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OREGON: Fair tonight with heavy frost; Tuesday fair, moderate northwest winds.

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CELEBRATES
COMPLETION
OF PROJECT

New \$25,000 Ornamental Lighting District Turned on Saturday Night

BUSINESS AREA
IS ILLUMINATED

Citizens Pleased with the Daylight Glare—Thousands Gather at Depot and Adams for Event.

La Grande, once noted for its dimly lighted business section, now points with pride to an illuminated district that compares favorably with any in the Northwest. It is said that the units used here are exactly the same as those in Seattle and also similar to Portland's newer standards.

At least several thousand local and valley people who formerly had to peer this way and that as they drove down Adams avenue in the evening, were a pleasureable thrill Saturday night at 8 o'clock when, at a signal from A. T. Hill, president of the city commission, 99 units each of 600 candlepower, flooded the streets with a daylight glare.

System a Success
The new \$25,000 ornamental street lighting system, to judge from remarks heard on all sides, is an absolute success. Saturday and Sunday nights it was the current item of talk along the street and many and many a compliment was paid to the system and those who installed it.

The lighting of the streets was the occasion of a municipal celebration started under the auspices of the American Legion post, beginning at 7 o'clock with a penny shower. After the blaze of bugles called their attention, some two or three hundred grammar school children were attracted to a point under the windows of Legion hall, and 1000 coppers were hurled onto the streets. The scramble that followed did not end when the pennies ceased their downward flight but continued for many minutes later—until each youngster was certain that no coin remained uncollected. As coin collectors, the children scored 100 per cent.

Band in Concert
At 7:30 o'clock the La Grande municipal band mounted the platform at the corner of Depot and Adams and until shortly before 8 o'clock played. Marches, popular numbers and a few other selections were rendered, resulting in much applause.

H. E. Dixon, with a big megaphone, called the municipal party to (Continued on Page 5)

NEW COSTUMES
SECURED FOR
BARRIE DRAMA

Special costumes have been secured for the presentation of the play, "Quality Street," by the La Grande Neighborhood club, which will be given for the third time tomorrow evening in the high school auditorium.

"Quality Street" is a comedy drama of the period of Napoleonic wars in England, and the rich military uniforms used in the play are especially interesting. Those taking the part of the old maid appear in costumes of that period, and furnish much of the comedy of the drama.

Barbara Coolidge, Mary Eard, Margaret Dixon, Merrill Sargent and Wilfred Zurbick, are the children who take part in the school room scene in the drama.

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 doesn't enjoy sports will not go to read of fishing tackle, golf clubs, or a new sport roadster—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 advertisements; and no matter what a business man has to offer, he can be confident of an attentive reader-audience through the same medium.

Hundred Attend
Sunrise Service
Despite Weather

Dawn Finds Faithful Gathered at Gangloff Park—Easter Sunday Observed in Churches

In spite of the gloomy morning, which no doubt kept many at home, 100 persons attended the Easter sunrise services yesterday at Gangloff park.

J. T. Longfellow, superintendent of schools, brought the message of the morning, his subject being "World Peace." George S. Birnie led those assembled in singing, "Crown Him With Many Crowns," the coronation hymn, and "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned."

Miss Gertrude Wagner gave the scripture reading and the Rev. L. H. Aves led in prayer. J. A. Hall gave the closing prayer.

Churches Have Programs
All of the churches of the city observed Easter Sunday with special services, some having their Easter program during the morning hour of worship and others in the evening.

At St. Peter's Episcopal church the Wayfarer's guild presented a pageant in the evening, entitled "The Resurrection," with about 15 young people taking part. The pageant was directed by the Rev. Oliver Riley and special costumes and lighting effects were furnished by Mrs. Fred Curry and Merlyn Mayger. Special music was furnished by the choir, with Mrs. H. N. Ashby and George S. Birnie as soloists.

Program of Songs
A special program of Easter songs and recitations was given in the evening at the Church of God, the Rev. Nelson Knight giving the principal address "The Meaning of Easter."

