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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled, rain in the west portion tonight; Friday rain. Moderate temperature.

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CELEBRATION
TO ATTRACT
LARGE CROWDWidespread Publicity Is
Given Today to City's
Lighting EventINVITATIONS SENT
TO NEARBY TOWNSPoles Are Removed from
Adams Avenue—Install-
ing Company Testing
Light Units.

Mayors of Joseph, Enterprise, Elgin, Cove, Union, Wallawa, North Powder, Baker, Pendleton are today receiving invitations sent by A. T. Hill, president of the city commission here, urging all to attend the street lighting celebration which will be held here Saturday night.

The invitations read as follows: "On Saturday evening, April 16th, the city of La Grande will formally dedicate the new \$25,000 street-lighting system with a celebration staged under the auspices of the American Legion. The program will start at 7 o'clock and I would like to extend to you and the members of your organization a cordial invitation to be present at that time.

"We trust that a good-sized delegation will be present. Features of the evening will be a band concert, free street dance and parade."

Given Much Publicity

Widespread publicity is being given to the celebration today in both the state and Eastern Oregon press. Stories are being published today in the weekly newspapers issued at Joseph, Enterprise and all other Union and Wallawa county towns excepting Elgin, whose newspaper was issued yesterday before the story arrived there.

A report of the celebration has also been sent to Oregon and Idaho metropolitan newspapers and today a dispatch, was filed on the Associated Press leased day wire, which serves afternoon papers over all the state.

Recent indications are that the celebration will attract a large number of people from surrounding counties who will join with La Grander in the evening's program, which will have all the aspects of a miniature Mardi Gras with carnival caps, paper confetti

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J. C. PENNEY CO.
IS OBSERVING
FOUNDERS DAY

The local J. C. Penney Co. store is today observing "Founders Day," Manager M. M. Hunt announced. Just 25 years ago today James C. Penney opened a humble country store which, in the quarter of a century, has grown into a chain of 772 department stores scattered from one end of the country to the other, and with 17,000 men in their employ. The La Grande store is only one cog in a vast system.

The first store was in Kemmerer, Wyoming, and it was called "The Golden Rule Store." Mr. Penney was assisted in his work by his wife and he had founded the store after an illness for which his doctor said: "Go west, and never work in a store again." Mr. Penney tried Colorado first but his venture there was not the most successful. In Kemmerer, however, he had his opportunity to incorporate his idea of honesty into his store and from then on his progress was rapid.

Mr. Hunt, local manager, is not only observing the anniversary of the chain's birth today, but he is also devoting this entire month to celebrating the silver anniversary of the J. C. Penney company.

PART OF
THE NEWS
OF THE DAY

When you pick up The Observer it is the NEW things that are responsible for your constant and eager interest—new happenings, new opinions, new information, etc.

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Understanding
Hope of World,
Bishop's BeliefAddress Delivered at the
Holy Week Union Meet-
ing by the Rt. Rev. W.
P. Remington.

The Rt. Rev. W. P. Remington, bishop of the Eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, was the speaker last evening when the third union service of Holy week was held in St. Peter's Episcopal church here.

"Finding a Home" was the subject of Bishop Remington's address. He divided his talk into three divisions, nature, man and God, telling how man in primitive days was afraid of nature because he did not feel at home with nature and how he overcame this fear as soon as he learned that nature was to help and not to harm him.

Lack of Understanding
The same is true of man, he declared. Men are not at home with each other and for that reason there is war. As soon as they learn to understand each other there will be no more war. The study of psychology is making this understanding possible and eventually man will be at home with man, he said.

And men are not at home with God for the same reason, the bishop declared, because they do not know and understand him. The greatest revelation of God is Christ on the cross, he said. It is necessary to understand the crucifixion to be at home with God.

200 Hear Bishop
About 200 persons gathered at the church to hear the bishop's address, every seat in the church being filled.

During the services six candidates were confirmed and Merlyn P. Mayger was instituted as parochial lay reader.

Tonight's union services will be at the English Lutheran church and the Rev. Oliver Tilley, pastor of the Episcopal church, will be the speaker.

