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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair tonight and Friday but unsettled in the extreme northwest portion. Colder in east and south portions tonight with frosts.

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MAY TURN ON CITY LIGHTS NEAR FUTURE

Work Progressing Nicely, Is Report Given to City Dads

RENEWS CONTRACT WITH BOND FIRM

Commissioners Agree to Place Charter Amendment Measure on Ballot June 28.

A request by Gene Walker, of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power Company, to move the lights from Adams avenue in the lighting improvement district in the near future was granted by the city commissioners in regular session last night.

The granting of the request means that the business district will be plunged into darkness a few days before the new light units are illuminated, which may take place by May 1 or possibly sooner.

Suggest Store Lights

It was suggested in the commission room last night that business men along Adams keep their show window lights burning so as to furnish the street with some light when the area is removed.

Mr. Walker paid a compliment to Mr. Smith, representing the NePage McKenney company here, declaring that he had rushed the installation of the light units as much as is humanly possible but without sacrificing workmanship.

Bond Offer Accepted

The commission accepted an offer of the Ralph Schnebeck company of Portland, presented by W. C. Judd, which provides for all bond issues to be issued this year.

The agreement is that the Schnebeck company furnish a bonding attorney's services, give a legal opinion of all issues in the time period, furnish blank bonds and also submit a bid on file and a half per cent bond not less than 101.00.

It is to be one-half of one and one-half per cent of the bonds actually sold. This is the same agreement as was in effect last year. It does not prevent open bidding on bonds, as the city can refuse or reject any bids received, but it does guarantee that the bonds will be sold at least one point above par.

To Vote June 28

A petition asking that the five-commissioner charter amendment be placed on the ballot June 28, when a special state election will be held, was postponed.

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BUSINESS MAN DIES SUDDENLY AT ENTERPRISE

Reports received here this morning from Hatterson told of the sudden death last night of George W. Hyatt, for many years a prominent figure in Wallawa county.

He was once head of the M & M interests. He served several years in the state legislature. It is said that he dropped dead in his office, presumably of heart disease.

Many friends who hit La Grande were saddened today when they learned of his demise.

Mr. Hyatt, who was about 60 years of age, is survived by two sons. His wife passed on about a year ago.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

"WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW"

The old saying, "What you don't know, doesn't hurt you," may or may not apply in advertising sometimes—but it is certain that "what you don't know" DOES hurt a business man when it is something that would attract your trade to his competitors.

Many firms "get along" because they have a small, established following of customers who are well sold on the firm's service, goods, etc. But some of them fail to "get ahead" because they neglect acquainting you and others who are not customers with logical reasons why you should be. You welcome this information, give attention to those reasons when given you in advertising messages in The Observer. The Observer constitutes your contact with the active business of the community. Fortunately, it is available to business men at the lowest cost per reader of any possible method.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Legion Making Plans For City Celebration

Turning on of New Light Units to Coincide with Street Carnival and Dance.

Plans were made for the celebration marking the completion of the street lighting system in La Grande and committees were appointed last evening when the regular meeting of the American Legion post was held at the Knights of Pythias hall.

The arrangement of the celebration was given over to the legionnaires by the merchants of the city last week, when a meeting was held and it was decided to have a celebration.

Committee in Charge

The general committee in charge is composed of Dr. Ray Murphy, Lynn Robinson, Lynn Wright and H. E. Williams. Harley H. Richardson and Floyd Keeney were appointed as members of the decoration committee; F. B. Appleby, Harvey Matthews, Otis Palmer and Roy Curry, publicity committee; Jess Andrews, Clyde Bunting and Fred Henning, dance committee; and Chester Thompson and Robert Ayres, finance committee.

It was decided that the celebration would be in the form of a street carnival and dance, along with the official turning-on of the new street lighting system with appropriate ceremonies. The date of the celebration has not yet been determined.

After the committee appointments for the celebration the state legion convention to be held here the last of July was discussed and reports were heard from the convention commission, which met preceding the legion meeting.

The meeting was a lively one, with about 35 legionnaires in attendance.

Auxiliary Meets

The legion auxiliary also met last night at the K. P. hall. Mrs. C. N. Palmer, president, presided over the meeting and plans were made for a rummage sale to be held Saturday at Legion Hall, and an Easter cake sale at Stone's grocery, Saturday, April 16, at Stone's grocery.

Wednesday, April 27, was set as the date for the huge sheet dance.

Plans were also made to make a quantity of wash clothes to be sent to the government hospital in Portland.

Reorganization Of Scout Work Near Completion

SPOKANE, Wash., Apr. 7 (AP)—Reorganization of boy scout work in the four Pacific northwestern states through extension of trained supervision over additional counties is expected to be completed by May 1, it was announced by John H. Piner, regional executive of this territory.