At the South Methodist Episcopal church the Easter sermon was delivered in the afternoon at three o'clock, following dinner at one o'clock in the church basement. Miss Blockland, pastor of the Haines Methodist Episcopal church was the speaker at the Inhabiter church yesterday, the Easter program being held in the evening.

At the First Methodist Episcopal church here ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce was the speaker during the morning church school, reviewing Dr. Brown's book, "This Believing World." Special music was a part of the morning church services, Mrs. May Fuller, soprano.

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Grangers Vote
Against Bonds
For New Roads

The Blue Mountain grange at its regular meeting Saturday unanimously adopted resolutions against the proposed bonding of the county for more roads.

A special program for the children included an Easter egg hunt and Easter stories by Mrs. Grace Grout. An Easter tree, following the custom in Germany, was erected and some 20 children participated in the tree program.

Special musical numbers were suggested and the story of the crucifixion was presented. S. T. Bailey spoke on the dairy demonstration train and dairy work in general. Other speakers were E. E. Johnson, John Walls and O. C. Flesman.

The grange is to hold a special clean-up day on April 20. The same economic committee will meet with Grace Grout on Friday, April 22.

John McShann Is
Guilty of Charge

John McShann pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful possession of liquor this morning in the justice of the peace court and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$150 by Judge Hugh E. Brady.

He was unable to pay the fine so was committed to the county jail to serve 15 days. McShann was arrested yesterday with two pints of moonshine whiskey in his possession, by G. M. Pierce.

Madden Endorses
President Coolidge

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18. (AP)—President Coolidge was endorsed for another term today by Chairman Madden of the house appropriations committee, who called at the white house.

"What's the use wasting time looking for another candidate," Mr. Madden said. "Mr. Coolidge has done better than any other president in my recollection." He said, however, that the possible candidacy of Mr. Coolidge was not discussed at his conference today.

LOCAL SITES
FOR SCHOOL
ARE VIEWED

Governor and Secretary of State Seem Impressed with 2 Plots

BOTH OVERLOOK
LA GRANDE, VALLEY

Call Paid to Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce Before Visitors Start on Return to Salem

Governor I. L. Patterson, Secretary of State Sam Koser, Dr. McNary and Roy Rittner, the latter two from Pendleton, paid a visit to La Grande yesterday afternoon after inspecting the East Oregon hospital for the insane.

They were met here by members of the city commission and a committee representing the chamber of commerce and inspected several proposed East Oregon normal school sites.

Although the governor refused to commit himself, it is believed that he favors two sites—the one near the courthouse and another near Gangloff park. Both overlook La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley.

Definite Selection Soon
Local opinion is that the governor will appoint a committee a little later to definitely select a site. While here, Patterson refused to state when construction of the normal school is scheduled to begin.

Afterwards, the visitors were taken to the city's artesian wells and the sewage disposal plant, which resulted in favorable comment on the part of the governor and his party.

Before leaving La Grande about 5:30 o'clock, Governor Patterson paid a call to ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce.

BAKER DEFEATED
BY TIGERS 100-48

La Grande Takes All But Two First Places—Lyman High Point Man

The La Grande Tigers overwhelmingly defeated the Baker Bulldogs here Saturday afternoon in the first dual track and field meet of the season, rolling in an even 100 points to the visitors' 48.

The blue and white athletes won 12 out of 14 first places and made a clean sweep of the discus besides winning the relay.

Lyman was high point man with 19 1/2 points and Smutz was a close second with 14 1/2. George Huff, of Baker, scored third high with a dozen.

At the end of the first two events Baker led La Grande 14 to 8. Tucker won the 100-yard dash with Tom Huff second three times Baker men placed second, third and fourth in the mile, which went to Anson in fast time.

Tigers Take Lead
The third event, the pole vault, gave the Tigers 8 points to Baker's 3 and made the score 17 to 16. La Grande outscored Baker in the fourth event and from then on Anson and up more and more while the visitors had difficulty in doing better than a third or fourth.

McCard, Baker hurdler and sprinter, was unable to compete Saturday or the more might have been somewhat different as he would probably have accounted for 8 or 10 points.

