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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Unsettled tonight and
Sunday; probably showers in the
northwest portion; temperatures
below normal.

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LA GRANDE'S
NEW LIGHTS
ARE TESTEDAdams Avenue Thrown
into Daylight Brilliance
at One O'clockCELEBRATION TO
BE HELD TONIGHTPenny Shower at 7 P. M.
to Start Program—
Streets to Be Illuminated
an Hour Later.

La Grande's new \$25,000 ornamental street lighting system is successful.

This was proven at 1 o'clock this morning when, out of a dismal darkness that prevailed along Adams avenue, a daylight glare transposed the main street of this city into one of brilliancy, comparable with any metropolitan Broadway.

"Just as much light as along Broadway in Portland," was the comment of one who was present at the final test.

Another declared that the system furnishes a much better light than does Eugene's.

Many View Test
The test was performed in the presence of city officials, light and power officials, representatives of the NePace McKenney company, newspaper men and a few citizens. All declared it a successful test in every detail.

The business section will be thrown into permanent night time brilliancy at 8 o'clock this evening when, at a signal from A. T. Hill, president of the city commission, the switch will be snapped on as the feature of a celebration to which will come representatives of Union and Walla Walla county towns, Baker, Walla Walla and other Eastern Oregon cities.

Mr. Hill reported this morning that he has received word from the mayor of Walla Walla that, although he cannot come, probably two representatives of the Washington city will be present. Mayor Mesick of Baker expects to come accompanied by two councilmen and the chief of police.

Union Delegation Coming
G. A. Schindler, Union newspaper publisher, said that Union is to send a large delegation over this evening. Reports from other towns are equally encouraging.

After the district is roped off at 6 o'clock the city will be the first event will be a penny shower at 7 o'clock for grammar school children. A band concert will begin at 7:30 on the platform at Depot and Adams which was raised today, and shortly before 8 o'clock

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KNIGHTS PLAN
EASTER SUNDAY
UNION SERVICE

In accordance with the annual custom the Knights Templar commandery here will hold Easter services Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the First Methodist Episcopal church at Union. The Rev. Harry Hamilton, of Pocatello, Ida., will be the principal speaker.

La Grande Knights Templar will meet at the Masonic hall here at 1 o'clock to go to Union. They will march from the Masonic hall there to the church in costume just before the program.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services.
This morning's Lenten program was given for the boys and girls of La Grande during the regular study hour at the public library. Mrs. E. T. Mossman showed stereoscopic slides of the last week of Christ on earth.WHEN YOU
SCAN THE
HEADLINES

Very few people read every word in any issue of any newspaper. You are certain to find some things that do not interest you as you scan the headlines—and there are other items that tempt you to read every detail. The advertising news has the same experience. The man who never buys groceries for the house naturally passes up the average grocery ad while his wife scans it carefully—but he will read with interest about grass seed, garden hose, coal, building material, insurance, etc. The woman who does not enjoy sports will not stop to read of fishing tackle, golf clubs, or a new sport racket—but she will follow with interest any news about furniture, new kitchen equipment, late styles, and such things. No matter what your special interests may be, you'll find attention given them in Observer advertising news, and no matter what a business man has to offer, he can be confident of an attentive reader-audience through the same medium.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"Third Teachers'
Institute Held
In City TodayRussell Blankenship, of
Whitman College, Principal
Speaker; 50 in Attendance.

About 50 teachers from over 100 schools gathered at the high school building here this morning for the last of a series of three teachers' institutes held here this spring.

The meeting was opened at 10 o'clock with invocation by the Rev. H. W. Parker, after which Miss Catherine Humphreys, high school student, gave two readings.

Professor Russell Blankenship, of the English department of Whitman college, was the principal speaker and during the morning he gave an interesting address entitled "America Has an Educational Motive." E. S. McCord, superintendent of the Elgin schools, gave a paper on "Our Problems," and just before noon E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent introduced J. E. Calvan, state boys' and girls' club worker, who said a few words concerning club work.

The afternoon session started at 1:15 o'clock with assembly singing, followed by two readings by Miss Mary Vaughn Hendrickson.

Professor Blankenship again spoke, using "Wanted: A New Faith" as his subject. He told of the faith of the pioneers in moving to the new land, and said that now that there was no new land the people of today must look for new faith in life.

