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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and Saturday but unsettled today and tonight over the west portion. Frosts in the east portion tonight.

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LAMB SEASON
NEAR END IN
THIS COUNTY

Sheep Owners Not So Optimistic as They Were Early This Year

COLD WEATHER IS
CAUSE OF WORRY

Hay Shortage Also Adds to Conditions Tending to Handicap the Proper Growth of Lambs.

With the lambing season practically over in Union county, sheep men are not as optimistic as they might be, due to the continued cold and wet weather.

It is the opinion of many of them that the little lambs have not been growing as fast as they should because of the weather conditions. Although the loss of lambs has not been great, probably more died than would have had the weather been warmer.

Hay Shortage Felt

Because of the cold weather, it has been almost impossible to keep the sheep lots dry, and it has also held back the growth of pastures and a hay shortage is beginning to be felt.

The long winter, necessitating the use of much hay, and the late frost last May, which resulted in a big reduction in the crop, is probably responsible for the shortage now.

Most of the farm flock sheep owners are through with the lambing and the range sheep owners are nearly finished. Although the percentage is probably no larger than last year, the number of lambs will be more, because of the increased number of sheep in the county.

The heavy snow fall during the winter indicates that the sheep range will be good during the spring season, and the range sheep owners are looking forward to a good year from this standpoint.

Among the farm flock owners, who pasture their sheep on the farm, many are seeding sweet clover, hoping to make a more satisfactory pasture.

WALLOWA LOSES SOME LAMBS

WALLOWA, Ore., Mar. 25 (AP)—Reports from a number of the farmers along the valley indicate that the lambing season is quite well advanced at this time.

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OUT-OF-TOWN
LODGEMEN TO
COME MONDAY

Red Cross Lodge No. 27, Knights of Pythias, will meet Monday night at the K. P. hall, where the third degree will be exemplified.

The meeting will begin with a banquet at seven o'clock. Following the initiatory work there will be a social.

Several Knights of Pythias from outside points are expected to be here for the meeting.

ROSE KLEIN

The body of Miss Rose Klein, who died at Salem, arrived in La Grande this morning and the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock from St. Peter's Episcopal church, the Rev. Oliver Riley in charge.

The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel today.

WHEN
YOU BUY
A DISHPAN

If the old dishpan springs a leak and the bottom falls out, do you wait for some store selling dishpans to advertise them, describe them, and price them? Not at all. You go right down to some store and buy a dishpan when it's needed.

But why do you pick that certain store? Because you have been impressed in some way—by what your neighbors have said, or by a previous shopping experience, or by the appearance of the store's windows and interior as you passed by—some time, or by the constant information and description of the store's service and stock carried regularly in The Observer's advertising columns—in some such way you have been impressed with the idea that this particular store is the place to go when you need dishpans and kindred things. Giving you that idea is nothing more nor less than store advertising. While describing and showing and offering merchandise for sale, the business man in question has at all times been selling you on the idea that his store is the best place to buy that particular line. It is noteworthy that the stores and shops which do this most successfully are most constant and careful Observer advertisers.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Salvation Army
Benefit Program
Is This Evening

Final Rehearsals and All Arrangements Completed for Entertainment at L. D. S. Church.

Everything is in readiness for the presentation of the Salvation Army benefit program this evening in the L. D. S. tabernacle, the last rehearsal of the skit and some of the soloists being held last evening. The program is scheduled to begin promptly at eight o'clock.

About 140 persons will take part in the entertainment, including three choruses of 30 members each. The La Grande municipal band of 30 members, the cast of the burlesque skit, the chamber of commerce quartet, and soloists.

Weeks of Preparation

A committee of 36 women have been working on the program for several weeks under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Richardson, and as a result of their cooperation one of the best programs offered in La Grande for some time will be given.

