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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Local rains today,
cloudy tonight, colder in east
portion tonight. Friday fair, fresh
shifting winds becoming north and
northwest.

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PRODUCERS'
MARKET WILL
BE INSTALLEDCity Commission Agrees
to Plan Endorsed by
County GrangeAWARD CONTRACTS
ON DISTRICT 164Hartenbower & Spaeth
and C. R. Seitz Success-
ful Bidders—Warren
Company Loses Case.

If a committee appointed by the county grange to canvass farmers of the valley reports favorably, a producers' public market will be established in La Grande a little later this spring.

This was decided at the city commission meeting last night, following a report delivered by Frank McKennon, felling of public market procedure followed in other northwestern cities. The movement has been under consideration of the county grange and other civic organizations for about a year and ultimately came to a head last Saturday at the grange meeting at Elgin.

City to Build Sheds
Mr. McKennon reported that it would be necessary to construct several sheds on the chosen site, probably on the vacant lot south-west of the Sawyer Holmes Mercantile company—facing the school. The city would also appoint a market master who would supervise the market, determine a daily minimum and maximum price on each product, and collect rental fees which would be 25 to 50 cents a day for the use of one shed. The market would probably start operating two days a week, and if the public demand for direct-from-the-farm products grew, it might eventually become operative daily.

Cost Not Great
City Manager W. C. Crews reported that the sheds could be erected at a minimum cost and that appointment of a market master could be taken care of satisfactorily. All three commissioners expressed themselves as favoring the idea, and a motion was passed agreeing to build the sheds as soon as a favorable report is received from the canvassing committee.

At the public market fresh vegetables, mostly of the perishable sort, and other farm products would be offered for sale, giving the housewife a chance to buy the freshest of vegetables and also giving the farmer an opportunity to dispose of garden truck and the like at a reasonable profit.

Contracts Awarded
Bids were opened last night on improvement district No. 164. The contract was awarded to Hartenbower & Spaeth on unit one, consideration \$3,082.40, and to Clyde R. Seitz on unit two, consideration \$7,557.26. E. A. Geary bid

LOWER TAX IS
SOUGHT; CASE
UP TO JUDGE

Arguments were finished yesterday afternoon in the case of the estate of Thomas H. Williams, involving the inheritance tax, which was appealed by the estate from the county court to the circuit court in an effort to reduce the amount of the tax. This morning Judge J. W. Knowles had not made a decision.

D. H. Dickinson, of Portland, attorney in the inheritance tax department of the state treasurer's office, was here yesterday arguing the case.

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 postcard 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 300 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 Merchandise Service"

2-Day Sessions
of Presbyterian
Are Under WayState Synodical President
Unable to Attend—Mrs.
C. T. Hurd, of Portland,
Takes Her Place.

The annual meeting of the Grande Ronde presbytery of the home and foreign missionary societies of the First Presbyterian church began here this morning to continue for two days.

The meetings are being held at the Presbyterian church and representatives are present from Baker, Union, Enterprise, Elgin and La Grande.

Mrs. Hurd Arrives
Because of illness in her family Mrs. A. W. Blackburn, state synodical president, of Portland, was unable to come, but Mrs. C. T. Hurd, state synodical secretary, of Portland, and wife of the pastor of Hope Presbyterian church there arrived on the 10:30 o'clock train to take her place.

The meeting opened with retreat by the presbytery executive committee and auxiliary presidents, led by Mrs. Mary Moore, field worker, who is here for the meeting, which was a prepared devotional service of prayer and talks, interspersed with music.

Mrs. David D. Waggoner, missionary of Juneau, Alaska, is also in attendance, and is scheduled to address the assembly this afternoon.

Creetings were given by Mrs. E. L. Kennon, of Baker, president of the Grande Ronde presbytery and Mrs. J. T. Donald, also of Baker, secretary of the presbytery, who gave the findings of 1926.

Appoint Committees
Two committees were appointed. Mrs. L. R. Stockman, of Baker, heading the executive committee and Mrs. Robert S. Eakin, of La Grande, the press committee.

The Miller violin quartet played and was received with enthusiasm. The reports of secretaries and the presentation of literature on display by Mrs. A. T. Hill closed the morning session, after which the reports were read to the church basement, where luncheon, prepared by Mrs. E. P. Mossman and Mrs. C. M. Humphries, was served. A committee from the women's missionary society of the local church served.

Devotional Services
Devotional services led by Mrs. George Seibert, of Union, were to open the afternoon's program followed by roll call and Mrs. Waggoner's address.

This evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be a young people's program, with Miss Hulda Anderson, of La Grande, presiding, the main feature of which will be a play, "Thanksgiving Ann."