The institute was dismissed early so that all who desired might attend the Baker-La Grande track meet this afternoon.

Geneva Sayre Is
En Route Home;
Due in 3 Weeks

Word was received last evening by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sayre that their daughter, Miss Geneva Sayre, who has been in China as a missionary, was en route to the United States. The telegram came from the Methodist Episcopal church in Chicago, and said that Miss Sayre started for home April 12.

Miss Sayre was working in the Honan province of China, but because of conditions there had been a cessation for several weeks. Recently she with other missionaries were taken to Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Sayre expect her home in about three weeks.

Willowdale Forms
P-T. Association

A parent-teacher organization—the twelfth in Union county—was organized yesterday at Willowdale school, two miles north of Hot Lake. The organization has 10 members and Mrs. McMillan was elected president.

E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent, was present and assisted with the organization.

Sunrise Service
Plans Completed

In case of rainy weather, the annual Easter sunrise service, under the auspices of the La Grande Ministerial association, will be held at the First Methodist Episcopal church at Union, it is announced today.

If the weather is fair, the service will begin at Gangloff park at 5 o'clock.

Chamber to Meet
Tuesday at Noon

The regular forum luncheon of the Union County chamber of commerce Tuesday noon at the Summer hotel will be a membership luncheon, in connection with the membership campaign, which started this morning.

There will be a report from the campaign along with a special feature, in which everyone present will take part.

No one will be asked to talk except the membership committee chairman.

Five Girls Born
To Young Mother

SANTIAGO, Chile, Apr. 15 (AP)—Birth of five girls to a Chilean mother is reported from the vicinity of Osorno. None of the quintuplets lived more than 18 hours. The mother, Angolina Alvarado, is 25 years old.

PENDING: Apr. 16 (AP)—Governor Patterson has accepted an invitation to speak at the formal dedication of the McKay Irrigation dam southwest of Pendleton May 19, at which time a large celebration will mark the release of storage waters. Westland, Hermiston and Stanfield districts are making tentative plans for the celebration.

LUMBERMAN, FARMER
TELL WHY CHAMBER
MEMBERSHIP VALUED

Why does a business man belong to a chamber of commerce? Two answers to this question, one from a lumberman and the other from a farmer, are given in the following interviews and "The Observer" will, from time to time, interrogate others to secure their views.

H. N. Ashby, general western manager of the Bowman-Hicks lumber company with headquarters here, was first interviewed.

"My belief in the necessity and good of the chamber of commerce is probably best evidenced by the fact that we carry four memberships for the men of our organization," Mr. Ashby began.

An inquiry as to what of permanent value to the community has been accomplished by the organization was presented.

"It does not seem probable that anyone living in La Grande during the past five years, as I have," he said, "can avoid seeing the many things that have been accomplished for the good of the community through the intelligent and untiring efforts of the chamber of commerce, and that it is a real benefit and necessity."

"Organizations classed according to occupations, trades or similar lines of business, because of selfish or conflicting interests, cannot take the place of the chamber of commerce whose members represent every line of local industry and must pull together for the things that benefit the largest number in the community."

"From the standpoint of a manufacturer," he continued, "probably nothing adds more to the essentiality of the raw material that they convert into a finished product, can make a location more desirable than civic pride, which promotes better homes, better schools, better roads and streets, better farms and business practices, better employees, and in all respects a better place to live and conduct business."

"In connection with our local chamber of commerce, I would like to say that I believe the community has been very fortunate because of the kind of men that they have been fortunate enough to select for the officers and directing heads, as it has appeared to me that they have always been particularly well qualified for this work and have certainly given their time and energy unselfishly to it. Our chamber of commerce has always been very fortunate in having as its secretary a man of unusual ability in this line, as I believe is well evidenced by the fact that he has gained even more than state wide prominence in connection with this line of work."

"It so happens that the weekly meetings are held on a day when my work compels me to be away from La Grande, and for that reason have not participated as actively in this work as I have felt to be my duty, but I wish here to assure you, or any of the other active members of the chamber of commerce, that I am in thorough accord with your activities," he concluded.

Frank McKennon, chairman of one of the chamber committees at present and an active civic worker, was the second man interviewed.

"In the first place I thoroughly believe in organization and cooperation," he said, "as I am sure that no community can advance very fast nor very far if either is lacking."

