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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair except unsettled
in northwest portion and cloudy
or foggy near the coast tonight and
Tuesday.

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HALF OF TAX
OF \$869,580
IS DUE MAY 5Payments by Property
Owners Show Big In-
crease over 1926TAX DOLLAR OVER
OREGON ANALYZEDEducational Purposes Get
\$43 of Every \$100 Paid;
Cities', Towns' Share
Is \$18.19.With the first half of taxes due
and payable on or before May 5
and with property owners noticing
an increase over last year, many
taxpayers are wondering just
where "their money goes" and for
what purposes.A recent statewide survey by the
Oregon Voter spreads light on the
entire tax system in this state.An interesting feature is the
"tax dollar," which is so divided
as to show where each part of
it goes.Of each \$100 in taxes paid by
a citizen of the state, a total of
\$43 is used for educational pur-
poses. This is further divided as
follows: high school and elemen-
tary \$26.47; college \$16.53.Seventy-two cents is all that
goes to the state treasury and the
fire patrol gets but 25 cents. The
state general fund received \$1.58
and the soldier bonus \$1.15.

Cities and Towns

Cities and towns share to the
extent of \$18.19 and county roads
get \$19.24. The money that goes
to county roads is divided \$4.59 for
roads and \$14.65 for construction
and maintenance.The state highway commission
receives nothing directly from the
tax dollar, collecting its funds from
the automobile users.The county in general gets \$7.42
and port and docks received \$5.02.
Irrigation and drainage water
draws \$4.02.The levy amounts to \$34.52 by
county and local governments
with the state levy only totaling
\$15.48. And of the total the county
and local governments actually
get \$21.45 to the state's \$13.07.

Tax Increases Heavy

Tax increases compared with last
year are heavy, but are at a slight-
ly less rate of increase. The main
increases are for county and local
purposes. Last year these taxes
increased 7.35 per cent and this
year only 6.91 per cent. Seven
counties over the state show a de-
crease in county and local taxes.Property taxes levied by the
state for 1927 aggregate \$7,447,562
which will be about 15 1/2 per
cent of the total 1927 levy of ap-
proximately \$48,000,000.In Union county the increase in
property taxes this year over 1926
amounted to \$61,767 or 8.40 per
cent. Walla Walla had an even great-
er increase with \$22,554 or 8.74
per cent. Baker county's increase
was more than Union's with \$63,-
935 or 8.42 per cent. Umatilla
county's increase was very small,
amounting to \$16,119 or 1.11 per
cent. All four counties were be-
hind the average for 29 counties
that increased taxes—8.95 per cent,
but Union, Baker and Walla

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C. BOHNENKAMP
LOW SCORE IN
GOLF TOURNEYA number of local business men
left Sunday morning for Baker
where they enjoyed an outing play-
ing golf. A number of fairly
good scores were turned in consid-
ering lack of practice. Chase
Bohnenkamp shot low score for
La Grande going out in 45 and
coming in in 28. The final score
had not been published when they
returned here.NOT A
"CURE-ALL"
ADVENTUREYour reaction to the adver-
tising messages in The Observer
are not because it is vitally im-
portant to you to get the most
value and the most satisfaction
for the money you spend.But your constant and regu-
lar attention to a certain firm's
advertising depends very largely
on your experience with what
that firm has behind its adver-
tising message. If its goods, its
service, its methods, and its
values are in keeping with its
advertising, your patronage is
readily won. But advertising
alone, regardless of its excel-
lence, cannot win your favor
for a business when other ele-
ments are lacking. It is not a
cure-all for bad business meth-
ods—but it is an immediate and
constant aid to good business
methods.Holdup Man Gets
\$1 From C. ReedClyde Reed reported to police of-
ficers Saturday night that he was
held up in the alley just off Fir
street near the Harris grocery and
relieved him of one dollar, all the
money he had with him.Mr. Reed declares that the rob-
ber was a negro and gave a fair
description of him to the police.
No trace has been found of him as
yet. The holdup occurred about
9 o'clock.Sunday Weather
Warm; Hills And
Streams BeckonMercury Reaches 84
Above in La Grande—
Summer-Like Tempera-
tures General.La Grande and the Grande
Ronde valley sweltered in mid-sum-
mer weather yesterday and hun-
dreds took to the open road and to
the hills, in search of a retreat to
escape the warmth.Many drove to Walla Walla lake and
the banks of rivers were lined by
fishermen.The official maximum tempera-
ture here yesterday was 84 above,
four degrees warmer than Port-
land's 80. The minimum Saturday
night was 41 above and it was 44
last night. Promise of another
"scorching" came this morning
when, at 7:30 o'clock, the mercury
had climbed to 60 above.In effect, the sudden change in
temperature, was like a jump from
March into June.

