YORK, Mar. 22 (AP).—
Mrs. Ruth Snyder and Henry Gray,
who signed confessions that they
had murdered Mrs. Snyder's ar-
tiller husband, Albert Snyder, in a
love and insurance plot, pleaded
not guilty in Jamaica magistrates
court today and were held without
bail for the grand jury. They re-
pudiated their confessions.Gray, manacled to two detec-
tives was brought to police head-
quarters in New York this morn-
ing.Mrs. Snyder was brought to po-
lice headquarters later through a
rotor door. She faints as she was
being taken upstairs in an eleva-
tor, but was soon revived.Supporting in the main a con-
fession given by Mrs. Snyder, Gray
explained in detail in his confes-
sion how he and the woman exe-
cuted the murder from plans ar-
ranged by mail while he was
traveling.Gray, arrested in Syracuse, N.
Y., on information supplied by the
woman maintained during the long
trip downstate that he was inno-
cent, but he confessed when he
reached the office of District At-
torney Newcomb in Long Island
City early today.Snyder was killed, Gray said, by
a window sash weight which Gray
purchased three weeks ago and
gave to Mrs. Snyder, who hid it in
her home. Picture was that was
found about the neck of the vic-
tim and chloroform found in his
brain were purchased in Syracuse
before Gray came to New York
Sunday night for the crime.Snyder was slain shortly after
he went to bed on returning with
his wife and child from a card
party at the home of a friend.
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the rooms of the house after en-
tering through a door purposely

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Fire Ruins Part
of Rangoon, BurmaLONDON, Mar. 22 (AP).—An
Exchange Telegraph dispatch from
Rangoon, Burma, says the native
quarter of that city has been de-
stroyed by fire. Six hundred houses
were burned and three thousand
people are homeless. There was no
loss of life.Three Slain When
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Peter, Ill.Army Transport
In Race to Win
Influenza FightChateau Thierry, in Grip
of Epidemic, 700 Miles
from Frisco Where
Hospitals Prepare.SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 22 (AP).
—The United States army trans-
port Chateau Thierry, 700 miles
from San Francisco, her destina-
tion, raced toward port at maxi-
mum speed today while ship's doc-
tors fought to stave off an attack of
influenza which so far has seized
58 of the 900 or more persons
aboard.Four have died aboard ship since
the transport left New York for her
Pacific coast destination via the
Panama canal.Every effort is being made to
reach San Francisco ahead of
schedule. Preparations are under-
way at Letterman general hospital
here to receive those taken with
the ailment. The ship is due to ar-
rive Friday, but through extreme
effort she may make port tomor-
row night or Thursday morning.The Chateau Thierry is carrying
recruits drawn from all parts of the
country. They are to be used as
replacement troops at Honolulu
and other Pacific points. Several
officers and their families also are
aboard.

FATALITIES LISTED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22 (AP).—
Names of four persons who have
died aboard the army transport
Chateau Thierry, en route to San
Francisco, in an influenza epidemic
affecting 58 persons, were an-
nounced today by the war depart-
ment.They are:
Gordon P. Brown, private, coast
artillery, R. F. D. No. 1, Westville,
Ohio, son of Frank D. Brown. He
died March 17 of influenza and
pneumonia.Grover L. Daniel, private, infan-
try, Rocky Mount, N. C., died March
16 of intestinal indigestion.
Albert C. Johnson, private field
artillery, R. F. D. No. 1, Bennett,
Wis., died March 18 of influenza
and pneumonia.Daniel Serfont, private, air corps,
77 Merriam St., Bridgeport, Conn.,
died March 20 of influenza.Coolidge Plans
Vacation in the
West in SummerWASHINGTON, Mar. 22 (AP).
—President Coolidge will establish
a summer residence in the west,
it was said today at the white
house, but he has no intention of
making an extensive tour of that
section.An invitation for the president
to dedicate the new \$5,000,000
state capitol of Washington in
June was received today, but Mr.
Coolidge held out little hope for
accepting it. While he wants to
go west he does not intend to go
as far away as Washington state
and he does not consider that tour-
ing the country lends itself so well
to the idea of a vacation.Ruth Metcalf, president prob-
lem of the Washington senate,
presented the invitation to Mr.
Coolidge and a message also was
received from the Washington
legislature urging his participa-
tion in the exercises.Meanwhile additional invitations
continue to come in from virtually
all states west of the Alleghenies
offering summer residences for Mr.
and Mrs. Coolidge. No decision on
the summer white house is expected
to be made for some time.California Teams
May Play in S. O.MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP).
—A meeting which is expected to
complete formation of a Southern
Oregon baseball league for the
coming season will be held tonight
at Gold Hill, near here, by rep-
resentatives of Grants Pass, Ash-
land, Gold Hill, Klamath Falls and
Medford. According to Al Piche,
manager of the local team rep-
resentatives from Yreka, Dunsmuir
and Mount Shasta, in Northern
California, may also be present.While the number of teams
which will make up the Southern
Oregon league has not been defi-
nitely settled, Grants Pass, Ash-
land, Medford and Gold Hill, or
Klamath Falls, will probably en-
ter the organization, with the pos-
sibility that the Northern Cali-
fornia teams may be included in
the league this year, according to
Piche.Realty Convention
To Be Held Aug. 10CHICAGO, Mar. 22 (AP).—Of-
ficial announcement was made by
the national association of real
estate boards today that its na-
tional convention at Seattle, Wash.,
will be held August 10 to 12.Negro Hangs Self
In Danville Jail