Good Friday Services

Tomorrow Good Friday services will be held in the Episcopal church from noon until three o'clock, with seven ministers speaking: R. C. Ayres, the Rev. C. V. Dunn, the Rev. J. A. Hall, the Rev. G. A. Pollard, the Rev. H. K. Wallis, the Rev. L. H. Aves and the Rev. Oliver Tilley.

Everyone is invited to attend the services.

Oregon Pioneer
Of '63 Answers
Call of Death

William M. Randall, Oregon pioneer, died Tuesday at his home at 2091 East O Avenue after an illness lasting three years. Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 17, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon from the Good Grace and Zimmerman chapel. The I. O. O. F. lodge will have charge of the services and interment will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

He was born in Indiana, Oct. 28, 1858. The family moved to Marshfield, Iowa, where the pioneer lived until 1883. In 1883 they came to the Grande Ronde valley and in 1878 he was appointed to a scholarship in the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis. After completing his time of study he taught for 13 years with marked success.

In 1881 Mr. Randall was married to Miss Dittie Good, who survives him. After many years spent in farming in the Grande Ronde, he came to La Grande to live about 29 years ago.

He was a member of the A. O. F. & A. M. and also the I. O. O. F. and Rehekah lodges.

Salvation Army
Tag Day Saturday

The annual Salvation Army pre-Easter tag day will be held in La Grande on Saturday, it is announced today by Mrs. R. J. Barker. The proceeds from the tag sales will be used for local relief work.

"Quality Street"
To Be Repeated

Because of the large number of requests that the play, "Quality Street," by James M. Barrie, be repeated, the La Grande Neighborhood club has consented to give the play for the third time Tuesday evening, April 19, in the library auditorium.

The play was given for the first time Monday evening of this week and was enthusiastically received. The second presentation was Tuesday afternoon at the regular meeting of the Neighborhood club.

Nine women take part in the comedy drama. Mrs. Lorna Goodridge-Miller has the leading part in the play besides being the director.

SHRINEIS IN BEND

BEND, Ore., Apr. 14 (AP)—Shriners were in charge of today's program incident to the celebration of the 41st annual commandery of Oregon, knights templar. The Shriners' parade this afternoon was the feature of the public ceremonies.

COMMISSION
PETITIONED
BY SWIMMERSCity Dads Are Asked to
Build Pool 80 by 120
Near Deep WellsDITCH COMPANY
FILES PROTESTHearings on 2 Improve-
ment District Continu-
ed for a Week Result
of Remonstrances.

Presentation of a petition for a municipal swimming pool and a protest filed against a sidewalk district on the northside occupied most of the attention of the city commissioners in executive meeting last night.

Al Andrews, who circulated the petition for the swimming tank and secured the signatures of a majority of the business men and heavy taxpayers of La Grande, presented the paper to the commissioners. Accompanying him were some three or four score boys, mostly high school and high school students, who are desirous that the tank be built.

Mr. Andrews explained that the plan would be to construct a tank probably 80 by 120 feet near the deep wells and added that it could also serve as a skating rink in the winter.

Plan Favored

Commissioners A. T. Hill and Charles Plavie both seemed to favor the proposition but were doubtful as to how it could be financed. Mr. Hill expressed the opinion that it would probably be necessary to put the matter to a popular vote.

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LEIGHTON SELLS
STOCK OF PARTSJack Allen Supply Co. Is
Purchaser—Roy Far-
nam New Manager

R. W. Leighton, of the Leighton Wallace and Machine Works, has sold his parts department to the Jack Allen Supply company, of Pendleton. A branch of the company will be operated in La Grande under the management of Roy A. Farnam, formerly in charge of the state highway shops here.

The transaction was completed this week and Mr. Allen has taken possession of the parts department. For a time the company will operate in the rooms now occupied by Mr. Leighton in the new Curry building on Adams avenue. Plans are, however, to move to larger quarters as soon as a new location is available.

To Add to Stock

More parts will be added to the already large stock of automobile supplies. Parts for all makes of cars will be handled in addition to a complete line of sporting goods.