In addition to Mrs. Richardson the members of the committee are: Mrs. John Thelton, Mrs. E. Rosenbaum, Mrs. H. S. Brown, Mrs. J. T. Longfellow, Mrs. Frank B. Appleby, Mrs. Will Adler, Mrs. H. Bohnenkamp, Mrs. H. B. Colburn, Mrs. Robert Eakin, Mrs. Ward Fowler, Mrs. Walter Guild, Mrs. R. J. Green, Mrs. Dallas Green, Mrs. Ray Patten, Mrs. E. L. Holmes, Mrs. A. T. Hill, Dr. Margaret Ingle, Mrs. G. L. Larson, Mrs. F. L. Meyers, Mrs. L. B. Moore, Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Mrs. Clyde Putnam, Mrs. Fred Havenscroft, Mrs. J. T. Richardson, Mrs. Ray Murphy, Mrs. W. C. Perkins, Mrs. Guy Patton, Mrs. E. D. Towler, Miss Imogen Russell, Mrs. Mrs. August J. Stange, Mrs. George Stoddard, Mrs. Sherwood Williams, Mrs. Young, Mrs. H. A. Zurbick and Miss Bertha Wallingford.

Yesterday announcements were made to all of the public schools of the program by members of the committee.

SCOUT TRAINING
SCHOOL TONIGHT

Third of Series of Meetings to Be Held in First M. E. Church

The third boy scout leadership training school meeting of a series of ten being held here for the scout leaders of Union county, will take place this evening in the basement of the First Methodist Episcopal church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock with assembly by patrols, followed by roll call.

Dr. George S. Hoffman will be the speaker of the evening, and the subject will be "Elementary First Aid." There is perhaps no more important subject in scouting than better prepared to talk on this subject, according to Dr. Russell Scott, scout executive. Dr. Hoffman is a local scout master.

From 8:30 until nine o'clock Mr. Scott will conduct a demonstration on how to carry the injured, the Schaefer method of resuscitation, and what to do when a person faints.

From nine o'clock until 9:30 will be a morale period, with exercises and games.

The closing ceremony will be at 9:30 o'clock.

La Grande And
Baker Refuse to
Join Ball League

PENDLETON, Mar. 25 (AP)—The 1927 Blue Mountain baseball league puzzle was definitely settled at a meeting here last night. Hermiston, Walla Walla, Reservoir Indians and Pendleton will form the idea of a six-club league. Play will start April 10 and wind up the Sunday before the Fourth of July.

The general opinion here is that a six-club league, including Hermiston and the Indians, would materially weaken the class of baseball La Grande and Baker have been in favor of.

Pendleton, which has been in favor of amateur baseball this spring, was the stumbling block in the way of formation of a fast, semi-professional league with Baker and La Grande included.

Bobby Jones Is
Leading Field

ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 25 (AP)—With a sensational 66, four-under par, Bobby Jones took the lead today in the southern open golf tournament with a score of 138 for the first 36 holes. Jones was out in 35, two under par, and came home in 35, again under par. He played 14 of the 18 holes in par figures and had four birdies. This was the greatest round Jones has ever played in competition.

Johnny O'Farrell of New York, finished with a 70.

NUISANCE TAX
MAY BE CUT
BY CONGRESS

Administration and Democratic Leaders Agree in This Instance

HOPES TO SLASH
CORPORATION LEVY

Two Per Cent Reduction Warranted, Chairman Smoot Believes—Surplus to Be Large.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—The last of the wartime nuisance taxes would be abolished under present plans of both administration and democratic leaders in congress for the prospective revenue bill to be framed next session. Discussion of the measure has been revived recently with the forecast by Secretary Mellon of a \$500,000,000 treasury surplus for the current fiscal year.

The corporation levy would get next attention in the possible half-billion dollar slash and the remainder of the nation would go to the income tax payers.

Chairman Smoot, of the senate finance committee, who will have considerable influence in the final writing of the measure, believes a two per cent cut in the 12 1/2 per cent corporation levy is warranted. Democratic leaders also have urged a reduction in this tax which has not been cut since the war and which was boosted from 12 1/2 per cent a year ago when the capital stock levy was eliminated.

