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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Saturday, probably rains in the southwest portion. Freezing temperatures in east portion tonight.

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NEW BUILDING FOR YEAR IS NOW \$545,205

First Quarter of 1927 Finds Construction Breaking Records

TWO HOTELS THE MAJOR PROJECTS

Total of March Permits, \$275,690, Greater Than Any One Month in Local History.

During the months of January, February and March new construction in the city of La Grande reached a record-breaking total of \$545,205, a figure far larger than any total for any single year in local history.

Besides the two \$325,000 permits for hotel construction in the city taken out by W. C. Becktell, of Portland, and Julius Roesch, of La Grande, there are a large number of permits both for business and residential construction.

March Activity Several business houses are engaged in remodeling work and some new construction has been launched.

Among recent residential permits issued are two for \$10,000, both approved for this month. Dr. J. L. Ingle and F. B. Appleby are owners of these two.

In addition to the permits already taken out, a number of projects will be taken up in the near future, including a \$25,000 hotel apartment house at the corner of Washington and Third, to be built by Messrs. Henderson and Brown, of Portland.

The new Eastern Oregon normal school will probably be started later in the year. It is believed here, and there are no indications that municipal building or an armory may be erected, although no definite arrangements have been made.

Outside Capital Interested

One of the facts that stand out in this year is the interest outside capital in showing in La Grande, indicating that the belief that this city is not only shared by local people but by out-of-town interests as well.

The permits for this first quarter are also believed to outrank the yearly permits for any one year of any other Eastern Oregon city.

SCOUT HEADS OF CITY WILL MEET TONIGHT

Advanced first aid will be taken up at the regular weekly boy scout leadership training school this evening, which will be held in the basement of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The school will start with an assembly by patrol, after which the patrol system will be discussed. There will also be discussion about the compass and how to use it.

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 10 times during a year.

O. A. C. Military Band in Recital Here Last Night

More Than 400 Hear Cadets' Program at High School—Band is at Enterprise Today.

Appearing before more than 400 La Grande people, the O. A. C. cadet band, led by Captain H. L. Beard, director, made a distinctly favorable impression in the high school auditorium last night.

The various numbers, especially solo selections and the presentation of the saxophone quartet, resulted in vigorous applause was not stilled until encore numbers were furnished.

The three Eastern Oregon members, Kenneth McGrath, of North Powder, Frank Snodgrass, of La Grande, and Guy Craig, of Enterprise, all appeared in special numbers and each won a large share of the applause.

Soloists Please Mr. Snodgrass and Navarro Dunn, of Corvallis, played a trombone duet "Hear Me Norma" (Bellini). Mr. McGrath was a member of the saxophone quartet, which probably was the "hit" of the program.

The program began with the overture "Euryantia" by Von Weber, a difficult number which was well played. A trumpet solo "Facilita" by Hartmann, was furnished by Raymond Cooney, of Corvallis, and he responded to the applause with an encore.

Following the appearance of Mr. Craig and the saxophones, a characteristic number "Pop" by Amusa and the suite "Espagnole" (La Ferla), by LaCombe, preceded the intermission, during which Professor Edwin Reed spoke in connection with the showing of a reel of motion pictures entitled "Side-Lights on O. A. C." Mr. Reed is college editor, during his talk he praised La Grande students who have made good in various activities at the college, naming some of them.

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Julius Roesch Places \$40,000 As a Guarantee

Julius Roesch yesterday afternoon deposited with H. E. Condit, president of the Union county chamber of commerce, a check for \$40,000 dated Jan. 1, 1928, payable to a committee of three of the chamber of commerce and accompanying the check was a signed statement by Mr. Roesch authorizing the committee to use this money for an armory if he failed to build a modern seven-story hotel by the first of the year.

This follows up the statement made by Mr. Roesch Monday before the Rotary club, which was made to emphasize his decision to build a new hotel as rapidly as possible. The action was entirely voluntary and at Mr. Roesch's request Mr. Condit has appointed a committee of three, William Siegrist, F. B. Appleby and R. H. Huron, to hold the check and statement in accordance with Mr. Roesch's suggestion.