The company's store at Pendleton has been in operation since 1916. A traveling man will be employed to serve all points in both Union and Umatilla counties. Goods will be sold both wholesale and retail.

Mr. Farnam, who will have the management of the store here, has been with the state highway shops since 1919. It has not yet been announced who will fill the vacancy left by his resignation in the shops.

To Handle No Parts

Mr. Leighton will continue his welding and machine works in the present location, but will handle no parts. The parts department was added to his shop six years ago, during which time it grew to the largest auto parts department in the city.

Gignoux Arranging
For Dairy Special

C. C. Gignoux, assistant supervisor of agriculture for the Union Pacific railway system, was in La Grande this morning making arrangements for the dairy demonstration train which will be here April 23. From here he went to Baker to be in charge of the train.

S. T. Baile, chairman of the County Pomona grange, is chairman of the local committee. He has appointed the following men to assist him:

Frank Johnson, Pleasant Grove grange; Summerville; Emil Miller, Crockett Flat grange; Elgin; H. L. Nice, Wolf Creek grange; North Powder; J. J. Chadwick, Mt. Fanning grange; Cove; H. J. Nelson, Union grange; J. M. Crogan, Rock Wall grange; Union; Mrs. Effie Whitten, Medical Springs grange; J. B. Anson, Tolocast grange; Frank McKennon, Imbler community; and S. T. Baile, Blue Mountain grange, La Grande.

Posters announcing the train are being distributed and will be put out here after the celebration Saturday night.

CONDITIONS
IN CHINA ARE
COMPLICATEDMuddled Military, Political
Situation There
Causes SpeculationSHARP REPLY IS
EXPECTED BY U. S.American Consul General
in Hankow Promises to
Protect Only Govern-
ment Property.

SHANGHAI, Apr. 14 (AP)—A telegram from Hankow says the American consul general there (Frank P. Lockhart) served written notice on the American residents that the naval men said they would under no conditions attempt to defend any point in Hankow except the consulate in case of trouble.

They stated, according to the telegram that the consulate could only be defended during actual evacuation as the naval authorities did not have sufficient forces available. The American chairman of commerce there, it is added, has protested, asking full protection of property.

SITUATION Muddled

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14 (AP)—The muddled military and political situation in China, which has split the controlling groups of that country into numerous factions, has caused Washington to speculate as to what is to be expected and from whom, in connection with the demands made upon the Cantonese nationalist leaders for reparations as a result of the Nanking attacks on foreigners.

While the forces of General Chiang Kai-Shek are busy themselves in Shanghai routing members of communist labor groups, the military situation, the northern Chinese troops are credited with victories north of Nanking, and the political element of his government apparently is completely out of sympathy with him.

Sharp Reply Likely

Meanwhile Eugene Chen, foreign minister of the Hankow nationalist regime, dominated by the radical element, is reported to be preparing to pursue an entirely different course than that expected from General Chiang in answering the demands of the powers.

Chen is reported in dispatches from Hankow as being determined to reply sharply to the United States and Great Britain, who have opened fire at Nanking to protect their nationals. The other powers, it is said, are to receive more conciliatory messages.

Chen is said in Shanghai dispatches to be not ready to antagonize the powers.

Foreigners Worried

The situation at Shanghai, where comparative calm has prevailed in recent days, has again centered attention on the safety of foreigners at that port. Four hundred Chinese were killed and more than 200 wounded in raids by Chiang's troops yesterday in native suburbs of the city. The Chinese could be plainly heard in the international settlement and some bullets fell there.

To complicate matters, labor unions in Shanghai have called a general strike and General Chiang's troops in the Shanghai region, has issued an order dissolving the general labor union.

Northern troops are reported to have crossed the Yangtze near Kiu Gyn, half way between Nanking and Shanghai, apparently pressing.

COMMANDERY'S
SERVICES TO BE
HELD AT UNION

The annual Easter services of the Knights Templar commandery here will be held at Union Easter Sunday, in the First Methodist Episcopal church there, beginning at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Rev. Harry Hamilton, of Pocatello, Ida., grand chaplain of the state legion, department of Idaho, will deliver the sermon. The Rev. R. C. Lee, of Union, is chairman of the committee which is arranging the program.