Last Session Friday
Tomorrow's meeting will begin at 10 o'clock with a hymn "The Open Door," followed by the devotional led by Mrs. A. T. Hill. Mrs. Harley Richardson will play a piano solo, after which there will be the presentation of books and missionary study, followed by an address by Mrs. Hurd.

Luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock and in the afternoon Miss Hulda Anderson will lead in the devotionals. The business meeting of the presbytery will follow, with the reports of committee, and the election and installation of officers.

Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller will sing a solo. Prayer of consecration and benediction will close the session.

Local Teachers'
Institute To Be
Held on Apr. 16

The last of a series of three local institutes for the school teachers of Union county will be held here Saturday, April 16. E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent, announced. The first meeting was held at Union and the second at Elgin.

Professor Russell Blankenship, of Whitman college, will be the principal speaker at the institute.

A track meet will be held in La Grande on April 16 also. The institute program will be over in time for all of the teachers who desire to attend.

Cove Man Jailed
For Possessing
Liquor at Home

W. E. Richards was arrested yesterday at his home at Cove by Sheriff Jess Breshers on a charge of unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor and was brought before Judge Hugh E. Brady in the justice court, where he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and serve 30 days in the county jail.

Moonshine liquor was found in the Richards home, according to officers, and parts of a still were found buried in the woods.

J. F. Beaver, held here on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, waived preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon in the justice court and was bound over to the grand jury under \$250 bonds, which he was unable to furnish. He was committed to the county jail.

LEADS BAND



Captain H. L. Beard, director of the O. A. C. cadet band which is making a tour of Eastern Oregon towns giving concerts and dances.

\$203.50 IS GIVEN
SALVATION ARMYBenefit Program, Man-
aged by Mrs. A. L.
Richardson, Success

The money made from the Salvation Army benefit program—a total of \$203.50—was delivered to the Salvation Army officials yesterday afternoon by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, chairman in charge of the program. Mrs. H. S. Brown, treasurer, and Mrs. J. T. Longfellow, who had charge of the ticket sale.

A total of \$246.10 was made from the ticket sale, \$42.60 of the amount being paid out in expenses, leaving \$203.50 to be turned over to the Salvation Army.

Will Pay Interest Due
Two hundred dollars was the amount of the interest due on the mortgage on the Salvation Army building here, for which the program was given. Any amount over the \$200 was to be used in relief work.

Much credit for the success of the benefit program is due Mrs. Richardson, who worked untiringly in arranging one of the finest programs ever presented here and gave in large measure of her own artistic talent.

It was through her efforts that the first Salvation Army benefit program was given here last year, when more than \$200 was made for the relief work of the organization.

Express Appreciation
Envoys and Mrs. Barker yesterday expressed their deep appreciation of Mrs. Richardson and her committee, declaring that although the amount made from the program this year did not come up to last year's figure, they feel that the people of La Grande generally are back of them, judging from the large attendance at the program.

Students Present
Beethoven Program

COVE, Mar. 31, (Special)—Mrs. L. E. Lay's piano students gave a Beethoven program at the high school Friday afternoon.

The program opened with a discussion of the classical composers, and the music of that time. Miss Laura Barker played "Sonata Opus 26," Misses Eva and Wilhelmina Weimer played a duet "Allegretto in G," Miss Wilmette Weimer played "For Elsie," and Mrs. Lay played "Moonlight Sonata." Miss Melba Mitchell played "Andante."

Each gave interesting sketches of Beethoven's life.

Charles E. Spence
Passes on Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31 (AP)—Charles E. Spence, master of the Oregon state grange for many years, advocate of legislation for farm and market improvement and state market agent under former Governor Walter M. Pierce, died early today at his home at Gladstone, Ore.

Pocatello Plays
Huron, S. D. Friday

CHICAGO, Mar. 31 (AP)—Final score: Huron, S. D., 24; Pocatello, Idaho, 19. The game was played at 4 p. m. tomorrow to decide which goes to the semi-finals in the national interscholastic basketball tournament.

YOUNG WOMAN JAILED

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 31 (AP)—Miss Frankie Catrum, 24, of Grants Pass, is held in the county jail under investigation for alleged attempted shooting of Aubrey Eggers, 29, of this city, last night when they met on River side avenue.

According to the story of Eggers, the difficulty occurred over money, which the young man admits he borrowed from Miss Catrum several months ago.

CELEBRATION
TO BE AFTER
EASTER TIMELighting District Not to
Be Completed Until
Late This MonthLOCAL MERCHANTS
ENDORSE PLANSAmerican Legion Asked
to Stage Celebration
Which May Include a
Street Dance.

