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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled with probable rain tonight and Thursday; no change in temperature.

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HALF THOUSAND MEN BURIED

W. C. PERKINS
BUYS LOT ON
WEST ADAMSWill Move Standard Oil
Co. Service Station
to PropertyLOCATED NEXT TO
NEW HOTEL SITETransaction Marks Another
Step in Extension
of the Business Section
Along Main Street.

W. C. Perkins, of the Perkins Motor company, today announced that he has purchased the lot on Adams avenue, joining the new hotel site, at the corner of Adams and Fourth street, and will operate a service station there. This will extend the business section still further west on the north side of the city's main street.

He has bought the Standard Oil company's service station, which had to be moved from the location at the corner of Adams and Fourth, and preparations are now being made for its removal to his property.

Announced Today
Although Mr. Perkins completed the transaction for the lot, which he purchased from the Standard Oil company, in January no announcement of the transaction was made until today.

The lot is of an L shape, being 75 feet by 240 feet by 155 feet in size.

Workmen are today excavating a foundation for the gasoline tank and preparing the ground for the moving of the service station. Instead of a corner station the main building and the gasoline pumps will be placed about eight feet from the sidewalk, giving plenty of room for the concrete approach. At the rear of this building will be an oval drive-way of gravel, where the water and air pumps, etc., will be located. The rest room will be located at the right of the station toward Third street.

Parkings with lawn, shrubs and flowers will add to the attractiveness of the place.

The station will be maintained on the Standard Oil company's policy of service. Mr. Perkins announced. Red Crown gasoline will be handled. Two additional employees will be necessary to operate the station.

Open Station Next Week
Plans are to have it ready to open to the public the first of next week, and in the meantime the station's trade is being cared for at the Perkins Motor company's filling station.

The used car market, which has occupied the lot for the past year, will be maintained on the portion of the lot facing on Third street.

ROAD MEET TO
BE HELD HERE
FRIDAY, APR. 8

A county wide meeting in the interest of good roads has been set for Friday evening, April 8, at the city hall. It was announced this morning.

There will also be a meeting of the good roads committee of the Union county chamber of commerce tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock at Elgin.

WHAT
CAN \$500
PURCHASE?

If a business man has an advertising appropriation of \$500, how do you think it could best be expended to secure the best returns?

Direct-by-mail advertising is valuable and is most frequently used to supplement newspaper space. \$500 expended in that way would send a 5-inch post card message to 500 individuals just 40 times during a year. And \$500 spent in The Observer will send an 8-inch advertising message to 3000 families just 200 times during a year. In other words a merchant can reach SIX TIMES as many families nearly EIGHT TIMES as often in The Observer for the same amount of money with larger space.

The cost per reader is remarkably low—and the reader interest and reader confidence are notably high. It is only natural, therefore, that there is a marked tendency to concentrate advertising expenditure in The Observer.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Presbyterial To
Convene at 9:30
Here TomorrowConference of Grande
Ronde Officers to Be
Attended by Workers
Prominent in State.

The annual two-day meeting of the women's presbyterial of the home and foreign missionary societies of the First Presbyterian church will begin at this church here tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock with a conference of the Grande Ronde presbyterial officers led by Mrs. A. W. Blackburn, state synodical president, of Portland, who will be here for the meeting.

At 10:15 o'clock there will be a retreat for the executive committee and the auxiliary presidents, led by Miss Mary Moore, field worker. Mrs. Blackburn will lead in the devotion. During the morning meetings and greetings will be given by Mrs. E. L. Kennon, president of the presbyterial of Baker, followed by "The Findings of 1926", given by Mrs. J. T. Donald, secretary, also of Baker.

Quartet to Play
The Miller violin quartet will play at 11 o'clock and at 11:15 reports from the various secretaries will be heard, followed by the presentation of literature on display by Mrs. A. T. Hill.

Luncheon will be held at 12:30 o'clock and at 1:30 the afternoon session will begin with Mrs. George Schindler, of Union, leading in the devotion. At 1:50 o'clock will come roll call of auxiliary presidents and response into answer of questions.