The statement follows: "To the La Grande National bank, La Grande, Oregon: I herewith attach my personal check for forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), to be cashed by the committee of the commercial club of La Grande, Oregon, if I fail to build and complete a seven-story modern hotel on the corner of First street and Adams avenue, in La Grande, Oregon, on or before the first day of January, 1928, if not prevented by weather conditions or unforeseen conditions delaying the same. If said check is cashed, it is to be used exclusively in connection with funds from the state, to erect in the city of La Grande, Oregon, for the American Legion, an armory."

Building Vault At High School

The school board is having repairs made at the high school building this week, utilizing the space under the front steps, and making a vault there, which will be used to keep all of the records and files of the school district. One end of the vault is being cemented and a first class bank vault door is being obtained from a Seattle bank. The right front entrance to the ground floor of the building will be moved outward.

MRS. A. T. HILL NEW HEAD OF CHURCH BODY

La Grande Woman Elected to Important Position This Afternoon

MRS. E. P. MOSSMAN IS ALSO HONORED

Other La Grande Members of Grande Ronde Presbyterian Named at Annual Election.

MRS. A. T. HILL, of La Grande, will head the Grande Ronde Presbyterian church for the next year. Her election took place this afternoon during the business meeting of the presbytery, the annual two-day session of which will close this afternoon.

Many other La Grande women were elected to office, the idea of the organization being to select enough of the officers from one town so that an executive meeting can be called at any time without any one having to travel a great distance.

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SUNDAY CONCERT PROGRAM GIVEN

La Grande Band to Play at Arcade—New Selections Featured

New selections, some never before presented here by the La Grande municipal band, will be played at the Sunday 4 o'clock concert at the Arcade theater. It is announced by Director Andrew Loney today. Mr. Loney has also completed the program for the recital, which is as follows: "Saber and Spurs" Sousa "In Lover's Lane" Pryor Largo from "New World Symphony" Dvorak "Cavalry Charge" Luderer

Synopsis: Morning of battle; infantry approaching; cavalry in the distance coming nearer and nearer until they charge the enemy; the battle; defeat of the enemy and their pursuit by the cavalry.

Campfire Girls to Hold Ceremonial in Baptist Church Friday, April 8

The first public ceremonial of the campfire organization here, with the six local campfire groups taking part, will be given Friday evening, April 8—Arbor Day—in the First Baptist church, and an interesting program for presentation at that time is now being prepared.

Because the campfire girls over all the United States are working for the conservation and planting of trees this year, most of the program will be about trees. In the afternoon the girls of the various groups are planning to plant trees.

The program will begin at eight o'clock with the entrance of the campfire girls, to be followed by a candle-lighting ceremony by the Tapawingo group. The Tapawingo group will sing "Burn Burn Burn" and Mrs. D. C. French, guardian of the Wunnahaunta group, will award honor beads after which Mrs. A. V. Lindgren, guardian of the Soangataha campfire girls, the oldest in the city, will award the wood gatherer's rank.

DEMANDS TO BE MADE BY BRITISHERS

Cabinet in London Approves Government's Note to Cantonese

U. S. CONCENTRATES 1500 MORE MARINES

Threats of Disorders and Anti-Foreign Agitation Claims Attention of Americans in China.

LONDON, Apr. 1 (AP)—The cabinet today approved the government's draft note to the Cantonese authorities in China. It is understood that the note demands punishment of those responsible for the Nanking outrages, indemnification of the victims of their families and apologies to the government whose consulates were looted and whose officials were attacked.

CANTON, Apr. 1 (AP)—The provincial government has issued a warning to the Cantonese not to molest the peaceful foreigners in China.

TO CONCENTRATE MARINES WASHINGTON, Apr. 1 (AP)—Orders for the concentration of 1500 additional marines at San Diego, Cal., to be held there for possible duty in China were approved today by Secretary Willbur.

An officially issued late today the orders called for the concentration of 1456 men, 74 commissioned and 3 warrant officers. Secretary Willbur said the decision to organize the force had been reached on the suggestion of Admiral Vittimus, commander of the Tenth regiment of artillery at Quantico together with one tank platoon and two batteries of artillery consisting of eight 75 millimeter motorized guns each will comprise a part of the reserve force.

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One battalion of infantry will be drawn from the west coast units, a majority of the men involved now being stationed at San Diego while the second battalion will be drawn from the Atlantic coast.

Norfolk and New Orleans probably will be made this assembly points in the east.