Children Plan
For Program on
Monday Evening

The children of Willow school are arranging an interesting part in the art contest program to be held Monday evening, March 28, at the high school auditorium.

This group will take the audience back to the time of Sir Edwin Landseer, Sir Walter Scott and Rosa Bonheur, with a dramatization of an incident in the life of Landseer and two incidents in the life of Rosa Bonheur.

Sir Walter Scott owned a stag-hound named Maida Vale, and Landseer, the lover of dogs, painted his picture and finally became so fond of the animal that he named his beautiful country home after him, calling it Maida Villa.

It was in this home that Landseer spent his time painting and entertaining his friends. While the great artist was painting the portrait of Sir Sidney Smith, a writer of the day, a challenge was made, and it is in this incident that the Willow school students will dramatize.

This will be followed by two scenes in the life of Rosa Bonheur, one showing the beautiful companionship which existed between Rosa Bonheur and her father, the other how she was rewarded for her work in art by Queen Eugenia of France.

Portland Telegram
Gets Station KEX

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 25 (AP)—The Portland Telegram announced today that it had formed a radio combination with the station KEX of the Western Broadcasting company, whereby it would broadcast programs. A program starting at 6 p. m. today and continuing until 4 a. m. Saturday was announced at the beginning of the service. KEX, Portland; KJR, Seattle; KGA, Spokane and KXA, San Francisco, plan to present regular schedules in combination, the Telegram announced.

"Cradle Snatchers" Invokes Gales
Of Laughter in Presentation Here

A Review

"Cradle Snatchers", an uproarious three-act farce comedy, was presented to a large crowd of La Grande people in the Arcade theater last night and advance notices predicting that the patrons would leave the show smiling and laughing were actually borne out.

Humor, some subtle and some otherwise, was dished out in disarming proportions and waves of laughter swept the audience almost continuously through the performance. Especially did Helen Bolton, playing Susan Martin, furnish side-splitting quantities of wit. Miss Bolton, blonde, and suddenly vivacious when confronted by a young "Spanish built fellow," was almost a riot and her comedy efforts only surpassed by a small margin those of the other members of the cast.

Imaging three married women, safely (?) out of their twenties, discovering that their husbands were stepping out with flappers and, with the idea of bringing the men back to the home fires, hiring three college youths as amorous

OHIO DOCTOR
SLAIN; WOMEN
MISTREATED

American Consul Tells of Escape from Chinese Belligerents

REFUGEES REACH
SHANGHAI TODAY

Majority of American Homes and Mission Properties Destroyed by Cantonese.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 25 (AP)—J. E. Williams, vice president of Nanking university, is known to be among the dead from yesterday's shelling.

A doctor, J. E. Williams, of Shawnee, Ohio, and Mrs. J. E. Williams, of South Salem, Ohio, are listed as among the American missionaries at Nanking.

BROTHER NOTIFIED

NEW LEXINGTON, Ohio, Mar. 25 (AP)—His voice choked with emotion, a coal miner was reached today by the Associated Press over long distance telephone today at Shawnee, Ohio, and told of the death of his brother, Dr. John Elias Williams, vice president of the University of Nanking.

Dave Williams was at work in one of the lower levels where he is employed when the Associated Press called him at Shawnee, Ohio, and told of the death of his brother. He answered the telephone and when told his brother had been killed in the shelling of Nanking he could only sob "Oh!"

Apparently with great effort he composed himself. His first question was "how are the rest of the family?"

He was told news dispatches today did not disclose whether the other Americans in Nanking were safe.

CONSUL REPORTS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—The murder of one American missionary and attempts to slay many others at Nanking was described in the report of American Consul John K. Davis, which was received today at the navy department.

The report, forwarded by Admiral Williams, American Asiatic fleet commander, told of the escape of Davis with "one officer, 11 sailors, nine civilians and two children." The rescue of Davis was reported yesterday by Admiral Williams.