Additional counties in their respective areas have been organized and attached to headquarters at Sappa, Coeur d'Alene and Boise, Idaho; Butte and Helena, Mont.; La Grande, Astoria, Rainier Falls and Portland, Ore.; and Aberdeen and Spokane, Wash.

George S. Peller has been assigned to this territory from national boy scout headquarters to assist Mr. Piner and W. L. Hayward in the region work, a great part of which has already been accomplished. Completion of the work will result in addition of another trained field worker in the Spokane area and two more in the Portland area, Mr. Piner said.

Livestock Club Members Organize

A new livestock club in the county was organized yesterday when ten boys of the Gordon Creek school, northwest of Elgin, formed a pig club, to be known as the Gordon Creek Pig Club.

Eldon Bush is leader of the new club and the president is Miles Teter. H. G. Avery, county agent, attended the meeting and assisted with the organization.

Sullivan Home Is Damaged by Fire

Fire yesterday afternoon damaged the residence of Miles Sullivan, on the corner of Adams avenue and First street, to the extent of several hundred dollars. Fire Chief C. O. Murchison this morning estimated that it would take approximately \$1000 to repair the damage.

The fire caught in the roof due to a defective stovepipe, the fire chief declares. The alarm was turned in at 2:45 o'clock and the fire truck rushed to the scene. After the flames had apparently been extinguished the truck returned and was called out a second time to squelch a blaze that developed in the same house.

THE DALLES, Ore., Apr. 7 (AP)—Members of the state board of control today approved the site of the new state tuberculosis hospital here and said that work would be started as soon as possible.

TELEVISION EXPERIMENT IS SUCCESS

Hoover Converses with A. T. & T. Co. President 200 Miles Distant

PICTURE THROWN ON READY SCREEN

Secretary of Commerce's Animated Likeness Seen Clearly as Words Hum Across Wires

NEW YORK, Apr. 7 (AP)—Television—the system of transmitting distant scenes and persons in action over telephone and radio circuits—made its formal bow this afternoon.

In a demonstration, Secretary of Commerce Hoover in Washington talked with President Walter S. Gifford, of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, while the apparatus threw on the screen the clear, animated picture of the secretary as he spoke 200 miles away.

A studio entertainment at the Bell laboratories station in Whippany, N. J., was transmitted by radio to the laboratories here and the scenes thrown upon the screen with all the realism of a moving picture while the radio also carried the voices of the actors.

Received in New York

After President Gifford had talked with Secretary Hoover and had viewed the secretary's facial expressions in the small rectangular receiving apparatus which was turned on, Secretary Hoover then addressed the guests so that all could clearly see his face and figure in action. He delivered a brief speech, his voice being heard over a loud speaker.

A receiving apparatus was installed only at the New York terminal of the television circuit so that those at Washington did not see the persons with whom they conversed. The demonstration with Washington was carried over copper wires.

Officials of the Bell company said that while years of further experimentation were desirable it was indicated that television would eventually have its place in the world of communication and be closely associated with telephones.

TREE PLANTING IS POSTPONED

Campfire Girls, However, to Give Program in the Baptist Church.

Although the La Grande campfire girls will be unable to hold their public tree planting program as planned for tomorrow—Arbor day—because the ground is not yet in condition for the planting, they will hold their ceremonial tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the First Baptist church, and will postpone the tree planting until after Easter.

The ceremonial program arranged appears to be an interesting one, consisting of campfire songs, the awarding of honors, a tree ceremonial "Forest Guitars" and a talk by Mrs. L. H. Aves on "Forest Conservation."

During 1927 campfire girls over all the United States are working for the conservation and planting of trees, and most of the tomorrow night's program is about trees.

There are six campfire girl groups in the city and all are taking part in the program.

Train Robbers Get Cash, Valuables and Escape Between Joliet, Chicago

CHICAGO, Apr. 7 (AP)—Two youthful robbers who held up the express messenger of the Chicago and Alton's Lincoln Limited between Joliet and Chicago last night received less than \$150 for their efforts, according to W. E. Briggs, special investigator for the American Express company.

CHICAGO, Apr. 7 (AP)—Two armed men, their faces shadowed by closely drawn caps and partially covered by black netting masks, last night robbed the Express car of a Chicago and Alton's limited of cash and valuables variously estimated from \$2,400 to \$29,000 as the train sped between Joliet and Chicago.

A. A. Gotthoff, the express messenger, told Union Station police that there was \$29,000 or more in cash, drafts and bonds in the safe. Express company officials declined to estimate the amount taken although Stephen Healy, chief special agent of the company, denied that the safe contained \$29,000.