Miss David D. Waggoner, missionary of Juneau, Alaska, will give an address at 2:30 o'clock and at 3:15 Mrs. F. D. Hunt Jr., of Baker, will sing. This will be followed by another address at 3:30 o'clock by Miss Moore.

Young People's Program
Thursday evening there will be a young people's program, with Miss Hulda Anderson, of La Grande, presiding. The Junior Christian Endeavor will sing a song and a play, "Thanksgiving Ann", will be given followed by another song by the C. E. quartet. The speaker for the evening has not yet been announced.

The presbyterial will continue Friday, closing with the election and installation of officers in the afternoon.

Public Market
Report Will Be
Given City Dads

A meeting of the Pomona grange marketing committee, with City Manager W. C. Crowe, the home marketing committee of the Union county chamber of commerce, and H. G. Avery, was held at the county agent's office Monday afternoon when a proposed public market for La Grande was discussed.

A committee, of which Frank McKennon is chairman, was appointed to investigate and determine the feasibility of the market and find out if there are enough farmers in the valley to support it.

This committee will report tonight at the regular meeting of the city commission.

J. F. Beaver Jailed
In Bad Check Case

J. F. Beaver is in the custody of the police here, arrested on a bad check charge. He was arrested yesterday afternoon before Justice of the Peace Hugh E. Brady on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and his hearing was set for this afternoon.

He is alleged to have cashed a worthless check at the Harris grocery store.

Drunken Driver
Pays \$200 Fine

Nick Rupasich, arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, was fined \$200 in police court last night by Municipal Judge C. M. Humphreys. The defendant paid the fine and was released.

Bible Sales in
China Run Heavy

NEW YORK, Mar. 26. (AP)—Despite the "chaos in China," the American Bible society had the biggest year in its history in 1926, it reported today. The year's distribution reached 33,281,291 Bibles an increase of almost 100,000 over the preceding year.

One Chinese general bought and paid for \$20,000 worth of Bibles.

CONTRACT IS
LET ON LAKE
ROAD STRIPLa Grande-Minam Section
Improvement to Cost
State \$65,450EMIGRANT PARK
BUILDING NEXTBids to Be Advertised for
by Highway Commission—Will Open Bids
Late Next Month

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 29. (AP)—The state highway commission devoted most of its session today to discussion of a proposed toll road to Tillamook. No action was taken and the project will be further considered at the April meeting.

State Highway Engineer Roy Klein was directed to notify the people of Reedsport that whenever the level of Clear lake is raised 18 feet, the grade of the Roosevelt highway along its bank will be raised high enough to keep the road's level out of the water.

The highway commission decided to stop highway construction between Reedsport and Winchester Bay if favorable action is not taken at once on a right of way through the village of Winchester Bay. It was decided that hereafter no road improvement contract will be let by the commission until the right of way has been secured and the deeds filed.

Curry Resigns
The resignation of Jesse A. Curry from the highway commission was received. He resigned on account of ill health.

Chairman Duly announced April 16 as the date for holding a public hearing at Falls City on the proposed boundaries of the Falls City-Valley improvement district. Projects to be advertised for

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CLUB PRESENTS
'THREE SPRINGS'Neighborhood Cantata
Given in Library Auditorium
Last Evening

The Neighborhood club set repeated the cantata "Three Springs" by Paul Bliss last night at the library auditorium before a fair-sized audience.

The cantata has a fascinating story of three springs, how they go from their home on the mountainside, into the pool, then to the brook and from there to the three little folks, thence to the river and the great water falls and then back again to the mountain side.

The music of the cantata gives the audience an opportunity to display their abilities.

Mrs. Earl Stoddard, second soprano, is the leader. Other members are Mrs. T. R. Maxwell, and Mrs. James McNamee, soprano; Mrs. Lester Stoddard, second soprano.

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O. A. C. Military Band Will Arrive
Here Tomorrow for Concert, Dance

The military band of Oregon Agricultural college will arrive in La Grande tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock from Ontario. A street parade will be given about 3 o'clock in the afternoon following the regular appearance at the high school.

