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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Local frosts in the interior tonight. Gentle winds, mostly north and northeast.

LARGE CROWD
GATHERS AT
ART PROGRAM

Awards Given the School Children Who Scored High in Contest

ONE ROOM RANKS
AS 100 PER CENT

Resolution Passed Urging That Picture Study Be Listed in La Grande Schools' Curriculum.

La Grande's interest in art, along both the old and young, was proved last night when probably the largest audience at an event this year, children and parents from the various schools, gathered at the high school auditorium for the art committee program and the awarding of prizes won in the recent art contest.

At 7:30 o'clock, the scheduled time for the program to begin, every seat in the auditorium was taken, two children occupying one seat in many cases. Hundreds came and went again because there were no seats, although several remained and stood up during the entire program.

Urges Increasing Study
After the program had been completed and before the awards were made, Gustav Wissler introduced a resolution, which was adopted by the audience, expressing sincere gratitude for the efforts of the teachers, pupils and committee from the Neighborhood club who have promoted the growth of art appreciation in the schools, and earnestly urging that the picture study be made a part of the school curriculum.

The resolution will be presented to the school board and to the heads of the various schools.

Central School Gives Skit
The program opened by singing one verse of "America," after which Central school gave a skit called "Music in Art." While several little children from the school acted the skit, Mrs. E. P. Moen, to whom much of the credit for the growth of art in La Grande belongs, showed colored slides of some of the greatest masterpieces, representing three episodes in the life of Christ. With the songs, Mrs. Richardson sang "Holy Night," Mrs. Williams sang "The Prince and the Pauper," and Mrs. L. Dutton sang "He Is Risen."

The next program number was a violin solo by Miss Effie Blanchard, and this was followed by Rivera school's part in the program, an art talk by Greta Marson, a pupil of the sixth grade, on the picture "Sir Galahad," by Watts, and a school scene showing how the names of the pictures are learned and the "picture game," which helps the children in the work. Little Lois Hardy was the teacher.

A duet number "The Windmill Trail," was sung by Misses Grace and Ruth Gellie, Greenwood school, showing a group of four living pictures, "The Pot of Basil," by Alexander, "The Shepherd Boy," by Glicklick, "The Spring Song," by Glicklick, and "The Song of the

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OPEN WALLOWA
LAKE RESORT
MONTH OF MAY

John C. MacPherson left La Grande today for Wallowa Lake, where he will begin preparation for the summer resort season which this year will open in the month of May.

There is considerable snow on the ground at the resort as yet, it is reported.

Mr. MacPherson will remain in the Wallowa about one week this trip.

A BUSY
YEAR IN
LA GRANDE

There has never been a more active and prosperous year in prospect than this for La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley. Business, which has been slow during the winter months, anticipates a rapid recovery the balance of 1927. General crop conditions have seldom been more promising. Building trades will be active on a record-breaking scale. Active construction of the normal school by July 1st will mean added activity and will assure student opening a year later. Over 40 new homes are actually under construction already.

Business houses, appreciative of the opportunity, are laying the foundation by advertising. They value your trade—they are interested in you. Inviting you regularly in "The Observer's" columns. It is the most economical way available for them to maintain contact.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Presbyterial To
Meet This Week
In La Grande

State Synodical President, Field Worker and Alaskan Missionary Will Attend Conference.

The annual meeting of the women's presbyterial, which includes the home and foreign missionary societies of the First Presbyterian church of Union and Baker counties, will be held in La Grande Thursday and Friday of this week. Members of the local societies are preparing an interesting program for the two days, the meeting to be presided over by Mrs. L. L. Kennon, of Baker, president of the presbyterial.

Mrs. A. W. Blackburn, state synodical president, of Portland, Miss Mary Moore, field worker, and Mrs. David D. Waggoner, missionary from Juneau, Alaska, will be here for the meeting.

The annual business meeting will be held on Friday afternoon, when officers for the new year will be elected.

Motion Pictures
To Be Shown at
Band's Concert

Motion pictures of college life and work at O. A. C. will be a feature of the program presented by the O. A. C. military band when it stops in La Grande on its twenty-second annual concert tour, Thursday, March 31. E. T. Reed, college editor, will give a short talk illustrated by the motion pictures during the intermission of the concert. Mr. Reed has accompanied the band on many of its tours giving these talks about college and campus activities.

Guy Craig, baritone soloist and member of the band, will give a solo accompanied by the band. Mr. Craig has been soloist for the band for the past three years and has made a hit wherever he has sung. Raymond Cooney, trumpet soloist, playing his second year with the band will give a trumpet solo as an added feature of the program. Captain Beard, director of the band, considers Cooney one of the best trumpet players and soloists that he has ever had in the band.