Continuing in his answer to the question of why he belongs to the chamber of commerce, he said "Civic clubs and groups organized for the definite purpose of community improvement with a program mapped and to attain that purpose are not only desirable but absolutely necessary if that community is to be a desirable place in which to live."

"An organization, such as the chamber of commerce, furnishes an opportunity for the exchange of viewpoints on public questions through the regular meetings and through the meeting of committees in which one may find a like-minded person with whom to discuss the various lines of business and, in my case

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COMMERCE CLUB
SEEKS MEMBERSOrganization to Start a
Concentrated Campaign
Monday Morning

A concentrated campaign for 100 new members to the Union county chamber of commerce will be launched at 10 o'clock Monday morning with six teams of workers in the field. It was decided at a 7:30 o'clock breakfast at the Summer hotel grill this morning.

Approximately 50 members of the chamber were in attendance and listened to talks by Dr. Ray Murphy, chairman of the membership committee; Earl Reynolds, secretary of the chamber, and H. E. Coolidge, president.

Appointing Team Captains
Dr. Murphy, who presided, explained the plan of work and appointed six team captains, G. C. Griffith, W. C. Perkins, R. B. Westenhaver, A. R. Bowen, Elmer Stoddard and H. E. Brady. Pledge cards were passed about and the team members will be selected from those.

Mr. Reynolds quoted statistics showing that in point of chamber of commerce income per capita La Grande was 19th in the list of Oregon towns and cities with only two or three farther down on the scale. In point of total yearly budgets La Grande was 12th from the top and in point of membership per 100 population La Grande was 19th.

It was explained that, with the city growing and a large amount of constructive work in prospect, more members must be obtained or else the membership fees will have to be increased, in order to assure the organization of adequate finances.

Sees a Greater La Grande
Mr. Coolidge spoke briefly, advising members as to "selling points" to use in the campaign and pointing out the benefits that accrue to a community which is possessed of an active civic organization.

He declared that he believed the time was not far distant when La Grande would have a population of 20,000 persons and would be head and shoulders above other Eastern Oregon cities. "We have come to the turning point in the road and must move ahead in keeping with the growth of the city from now on," he said.

The statistics presented during the meeting showed that the chamber of commerce has not kept pace in point of membership with the growth of the city although it has played a very important part in the upbuilding of La Grande.

It is estimated that there are some 150 firms and individuals that benefit largely from chamber

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ARMY OF MEN
COMBATting
RIVER FLOODThousand Seek to Keep
Southern Waters in
Their ChannelsMENACE IS GREAT
REPORTS DECLAREPopulation of Valleys
Driven from Homes—
Crisis Is Faced at Hickman, Ky., Today.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Apr. 15 (AP)—Thousands of men, recruited from every available source, today were throwing tired bodies to the end of endurance in the greatest battle man has ever made with the Mississippi river.

From southern Illinois to New Orleans, the flood menace grew to gigantic proportions today. Continued rains throughout almost all of the valley and in the headlands of the Mississippi's tributaries promised no respite from the gradually mounting tide.

Columbus, Ky., where the levee in front of the town gave way during the week registered rapidly rising water in its streets. Only a few residents remained in their homes and these in upper floors. The remainder of the population had moved out to the hills back of the town when the breach threatened.

Hickman in Danger
At Hickman, Ky., the flood was considered by engineers more dangerous than at any other point. The contour of the river at Hickman throws the weight of the headland waters flush upon the government dikes, which turn them westward for a distance.

The Mississippi, normally about one and a half miles wide at the widest point has spread out in many places to ten, twelve and fifteen miles wide. In some places where there are no bulwarks to hold the waters, the river is reported to be as high as 25 miles wide.

Armed guards at Tunes county, Miss., were keeping the levee 24 hours a day to prevent recurrence of a recent dynamiting attempt there. The levee was believed to withstand the water in sight at the point where the dynamite blast occurred. Only slight damage was done.

Tributaries Swelling
Tributaries flowing through Arkansas have risen to gigantic proportions in many places and a number of levee breaks, together with further rains has caused serious trouble in several places, with at least three lives lost. The situation gradually is growing worse south of Vicksburg, Natchez and on toward New Orleans.

New Orleans and Memphis felt the encroachment of the rising waters.