Clean-Up Week To Be Observed Here May 2 to 7

Civic Organizations Attend Meeting Last Evening to Make Plans for Beautifying Work.

The week from May 2 to May 7 was set as clean-up week, to be known as "City Beautiful Week," last night when a meeting was held in the chamber of commerce offices with representatives of the La Grande Neighborhood club, paint dealers, insurance agencies, the press, the chamber of commerce, the boy scouts, the fire chief and the city superintendent of streets, in attendance.

During that week a campaign to clean-up and paint-up the city will be conducted, and each man will be asked to take the responsibility of cleaning his own property and seeing to it that the trash and junk is hauled away.

The boy scouts will cooperate by making an inspection of the city after the clean-up and making reports.

Not only will the residents of La Grande be requested to clean and paint their property, however, they will also be urged to plant more flowers and shrubs—to beautify their homes and make them more attractive.

The campaign will not be confined to the residential districts, but the entire town will be cleaned up.

Fire Prevention Contending that a clean house never burns fire prevention will also be thought of during the week, in an effort to educate the public to keep their places clean and safe.

As a part of the advertising scheme for clean-up week badges will be ordered for the school children of the city, which will be lettered "clean-up, paint-up and keep-up."

Union Barn Burns; Loss About \$3000

UNION, Apr. 7 (Special)—At about one o'clock Tuesday morning fire of an unknown origin started a large barn and its contents on the E. O. Zook place in Union.

Two automobiles, one of them practically new, household goods and furniture, \$1000 worth of sawmill machinery, tools and kindling were among the things destroyed. Total loss is about \$3,000.

Insurance on the buildings and contents amounts to about \$400.

The barn was in flames before it was noticed by a neighbor who turned in the fire alarm. The fire department responded quickly and worked hard to save the adjacent buildings as it was impossible to save the burning building.

American Murdered By Mexican Bandits

NOGALES, Ariz., Apr. 7 (AP)—Fred Combs, 39, an American connected with the La Dura Mining company of La Dura, Mexico, was murdered Saturday while en route from Esperanza, a railway station, to La Dura in his auto, dispatches received by the Herald today said. A Chinese cook with him also was slain, the dispatch states, adding that the murder is attributed to Mexican bandits.

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The prince, according to some observers, appears to be giving very little attention to the prospect of becoming king. He is said to be keeping very late hours. His villa being bright with lights until the early hours of the morning, some detectives on guard outside his establishment describe the prince as the center of a group of congenial companions, with the sound of laughter and music coming from the villa.

Parked Car Slips Away; Crashes Home

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 7 (AP)—A parked automobile slipped its brakes on a hill in Alameda district last night, plunged down a 16 per cent grade, jumped a sidewalk and crashed into the home of the Rev. W. H. Stedelman, 440 East Twentieth street, north, to knock a bed six feet across the room without injuring either of the two small children in it.

The car belonged to Ray Assmann, who said he had set the emergency brake and cranked the wheels against the curb.

NEW YORK, Apr. 7 (AP)—An organized effort to place former Governor Frank D. Rowden, of Illinois, before the people as a republican candidate for president was under way today in three eastern states.

With headquarters opened in New York, the movement has been undertaken in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut with the knowledge but not with the consent of Mr. Rowden, James R. Garrett, treasurer of the Rowden for president association of New York, Inc., announced.

NEXT RULER OF RUMANIA



Prince Michael, little son of Crown Prince Carol of Rumania, is being discussed as the next possible ruler of the country, while King Ferdinand has designated his Queen Marie and a large faction favor his accession, under a regency, while one political faction wants the turbulent and impetuous Carol as the next king. Carol renounced his rights to the throne, after a series of romantic love affairs with girls outside the nobility.

King Ferdinand Gains Strength; Wards Off Death

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Apr. 7 (AP)—The condition of King Ferdinand, who is suffering from influenza, continued to improve overnight. It was stated this morning that he seemed to have more strength, and that his entourage was heartened by the fact that he had been able to sleep well.

PARIS, Apr. 7 (AP)—King Ferdinand of Rumania was still alive this morning, as far as was known in Paris, and latest direct advice even indicated that the improvement in his condition, announced by his physicians last night, had been maintained.

On the other hand indirect information was the improvement was only temporary and that death was a question of hours. This information came by way of Vienna and Belgrade, news sources are subject to caution.

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After that there will be days of rebuttal, with Sapiro back in the friendly hands of his own attorney. Then will come the demand for Ford's appearance.

Improving Rapidly Under the original order of medical advisers Ford was sent to bed.

DETROIT, Apr. 7 (AP)—Henry Ford's witness stand appearance in Aaron Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit against him was pushed another week into the future today.