Excellent Program Promised
Captain Beard has selected a program which he considers to be good if not better than any other ever presented on a tour. The band has been practicing on the program for the past two months and can now present it in true military style.

The musicians, led by Albert Toy, veteran drum major, will parade in the business part of the town in the afternoon. In their regulation military uniforms and orange lilies capes the band makes a very impressive appearance while on parade.

A complete program will be printed in tomorrow's issue of The Observer.

Methodists Will
Destroy Mortgage

Easter evening was selected last night as the date on which the First Methodist Episcopal church will celebrate its mortgage burning. A committee appointed to devise the details of the program last evening chose the evening church hour of Easter as the most suitable time to undertake what the Methodist official and congregation is considered an important event.

The satisfaction of mortgage was recorded yesterday and from now on the committee will be drafting its plans for a record get-together of Methodist followers to witness the "destruction" of a piece of paper that has been a source of worry since 1913. The chief decision relative to program details reached last evening was that principal speakers will be from the local congregation, rather than from Methodism outside of La Grande.

Scout Tri-County
Council To Meet

The first meeting of the Eastern Oregon boy scout tri-county council since Russell Scott, scout executive, started work here, will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in the chamber of commerce offices.

The meeting will be one of the most important of the council this year and all members are urged to be there. Mr. Scott declares the purpose of the meeting is to appoint members to committees on finance, leadership, training, civic service, troop organization, camp committee, educational publicity, court of honor and a merit badge faculty.

Dr. W. T. Phy, chairman of the council, will preside.

UNION ROUTE
IS SCORED BY
MR. STODDARD

Telocast-Medical Springs Road Favored by Lumber Company Official

COMPARES PROJECTS
AT CHAMBER MEET

Business Men Adopt Resolution Favoring Eliminating Part of Confidential Reports.

Elmer Stoddard, of the Grande Ronde lumber company speaking as a resident of Medical Springs and not as a La Grande resident, today told members of the chamber of commerce at their forum luncheon at the Sommer grill that "unless Union county builds a road from Telocast to Medical Springs it don't need to spend its money at all."

This statement came at the conclusion of a ten-minute talk pointing out the advantages that the Telocast-Medical Springs road project has over the proposed stretch from Union to Medical Springs via Catherine creek.

Present Comparisons

Giving facts on the two projects, Mr. Stoddard declared that the distance of the two was practically the same, although the Union route was possibly a mile or less shorter. On the Telocast route, eight miles have been built and are maintained by the state and this stretch of road is always open.

The strip from Telocast to the mill site is 14 miles and of that four and a half miles have already been built. Only five or six miles have been built out of Union. Summing this up he said that only one and a half miles of new road need to be built via Telocast while out of Union 12 or 13 miles of construction would be necessary.

Comparing the winter condition of the two projects, he declared that the Telocast route follows along the south side of a hill while the Union route is a northside road. Snow, he said, is a constant factor on the Catherine creek road some time after the Telocast strip shows dust.

Compares Elevation
The highest elevation of the Catherine creek road was given by Mr. Stoddard as 4,330 feet compared with 3,700 feet for the Telocast project.

He declared that 14 miles of snow fence would keep the Telocast road open during the winter while on the other, there were eight to 10 miles of three to six feet of snow piled up in the winter.

Fourteen families are living on

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FATE OF STOCK
SHOW UNCERTAIN

Boosters to Make An Attempt to Stage Some Sort of June Event

UNION, Ore., Mar. 29. (Special)—Plans for the 1927 Union stock show are rather "up in the air" since the governor vetoed the measure carrying its appropriation. The cutting of the three thousand dollars which was to have been used in providing premiums for the show. However, several of the veteran boosters for the show are not content to pass the season by without an effort being made to put on a show.

No doubt there will be a stock show in June, but it may be a decidedly different experience must be curtailed if the show is given. No regular meetings are being held at present.

S. F. Andrew Files
Bankruptcy Papers

Voluntary petitions in bankruptcy in Portland today included S. F. Andrew, La Grande merchant. His liabilities were listed at \$26,168; his assets at \$21,970.11 and exemption claimed amounted to \$325.

Sons and Fathers, 100 Strong, Have
Banquet at Island City Last Night

A sons' and fathers' banquet, sponsored by the Sunday school of the Island City community church, of which Miss Sarah Williamson is superintendent, was held in the church last night with 100 fathers and sons in attendance.