EUGENE SUMMER-LIKE

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—
Eugene's weather turned summer-
like yesterday when the thermom-
eter rose to 79 degrees, the warm-
est since last summer.Today was also very warm.
A number of straw hats made
their appearance on Eugene streets
yesterday and hundreds of picnick-
ers took to the woods and fields.

SALEM WARM

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—
Mid-summer temperature of 82 de-
grees, the highest of the year,
greeted thousands of visitors who
motored through the Salem district
Sunday on the annual blossom day
tour sponsored by the Salem Cher-
ryans. Open house was held by
state institutions with 1319 pass-
ing through the grounds of the
two institutions. Between 1500
and 2000 people visited the capitol,
though only 400 were ambi-
tious enough to climb the flights
of stairs leading to the dome.

MEDFORD WARM

MEDFORD, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—
Summer rushed into the Rogue
River valley yesterday with a
temperature of 83 degrees in this
city.

HOTTER DAY IN SIGHT

ROSEBURG, Apr. 25 (AP)—
With the thermometer at 86 de-
grees Roseburg yesterday experi-
enced the warmest day so far this
year. The humidity was extremely
low for this season, the weather
bureau reporting a reading of 18
per cent yesterday evening. Indi-
cations were that today's maximum
will equal yesterday's high mark.PENDLETON, Apr. 25 (AP)—
Pendleton enjoyed its first real
summer day yesterday, when the
mercury hovered around the 80
mark. The temperature in the
mountains on the Old Oregon Trail
was around 70, according to tour-
ists going over the route.PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—
Treading on the heels of belated
winter, which about a week ago
had Oregon in a frosty grip, sum-
mer was here today with glory of
sunshine and high temperatures.
Portland had a maximum of 81
yesterday and today it was expect-
ed to reach between 75 and 80.
Slightly cooler for tomorrow was
the forecast. Reports from other
parts of the state today indicated
summer-like weather.Traffic Cops
Arrest 6 Over
Week End HereSix men were arrested over the
week end because of traffic viola-
tions and four of them forfeited
a total of \$55 in the justice court
this morning. The other two will
be brought before the court this
afternoon.B. L. Smith was charged with
reckless driving and was fined \$15
and costs; Norman Murray, of
Colorado, was arrested on a
charge of speeding and forfeited
\$25 bonds for not appearing to
answer to the charge; R. E. Books,
of La Grande, paid a fine of \$10
and costs for driving with glaring
headlights; and Ray B. Woodbury
was fined \$5 and costs on a charge
of operating a motor vehicle with
illegal head lights.The arrests came as the result
of a drive by Traffic Officers
Lieuallen, Bert, Robertson and
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ton. President to arrest those driv-
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Fails to AnswerSUBS ARRIVE AT
HONGKONG TODAYThree British Warships
Figure in Heavy Ex-
change of Shots with
Chinese.HONGKONG, Apr. 25 (AP)—Two
American submarine tenders and
a flotilla of submarines arrived
here today.SHANGHAI, Apr. 25 (AP)—The
United States destroyer Peary was
fired on yesterday near Kiuking,
on the Yangtze, about 15 miles
east of Hankow. The source of
the firing was not located and the
warship did not return the fire.Three British warships, the Man-
tla, Keppel and Wolse, engaged in
an exchange of shots with Chinese
batteries on the south bank of the
Yangtze near Chinkiang yesterday.The warships let loose a heavy
bombardment after they had been
fired on and soon silenced the
Chinese attack.Marines Save Three
American marines had to come
to the rescue of three Americans
at Hankow Thursday night when
Chinese pickets attempted to re-
move them to the headquarters of
the general labor union from the
Standard Oil company's office to
which they were attached. Fifty
marines were landed by the U. S. S.
Isabel, flagship of the Yangtze
patrol.The pickets said the union head-
quarters merely desired to ques-
tion the men.

