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THE WEATHER
 OREGON: Fair tonight and Thursday. Heavy frosts but not quite so cold tonight. Warmer Thursday.

**NEW COMPANY
WILL HANDLE
E. O. LUMBER**

 Six Organizations Unite
in Effort to Overcome
Sales Difficulties

**TO HAVE OFFICES
IN KANSAS CITIES**

 New Plan of Disposing of
Output of Eastern Ore-
gon Mills to Take Ef-
fect on July 1.

The organization of the Eastern Oregon Lumber Sales company, a firm to distribute lumber to outside markets, was completed today. It will have an office in La Grande and its general sales office in Kansas City, Mo.

The concern will sell the lumber of the Stoddard Lumber company, the Oregon Lumber company, the Grande Ronde Lumber company, the East Oregon Lumber company, the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company and the Mount Emily Lumber company.

These six companies have encountered difficulties in selling their products to advantage because they are situated some 2,000 miles or more from the principal consuming territory of the United States and, not having salaried salesmen of their own, or, if so, only to a limited extent, they have had to market their lumber under very adverse conditions, according to a member of the new organization.

To Employ Salesmen

By having the one company sell their products, it is said, as will be true when their sales are taken over by the Pandosa company about July 1, they will be able through the central distributing point to employ salaried sales representatives in a number of the important cities of the east and midwest, such as Omaha, Kansas City, Chicago, Cleveland, New York and Boston, and market their lumber to a much better advantage.

The production of one of the lumber companies standing alone, it is pointed out, would be sufficient to justify the expense of such an organization.

"This does not mean that the sales company will not avail itself of any and all other means which may be available for selling the lumber of the mills," a member of the new company said.

Officers and directors of the sales company have been elected as follows: George R. Hicks, president; David L. Stoddard, vice president; L. K. Kinzel, secretary; Herbert C. Campbell, treasurer; August J. Stange and Joseph Stoddard, directors.

**PUBLIC MARKET
MEETING TO BE
HELD MONDAY**

All Union county people interested in taking a stall in the proposed public market, which will probably be established on Greenwood street between Jefferson and Adams avenues, are invited to attend a meeting to be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in County Agent H. G. Avery's office. Several have already signed up to take a stall in the market and definite arrangements will be made at this meeting. Plans are to have four complete stalls before the market is started.

Emil Miller, master of the Cricket Club and chairman of the public market committee, will be in the city Tuesday making arrangements for the meeting.

PENDLETON, Apr. 20 (AP)—About \$60,000 will be spent on 25 miles of roads, 25 miles of telephone lines and 50 miles of telephone lines and look out twice in the Untilled national forest, according to the supervisor here today by the supervisor's office.

**A MORE
ATTRACTIVE
CITY**

The new street lighting system—many of many new improvements in La Grande—serves as an additional attraction to people of the La Grande territory. If you live in some other community of Union or Walla Walla counties, you know, nevertheless, many of the La Grande business firms. You welcome their constant contact with you through the Observer's advertising columns—and you welcome, too, the acquaintance with strange firms that regular advertising messages make possible. The progressive business man has long ago taken advantage of this opportunity—and he reaches over 3000 families each day at a minimum cost through the medium The Observer offers.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

**"Quality Street"
Presented Third
Time; Crowd Fair**

 Barrie Comedy Drama Is
Enthusiastically Re-
ceived Last Night

"Quality Street" by James M. Barrie was presented for the third time last evening by the La Grande Neighborhood club in the high school auditorium and was enthusiastically received by a fairly large audience.

The three-act comedy drama, a story of two old maids, who lived on Quality Street, is one of interest and with just enough comedy to make it highly entertaining.

The part of Miss Phoebe Throssel, written by Barrie especially for Lorna Goodridge Miller, who also directed the play. The drama centers around Miss Throssel and Captain Brown, this part being ably handled by Mrs. Dwight Jesse.

Mrs. Lowell Williamson took two parts, that of the recruiting sergeant and that of Blaise, the only other men characters in the drama. Mrs. Dale Cox was Miss Susan Throssel, Phoebe's sister and Mrs. Dick Claycomb, Mrs. Clyde Seitz and Mrs. F. A. Epine were three old-maid neighbors of the Misses Throssel. Mrs. Chase Bohnenkamp was Miss Charlotte Paratt and Mrs. Ellis Knight took the part of Patty, the maid.