Mar. 24 about noon after both the Japanese and British consuls had been attacked and the consuls reported killed and the known cold blooded murder of one American missionary and the attempted murder of many others, all by nationalist

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Kisses Shorten
Life 3 Minutes

GUNNISON, Colo., Mar. 25 (AP)—Students in the department of psychology at Western State college here have arrived at the conclusion that a kiss shortens human life three minutes.

A survey in genetic psychology showed that a kiss caused such palpitation of the heart that the extra beats of the organ amount to the normal number taking place in three minutes.

Figures that are interesting if true, show that 480 kisses would shorten life by one full day and that 2400 kisses would eliminate one week. Life would be shortened by a year after 175,200 kisses.

That was as far as the statistician cared to figure.

Eugene High May
Play in Chicago

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 25 (AP)—Eugene high school basketball players, champions of the state of Oregon, are expected to leave this afternoon for Chicago, where they will enter the tournament for the national high school championship.

Students of the school, learning yesterday that funds were lacking to finance the trip, took matters into their own hands, and a thorough canvass of the business district of the city was immediately made. According to reports this morning, the canvass is going over the top, and the team is expected to be on its way today.

Members of the cast were: John Merckly, Florence Auer, Octavia Handsworth, Gordon de Main, Miss Bolton, Charles Coleman, Dorothy Dehn, Eddie Woods, Jack Graves, William Eugene, Norman Peck, Margaret Cutler, Landis, June Lawrence and Gaya Shihald. The comedy was presented by Louis O. MacLennan through arrangement with Sam H. Harris. "Cradle Snatchers" is now in its second year at the Music Box theater, New York.

PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO MURDER



Mrs. Albert Snyder and Henry Judd Graham, arrested in connection with the murder of her husband, yesterday pleaded not guilty in New York to the killing. Authorities charge that the two conspired to kill Mr. Snyder in order to leave her free to marry her lover, Mr. Graham. Both repudiated confessions.

Mrs. Chaplin To
Seek 'Showdown'
In Divorce Case

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 25 (AP)—The demand of Lita Grey Chaplin for a "showdown" in her divorce suit against Charlie Chaplin, today had sent Lloyd Wright, the comedian's attorney, speeding to New York for a conference with his client.

Wright departed for the east yesterday following the announcement of a shift in the plans of Mrs. Chaplin's attorneys in their fight for a settlement of the marital difficulties of the wealthy screen actor and his estranged wife.

Lloyd L. Young, chief counsel for Mrs. Chaplin, declared that Chaplin will be required to file his answer by April 17 or lose the suit by default.

This was not concurred in by Wright, however, who said before his departure that absence of an amended complaint would not avert the necessity for republishing summons on Chaplin.

The service by publication would give his client an additional 90 days in which to make answer.

Young's announcement that he had received the right to answer indicated that Mrs. Chaplin had not abandoned her intention of naming a "prominent motion picture actress" in her suit if the comedian failed to provide for the support of his wife and two children. Mrs. Chaplin repeatedly has threatened to bring additional charges of infidelity against her actor husband.

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Swimmer Lowers
Young's Record

LONG BEACH, Cal., Mar. 25 (AP)—Claiming to have lowered George Young's Catalina channel swimming record by 24 minutes, Kyle Leonard, 23 years old, of Long Beach, today landed at White's point, near here, 15 hours and 11 minutes after entering the water at the lighthouse, Catalina island. Young's time was 15 hours and 45 minutes. Leonard started at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Leonard was accompanied by four observers who checked his time and made a log of his progress. At one time Leonard was seized with severe cramps and at another was struck in the head by a floating timber.

EDITOR WRITES
FORD'S COLUMN

William J. Cameron Admits Authorship in \$1,000,000 Suit

DETROIT, Mar. 25 (AP)—Counsel for Aaron Sapiro in his \$1,000,000 libel suit against Henry Ford got from William J. Cameron, editor of the Dearborn Independent, admissions today that he wrote Ford's personal column in that publication and that he and the motor car manufacturer had discussed international banking rings.