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FOREST WEEK IS
OBSERVED HERESchools and Civic Organ-
izations Participating
in Local ProgramCivic organizations and schools
of the city today began the ob-
servance of National Forest week,
which started this morning and will
continue all this week.A high school assembly was
held at ten o'clock in observance
of forest week and P. W. Furst,
assistant supervisor of the Whit-
man national forest, of Baker, ad-
dressed the students on "Precon-
ditions of Forests." E. Russell
Scott, boy scout executive, and
Gerald Tucker, forest ranger of the
Umatilla national forest, stationed
here, were present for the assembly.Scouts Take Part
Boy scouts of the city will speak
on National forest week in the
four grade schools of the city.
Claire Perkins will speak in the
Greenwood school tomorrow after-
noon at one o'clock; Edwin Kirby
will speak in the Central school,
addressing the lower grades at nine
o'clock tomorrow morning and the
upper grades at 2:45 o'clock to-
morrow afternoon. Virgil Koehn
will speak in the Riviera
school Friday morning at nine
o'clock and Robert Weeks will ad-
dress the Willow school students
Wednesday morning at nine
o'clock.

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Tigers Trim Pendleton With Ease;
Buckaroos Win But 4 First PlacesThe Pendleton Buckaroos bowed
in defeat once more this year be-
fore the crashing, clanging attack
of La Grande high school's Tigers.
This time the track and field team
rolled up 84 1/2 points to Pendleton's
62 1/2 at Round-Up park last Sat-
urday.The Buckaroos won four first
places, including the relay, and Al-
len and Lyman ran a dead heat in
the high stake but the judges didn't
see it that way.Keffler ran second to Luck in
the century, which actually was
126 yards in length due to a mis-
take. Smutz took third. The time
was 11 2-5 seconds—fair time for
120 yards.Lyman Pares Well
Lyman ran third in the low
hurdles with Price fourth.
Allen was second to Lyman in the
high jump and Berry tied with
three Pendleton men for fourth.The pole vault was a clean sweep
for La Grande, with Lyman. Wolfe
and Stoddard stopping at 8 feet 8
inches, in a tie for first.The discus also netted Pendleton
men points. Keffler was first with
102 feet 10 inches. Charleston was
second and Snyder and Price placed
third and fourth.Charleston Wins Javelin
Charleston won the javelin and
shot put, hurling the spear 154 feet
7 inches and the shot 37 feet 19
inches. Snyder was third and Stif-
f was fourth in the weight event, and
Price was third and Snyder fourth
in the javelin.The races, excepting the century,
were easy meat for La Grande.
Smutz came home winner in the
220- and 440-yard dashes. He ran
the first in 23 1-5 and the quarter
in 55 1-5. Davis, trailed by An-
son, won the half mile in the fast
time of 2:06. Anson took the mile
in five flat with Brown in third
place.Allen Wins Jump
Allen jumped 21 feet 8 inches to
take the broad jump and the Buck
relay team beat the Tigers.Saturday the Tigers go to Union
for the annual county meet and
on the following Saturday the
Eastern Oregon is to be held at
Baker.Coach Ian MacKenzie is expect-
ing to take a strong team to Cor-
vallis May 15 for the first annual
state meet under auspices of the
Oregon Agricultural college.Church Host To
75 Young People
At Island CityRally Attended by Dele-
gates from La Grande,
Union, Elgin; Society's
Work Discussed.A young people's rally, to which
the young people's organizations
of every church in the county were
invited, was held at the Island City
Community church yesterday after-
noon and last evening with about
75 in attendance. La Grande, El-
gin, Union and Island City were
represented.Miss Blanche Clark, of La
Grande, had charge of the after-
noon's program, from 3 until 5
o'clock, when reports from the dif-
ferent organizations represented
were heard. Telling of the special
work accomplished by the society
during the year. The different
phases of young people's life and
work was also discussed.From 5 o'clock until 7 a social
time was spent when those present
joined in a potluck dinner.Miss Johnson in Charge
The evening's program was in
charge of the Senior Christian En-
deavor society of the Christian
church of La Grande, under the
leadership of Miss Annetta Johnson.A regular U. E. meeting was con-
ducted which ended with a short
talk by Miss John Runberg. At
8 o'clock Miss Hulda Anderson, of
the Presbyterian Christian En-
deavor society, talked on "Chris-
tian Standards," which was the
theme of the entire rally.A similar meeting will be held
within the next two months, the
date to be set by the Union County
Ministerial association.A slump in morning attendance
was felt in most of the churches
yesterday, probably due to the
warm weather, which took much
of the city's population to the hills
or streams.