William Henry Gallagher, chief of counsel for Sapiro, said that he would not call the automobile manufacturer until the last of next week or possibly even later.

Sapiro today faced his ninth day of cross examination by Senator James A. Reed, chief of Ford counsel, and the end was not in sight. Senator Reed admitted it would take "a couple of days at least" more and Gallagher's estimate was that it would require seven.

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De Pinedo Will Continue Flight In New Airplane

Plans Changed by Burning of Craft at Roosevelt Dam—Italy Sees Anti-Fascist Plot.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Apr. 7 (AP)—Four United States navy airplanes under command of Lieutenant Commander A. E. Montgomery, started from the North Island navy air station today for Phoenix, Arizona, where they are to meet Commander Francesco De Pinedo, Italian aviator, and his companions, and bring them to San Diego tomorrow.

APACHE LODGE, ROOSEVELT DAM, Ariz., Apr. 7 (AP)—Commander Francesco De Pinedo announced to newspaper men just before retiring last night his latest plans for the continuation of his four continent flight, which was interrupted yesterday by the destruction of his plane by fire here.

He expects to assemble in New York the plane which will be shipped from Italy to him. From New York he hopes to fly to Boston, thence to Washington and New Orleans. From the latter city he will fly northward with a stop at St. Louis to Chicago. Tentative plans include a flight from Chicago to Montreal and thence coastward to Nova Scotia. This schedule differs entirely from that given early in the evening over the telephone to L. G. Perna, Italian vice consul at San Diego, Cal., which contemplated a flight across the Canadian border route to the Pacific coast with a return to the Atlantic from San Diego to New Orleans. Both plans are being considered.

The fire that destroyed the Santa Maria was the result of a lighted match flipped into the oil filled waters of Roosevelt Lake by a careless boy. The famous plane, after thousands of miles of dangerous flying over the Atlantic ocean and the jungles of South America, came to her end in a calm desert lake, nesting between the Mesatal and Sierra Ancha ranges. The oil which caused the fire had been spilled during refueling. Captain Del Prete and Ship's Mechanic M. Paschetti who were on the plane, leaped overboard. There was no chance to get to the ship's fire extinguishers and within a short time the heavy motors broke from the supports and sank to the bottom of the lake, leaving the blazing skeleton of the ship to burn out a few minutes later.

Commander De Pinedo took his loss with outward composure. Efforts to find the youth who threw the match into the lake have so far proved futile.

SEE ANTI-FASCIST PLOT ROME, Apr. 7 (AP)—Some of the leading Rome newspapers today expressed the opinion that destruction of commander De Pinedo's airplane at the Roosevelt Dam in Arizona yesterday was caused by anti-fascist agents. At

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Hay C. Steele, U. S. game warden for Oregon and Washington, who has returned from a visit to Malheur lake, said the shells of snails in enormous quantities in the areas where the birds have died, have given a new clue. He is endeavoring to learn whether a parasite in the snails may be responsible for the disease.

RAID ROLLS RUSSIA; MAY CAUSE SPLIT

Relations Between Soviet Government, and North China Near a Break

Transport Leaves U. S. FOR SHANGHAI

Lutheran Minister Missing in North Honan Province — Warships Quit Upper Yangtze

By The Associated Press Relations between soviet Russia and the Northern Chinese government appeared strained today (Thursday) in consequence of yesterday's raid on the soviet embassy compound in Peking.

Indignation over the incident is expressed in Moscow, where the government is awaiting official advice before deciding on its procedure. Peking dispatches say avoidance of relations is regarded as probable.

Warns Consular Corps The soviet consul general in Shanghai has warned the consular corps that they will be held responsible for any similar raid on the soviet consulate there. This was because of the report that the Peking raid was made with the permission of the foreign diplomatic corps, which controls the right of Chinese authorities to enter the legation quarter.

An American Lutheran missionary, Dr. C. F. Friberg, of St. Peter, Minn., is missing in Northern Honan province and is believed to be held by bandits. All the other members of the Augustana synod mission are leaving China as soon as passage can be secured.

Ships Quit Upper Yangtze British warships have been ordered to evacuate the Upper Yangtze region, and all the remaining British residents of Chungking, Ichang, Changsha and Chungking have been removed to Hankow.

The American gunboats may also have to leave the upper stretches of the river, as labor troubles among the Chinese are hindering shipment of the coal on which they depend for fuel.

Hankow Glowring The situation in Hankow is described as steadily growing worse with lawlessness increasing. American naval men are pressing the remaining Americans to hasten the departure, the Japanese are leaving and the Germans and Russians are seeking transportation.

The Japanese at Ichang, up the river, are reported to have taken refuge on gunboats in the face of a threatening situation.

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