TOKYO, Apr. 1 (AP)—The Japanese cruiser Yakumo has been ordered to leave Yokohama tomorrow for Shanghai with a landing party of 500, blue-jackets.

J. C. Penney Co. Store Observes 25th Anniversary

Instead of the usual red, white and blue bunting employed for decorative purposes at the time of sales and anniversary celebrations, the local J. C. Penney company store on Depot street, in recognition of reaching the 25th of silver year in the history of the nationwide organization, is showing a decorative idea on the front of the store and the interior of its show windows, a silver motif being used. In connection with the decorations honoring the anniversary, observations honoring the anniversary, observations are made.

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BORDER, Tex., Apr. 1 (AP)—Two deputy sheriffs were slain by desperadoes on a lonely road near here early today.

The bodies of the men, Pat Kenyon and A. L. Terry, were found near their automobile. Two pistols lay beside them.

Police arrested Hugh Walker and Ed Bailey who had been at liberty on bond in connection with the killing of Coke Buchanan, a policeman. They are searching for Whitney Walker, also out on bond in connection with the Buchanan killing, which occurred two weeks ago.

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HENRY FORD—SUED AND INJURED



Here is a recent drawing of Henry Ford, who is probably more in the public newspapers this week than any other one event.

Accused being sued by Aaron Sapiro for \$1,000,000 he was injured last Sunday when his driver was forced off an embankment. Assassination attempts may have caused the accident, it is rumored.

C. R. Hibberd Is Sentenced Today To Year in Pen

C. R. Hibberd, found guilty in the circuit court here about two weeks ago on a charge of larceny after which he filed a motion for a new trial, was denied the trial this morning by Judge J. W. Knowles and was sentenced to serve one year in the state penitentiary.

Hibberd will appeal to the supreme court. It was announced this morning following the arguing of the motion.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN TO MEET

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 1 (AP)—Representatives of the Catholic Daughters of America from the seven chapters of the organization in Oregon will be here tomorrow for the annual state convention of the order.

The business meeting will be held at 2 o'clock, and will close with a banquet at 6 o'clock.

Thunderstorms Deal Death In The Middlewest

Heavy Property Damage Caused in Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas—Farmers Quit Lowlands

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Apr. 1 (AP)—Thunderstorms of cloudburst proportions and swollen streams had taken a toll of six lives and caused heavy property damage in Central Missouri, Northern Oklahoma and Southern Kansas as farmers left lowlands today on reports of new flood dangers.

The floods followed heavy rains throughout the southwest Wednesday and yesterday. Waco, Mo., reported 5.6 inches of rain within 48 hours while precipitation at some Kansas points reached two inches.

While Kansas points reported most streams apparently had reached the crest, warnings to motorists were issued in Missouri and several Oklahoma streams threatened further rises.

Two Drowned Ray Dunch, 22, of Fairfax, Okla., was drowned yesterday when his motorboat upset in Salt creek. Lee Russell, 7, drowned when he fell from a bridge over the Washita river near Mountainview.

Three persons were killed by lightning. Joe Burroughs, 45, supervisor of the Gypsy Oil farm near Davenport, Okla., was struck as he entered his office. The building burned before his body was recovered. Elvys Truany, 17, Muskogee, Okla., was killed while leading a mule from a barn yard. Leslie Jones, 17, Springfield, Mo., was the third victim.

Continued unsettled weather was forecast for today.

Henry Ford To Recuperate At Dearborn Home

DETROIT, Apr. 1 (AP)—Behind the carefully guarded portals of his great estate at Dearborn, Henry Ford, reputed the world's richest man, flat on his back in bed today, began a long period of absolute rest which his doctors said would fully restore his health.

Chief of the resident of treatment in his own great hospital, Mr. Ford tenderly was returned to his home last night, a ten-mile ambulance ride.

Spilted back and chest, to minimize suffering from injuries received when the little coupe he was driving was sideswiped by a larger motor car Sunday night, the manufacturer could be comfortable in no position except prostrate.

Mr. Ford returned to spend the period of recuperation within a few hundred yards of the spot at which he nearly lost his life. Standing at the River Rouge bridge over which he just had passed when his car was hurled down the embankment, the roof of the home is visible over a high wire fence and well beyond towering trees.

It was understood today that the Ford organization's private investigators continued their efforts to find the big automobile which crowded Mr. Ford off the road at one of the only two spots on his route home from his laboratories where such an accident could have been more than trivial.