Aged Members Honored

The aged members of the Chris-
tian church were honored during
the morning services there. The
church has 13 members of 70 years
or more and nine of the 13 were in
attendance.The aged members are of
13 in 1927 and their years of
service in the church total
about 600. Each one present
quoted a passage of scripture.
They were given seats of honor
during the services. Mrs. C. H.
Marcell and Mrs. O. E. Lapham
sang the duet, "When I Get to the
End of the Way."In the evening three boys were
baptized.
Fifty-seven young people of the
Church of God enjoyed a picnic to-
day.

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Fred Currey Is
Speaker at LunchFred Currey was the main speak-
er today at the weekly meeting of
rotary club, which was held in
the Foley grill during the noon
hour. Several guests were in at-
tendance.Mr. Currey discussed national
affairs, touching upon the Chinese
and Nicaraguan situation and also
upon legislative and financial af-
fairs of the United States.Woman Arrested
On Liquor ChargeThe police department raided a
house at 1208 Monroe, occupied by
Lola Lewis and arrested her and a
Mexican, who was found outside of
the building, on charges of posses-
sion of liquor, the records reveal.The woman is alleged to have
had a gallon of moonshine in her
possession and the Mexican had
half a pint.Trial will probably be held this
evening in the municipal court.Ferryboat And
Steamer Crash
In Golden GateSAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 25 (AP)—
A week after being in collision
with the steamer Newport on San
Francisco bay, marine authorities
here today were preparing for in-
vestigation of the accident. The
two vessels crashed just inside the
Golden Gate in a dense fog.The Newport, owned by the Mc-
Cormick Steamship company, was
just entering the harbor from
Portland, Ore. The ferry, oper-
ated by the Golden Gate Ferry
company, was enroute to Sausalito
just across the bay.The ferryboat captain said he
heard the steamer whistle and
then felt the impact of the colli-
sion as the vessel's bows tore a
V-shaped hole in the ferry just
ast of the port quarter.Passengers were thrown down
on the lower deck slammed
against the side and women
screamed. Officers on the ferry
quickly restored order, and the
passengers were transferred with-
out casualty. Ferry officials said
one woman was cut slightly by
flying splinters after the collision,
but that all the others escaped
injury.The Newport proceeded to her
dock, where she landed the refu-
gees. The extent of the damages
had not been estimated early to-
day.PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—
Joseph Parker Troop, former-
ly a vice president of a bank at
Minneapolis, Minn., was arrested
here today and held for Minne-
sota authorities on a charge of
grand larceny in connection with
failure of the bank.