The musicians have been having record crowds at both concerts and dances in all of the stops made on the trip. They left Corvallis last Friday morning and have been on the road since then visiting Gresham, The Dalles, Union, North Powder, Baker, and Weiser.

Concert at High School

Thirty-nine musicians are on the trip this year which is one of the largest groups that ever made one of the annual tours. The band will play a program of standard overtures, classical and popular music in the high school auditorium Thursday evening. A dance will follow immediately after the concert in the Zeller dance hall. Reserved seats are now on sale at Glass Drugs.

Several of the members of the band are natives of Eastern Oregon. Frances Snodgrass, solo from Boston, is from La Grande and will appear with Navarre Dunn in the trombone duo "Norma" by Bellini. Guy Craig, solo trumpet player and baritone soloist, is from Enterprise. Mr. Craig will give a baritone solo "On the Road to Mandalay" by Audiences.

GUNS STILL
BLAZING IN
THE ORIENTU. S. Destroyer Fired on
—Chinese Machine
Gun CapturedMORE TROOPS ON
WAY TO "FRONT"Situation Critical in the
Upper Yangtze Valley
—Catholic Mission Is
Looted at Fuchow.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 29. (AP)—A telegram from a Japanese source in Hankow says soldiers in Mufti, ruffians and pickets are overgunning the city and that the Japanese women and children are to be embarked on the first available steamer.

MARINES ENROUTE

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 29. (AP)—The North Atlantic half of the sixth regiment of marines ordered to China to reinforce the sea soldiers on duty there are on the way. The movement of the 800 officers and men from the Philadelphia navy yard to four troop trains began shortly before noon and was completed in an hour.

WARSHIP FIRED ON

SHANGHAI, Mar. 29. (AP)—As the U. S. destroyer, John D. Ford, was on the way to Nanking yesterday, it was fired on by nationalist troops and repelled with its four-inch guns and machine guns.

BRITISH TROOPS LEAVE

HONGKONG, Mar. 29. (AP)—Further British troops left here today for Shanghai. A battalion embarked on the steamer Vama, and the headquarters staff of the field brigade of royal artillery left on the Heliopolis.

TAKE MACHINE GUN

LONDON, Mar. 29. (AP)—De-

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Expert to Attend
Nutrition Meetings

Miss Lucy A. Case, specialist in food and nutrition from the Oregon Agricultural college, is here and will assist Union county women's clubs in the various communities in Union county this week and next in a series of nutrition meetings.

The theme of the discussion will be "Food for Health." These meetings are the first of a series of three which will be carried on in this community during the coming year.

Meetings are scheduled as follows: Imbler, April 1, under the auspices of the parent-teacher association; Cove, April 2, women's club; Nest creek, April 4, home economics department of the grange; La Grande, April 5, parent-teacher associations; Elgin, April 6, women's club.

The meetings will begin at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and will continue until 3:30 in the afternoon. It is planned in each district to serve a cafeteria lunch at noon.

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ITALIAN LANDS IN NEW ORLEANS



Commander de Pineto, the daring Italian aviator, gave New Orleans quite a thrill yesterday when he landed in the southern city after making a trans-Atlantic flight from Italy. This is the first picture to reach the United States showing de Pineto after starting on his aerial voyage. His craft is a monoplane and the motors can be seen above de Pineto.

Ford Hurt When
Flivver Rolled
Off Embankment

DETROIT, Mar. 29. (AP)—Henry Ford has completely recovered from a "mild concussion" he suffered in an automobile accident Sunday, said a bulletin issued late today.

DETROIT, Mar. 29. (AP)—Henry Ford is in the Henry Ford hospital for treatment for injuries received in an automobile accident last Sunday, and has undergone a minor operation, it became known today.

Fred L. Black, business manager of Mr. Ford's weekly, The Dearborn Independent confirmed previous reports of the accident, in a statement prepared by him and other members of the Ford organization.