Ed Jasper presided as toastmaster and several toasts were given. Joseph, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church there, who is at Island City for two weeks assisting the Rev. H. K. Wallis with pre-Easter meetings, which are held at the church each evening at eight o'clock.

A male quartet, consisting of Kenneth Thompson, Tom Williamson, S. T. Ballie and Alex Robert-

Tax Returns To
Run Less Than
First Expected

Chairman Green Believes Surplus Will Approximate Half Billion Instead of \$550,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29. (AP)—Most recent returns from March 15 income tax payments fail to justify as high an estimate of the treasury surplus as did earlier payments, in the opinion of Chairman Green, of the house ways and means committee, which has original jurisdiction over revenue legislation.

After a conference with Under Secretary Mills, of the treasury, the chairman predicted the surplus would approximate \$500,000,000 instead of \$550,000,000 and \$580,000,000 forecast by some officials. He said, however, that a new tax deduction bill certainly would be drafted for consideration by the next congress.

Planning Reduction
The committee now is receiving information on the financial condition of the government, but the chairman did not indicate the amount of reduction he had in mind. Other congressional leaders have the figure at a half billion, but should the surplus fail to exceed this amount, it necessarily would force paring down of their present plans.

The treasury is planning to issue the first of next week an analysis for the income year of 1925 with tax returns up to 1926.

OREGON GETS CASH

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 29. (AP)—With cash receipts of \$129,323.83 during the day the state insurance department took in more money yesterday than on any other day in the history of the department, according to a statement introduced by Clara A. Lee, state insurance commissioner. The money consisted of taxes and fees from insurance companies doing business in this state.

Cantata Will Be
Presented Here
By Club Sextet

The public is invited to hear the cantata "Three Springs" by Paul Riles, which will be repeated this evening in the Neighborhood club rooms by the club sextet, of which Mrs. Earl Stoddard is leader.

Jane Stange, Sally Siegrist, Judith Siegrist, Ruth Stoddard, Louise Marie Williams and Patsy Jesse will assist in the presentation with instrumental accompaniment.

Seven scenes are included in the cantata, which takes the three springs from the mountain side to five different places, then back to the mountainside again.

Thursday night the sextet will go to Baker and the cantata will be presented there as a part of the Methodist Episcopal church benefit program.

Hibberd's Motion
To Come up Friday

C. R. Hibberd's motion for a new trial will be argued Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the circuit court Judge J. W. Knowles announced this morning. Hibberd recently found guilty of a larceny charge in the circuit court and immediately filed a motion for a new trial.

Today Judge Knowles is trying a civil case over a contract sale of land, A. W. Shultz vs. R. A. Greider.

Last Member Of
G. A. R. Post Dies

PENDLETON, Mar. 29. (AP)—H. R. Neil, G. A. R. veteran and a pioneer of this county for 45 years, died Sunday evening after a paralytic stroke. Mr. Neil was the last of 64 members of the Pendleton R. R. Carson post of the G. A. R.

Rhineland Is
Loser in Appeal

ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 29. (AP)—The court of appeals affirmed today the decision of the lower courts denying the annulment of a marriage brought by Leonard Kip Rhineland against his first wife, Alice Rhineland.

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STATE CHIEF
CLEARS DECK
ON 2 BOARDS

Requests for Resignation of Commission Members Signed by Governor

NEW APPOINTMENTS
ARE EXPECTED SOON

Judge J. W. Maloney, of Pendleton, Quits as Member of State Game Body.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 29. (AP)—Requests for the resignations of all the members of the state game commission have been requested in letters sent out by Governor Patterson, it became known today. L. N. Felschner, Portland, received his letter Monday afternoon and sent his resignation by return mail. He made no comment.

Other members of the commission are Judge J. W. Maloney, Pendleton; M. H. Bauer, Corvallis, and W. L. Finley, Portland. Finley is now in the east giving illustrated game lectures.

May Reappoint Two.

Harold Clifford was the fifth member of the commission but his term expired on Feb. 28. He had continued to serve pending appointment of a successor.

The Portland Telegram says: "The governor is believed to be clearing the decks of both game and fish commissions preparatory to making new appointments. It is generally felt that Felschner and probably Harold Clifford, of Canyonville, will be reappointed. The term of Judge J. W. Maloney, of Pendleton, chairman of the commission, is near its end."