The play marked the end of the club's study of literature this year, and was proof of the excellent work being done along this line by the club.

**Mercury Drops
To 19 Above In
City Last Night**

Although this morning's sky was cloudless, La Grander's shivered during the night when the mercury dropped to 19 above—the coldest weather in about six weeks. At 7:30 this morning it was one degree below freezing.

The drop in temperature followed a couple of days of snow flurries and near-freezing weather. The weather forecast for tonight indicates a warmer evening although the chill will still be present.

Last night's freeze did not cause any great damage in Union county, it is believed. Fruit trees and vegetables are not far enough along to be severely hurt.

A service man at a local garage reports that the radiator on his car froze before coming to work this morning.

COLD IN WALLA WALLA CO.

WALLA WALLA, Ore., Apr. 20 (Special)—Cold weather for the past several weeks has held back early farm work. Frequent snow squalls and cold rains have caused the ground in the most of the fields to become too wet to allow working. A few farmers in the hill sections started plowing on some of the well drained spots, but the latter part of the week, and others state they will commence soon if the weather remains fair. Reports indicate that about an average of spring wheat will be sown in the dry sections this season. The most of the fields of winter wheat in this end of the valley look very promising. The wheat has made a better growth this spring, despite the lack of rain, and is considered a large enough for this season of the year, when the danger of early summer frosts is great late in May and early June.

FROST IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 20 (AP)—A spell of belated wintry weather brought a very heavy frost to Portland last night. The minimum here was 35.

PENDLETON CHILLY

PENDLETON, Apr. 20 (AP)—Thermometers in this city registered 18 degrees above zero last night. Ice was found in many places.

**Dokie Ceremonial
Here This Evening**

A D. O. K. ceremonial will be held at the Knights of Pythias hall here this evening, beginning at eight o'clock, when a large class will be initiated. The ceremonial is the first of a series to be held during this season. Several out-of-town visitors are expected to attend.

**Japan Following
Waiting Policy**

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 20 (AP)—Charles MacVeigh, United States ambassador to Japan, who stopped here on a visit with his son, said before his departure for the east today that Japan has adopted a policy of watchful waiting in the Chinese crisis. It will not take any definite action until the Tokyo government can find out the real position of the Chinese leaders and then learn which faction is to control China.

**MEX BANDITS
BURN, SLAY
170 PERSONS**

 Worst Outrage in South-
ern History Perpetrat-
ed Near Limon, Jalisco

**SOLDIER ESCORT
KILLED BY GANG**

 Doors of Coaches Locked,
Cars Drenched with Oil
and Gas and Ignited,
Cremating Occupants.

MEXICO CITY, Apr. 20 (AP)—One of the worst bandit outrages in Mexico's history, in which it is believed about 170 passengers and the entire military escort of 17 soldiers were slaughtered or burned to death, took place last night when bandits wrecked and burned the Guadalajara-Mexico City passenger train near Limon in the state of Jalisco.

The estimated number of dead, placed at more than 180, was contained in the first telegraphic reports reaching Mexico City railroad officials today, and it is thought that possibly it may be exaggerated.

No Americans Dead

So far as known there were no Americans among the dead. After drenching the engine, the outlaws butchered the military escort, locked the passengers in the coaches which they soaked with gasoline and kerosene and then set a fire, shooting the victims as they attempted to escape from the blazing train.

The entire train was virtually destroyed and it is not known how many, if any, passengers survived the attack.

Although attacks by bandits on Mexican trains have occurred frequently within the past few weeks, an attack on the Laredo-Mexico City train in March was one of the most serious. Three hundred outlaws, described as rebels and commanded by Rodolfo Gallegos, attacked the train about 10 miles from Laredo, burning two Pullman and a first class coach.

The conductor of the train was wounded and died later. There were no other casualties. A number of Americans were traveling in the Pullman cars. Later they declared that the attackers told them that the holdup was for the purpose of demonstrating that there was a real revolution against the Mexican government.