Reports were that the motor magnate was returning home alone in one of his small cars from the Ford administration building at Dearborn when a machine from the rear side-swiped Mr. Ford's car, forced him over an embankment. The machine rolling over three or four times near a bridge on the River Rouge.

Mr. Ford extricated himself and made his way alone to the lodge at the gate of this estate where he was met by a gate keeper and led to his residence. Dr. R. J. McClell, chief surgeon of the Henry Ford hospital, was summoned and remained with Mr. Ford all Sunday night.

Taken To Hospital
Yesterday it was decided the injuries could be better cared for at the hospital and, accompanied by Mrs. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Edsel B. Ford, it was reported, the motor king was carried into the institution on a stretcher.

The small coupe which was overturned has been used for years in short drives about Dearborn by Mr. Ford. It has been his custom frequently to drive alone in the small car after nightfall in returning from his Dearborn plant to his estate.

One Cremated in
Box Car Blaze

LONGVIEW, Wash., Mar. 29. (AP)—Fire in a box car of a south-bound Great Northern fast freight train, flaming up near Woodland, Washington, early today was responsible for the death of one unknown man and another unknown was wounded. R. J. McClell, aged about 24, was injured in jumping.

Four others in the car uninjured were taken to Vancouver, Wash., by the train crew.

American Is Held
By Mexican Bandits

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29. (AP)—Ambassador Sheffield, at Mexico City, said directed today by the state department to make representations at the foreign office regarding the kidnapping at Guadalajara Sunday of Edgar M. Wilkins, an American citizen.

Mexican military authorities at Guadalajara have been making efforts to obtain Wilkins' release and secure the bandits, thus far without success, so far as the Washington government knows.

Wilkins is held for \$20,000. His ten-year-old son, captured with him, was released to take the ransom demand to Guadalajara.

Coolidge, Smith
Is Prediction of
Senator BorahBelieves 18th Amendment
and Its Enforcement
Will Be Endorsed by
Both Parties.

UTICA, N. Y., Mar. 30. (AP)—The 18th amendment and its enforcement will be endorsed next year by both big parties and their standard bearers will be President Coolidge and Governor Smith, of New York, in the opinion of Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, republican.

"I'll venture that the republican party in national convention declares for the 18th amendment and its enforcement," the chairman of the senate foreign relations committee said in an address before the Utica republican club last night.

"I'll venture that if Governor Smith is nominated for president, he'll declare for the 18th amendment and its enforcement and not only that but will make the people believe in it."

Voices No Disrespect
"This is not speaking in disrespect for Governor Smith, but in eulogy of his great abilities. From the time he leaves Manhattan Island and crosses over into the United States he'll be for the 18th amendment and its enforcement."

In an address at Syracuse university earlier in the day, Senator Borah predicted Coolidge and Smith would be opposing candidates.

"Do you think President Coolidge will run again?" the senator was asked, from the audience. "I think he is entitled to the nomination and can have it if he wants it," he replied. "He would be a strong candidate."

"What do you think of Al Smith's chances for the democratic nomination?"

"Your governor seems to be the accepted candidate at the present time. I feel quite sure he will receive the nomination as he seems to have everything his own way right now."

Uphold Chinese Policy

In his Utica address, the senator advocated friendly relations with all nations, arbitration of the Mexican question and Russia. He upheld the administration's policy in China and arraigned United States tactics in Nicaragua.

Referring to China he said: "The U. S. government is simply protecting the lives of its citizens there."

He objected to the policy in Nicaragua "not so much because our marines are there to protect life, but because we recognized the wrong individual 'English oil interests' was attempting to cause a break between Mexico and the United States and advocated arbitrating the question of whether and held by Americans in Mexico shall be in fee simple or as a concession."

Railroad Rates
On Stock Held
As Reasonable

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30. (AP)—Railroad rates on livestock throughout the western half of the United States were declared by the interstate commerce commission today to be not unreasonably high, and a series of complaints by the American National Livestock association and other organizations within the territory demanding reductions were dismissed.