MALONEY RESIGNS

PENDLETON, Mar. 29. (AP)—Judge J. W. Maloney, member of the state game commission since 1922, last night resigned his position on that body. His resignation occurred prior to receipt of a letter from Governor Patterson requesting his resignation from the commission. Judge Maloney today had little to say regarding the matter.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 29. (AP)—Receipt of the resignations of J. S. Hayes, of Tillamook, and W. T. Haines, of Astoria, requested yesterday by Governor Patterson is expected to be the signal for the long waited announcement of the personnel of the new state fish commission. The resignation of John Veatch, of Portland, is already in the governor's hands.

Selection of a satisfactory appointee to represent the second district, embracing all of the coast territory south of the Columbia river is said to have been the chief cause of delay in reorganizing the commission.

In state house circles it is generally understood that Frank Kendall and either Chris Leimweber or Chris Schmidt, of Astoria, will be the two appointees from the Columbia river district.

Bids Are Opened
on Wallowa Lake,
La Grande Road

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 29. (AP)—Urging that the west side highway be given the same sort of Pacific highway signs that the commission has given the east side road, a delegation from Clatsop county appeared before the highway commission today. The men since the highway commission put up signs reading "Pacific highway" running from Junction City north on the east side road, the west side had lost most of the northbound tourist travel.

It was urged that both roads be given equal official signing, the commission to place signs reading "Pacific highway—east side" and "Pacific highway—west side" on the roads.

Five bids were received for resurfacing material for the La Grande-Minam section, 16.3 miles of the La Grande-Wallowa lake highway.

Italian Airman in
New Orleans Today

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 29. (AP)—Commander Francesco De Pando, the Italian aviator, arrived today from Havana. His arrival was timed at 12:49 p. m. Whistles shrieked from ships in the vicinity as the giant plane came to rest on the bosom of the river. A tow was arranged immediately and the plane was towed to the landing field where an official welcoming party awaited him.

The Havana-New Orleans leg is a distance of 709 miles.

Petelle Released
From County Jail

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 29. (AP)—The Rev. M. E. Petelle, former pastor of the Christian church of Klamath Falls, convicted by a jury in the justice court at Jacksonville yesterday on a charge of possession and transportation of liquor, was released from the county jail yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock when his attorney, Horace Manning, paid the \$400 fine and costs amounting to \$50, against him.

SHOT TWICE



Miss Anna E. Moffet, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. W. P. Moffet, of Madison, Wis., who was shot twice through the body in escaping from Nanking, China, under Chinese shell fire.

GIVES U. S. STAND
ON DISARM MOVE

Hugh Gibson Explains American Views at Geneva Meeting Today

GENEVA, Mar. 29. (AP)—Declaring that the man in the street must have a clear picture of what the world is trying to do toward disarmament if there is to be hope for success of the disarmament movement, the American delegate, Hugh Gibson, intervened at today's meeting of the preparatory commission and presented the American view on the problem of limiting trained reserves.

He insisted that failure to take reserves into consideration meant that 50 per cent of the military strength of a country, was kept out of the picture. He spoke after M. Landon, president of the commission, had announced that, although the commission was unable to agree on the question of the reserves it had consented in a spirit of conciliation to accept the first reading of the French thesis that limitation apply only to troops which can be employed without the necessity of mobilization.

Mr. Gibson said the question of trained reserves and reserve material constituted the crux of the whole problem because the nation possessing them could begin fighting offensive battles immediately, while a nation without them would be unable to engage in an offensive under a years time and would run the greatest danger of disaster.

He then proposed putting the reserves in the picture in a manner fair to countries with conscript and volunteer systems by placing the strength of the active armies and the strength of the trained reserves in tables annexed to the eventual disarmament treaty, thus permitting possible measures of limitation and reduction.

Rehearing Denied
To John Butchek

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 29. (AP)—A petition for rehearing was today denied by the state supreme court in the case of State vs. John Butchek of Portland, who was convicted of the murder of a woman about a year ago. The decision denying the petition removes the last possible defense between Butchek and the gallows so far as the state is concerned. The only possible chance Butchek has remaining is by appeal to the United States supreme court.

Yamhill Man New
Commission Member

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 29. (AP)—Sam Laughlin, of Yamhill, was today appointed to the state industrial accident commission to succeed Edward Edkins, whose term has expired. Laughlin is cashier of the Yamhill state bank, and president of the Yamhill chamber of commerce. The other two members of the commission, E. E. Bragg and William A. Marshall, are to remain in office; their terms not yet having come to a close. The new appointment becomes effective immediately.

Fencing Master
Sought by Cops

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 29. (AP)—The county sheriff's office revealed today that it had issued a warrant for the arrest of Lieut. Gerard De Mervaux, Hollywood fencing master, on charges of insanity and being a dangerous person. The warrant was issued following the obtaining of an insanity complaint from the lunacy commission by A. A. Kilder, attorney.