The public is invited to attend the services. All Knights Templar will meet at the Masonic hall in Union at two o'clock and will march to the church in uniform.

Last year the Easter services were held in St. Peter's Episcopal church here.

Falls City Man
Succeeds Quinland

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 14 (AP)—Claude P. Ellison, of Falls City, was this morning appointed engineer at the Oregon state prison. He succeeds John Quinland in that position.

LATEST CHINA WAR PICTURES



Above: Railway coaches overturned by shell fire at the Shanghai station; below: U. S. marines parading along the bund in Shanghai. These pictures were rushed to Seattle by N. E. A. service by boat and plane, thence sent to La Grande to The Observer.

Floods Menace
Arkansas, Other
Southern States

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Apr. 14 (AP)—A telephone message from Clinton, Ky., reported that the private levee protecting Columbus, Ky., from the Mississippi river flood gave way today.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Apr. 14 (AP)—The lower Mississippi valley was menaced today by one of the worst floods in the history of that section.

The river levees, built along its winding way, continuing rains caused tributary streams to pour increasing waters into the main artery to the Gulf, while thousands of acres of normally dry ground were gradually becoming immersed under the destructive tide.

Arkansas was in probably the most critical condition of the river border states. Armed guards patrolled the river levees to prevent encroachment of dynamiting attempts such as occurred yesterday at Petoskey on the St. Francis river. No appreciable damage was done in the dynamite attempt but an exchange of shots between levee guards and the dynamiter was reported.

Back water was gradually flooding the residential section of Van Buren, Ark., while Fort Smith, Fort Gibson and other river points were endangered by the continuous rise.

Red Cross workers along the Black river in lower Concordia parish, Louisiana, reported that those traveling on the river by boat must maintain a constant watch against snakes which have been driven to the trees by high water and which drop on passing craft and logs.

Communicate With
Imprisoned Miners

HENRIETTA, Okla., Apr. 14 (AP)—Communication was established at noon with 24 men imprisoned in the old mine nine near here, according to reports from the shaft.

The men were marooned in the mine on a level above the water which poured into the workings from Flooded Coal creek.

TREMOR SHAKES
SANTIAGO, CHILESeveral Lives Lost in the
South American Quake
Early This Morning

SANTIAGO, Chile, Apr. 14 (AP)—Police reports say there are seven known dead here in the earthquake which shook the Chilean capital this morning. Fifty-five were injured here.

Several persons lost their lives and numerous persons were injured when an earthquake shook the capital at 1:30 o'clock this morning. The newspaper La Nacion had reports of six deaths while El Mercurio had learned of four deaths.

Most of the casualties were in the residential sections, where several houses collapsed. In the business district the streets were littered with bricks and debris.

Only a few persons were in the streets at the time of the shock. They hurried to open spaces for refuge. The population in general rushed from houses in night attire or with what few clothes they were able to snatch in hurried flight.

Within a few minutes all was chaos. Numerous fires.

Numerous fire alarms were turned on and the fire engines were kept busy rushing to various parts of the city. Telephone and telegraph service was interrupted with all points except Los Andes and Concepcion, which reported that while they felt the shock, no severe damage was done.

Doctor To Attempt
To Remove Staple

ROSEHURST, Apr. 14 (AP)—A sixth attempt to remove the carpal staple was made about two months ago by 25-year-old Harry Woodson, of Canyonville, is to be made Saturday. Dr. L. M. Lehnbach, Roseburg surgeon, who has been studying the case for several weeks, has invented a new device, which, if it succeeds in its work, will be an entirely new departure in surgery.

Little Harry Woodson scowled the back while playing about his home. The two-pronged object stuck in the scapular in such a position that so far it has been found impossible to remove it. While he was in a Portland hospital five unavailing attempts to remove the object were made. Because of the unusual position of the staple the slightest slip is apt to prove fatal. The device which Dr. Lehnbach has invented for this particular case, embodies an entirely new principle and combines an electro magnet with the instruments usually used in such cases.