KILLING COLD BLOODED

MEXICO CITY, Apr. 20 (AP)—Railroad headquarters received reports today that bandits last night

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**OPERETTA TO BE
GIVEN TOMORROW**

 High School to Present
"The Captain of Plym-
outh" at 8 P. M.

More than half of the tickets for both Thursday and Friday nights' presentation of the high school operetta, "The Captain of Plymouth," were gone this morning three hours after the reserved seat board went up at the Glass Drug store. The operetta will begin at 8 o'clock each evening, and the doors will be opened at 7:30 o'clock. Today members of the Indian chorus visited the grade schools of the city advertising the production. They also rode up and down the main street of the town giving the people a glimpse of what the operetta will be like.

The operetta is a story of American first settlers at Plymouth. W. W. Nussbaum is director of production and has selected a capable cast of characters. In addition to these, one of the largest choruses ever appearing in a high school operetta here, will take part.

**Chairmen of Boys'
Week Make Plans**

Further preparation for the coming boys' week were made Tuesday night when a second meeting of chairmen was called by Dr. W. T. Piny, representing the Rotary club of this city. Complete discussion of what each special day is to be was had between members of the committee and within a day or two, these various chairmen will have their events in hand. Principally, the week, which is national and which is devoted primarily to the welfare of boys of school age, begins Sunday Mary Land ends, so far as La Grande is concerned, with the grand annual school mass games on Friday, Saturday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will each have distinctive programs. H. E. Goodridge, C. W. Blinger and J. T. Longfellow are chairmen.

**STORMS PATH
LITTERED BY
DEAD, INJURED**

 Line Squalls Take Known
Toll of 23 in Five Ill-
inois Counties

**PROPERTY DAMAGE
AROUND A MILLION**

 Two Villages Virtually
Razed—Scores of Chil-
dren Have Narrow Es-
cape; 2 Are Killed

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Apr. 20 (AP)—Line squalls, that extended like visible tentacles from Greene county yesterday one striking southward, the other northward, left a known death list of 23, nine others listed as probably fatally injured and about 100 less seriously hurt.

Property damage in the five counties where the storms took human life, and in half a dozen other counties which felt its force in diminished violence was roughly estimated at \$1,000,000. Many buildings were destroyed, and considerable damage was done to crops.

Greene county almost directly north of St. Louis, suffered most heavily in casualties. Nine were killed there. Another death resulted a few miles west, in Calhoun county.

The main series of squalls bounded northward, taking four lives in Sangamon county and four more in Logan, the north in Sangamon.

 Two Stores Hit
While the loss of life was confined to a relatively small territory most of Central and Northern Illinois, as well as a part of Indiana, felt the wrath of the high wind.

The Greene county toll was distributed in four small communities. Ann Ketter, teacher of the Centerville rural school near Centerville, the Greene county seat, lost her life when caught under debris, although none of her pupils was killed. She had ordered them to take shelter beneath their seats. At Wrights, another rural center in Greene county, four died, including a father and his baby, while three others met death not far away at Woodville, and another death was at Athensville.

Sangamon county had three deaths in the little hamlet of Effingham Hart two men and an infant. Two were killed at Leominster, where five persons also were reported suffering from injuries which may prove fatal.

 School Children Killed
Two school children were killed at Chestnut in Logan county while a father and son lost their lives at Mt. Pulaski in the same county. Clarence Gallagher, principal of the Chestnut school, received a report from a station agent that the school was approaching and he rushed to the school. He found the school from the second floor to the first where they huddled while the wind crashed through the upper floor tearing it away. The two pupils

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**P-T. Associations
Meet At Imbler**

The organization of a county parent-teacher council will be completed Friday evening, when a meeting of delegates of the various parent-teacher associations in the county will be held in the school gymnasium at Imbler, with members of the Imbler Parent-Teacher association as hostesses.

The Imbler women are planning a program, which will follow the business session.

**Peking Government Rejects All
Demands Made By Soviet Russia**

PARIS, Apr. 20 (AP)—Rejecting the Peking government of the demands of the Russian soviet government in connection with the raid on soviet buildings in the embassy compound at Peking, is reported in a dispatch to the Indo-Pacific agency. The raid, on orders of the Northern Chinese authorities, was carried out on April 6.