The plaintiff's counsel seemed to be getting a little more leeway today in his interrogation of the witness, but when William Henry Gallagher sought to get too deeply into Cameron-Ford conferences the defense attorneys interposed objection after objection until finally they got in one which, as usual, caused the jury to be sent from the court room while they argued over the law governing the question.

Gallagher once during the opening minutes of the session sought to discard Cameron on his own witness and resort to cross examination. Federal Judge Fred M. Raymond held, however, that having called Cameron, Gallagher was faced with inexorable law which made him keep the witness.

Law Point Argued

For the first time Gallagher asked Cameron about the policy of the Ford-owned Independent towards the "international Jew." Defense counsel objected. Stewart Hanley, the spokesman, insisted that Judge Raymond previously had ruled that evidence concerning the "international Jew" was barred. Gallagher contended that the evidence was admissible under the ruling of the court that evidence concerning "groups" or "classes" of Jews named in the alleged libel along with testimony relating to individual Jews mentioned in the articles might go in.

Testimony Excluded

The court ruled that while the term "international Jew" was mentioned six or eight times in the introduction to the amended declaration of 86 alleged libels there was no reference to it as forming a group.

He refused to permit testimony concerning the "international Jew" on the campus.

Local Teachers To
Study This Summer

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Mar. 25 (Special)—Many Union county teachers, for whom the summer means a period of study and professional improvement, are planning to attend one of the University of Oregon summer sessions, from June 20 to July 29, at Eugene and in Portland, according to information received on the campus.

It is expected that last year's total from the county will be greatly exceeded, when the following were among those represented: Bosse J. Andrew, Mrs. Hazel E. Landry, Blanche Speers, Ruth Alberta Adler and Hallie Williamson, La Grande; Marion Phy and Eunice Busick, Marion.

Bombardment Is
Postponed Due
To Evacuation

American, British Ships Unlikely to Start Shelling Nanking Before Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—Preparations for a bombardment by American and British ships at Nanking have been postponed until tomorrow because of a partial evacuation of the city by foreigners, which has been effected.

The decision to postpone the drastic action decided upon was reached by the American and British naval commanders when it was seen that concrete results had followed the announcement of their firm stand.

Rear Admiral H. M. Hough, the American commander, reported to the navy department that the Japanese in Nanking were completing their evacuation, that missing British marines were coming out of the city and that there was a fair possibility that 120 Americans who took refuge in Nanking university would leave tonight.

Hough's Report

The admiral's report, dated at 5:50 p. m. Nanking time, said: "As a result of the strong stand taken today by the forces here, the foreigners are beginning to come out of the city."

The Japanese are completing their evacuation today. The British consul general and the missing marines are now coming out of the H. M. S. Emerald. It is now considered a fair possibility that the 120 Americans who took refuge in Nanking university will be evacuated to the ships (the destroyers Preston and Noa and the converted yacht Isabel) tonight.

"In view of this, we are preparing further consideration of action tomorrow."

STRENGTHEN BARRIERS

CANTON, Mar. 26 (AP)—Engineers and bluejackets from the British gunboat Tarantula landed at Shanghai, the foreign settlement here, today. They are engaged in strengthening the barbed wire entanglements along the bund.

DUTCH STEAMER DUE
HONGKONG, Mar. 25 (AP)—

The Dutch steamer Tjikarang, with marines and naval stores, is expected to arrive here in time to depart for Shanghai Sunday. She will pick up another party of marines, landed here from the steamer Tjileboet.

THREE WARSHIPS SAIL
MANILA, Mar. 25 (AP)—

The destroyers Edsall, Parrott and Bulmer sailed today for China, the Edsall going to Swatow, the Parrott to Foochow and the Bulmer to Amoy. They were requested by American consuls in the three cities in the event it becomes necessary to protect or evacuate them.

CHINKING CLEARED
SHANGHAI, Mar. 25 (AP)—

P. M.—All Americans and Britishers in Chinking which was captured by the nationalists several days ago, have been evacuated on steamers, or are congregated on the water front under the protection of destroyers. All American women and children have been evacuated from Hankow.