Soldiers Patrol
Stricken Texas
District TodayRock Springs Dead Now
Stands at 59 with 170
Injured—Red Cross Is
Leading Relief

ROCK SPRINGS, Texas, Apr. 14 (AP)—Military rule today placed relief and salvage operations here on an efficient basis as the casualty list in the tornado that razed this inland plateau town Tuesday night stood at 59 dead and upwards of 170 injured.

More than 70 of the more seriously injured in hospitals at San Antonio, 120 miles east of here. About the same number received treatment in an improvised hospital at Camp Wood, 42 miles south. Two women and a child died at San Antonio late last night. They were identified as Mrs. Dottie Fleming, Nicholletta Montell, 7, and a Mrs. Adams James Borsland, 40, died on a Red Cross train yesterday, while an unidentified woman succumbed in one of the ten army airplanes sent from Kelly Field, San Antonio, to speed removal of the injured.

Supply 700 Survivors

Uvalde, 72 miles southeast and the nearest main line railroad point, continued as relief headquarters where the Red Cross supervised evacuation of the injured and dispatched supplies to approximately 700 survivors.

Highways weakened by floods and slippery mountain roads slowed traffic from several nearby towns. A fleet of ambulances and automobiles was used to remove the injured.

With cavalrymen from Fort Clark on guard, the relief work was well organized. About 30 of the dead were buried in a hillside cemetery yesterday. Dynamite was used to dig the graves.

Volunteer carpenters made caskets when a supply from a nearby town was exhausted, several of the dead were still unidentified. Communication was restored when a field telephone was connected with the San Antonio Standard where the messages were relayed by the Associated Press.

10 Buildings Left

Soldiers and volunteers made every effort to build shelters for the survivors as only about ten buildings were left on foundations and most of these were badly damaged.

Few persons apparently witnessed the approach of the storm as it struck with little warning. Frank Rasmussen, San Antonio, told of watching the twister for several miles.

Rasmussen said the funnel-shaped cloud raced along with its "greenish yellow" center set off by black background.

"At 7:29 o'clock it broke," he said. "Just a swirl and a roar, then havoc and pandemonium. The cloud dipped and seemed to graze the city. For six minutes it raged and reared. I took refuge in the Valentine hotel and managed to seek refuge under heavy timbers and escaped unhurt."

"I could see these human beings, houses and large buildings hurled about like so much chaff. Scantlings were lifted and driven through the bodies of victims who sought to escape. It resembled more a battlefield in France than a peaceful Texas town."

The tornado swept virtually everything from an area of approximately four square miles. It seemed to center here.

Rain and wind that followed the twister continued in Texas yesterday to cause damage at widely scattered places. Upward of a dozen towns reported more than a score of injured and heavy damage from high winds.

Mrs. Carrington
Granted Divorce
In Chicago Case

CHICAGO, Apr. 14 (AP)—Mrs. Anna Walsh Snyder Carrington, of New York, grandmother and executrix, today was granted a divorce on grounds of cruelty.

A property settlement agreement was reported to have given Mrs. Carrington \$100,000.

The end of the sensational trial in which Colonel Carrington and his wife, who is 42, and his brother Campbell, about 59, all grandfathers and all divorced, were the triangle, came with the decision of Circuit Judge George Fred Rush, after comparatively brief arguments.

DIRECTS ACQUITTAL
PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 14 (AP)—Circuit Judge Hewitt today directed a verdict of acquittal for Frederick G. Elder, carpenter, who was accused of perjury in connection with his testimony in the John Ezra Spier will contest before Circuit Judge Tazewell last September.

3 Fatal Accidents
Occur in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 14 (AP)—Three fatal accidents occurred here late yesterday. Walter Campbell, 16, was drowned in the Willamette river while swimming; Jack Newman, 15, was fatally injured when his bicycle was hit by an auto; Mrs. Frank L. Wadsworth, 57, was killed when hit by an auto as she was crossing a street.

TODAY'S GAMES

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 14 (AP)—American Detroit-St. Louis game postponed, rain.

CHICAGO, Apr. 14 (AP)—National Chicago-St. Louis postponed, cold.