Three days after the raid on the soviet embassy compound in Peking, the soviet government ordered all the embassy officials to leave and in a note delivered to the Chinese charge d'affaires at Moscow, made a series of demands. These included immediate evacuation of police from the compound, the release of all those arrested in the raid, the return of all documents seized, together with all money, personal property, houses, hold goods and books taken by the police.

What was described as "perhaps the most illuminating document" issued by the raid was made public officially by headquarters of China. The Manchurian warlord, Tzu-Tsin, the Manchurian warlord, in control of the Peking government, "The document marked 'strictly confidential' purports to

TELEVISION TEST SUCCESSFUL


A Washington-to-New York demonstration of the approaching practical utility of television, whereby moving pictures are projected either along land lines, radio or both, just as sound is now conveyed. Here we have Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover (inset) talking in the capital while his speaking image is heard and seen in New York. At the receiving apparatus (above) is Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. Dr. Herbert E. Ives, telephone engineer, at the right.

**ARCTIC BIRDMAN
SAFE IS REPORT**

 Captain Wilkins Returns
to Beechey Point After
Absence of 20 Days

NEW YORK, Apr. 20 (AP)—The North American Newspaper agency was informed today that Captain George H. Wilkins, arctic flyer who had been missing since March 29, which he hopped off from Point Barrow, Alaska, for the unexplored regions to the north, has made a safe return to Beechey Point.

MISSING SINCE MARCH 29

SEATTLE, Apr. 20 (AP)—Captain George H. Wilkins, who was reported safe today at Beechey Point, Alaska, about 150 miles southeast of Point Barrow, had not been heard from since March 29 when he sent a brief wireless message that he was down on the ice 125 miles from Point Barrow. With Carl E. Eklund as his pilot, Wilkins set out in a Stinson plane for an exploration flight over the unexplored Arctic ocean north of Alaska March 29. The plane had sufficient fuel for a 14-hour flight and he had planned to fly out 600 miles from his Point Barrow base.

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**University Gets
Quarter Million**

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 20 (AP)—Gifts to the University of Oregon, totaling more than a quarter of a million dollars in the last seven months, were announced today by Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the university, upon receipt of a check for \$50,000 for the medical school. The check was sent by the general education board of New York City, which has made an appropriation of \$130,000 for the University of Oregon. The \$50,000 check is the first installment of the appropriation.

**Seizure of Rum
Ship Held Illegal**

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 20 (AP)—Federal Judge George M. Hogan ruled as illegal today the seizure by the U. S. of the rum vessel Federalship, its million dollar cargo and arrest of its captain and crew.

**Rumanian, Russian
Armies Clash, Word**

VIENNA, Austria, Apr. 20 (AP)—An unconfirmed report from Budapest says there was fighting last night between Rumanian and Russian border troops with "many dead and wounded on both sides."

**Portland Police
Arrest 100 Men;
Clean-Up Begins**

 Shotgun Squads in High-
Powered Cars Patrol
Streets—Suspicious
Characters Nabbed.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 20 (AP)—Portland's streets, patrolled by an exact number of police armed to the teeth, are being swept for suspicious characters following a wave of criminal operations.

Approximately 100 men were picked up last night and taken to central headquarters for questioning. Approximately 40 remained for line-up this morning, where plain clothes men gave them the once over.

Two youths, who said they had just arrived yesterday from California, were being given a special grilling.

Each has a record in California, according to police, who say they found a piece of gas pipe, wrapped in a newspaper, on one of the pair. Patrolman Healey arrested the two late yesterday.

Two other men one of whom, at least, has a record and has served a five-year term, are being quizzed.

This drive on suspicious characters will be continued until the present situation shows a decided change for the better it is announced.

Four shotgun squads in high-powered cars patrolled the streets last night.

**Winter Wheat In
Good Shape But
Growth Is Slow**

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 20 (AP)—Except over scattered areas, where some winter killing occurred winter wheat is generally in good condition but growth is slow, says the weekly Oregon crop report of the weather bureau issued here today.

Seeding of spring oats, wheat and barley continues, and a considerable acreage of spring rye is being sown. Growth of spring grain has been retarded by low temperatures.