At a meeting of a group of merchants at the Foley hotel today a plan for a celebration at the time of the lighting of the new street lighting district was endorsed and it was voted to ask the American Legion to take charge of the celebration.

A. T. Hill, president of the city commission, presided and plans for the celebration were discussed. W. C. Crews, city manager, and Mr. Smith, construction foreman, said it would not be possible to have the lights completed before Easter and it was decided to hold the celebration thereafter, probably during the last of April or the first of May.

Show windows will be specially decorated and special demonstrations are planned to be held at all business houses in the city and the La Grande municipal band and the American Legion drum and bugle corps will be used.

The American Legion will probably prepare a detailed program which will include a street dance and other entertainment features.

Cadet Band To
Play Dance and
Concert Tonight

Arranged in smart khaki, the O. A. C. military band swung off of train No. 17 this morning from Ontario, where last night it played to a theater packed until the S. R. O. sign was required to be placed in front. The cadets, some of whom are Union and Walla Walla county boys, spent the remainder of the morning visiting friends and former college students. This morning the band visited the high school and was scheduled to present a street parade this afternoon.

The concert tonight will be held in the high school auditorium and will begin at 8 o'clock. Reserved seats are on sale at Glass Drugs. Following the recital the band orchestra will play for a dance at Zuber hall.

The concert program contains several numbers whose popularity has been proven here. Following the opening overture Raymond Cooney will play a trumpet solo, Guy Craig, of Enterprise, is to sing "On the Road to Mandalay" and the saxophone quartet, including Kenneth McGrath, of North Powder, will present "Tussocks." Francis Snodgrass, of La Grande, will appear in a trombone duet with Navarre Dunn.

Professor Reed is accompanying the cadets on their annual spring tour. The band is directed by Captain Beard.

Other towns and cities the band has visited since leaving Corvallis are: Graceland, The Dalles, Union, North Powder, Ontario, Baker and Weiser, Ida.

Printing House
Burns; Loss Is
About \$200,000

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31 (AP)—Fire early today swept the four-story building occupied by Bushong and company, one of the largest and oldest printing establishments in the city, causing loss estimated at \$200,000.

Damage to stock and equipment was placed at \$175,000 and the rest of the loss was on the building. E. L. Foust, a trouble shooter of the Portland Electric Power company, who entered the burning building to turn off the current, had a thrilling escape from serious injury or death when an elevator in which he stepped shot up to the top floor through billows of flame and then fell to the basement. He was singed by the fire but otherwise unharmed.

The fire was reported to have started in the artists' room on the second floor, about 3 a. m. It spread rapidly through the building. Two dozen guests at a nearby hotel fled from their rooms in their night clothes, but the hotel was not damaged.

4 Coast League
Games Postponed

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31 (AP)—Coast league: Portland—San Francisco; Missions-Oakland and Seattle—Los Angeles games today postponed on account of rain.

Later the Hollywood-Sacramento game was postponed because of rain.

Scout Council
Committee Men
Are AppointedThree Counties Represented
at Meeting Held
Here Last Night in the
Commerce Offices.

About 25 men attended the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Tri-county council for boy scouts which was held last night in the chamber of commerce offices here, presided over by Dr. W. F. P. council chairman.

Several were present from outside of La Grande, including Jay Billings, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Christensen, of Walla Walla; the Rev. Father J. C. O'Connor, of Baker; C. J. Fordstrom, of North Powder, and Frank McKennon, of Imbler.

Committees Named
The meeting was the first of the council since E. Russell Scott, scout executive, started work here, and the purpose was for the appointment of committees.

W. C. Perkins was appointed to head the committee on finance and other members of the committee are P. B. Saddle, Bruce Cox, G. F. Dawson, R. C. Frisbie and George A. Marshall. Members of the leadership training committee are: Elmer Stoddard, chairman, the Rev. William M. Bradner, Jack Pearce, Stanley Crew and the Rev. J. C. O'Connor, civic service; Dr. Stoddard, Dr. J. B. Ison and Jack Eichendorf; troop organization: H. E. Dixon, chairman, Walter Bean, Robert Eakin and C. J. Waltz; camp committee: Philo Anderson, chairman, Sherwood Williams, Jay Billings, W. C. Kelley, Earl Reynolds and D. E. Shanks; publicity committee: Frank McKennon, chairman, Fred Kiddie, G. L. Dutton, D. F. Baker, and A. W. Nelson; court of honor: H. E. Coolidge, chairman, G. L. Larson, Henry W. Parker, Grant Bean, Warren Gilbert, Oliver Riley and G. G. Griffiths.