Lyman Versatile
Lyman, the senior, stepped into the role left vacant by Sherwood and Zundel, and took first in the high hurdles, second in the low hurdles, first in both the pole vault and the high jump, and was a member of the winning relay team.

The relay had to be started a second time as Koffer fell at the turn and his Baker opponent went down with him, disqualifying both. Smutz, who finished the race for La Grande, had about a 20-yard lead when he breasted the tape.

Pendleton Next
La Grande's next opponent will be Pendleton, the meet to take (Continued on Page Five)Training School
Will Open Monday

The La Grande leadership training school will open Monday, April 25 at 7:30 p. m. in the First Baptist church and will continue each evening throughout the week closing April 29. It is announced today.

This school is undenominational and is intended for leadership training in the home as well as in the church. Four subjects will be taught and each will be in charge of an accredited instructor. Further details of the school will be published later.

New Demands To
Cantonese Will
Be "Hardboiled"

Vigorous Tone and Time Limit to Be Included—Snipers Continue to Fire on Battleships.

LONDON, Apr. 18. (AP)—It was authoritatively stated today that new demands on the Cantonese government which will be more vigorous in tone and possibly include a time limit for compliance, would be made by the five powers which delivered identical notes to the Cantonese government last week as a result of the Nanking disorders of Mar. 21.

SHANGHAI, Apr. 18. (AP)—Foreign missionaries who came to Shanghai from all parts of the interior to seek the shelter of the international settlement, were saddened today by the news of the murder by Chinese bandits of one of the fellow workers, the Rev. Morris Slichter, of Toronto, Canada, and his eight-year-old daughter. They were anxious, too, for the safety of Mrs. Slichter, and the others of the party who are attached to the China inland mission at Anshunfu.

The murders took place at Yunnanfu, reputed to be a hotbed of banditry.

FIRE ON U. S. SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18. (AP)—The United States cruiser Cincinnati has twice been fired upon on the Yangtze river, in China, Admiral Williams, commanding the American fleet in Chinese waters, reported today to the navy department.

Admiral Williams said all foreign property at Luckow, Fu, Anlo, and other provinces, had been looted. Eight Americans and five British missionaries there were said to be enroute to Shanghai.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18. (AP)—Chinese snipers in the vicinity of Nanking have fired upon the American destroyer Ford, striking the ship several times. Admiral Williams, commanding American forces in Chinese waters, advised the navy department today.

SHANGHAI, Apr. 18. (AP)—Formation of a government in Nanking by General Chiang Kai-Shek was reported today.

No doubt was given in 125 meager dispatches received, but it is understood that Canton, Shanghai and Nanking men figure largely in its composition. Thus there are apparently three governments in China, not counting the various semi-independent war lordships.

The other governments referred to are the one at Peking, in the north, and the one at Hankow, in the south. (Continued on Page 8.)

Rotarians Are
Hosts to Club
Members Today

Chamber of commerce day was observed at the Rotary club luncheon this noon at the Foley grill and captains and team members in the chamber's membership campaign, which started this morning, were among the guests.

Reports were received by Dr. Ray Murphy, committee chairman, and a total of 42 new members were secured this morning between 10 and 12 o'clock. The goal set is 100 and members believe that it will be reached within the next day or two.

George Birnie's team secured the most members this morning, signing up 11. R. E. Westenhaver's team was second with nine.

F. L. Meyers presided at the luncheon and Dr. Lee Bouvy was the main speaker, explaining the "Mechanism of The Car."

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MORTGAGE OF
M. E. CHURCH
IS DESTROYED

With Indebtedness Thing of the Past, Papers Formally Burned

GREAT EVENT TO
METHODISM HERE

Pioneer Members Recall Early History of Church—First Sermon in August, 1853.

La Grande Methodists and members of other churches last night witnessed the formal burning of the mortgage on the new structure, which follows the paying of the indebtedness several weeks ago. The burning ceremony, which was part of the evening's program, took place before a large crowd augmented by several out-of-town guests.