The warm days at the beginning of the week caused some advance of fruit bloom, but it is generally backward. In some localities apples and prunes are not budded heavily. The frosts at the close of the week probably did much injury to peaches, apricots, and cherries, and some to prunes and pears. Some localities report much winter damage to locusts.

Potato planting is progressing slowly. Gardens are backward. Asparagus and rhubarb are developing slowly.

**Cat Gives Life
To Save 8 Persons**

NEW YORK, Apr. 20 (AP)—A pet cat today gave its life to save eight persons from death by coal gas asphyxiation. Scratching on a bedroom door of one of the apartment houses in a ten-story tenement in Manhattan, the cat awakened an 18-year-old boy who detected the fumes and spread the alarm.

Three persons were rescued unconscious but were revived by a pulmonologist, and five others were given medical treatment.

The cat's body was found under a table. Efforts to revive him failed.

**SOPHS UNABLE
TO STOP O. A. C.
ROOK REVOLT**

CORVALLIS, Ore., Apr. 20 (AP)—"Revolt of youth" erupted on a pace last night when hundreds of freshmen co-eds allied at an open rendezvous burned their green ribbons and surmounted in new found freedom through the library on the campus of Oregon Agricultural college, and on down town where they stormed the Masonic theater.

Conquest still being more alluring than the victory, the rowdies marched out and went to Wagner's traditional gathering place of upper classmen and women.

One lone soph man lingered too long, and out he went, propelled by the earthshaking retreating freshmen, who forthwith took charge.

Meanwhile frantic members of Spurs, a sophomore disciplinary organization for women first threatened and then entreated the wayward sisters to return to their fold. Unheeding, the yelling stayed on until about 10 o'clock before breaking up of their own accord.

This morning Spurs issued an edict commanding wearing of green ribbons by the freshmen co-eds all this week in punishment, but as the ribbons are already ashes, few appeared, and the men laughed.

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 No Relief from High Wa-
ters Seen with Weather-
man Predicting Rain

 DEATH TOLL NOW
ABOVE A HUNDRED

 Telephone Operator at
Clarendon Tells Vivid
Story of Rush of Water
Through Town.

NEW MADRID, Mo., Apr. 20 (AP)—New Madrid's population practically abandoned the town today ahead of a rush of flood waters that inundated the streets and buildings. The business section was under five to 15 feet of water. Only a few families remained, seeking refuge in upper stories. About 1800 persons fled the town to escape the flood.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20 (AP)—Commanders of army corps areas were directed today by Secretary Davis to communicate with governors of the flood stricken states and offer all assistance possible in caring for refugees.

KANSAS CITY, Apr. 20 (AP)—With casualty lists showing more than 100 dead, the Southwest today continued its gamble on rapidly changing weather reports in the hope of avoiding further losses in tornadoes, freak storms and floods.

Hundreds of farmers and townspeople in Western Missouri, Southern Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas refused to take chances on estimates of arrival of flood crests and remained away from homes inundated several times during the last two weeks. Others compared flood warnings with river readings and declined to leave for higher ground.

Texas maintained its lead with more than 50 dead and scores injured, most in tornadoes. Oklahoma was next with an estimate of 45 killed in floods and high winds. Several were listed as flood victims in Kansas and Missouri.

Rescue parties found that ten persons perished in a tornado that jumped about the Oklahoma-Texas border yesterday. Two women were killed by a high wind that crushed an old building near Granger, in central Texas. The little river town of Arthur City, Texas, was virtually destroyed by a twister that claimed one life and sent a dozen to a hospital at Paris, Texas.

Buildings were wrecked and several injured in high winds yesterday at Cave Springs, Apex and Kirksville, Mo., and Arkansas City, Kan.

The Missouri river continued at or near flood stage between here and St. Louis. Large tracts of valuable valley land were under water.

 MORE LEVEES GIVE
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Apr. 20 (AP)—The persistent pressure of the Mississippi floods broke through two more levees today and an indication that there will be no slackening of the floods was seen in the weather bureau forecast for rain or showers generally in the states affected.

Near North Little Rock a break in the Arkansas river levee flooded the town of Levy and let loose a flood of water to sweep down on North Little Rock. At Clarendon, another Arkansas town, the White river levee gave way suddenly and reports were received that numbers of persons had been caught in their homes.