All of the council members present expressed that they were well pleased with the progress of scouting in the council and declared that they would work to make this council the best in the northwest.

FAVOR AIR ROAD
THROUGH HEREPendleton, La Grande,
Boise Are Mentioned as
Ideal East-West Route

PENDELTON, Mar. 31 (AP)—That Pendleton is the logical air route for east-west airplane travel was voiced to John Peterson, aviation chairman of the Pendleton Commercial association, by Frank McKennon, chairman of the Aero club of Oregon. Under Mr. Peterson, work will soon be under way leveling and marking the local aviation field recently secured east of the city.

It is understood that recommendations will be made to the assistant secretary of commerce in charge of aviation that Pendleton, La Grande, Boise and Salt Lake City be designated as a direct route to the east for the government air road. By using Pendleton and the Columbia river route, high mountains are avoided, it is said.

Should this route be designated, Pendleton would be an important fueling station for planes on the overland journey.

Four Killed In
Mine Explosion

EHRENFELD, Pa., Mar. 31 (AP)—Cambria county's miners were rejecting today over the escape of some 300 of their number from the ill-fated No. 3 mine here, the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke corporation, visited yesterday by a tremendous explosion. Sorrow tinged that combination however as preparations went forward for burial of the four men killed by the blast.

BRITISH TOMMIES SEE ACTION IN SHANGHAI



Your "Tommy this and Tommy that" has come into his own at Shanghai. The British troops shown above, led by two colonels bearing the insignia of British power, are the Gloucesters and the Darhams, who were the first foreign troops to see real action in the rioting which followed capture of Shanghai by the Cantonese. They are pictured as they marched along Nanking road in Shanghai a short time before the Cantonese attack.

U. S. FLAG IS
RIPPED FROM
CONSULATEAnti-American Feeling Is
Growing Steadily in
Szechwan ProvinceSITUATION QUIET
IN MOST DISTRICTSDestroyer Pillsbury Or-
dered to Tsingtoa at
Request of Consul, Ad-
miral Williams Says.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31 (AP)—Chineses at Chungking, on the Yangtze river in Szechwan province, have torn down and destroyed the American flag on the United States consulate.

Anti-Americanism there has grown to such proportions that the American business houses are being closed and the Americans are concentrating near the water front. The consul and vice consul are reported to have taken up quarters on the gunboat Monocacy.

Anti-foreign feeling still is high at Nanking and it is dangerous for foreigners to go ashore there. Chinese messengers assert that Nanking crowds have threatened to shoot any Britisher who lands. The nationalists have stationed artillery on a hill there overlooking the river and trained their guns on all foreign warships.

Air Unit En Route
It is stated here that a United States marine aviation unit of six officers and 194 men is en route to Shanghai from Guam on the transport Gold Star.

A detachment of mechanics and other marine aviation personnel, en route from Guam to Shanghai, will be incorporated in the sixth marine regiment, now en route to China, and which contains an aviation unit. The Guam detachment has no equipment.

LONDON, Mar. 31 (AP)—Reuters' Hongkong correspondent says he is reliably informed that there are at present more than 300 Americans in and around Canton who have not been officially advised to evacuate the city.

TO MOVE PILLSBURY
WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (AP)—The destroyer Pillsbury has been ordered from Shanghai to Tsingtoa at the request of the American consul there, Admiral C. S. Williams, commander of the Asiatic squadron today advised the navy department.

The message gave no details as to recent developments in the strife torn China area and only stated that Tsingtoa, a port about 400 miles north of Shanghai, had been without naval protection up to the present.

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Submarine And
Airplane Best
Weapons, SimsAdmiral Suggests Send-
ing Battleships Up Mis-
sissippi River in Event
of Another War.

NEW YORK, Mar. 31 (AP)—The submarine and the airplane will replace the battleship in future wars, Rear Admiral William D. Sims says in the New York Times today.

"The battleship was once the backbone of the fleet; it is no longer," Admiral Sims told Jutson C. Welliver, director of public relations of the American Petroleum institute who gave the admiral's opinions to The Times. "The submarine and the airplane have put an end to its reign; they have clipped the wings of sea power."

"In another war," Admiral Sims asserts, "the best thing to do with our battleships would be to send them as far as possible up the Mississippi river out of harm's way and send out submarines and aircraft to do our fighting."

Undersea craft and airplanes, he continues, would make a naval blockade impossible. Anti-aircraft guns on a rolling ship would be ineffective against airplanes, he added. "As to the submarine," he says, "there is no answer to it."

Admiral Sims cites the refusal of other nations at the Washington conference to agree to Great Britain's suggestion to outlaw the submarine.