Harry S. Hamilton, district superintendent, presided at the service and A. D. Nelson took charge during the special program. Dr. H. S. Brown, Mrs. Sherwood Williams and the Rev. H. W. Parker, pastor, officiated at the burning and the present official board and all members of the Fourth street church congregation participated in the passing of the candle, a Methodist custom, which Mr. Hamilton lighted.

Church Congratulated
Congratulatory letters were read from former pastors, including E. G. Keith, Beaumont, Cal.; George H. Quigley, Vancouver, Wash.; C. A. Edwards, The Dalles; J. D. Gillman, Piler, Id.; E. J. Huston, Tacoma, Wash.; and H. F. Meredith, Astoria, Ore.

Letters were also read from former presidents of the Ladies' Aid society including Mrs. G. W. Baars of Oregon City, and Mrs. C. E. Short, of Astoria.

A letter from the board of home missions and church extension in Philadelphia was also read.

Flower Members
Sitting on the rostrum as special hosts were Mrs. G. W. Baars, who was in the congregation when she served in the I. N. L. store building on C street in Old Town, and later in the Blue Mountain university, and finally in the two Fourth street buildings.

These were Mrs. Ben Grandy, whose residence in La Grande dates back to 1864, Mrs. Edith Huntington Curry, Mrs. Oesterling and Mrs. Emma Harding.

Mrs. A. E. Kinman presided at the organ.

Following the services an informal reminiscence hour was held, and Methodism in La Grande was discussed.

Methodist History
Methodism in La Grande covers a period practically as long as the life of this city. Shortly after the settlement in 1862, the Methodists began holding meetings, when and where they could, and in 1870 took over an abandoned store building on C street, then the Old Oregon trail, which was used as (Continued on Page Five)Mrs. Elledge Hurt
In Auto Collision

Mrs. Mone Elledge was injured yesterday when the car in which she and her husband were riding figured in a collision with a machine driven by Glen Jones, of Elgin, according to the local officers.

The accident occurred at Imbler about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Elledge was hurt about the side and arm but it is believed that she will recover rapidly from her injuries.

Governor Al Smith Writes Open Letter Declaring
His Faith Will Not Interfere With Government

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NORTHWEST PICKS APPLE QUEEN



"Just thrilled to death!" is the way pretty Beatrice McGough, queen of the apple festival soon to be held at Wenatchee, Wash., puts it. Sixteen, and an honor student in high school, the queen was chosen both for intellect and beauty. A unique method has been adopted for this festival—the date will not be definite until weather conditions predict the day when the apple blooms are at their best.

Campfire Girls
Plant 22 Trees
In Gangloff Park

Twenty-two Russian olive trees were planted at Gangloff park Saturday afternoon by members of the Tatapochan, Tapawingo, Sacajawea and Wunnehaunta campfire girl groups, the trees being furnished by the state highway commission. Highway employees assisted with the planting.

Russian olive trees are an especially hardy variety. They were planted around the outer edge of the park and several other varieties about 40 in number, are expected to be here sometime this week.

About two hours were spent at the park, each of the 22 girls present being given an opportunity to assist in the planting of one tree. S. H. Boardman, who superintends the tree planting work of the highway commission, was present and explained to the girls how each tree should be planted.

He asked the campfire girls here to interest the girls of North Powder and Haines in tree planting, expressing that the highway commission would donate the trees if the girls would plant and care for them. Letters were sent out this morning by the local campfire organizations to the neighboring towns.

BANDITS GET LARGE SUM

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 18. (AP)—Three young men burst into Mahel Linn's card room at 41 North Second street last midnight, threw guns on the proprietress and hangers-on, robbed the till and escaped with from \$1300 to \$1500 cash, according to police reports this morning.

Hope for Relief
Hope was renewed today for relief from the destructive waters in the upper reaches of the Arkansas and White rivers, tributaries of the Mississippi and in the mother stream itself around Cairo, Ill., and Hickman, Ky., where the height of the current has increased the dykes for weeks. Slight declines in the stages were reported from these upstream points.

An official estimate from Arkansas alone placed the number of persons driven from homes by the hostile waters at exceeding 20,000 and acres overflooded at more than 1,000,000. Property losses have reached a staggering figure which no one now dares calculate.