Rain Heavy
Fourteen one-hundredth inches of rain fell in New Orleans last night, breaking all records there for 56 years, the highest previous record being 9.22 inches. Hurricane.

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Army Planes To
Patrol Forests

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 16 (AP)—Airplane forest patrol for the Pacific coast by the United States forest service this year is assured. Colonel W. B. Greeley, chief forester, who is here conferring on forestry matters made the announcement today.

For some time there was doubt as to whether the airplane patrol would be possible this year, owing to some question as to ability of the war department to furnish planes. Colonel Greeley today received advice from the war department that planes would be provided by the regular equipment or from surplus planes of the post office department.

Local Musicians
Greet Members of
Portland Chorus

Members of the Portland Map-dowell club chorus, 43 in number, with their director, W. H. Boyer, passed through La Grande last night on train No. 15 en route to Chicago, where they will attend the biennial convention of the National Federation of Music clubs to be held there April 18 to 25.

They were greeted at the depot during their short stop in La Grande by a number of local musicians, among them being Mrs. Ray Murphy, president of the Monday Musical club here and Mrs. A. L. Richardson, who is personally acquainted with several of the Map-dowell club members, including the president, Mrs. Elbert C. Peck, who also sings contralto in the chorus.

This chorus is the only one from the Pacific coast attending the biennial convention, which is an entire program on the afternoon of April 22, during the convention. The program will be the same as the one recently given in the Portland auditorium, which netted the organization \$2000 toward their fund of about \$2000, the amount necessary to make the trip.

The club will arrive in Chicago on the morning of the convention and will be entertained by Mrs. Edgar Stillman Kelly, president of the national federation, while there.

Accompanying the chorus members is Miss Kennedy, soprano soloist of the First Presbyterian church in Portland, who will compete in the vocal contest during the convention. She has already won in vocal contests in Oregon, Idaho, Washington and California.

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MISS CHICK AND MR. BUNNY



You might look serious, too, if you were a chick or a bunny. You see, the same guy who told the kids there was no Santa Claus has been spreading his scandal story about where the red and purple Easter eggs really come from, and Miss Chick and Mr. Bunny are getting their story together and intent to stick to it. You lay low! I color "em," says Mr. Bunny, and Miss Chick promises to do the best a poor girl can.

4 Bandits Make
Escape on Heels
Of Daylight Job

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 15 (AP)—Four men, aged 35 to 40 years, medium height and weight, were being sought today for the holding of two bank messengers at the Alder street entrance of the Oig's, Workman and King department store, in which \$3697 cash and \$22,792 checks were taken yesterday afternoon.

While about 50 persons looked on, the robbers relieved Joe Bigelow, messenger of the United States National bank, of a satchel containing the store's funds, and held up George H. Bailey, former Portland police captain, and for 12 years bank guard, who was accompanying Bigelow.

Escaped in Auto
With their loot the robbers quickly entered a waiting car and after a momentary delay due to the stalling of the car, during which the men flashed revolvers from the rear window of the car, they sped up Alder street.

Two autos and a motorcycle followed them, but the robbers managed to elude their pursuers. The car, which had been stolen earlier in the afternoon was later found abandoned at 14th and Clay streets.

Miss Minerva A. Zehnbauer and Madelon Hale, who were in a car opposite the store entrance when the hold up occurred were in one of the pursuing cars. They said they saw the men changing clothing as the car dashed away, and that the car stopped on Taylor street. One of the men got out carrying a gunnysack. The women circled a block then decided to report to police.

Earl Carroll Is
Improving Today

GREENVILLE, S. C., Apr. 15 (AP)—The condition of Earl Carroll New York theatrical producer, who lapsed into a coma while en route to Atlanta yesterday to begin a sentence for perjury growing out of his bath tub party, continued to improve today.

His physicians said he was alternating between periods of consciousness and coma, and at times recognized relatives, who are at his bedside.

"Quality Street" To Be Given In
High School Auditorium Tuesday

The Neighborhood club play, "Quality Street" by James M. Barrie, will be given in the high school auditorium next Tuesday evening by the Neighborhood club. Mrs. F. A. Epworth as first announced. The change was made because of the larger stage in the high school building and because more persons will be seated there.

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Police, the coroner's office and the fire department immediately began an investigation of the cause of the explosion which apparently was due to the ignition of a gas pocket in a tailor shop operated by Levin.