The sheriff's warrant orders the arrest of De Mervaux immediately upon the announcing of a verdict, favorable or unfavorable to him, in his \$25,000 damage suit against J. Stuart Buckton, film director, which is expected to be submitted to the jury this afternoon.

Balkan Situation
Grave, Jugo-Slav
Government Says

Albanian Troops Are Still Being Mobilized "Under Direction of Italian Officers."

PARIS, Mar. 29. (AP)—The Jugo-Slav government, says a Havas dispatch from Belgrade, is reported to have advised the foreign ministers of the great powers that according to news received from Albania, the situation there is grave, with mobilization continuing actively "under direction of Italian officers."

It is understood the dispatch adds that the Belgrade government has agreed to all the suggestions of the powers on the subject of an investigation into the situation along the Jugo-Slav-Albanian frontier. But in view of the repugnance of Italy to a commission of inquiry, it is thought possible that the whole question brought to a head by Italy's allegation that Jugo-Slavia was mobilizing on the Albanian frontier, will be settled directly between Rome and Belgrade. The plan, the Belgrade government is known to be willing to accept in principle.

Liberals Open
Fire on Plane
Piloted by U. S.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29. (AP)—An attack by liberals on an American marine corps airplane was reported to the navy department today by Rear Admiral Latimer, commanding forces in Nicaragua.

The admiral said a force estimated at 200 men opened fire yesterday with rifles and machine guns on an airplane piloted by Captain H. D. Campbell who, with Lieutenant F. H. Lamson-Scribner, was making an air reconnaissance about nine miles east of Leon. Part of the tail of the plane was shot but neither officer was injured.

Drives Car At
207.015 Miles An
Hour in Florida

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Mar. 29. (AP)—Major H. O. D. Seagrave, English racing driver, traveled at a rate of 207.015 miles an hour today on the beach speedway.

The time, which was not official, beat all existing speed records.

The world mile straight-away mark was set up by Malcolm Campbell, also an Englishman, at 173.22 in a run on a Wales beach last February.

Legionnaires Will
Also Visit Ireland

CHICAGO, Mar. 29. (AP)—Ireland, from President Cosgrave down, will welcome American Legionnaires to the Emerald Isle, the head of the Irish Free State has informed Francis J. Kilkeny, of Chicago, who originated the idea of a visit to Ireland by former service men when they go to Paris in September for their annual convention.

Diplomatic visas on former soldiers' passports will be waived, the president said. The American Legionnaires will be accompanied by Vice President Dawes. Certificates of identification will be accepted instead.

"I need not assure you of the gratification which it will give to the Irish people to welcome members of the Legion, and our visitors may look forward to a very pleasant holiday," said President Cosgrave.

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U. S. TO PLAY
OWN HAND IN
CHINESE AREA

American Troops Will Not Be Merged with Other Powers

CANTONESE GUNS
TRAINED ON SHIPS

Washington Gets Recommendation for Strong Action to Prevent Any Future Outrages.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29. (AP)—American forces in China will not be merged with the forces of other great powers.

President Coolidge considers the United States has its own commander in the field with an establishment under his direction so that independence of action on the part of the American military groups can be maintained.

REMOVING AMERICANS
SHANGHAI, Mar. 29. (AP)—

Removal of Americans from that section of Central China held by nationalists now has been extended to districts threatened by the nationalist advance. Refugees are moving out of South Shantung, Annel and Southern Honan provinces.

The steamer Sulwo, with a normal capacity of only 25 first class passengers, arrived from Hankow today with 255 refugees, all but one of whom are Americans. The majority were members of the Scandinavian American missions from the interior near Peking.

Consul John K. Davis and Vice Consul J. Hall Paxton are the only Americans remaining at Nanking. They are safe aboard Rear Admiral Hough's flagship the Isabel.

RECOMMENDS ACTION

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29. (AP)—Recommendations for strong action to prevent recurrence of the Nanking outrages at other points in nationalist controlled territory were contained in a message forwarded to the state department today by Minister MacMurray at Peking.

While the message which reached MacMurray from Nanking did not bear the signature of the sender as received here, department officials observed it was signed by Consul J. K. Davis, who is still aboard a warship at Nanking.

The minister's cablegram, dated March 27, was accompanied by a report from Rear Admiral Hough, commanding the Yangtze river patrol, which said the situation at Wuhu, up the river from Nanking was growing more critical.

More Trouble Brewing
"He reports that trouble is being stirred up and may be expected at any moment," the departments announced said.