"The development of the submarine has ended the possibility of any power in future rating as mistress of the sea," he asserts. Availability of all supplies on both coasts allow the United States an advantage in maintaining its navy.

"All navies are now on oil burning ships," he declares, "but no other naval power possesses its own oil as does the United States."

FLYING ACE TO
TACKLE ATLANTICCaptain Nungesser Plan-
ning to Win Prize for
Paris-to-N. Y. Flight

PARIS, Mar. 31 (AP)—Captain Charles Nungesser, one of France's best known aviators, and Captain Francis Col, are determined to be the first flyers to try a non-stop flight from Paris to New York in the hope of winning the \$25,000 prize offered for the feat by Raymond Orteig, of New York. They have decided to start some time during the first two weeks of May.

In the war Captain Nungesser brought down about 50 German planes. He married Miss Consuelo Hatmaker, prominent in New York and Paris society, in 1923, at Paris. They were divorced last year.

PLAN SPAIN-N. Y. FLIGHT
SEVILLE, Spain, Mar. 31 (AP)—Commander Ramon Franco and those who accompanied him in the Ne Plus Ultra when he flew across the Atlantic from Palos, Spain, to Buenos Aires, Argentina, last year, now are making plans for a direct non-stop flight from Corunna, Spain, to New York.

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ALIENS COME
INTO AMERICA
IN DEATH BOX

HAMILTON, Ont., Mar. 31 (AP)—Coffins have been used to smuggle aliens into the United States, according to testimony given here in the case of Louis Michewick, convicted on a smuggling charge and sentenced to a six months term in prison.

The coffins were provided with air vents for the living occupant and was delivered to an American border city within a short time after being placed on board a train here. Police said that forty foreigners paid Michewick various sums to land them in the United States by the coffin route or various other smuggling schemes at which he was an adept.

Edgar M. Wilkins
Still a Prisoner

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 31 (AP)—Edgar M. Wilkins, an American, kidnapped by bandits last Sunday, was still in the hands of his captors today said dispatches from Guadalupe. Military forces sent in pursuit of the bandits had not located them.

Identifying Wilkins as an electrical engineer of the Chapala Electric company, dispatches said he was in danger of being slain unless his captors received \$20,000.

HENRY FORD
IS RESTING
EASY TODAYWorld's Richest Man Re-
covering from Injur-
ies Suffered SundayINVESTIGATORS ON
TRAIL OF DRIVERAssassination Attempt Is
Believed to Be Responsi-
ble for Crowding of
Flivver Off Bank.

DETROIT, Mich., Mar. 31 (AP)—Henry Ford, accounted the world's richest man, lay today in his own great hospital recovering from injuries believed to be the result of an attempted assassination.

Meanwhile private investigators sought to lift the veil of secrecy that has ever surrounded the manufacturer's personal affairs and learn whether the drivers of the large car that forced his small coupe from the road Sunday night and sped away leaving him unconscious in the smashed machine did so deliberately or by accident.

Investigation Secret
Neither the federal department of justice nor Detroit police was working upon the case and the close secrecy which shrouds every movement of Ford or his plans had been clamped even tighter after the "flivver" which yesterday permitted the fact of the attempted assassination to become known after it had been a closely guarded secret since Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock.

No arrest has been made and none is in sight, according to Thomas C. Wilcox, head of the Detroit office of the federal department of justice. He denied morning newspaper stories that his men had made numerous arrests and that the prisoners were held under secret charges.

"There has been no violation of federal law," he said. From the Ford organization there emanated only such information as was wished published, and that consisted virtually entirely of brief hospital bulletins.

"Mr. Ford spent a good night, is now resting comfortably and no new complications have arisen," read the last bulletin issued by Dr. H. D. McClure, chief surgeon of the Henry Ford hospital. The bulletin indicated that Ford a man of 64 years possessed of rather frail, though wiry, physique, had improved wonderfully. In the first statement made public his injuries were described as including hemorrhages of the bladder and lungs, although slight, and a concussion, which even yesterday had cleared up.

Painful Contusions
There were, however, painful contusions of the chest and back muscles, and the back was wrenched, reported Dr. McClure, which led him to fix Ford's range of expansion by splinting.

The first report referred to a "minor operation" but Dr. McClure's bulletin said the "operation" consisted of the splinting.

The Henry Ford hospital was closely guarded today and none except especially selected visitors, including Mrs. Ford and their son, Edsel and Mrs. Edsel Ford, were admitted.

There was a report today that Ford had turned in the license number of the "flivver" which came up behind him last Sunday night and crashed into him.

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