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SOUTH IS STILL
IN FLOOD'S GRIPTwenty Thousand Persons Driven from Homes by Raging Waters
ST. LOUIS, Apr. 18. (AP)—The Red Cross today estimated at least 20,000 were refugees as a result of heavy floods in the Mississippi river and its tributaries.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Apr. 18. (AP)—Three members of the family of Carl Burcham, were killed and another injured in a tornado which struck at Bokoshe, Okla., 25 miles southwest of Fort Smith early today.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Apr. 18. (AP)—The Scott Lavey in Pulaski county broke under the pressure of Arkansas river flood waters today and water began sweeping rapidly over 150,000 acres of some of the state's largest and richest plantations.

20,000 HOMELESS
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Apr. 18. (AP)—Leaves of the Mississippi today were being increased in height along the lower basin as record tide of waters moving southward pressed against the earthen walls.

Refugees numbering perhaps 10,000 persons, driven from their homes by back waters or overflow from many tributaries of the great stream were under the care of national, state and community agencies of relief. Other thousands were moving their properties from valley lands, where the floods might break through at any hour.

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Senator McNary Assured of One-Cent Raise on Imported Fruit

DECISION IS DUE
IN MAY, REPORT

Further Legislation Required, However, to Protect Western Growers, He Declares.

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 18. (AP)—Announcement that he had received assurances from the tariff commission that the duty on cherries imported into this country would be increased within the next few weeks but not by more than one cent a pound, was made by United States Senator Charles McNary upon his return to his home here from Washington this morning.

Four years ago when the tariff bill was framed it was thought that a protective duty had been placed upon western grown cherries, said Senator McNary. "But a ruling of the court of customs in New York two years ago placed a construction on the bill which reduced the duty below the level of an adequate protection. This winter an appeal was made to the tariff commission to increase the duty under a flexible clause, which gives the president authority under the advice of the tariff commission to increase the tariff 50 per cent."

Before leaving Washington members of the tariff commission advised me that they were studying the problem and would try to reach a decision early in May.

From various conferences of the commission it is my opinion that the duty will be increased, the maximum being limited to one cent a pound. It will require further legislation before the cherry industry can be sufficiently protected against inferior cherries produced in foreign countries at lower cost levels."

Containing that there is a growing conviction among members of both parties in congress that some form of farm relief legislation is vital to agriculture is to be placed upon a stable basis Senator McNary said he would work out the details of the relief measure in plans to introduce at the next session during his stay here, and expected to discuss them with President Coolidge and other leaders during the summer.

"President Coolidge had requested me to take the matter up with him in more detail at the earliest possible date either in Washington or at his summer home which he will maintain somewhere in the west this year," the senator said. "It is too early to predict what future action the congress may take in respect to farm relief legislation but the opinion is general that some plan of legislation will be undertaken at the next session."

Senator McNary said that there was a feeling prevalent among western senators and representatives that the action of secretary of the interior in abolishing the land offices at Portland, Vale and Lakeview was ill advised and done without consulting the convenience of the public.

RESTRICTION
OF TRUCKS IS
UPHELD TODAY

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18. (AP)—The Oregon law of 1921 under which the state highway commission restricted the use of certain highways by solid tire trucks and reduced to 16,500 pounds the loads they would be permitted to carry at certain seasons, was sustained today by the supreme court.

When the suit brought by Morris and Lowther and other trucking companies was before the court last October, it was dismissed as moot, upon a showing that the order complained of had expired. When the order was renewed last winter the companies obtained from the supreme court an order restraining the department and reopening the controversy.

Egg Rolling Fete
At White House

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18. (AP)—Another Easter Monday found the museum grounds of the white house set aside today for the egg rolling carnival for youngsters just ten or under.

An array of children with vast stores of ammunition—colored eggs, rubber eggs, hard boiled eggs, and eggs of every description—fell the urge and there was every indication that by night fall many tired and dirty little warriors would drift away with the sundown without waiting for bedtime stories.

From 9 o'clock until 3:30 the white house grounds before the audience of the young were accorded any rights within the gates. At the latter hour the program admitted the general public for a concert by the marine band.

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