The Levin's had living quarters above the shop, as did the Sokolskys' above their dry goods store adjoining.

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Waterfowl Disease
To Be Investigated

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 16 (AP)—Determined to ascertain the nature of the malady which has killed 15,000,000 waterfowl in the last ten years in Southwestern Oregon, a committee consisting of Ray C. Steele, United States game warden, Harold Clifford, state game warden, and Henry Ward, representing the Oregon sportsmen's association, has started an exhaustive investigation.

Specimens of dead birds, water, and mud other things which may yield evidence will be gathered and turned over to specialists at Oregon Agricultural college for analysis.

TODAY'S GAMES

CINCINNATI (AP)—H. H. E. R. took 4-10-2 Cincinnati.

Batteries: Ring, H. Bell and Boyder; Luque, Lucas and Hargrave.

U. S. CABINET
HARMONIOUS ON
ORIENT POLICY

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP)—President Coolidge has set at rest published reports that his cabinet is split over the administration's Chinese policy, that Secretary Kellogg proposed to resign, and that Secretary Hoover had been selected to succeed him.

It was said at the white house that these reports were erroneous and it was added that even if Mr. Kellogg resigned, Mr. Hoover would not be appointed as head of the state department.

The president was represented as being somewhat concerned over the reports which gained wide circulation in the capital that his cabinet was at odds over the Chinese situation and a denial was issued yesterday. At that time the reports concerning the two secretaries also were said to be unfounded.

SHIP AGAIN
TURNS GUNS
ON CHINESEAmerican Vessel Forced
to Fire on Attackers on
Yangtze River BankBRITISH DEFEAT
CANTONESE GROUPWoman Missionary, from
Philadelphia Captured
by Bandits, Foreign
Officials Report.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP)—Another American naval vessel has found it necessary to use her guns in Chinese waters, the navy department was informed today in a dispatch which reported that the destroyer Preble had fired upon Chinese on the north bank of the Yangtze river, opposite Kiangyin fort. One enlisted man on the Preble received a flesh wound in the leg during firing from the shore directed at the ship.

Admiral Williams, commanding American forces in Chinese waters, advised the department that the Preble was proceeding from Shanghai to Hankow when it was fired upon by the Chinese soldiers. The destroyer returned the fire, bringing her four and three inch batteries and machine guns into action. The Chinese, however, continued to fire at the Preble for several minutes after the destroyer's heaviest guns had been turned on them.

BRITISH ROUT CHINESE

SHANGHAI, Apr. 16 (AP)—Cantonese regulars entrenched on the south bank of the Yangtze below Chinkiang, fired upon the British gunboat Woodcock today. The Woodcock opened with her six pounders, forcing the Cantonese out of their trenches.

COUP SUCCESSFUL

CANTON, Apr. 15 (AP)—Subjugation of the radicals in Canton was proceeding successfully today, as the city quieted down after fighting yesterday in which about 100 reds were killed and many others captured.

Armored motor cars and troops patrolled the streets continuously. The police and military cooperated in segregating the radical element after reports that they were planning to stage a revolution.

The government operations were well planned and an attempted communist coup was frustrated by the raids.

SEND NEW NOTE

PARIS, Apr. 16 (AP)—The representatives of the five powers in China have recommended to their government that they be authorized to draft a new identity note on the Nanking incident in reply to the communications from Eugene Chen, Cantonese foreign minister which they regard as unsatisfactory.

The note is expected to be ready within five or six days.

TIEN-TSIN, Apr. 15 (AP)—Three Japanese steamers leaving Tientsin harbor yesterday were stopped by rifle fire from Chinese police searching for General Li Ching-Lin, former governor of Chihli province, who is wanted in Peking for anti-northern activities.

The ships stopped and permitted the Chinese to search for and arrest General Li, but a dense fog over his surrender and one of the ships was still being held last night. The other two proceeded toward Japan.

The third ship, the Chuan Maru, which the Chinese had learned was carrying General Li and his family, who had been living in the Japanese consulate here was the only one searched.

U. S. WOMAN CAPTURED

SHANGHAI, Apr. 16 (AP)—Miss Mary L. Craig, of Philadelphia attached to the China inland mission at Anshun, Kweichow province.

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