The British steamer Wenchow stopped at Chinking today to take off 20 American missionaries. Widespread looting of foreign houses is going on in Chinking.

The crews of these ships will supplement the complement already in the China zone. At present Admiral Williams has 3174 bluejackets and about 200 marines on board the 21 craft in addition to 1500 marines already landed.

The three last destroyers leaving Manila were the Edsall commanded by Lieutenant Commander L. E. Lindsey, the Parrott by Commander H. V. Boynton, and the Bulmer by Lieutenant Commander M. J. Foster.

MARINES REVIEWED
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He received the correspondents after conferring with the American commander, Rear Admiral Williams, and the British military commander, General Duncan.

General Butler said he was here

Floods Fatal To
70 in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Mar. 25 (AP)—Floods in July province in the extreme northwest of Argentina, have caused the death of more than 70 persons.

Woman, 75, Cutting
Third Set of Teeth

GRANTS PASS, Mar. 25 (AP)—Mrs. Sarah Trask, 75, believes "it's the climate" in Grants Pass for while visiting here with her son, Len Trask, she has started cutting her third set of teeth. It now appears that she will be forced to discard the set of false teeth which she has been using for the past 25 years.

HARSH MOVE
PLANNED BY
U. S., BRITISH

Negotiations for Evacuation of Foreigners in Nanking Fails

MANY AMERICANS
ARE STILL ASHORE

Nine Warships En Route to China; U. S. Destroyer Unlimbers Guns to Protect Refugees.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 25 (AP)—Negotiations for the evacuation of the remaining foreigners in Nanking have been broken down say an authoritative dispatch tonight and the British and American naval commanders have decided that "drastic action" is necessary.

COOLIDGE'S VIEWS
WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—

President Coolidge believes American naval forces now in Chinese waters are adequate to take care of the situation as it now exists in connection with protection of Americans.

150 STILL ASHORE
SHANGHAI, Mar. 25 (AP)—

Latest authoritative advices from Nanking are that 150 Americans are still ashore. Several are feared to be dead, although the authorities are unable to determine this fact.

REFUGEES FIRED ON
SHANGHAI, Mar. 25 (AP)—

The steamer Kungwo, bearing refugees from Nanking and escorted by the American destroyer Preston, was fired on this morning off Chinking. The Preston returned the fire.

NINE WARSHIPS CALLED
WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—

Within the last 24 hours, nine American warships have been ordered to proceed at once to Chinese waters to augment the squadron of 21 fighting craft now there under command of Admiral C. S. Williams, commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet.

Three light cruisers, Richmond, Marblehead and Cincinnati, are sailing from Honolulu and are expected to take about eight days to make the trip. Each carries 430 men and 38 officers, two airplanes, 12 six-inch guns, and four three-inch anti-aircraft guns.

The others, all destroyers, are en route from Manila. The distance from that port to Shanghai is about 1170 nautical miles and it is estimated, that the ships traveling at a speed of from 15 to 20 knots will arrive off the China coast in three days.

The destroyers are the Peary, Ford, Pillsbury, Edsall, Barrott and Bulmer. Each is listed in the navy department register as carrying a normal complement of 104 men, 19 petty officers and eight warrant officers. This complement, however, may have been increased slightly in view of the existing situation.

All of the destroyers carry four-inch guns and one three-inch gun as well as torpedo tubes and anti-aircraft weapons.

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30 TRIBESMEN
ARE SLAIN BY
CONSTABULARY

MANILA, Mar. 25 (AP)—A dispatch to La Vanguardia from Cotabato today said 30 rebellious Alangan tribesmen had been killed and many wounded by the Philippine constabulary near Vintangan, a remote section of Cotabato sub-province.

The injured included Datu Mapuro, fanatic religious leader.

The fighting which took place Monday, broke up a long standing uprising in which hundreds of tribesmen followed Mapuro, looting and ravaging the country. Efforts to settle the trouble peacefully failed.

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