Except for slight alterations in schedules through southwestern territory the commission refused for the present to disturb the rates now applying to cattle shipments, and mentioned the railroad contention that an annual loss of \$25,000,000 would result to the carriers should the livestock raisers be granted their claim.

The decision set aside one of the more important causes brought under terms of a congressional resolution which imposed upon the commission the duty of considering whether railroad rates constituted an undue burden upon agricultural products.

Good Will Flyers
Hop From Trinidad

PORT OF SPAIN ISLAND OF TRINIDAD, Mar. 29. (AP)—The Pan-American good will squadron of the United States army left here at 10:15 a. m. today for La Guayra, the port of Caracas, Venezuela.

Louisiana Solon
Dies in Capital

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29. (AP)—Representative Ladislav Lazaro, of Louisiana, died here today. He was 64 years old.

MINE BLAST
IS TERRIFIC;
MOST ESCAPEVolunteers Rush to Scene
of Explosion at Ehrenfeld,
PennsylvaniaMOUTH OF TUNNEL
WRECKED, CLOSEDEight Workers Killed in
Gas Explosion Today at
Ledford, Ill.—300 Es-
cape.

CRENSHAW, Pa., Mar. 30. (AP)—All but ten of the men in the explosion wrecked Ehrenfeld mine have been taken from the mine alive, it was announced late this afternoon at the office of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke company, owners of the mine. The statement was made by H. B. Cole, secretary to G. L. Watkins, vice president in charge of operations. Cole said it was not known whether the ten men unaccounted for were alive or dead.

The rescue men were unanimous in the opinion that the explosion was one of the worst in the history of mining in western and central Pennsylvania.

ENTOMBED IN ILLINOIS

HARRISBURG, Ill., Mar. 30. (AP)—Eight men were entombed and believed to have been killed in a gas explosion today in the Sullivan county coal corporation's mine No. 2 at Ledford, five miles south of here. Three other miners were injured by the blast. The 300 other men in the mine were unaccounted for.

John Wunderlich, bottom boss, who was some 1500 feet from the explosion was knocked down and was caught under a flying motor, so great was the force of the blast.

Pellow workmen removed the motor from him and in a bleeding condition he started in on the rescue work. The mine rescue team from Eldorado rushed to the scene.

SOUTH FORK, Penn. Mar. 30

(AP)—Between 350 and 600 miners were entombed and a number of workmen on the surface were killed this afternoon when a terrific explosion spread death and destruction through mine No. 3 of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke corporation at Ehrenfeld, near here.

The entire day shift of miners, together with some extra men were in the workings when the blast occurred. South Fork was rocked as if by an earthquake and an office building near the mine mouth was blown down.

The drift mouth of the mine was wrecked. Earth came tumbling down from the hill into which the channel leads. The first rescuers on the scene went to work on this blockade in the hope that some of the men entombed had reached some point of refuge in the big mine extends back into the mountains a distance of some eight miles.

Mostly White Men

Number 3 mine an union operation, had been working full blast during the past three days, employing extra men. A majority of the miners are white men, about

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BISHOPS PASS
ON CHANGED
PRAYER BOOK

LONDON, Mar. 30. (AP)—The Bishops of Canterbury and York, sitting in convocation today, passed a resolution consent to the forwarding of the revised prayer book measure to the national assembly of the Church of England in July.

If approved by the church assembly the measure will go to parliament. One hundred robed clergymen—members of the "protestant persons' pilgrimage"—marched through the west end last night with banners inscribed "we will not have a compromise book"—referring to the revised book of common prayer of the Church of England.

Bishop Edmund Archbishop Knox, formerly bishop of Manchester, said the revised book offered a multitude of ambiguous phrases and he asked that Episcopalians interpret these phrases to suit themselves. "We cannot accept a corrupt prayer book as a means for reconciling differences," he declared. "For a corrupt prayer book is bound in the end to accentuate them."

Three Bishops—of Norwich, Exeter and Birmingham—voiced

disagreement at yesterday's meeting holding that revision would not bring peace, but would lead to pressure for further services copied from the Roman Catholic church.