Klamath Falls Is Covered by Snow

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Apr. 1 (AP)—Klamath Falls was subjected to a real April fool's joke today when it awoke to find four inches of snow on the ground and every indication of continued stormy weather. Reports from outlying districts of snow of depths ranging from two to ten inches.

CHICAGO, Apr. 1 (AP)—Winter played a cold old April's day prank on Middle America today, snowing down the back of thinly clad spring and roaring his glee with winds of gale force and arctic chill. Rapid City, S. D., saw 18 inches of snow when it threw back the shutters this morning and the ground was unseasonably white in other parts of that state and in Western Nebraska.

War Hatchet Is Buried Deeper

PARIS, Apr. 1 (AP)—The Franco-German war hatchet was buried a few inches deeper today. The Paris police ordered the proprietors of several motion picture houses to delete the "insulting" word "boche" from a film now showing and replace it with "allemand"—the French word for "German."

HAYES RESIGNS

SALFEM, Ore., Apr. 1 (AP)—The resignation of Jess Hayes from the state fish commission was received at the office of Governor L. L. Patterson here this morning. Resignations were already on hand from W. T. Eakin and John C. Veach, the other two members of the commission.

NATION WIDE COAL STRIKE IS UNDER WAY

Thousands of Bituminous Workers Walk Out in 4 Eastern States

PITTSBURG CO. IS OBJECTIVE, CLAIM

Leader Believes That If Union "Can Lick" This Company, Fight Will Be Won.

FACTS ABOUT STRIKE OF SOFT COAL MINERS Within ten years there have been six strikes in the coal fields.

The present battleground includes Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania fields where there are 100,000 bituminous miners.

More than a million states and union Canadian provinces 200,000 more union miners are employed in bituminous fields, making a total of 360,000 soft coal miners.

Anthracite mines, unaffected by the present strike, number 158,000.

The most widespread of previous strikes was in 1922-23 when both anthracite and bituminous miners were called out. President John L. Lewis insisted on "no backward step" at a time when many industries were adjusting wages, and the miners held out on this ground for many months, until they won.

'AFTER' PITTSBURG CO.

PITTSBURG, Apr. 1 (AP)—The Pittsburgh Post today quotes Ella Senler, editor of the United Mine Workers Journal as saying that the Pittsburgh Coal company is the main objective of the nation-wide union miners strike which began last midnight.

The Pittsburgh Coal company normally the largest producer of bituminous coal in the United States, severed relations with the Union two years ago and began operations on a non-union basis.

Or 45 mines owned by the concern in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and Kentucky 23 are now operating on that basis. The others being idle. Nineteen of the mines working are in the Pittsburgh district, two in Ohio and one in Kentucky.

Scaries' Statement

Scaries is quoted by the paper as having said that the Pittsburgh company "started to break up the union, but it has failed to do so and it is now going to get licked. Whenever we lick the Pittsburgh Coal company, the fight is over. No one can say how long it will take—maybe a month, or six months, or a year or more."

C. E. Lesher, executive vice president of the coal company and its spokesman when his attention was called to Scaries' statement, said "Our operations can not be affected in any appreciable degree by this strike." He added that his concern was ready for any eventuality and had no fear of trouble.

The Pittsburgh company, Lesher said, had 1600 men in its 22 mines yesterday.

Meetings will be held in Pittsburgh district today by the United Mine Workers to discuss the anniversary of inception of the eight-hour day.

THOUSANDS QUIT WORK

CHICAGO, Apr. 1 (AP)—Thousands of miners today face idleness because of the expiration of the Jacksonville wage agreement last midnight.

How complete the shutdown will be will probably not be known until Monday as organized miners observe April 1 as John Mitchell day, a national day of first mining eight-hour day, and Saturday is a holiday.

BROWNLEE IS CONVICTED IN MURDER CASE

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 1 (AP)—A verdict of guilty to a charge of first degree murder was returned by the circuit court jury here last night in the case of Albert Brownlee, charged with the murder of Eston Hooker, postman.

Brownlee turned slightly pale when the verdict was read. He slipped his finger across his throat and smiled. "It's kind of hard on me, but it, boys," he said. "The verdict would not have been the same if I had not been an ex-convict," he said later.