FURY OF TORNADO WRECKS ILLINOIS TOWN

1927. NEA Service, Inc. Transmitted by telephoto. Photo Copyright.
This remarkable telephoto picture shows the damage caused at Cornland, Ill., by a tornado that
swept across the state, taking about 55 lives. Every building in the town was demolished or dam-
aged, and people are shown seeking their belongings in the ruins. The picture was taken from the
top of a badly damaged grain elevator.CRIME SITUATION
EASING UP SOMEPortland Police, However,
Kept Busy Answering
Calls over the CityPORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—
While no major crimes marked
the week and just passed, police
were kept busy on an unusually
large number of holdups and small
burglaries.One burglar suspect was taken
early today as he attempted flight
down a North End rooming house
stairway. Two sets of holdup men
were encountered by citizens on
the streets. In each case the vic-
tims showed fight, successfully
beating off their assailants in one
case and getting beaten up in the
other. The second instance.Two men held up Sam D. Mor-
ris, taking \$2.55 after beating him
severely. Morris fought the rob-
bers hard, trying to take their gun
away and he was hit on the right
check right breast and bitten on
the right hand. After the short
but fierce fight, the robbers got
away in a light touring car.The assault, a stinging blow with
the right palm, was administered
as Kerenky entered into a ban-
quet room at the Palmer house in
which were gathered several hun-
dred men of Russian birth in sym-
pathy with his efforts to wrest con-
trol of Russia from the soviet
government.Chiefly, said Dr. Boris Gregory
Telesnitsky, as he slapped the one-
time prisoner's face, "is for what
you did to the officers of the Rus-
sian army."As the sound of the blow was
heard, the banquet guests sprang
to their feet and rushed forward,
Serge Busch, who was with Dr.
Telesnitsky, leaped to his friends
side. Fists flew, and there were
angry cries in the Russian tongue.The maître d'hotel and several
waiters fought their way to Ker-
ensky's side and seized Dr. Teles-
nitsky and Busch. A detective ar-
rived and the two men were ejected
from the hotel. Kerenky refused
to prosecute.Supreme Court
To Hold Eastern
Oregon SessionSALEM, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—
The Oregon state supreme court
will open its regular Eastern Ore-
gon session at Pendleton on Tues-
day, May 2. A list of cases on the
docket for Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday was announced here to-
day as follows:May 2—Spokane Merchant as-
sociation vs. Goldilock; Sargent vs.
Pendleton Auto company; Winn vs.
Ransom; Farmers Bank vs. Ellis;
Silvers River adjudication; Smith
vs. Clark.May 3—Owyhee river adjudica-
tion; state vs. Wright; state vs.
Young; state vs. Wisdom; Wood
vs. David; Friavold vs. bank.May 4—Lee vs. Blockland; bank
vs. Miller; Fordham vs. Stearns;
Cunning vs. Locke; O. and W. com-
pany vs. Willoughby; Dunn vs.
Henderson.A threatening telephone call also
was received. Last night two sus-
picious appearing men loitered
near the apartment house, but they
left when police approached.This article, entitled "Is raw
milk safe for babies," have just
concluded. They occupied page
one position in The Telegram, sev-
eral days.Threaten Reporter
Who Wrote of MilkPORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—
Letters threatening Kenneth
Chil, reporter for the Portland
Telegram, who has just completed
a series of articles on Portland's
milk supply, have been shoved be-
neath the door of his apartment,
he reported to police.A threatening telephone call also
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TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia (AP)— R. H. E.
Boston 4 6 1
Philadelphia 12 17 2
Batteries: Robertson, Knight and
Taylor; Pruett, Jonnard and Wil-
son.AMERICAN LEAGUE
Philadelphia at Boston, post-
poned, cold weather.Ex-Russian Army
Officer Slaps
Kerensky's FaceCHICAGO, Apr. 25 (AP)—A
former officer of the Imperial
Russian army last night publicly
slapped the face of Alexander Ker-
ensky, first successor of the Czar.
It was the second incident of the
kind since Kerensky arrived in this
country.The insult, a stinging blow with
the right palm, was administered
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from the hotel. Kerenky refused
to prosecute.THREE SUICIDES
OVER WEEK ENDTwo Telephone Operators
Killed in plane Crash
At VancouverVANCOUVER, Wash., Apr. 25 (AP)—
Miss Harriet Franklin and
Mrs. Zola V. Schatz, both telephone
operators at Portland, were in-
stantly killed yesterday when an
airplane piloted by Danny Greco,
went into a spin and crashed nose
first to the ground near Pearson
field here yesterday afternoon.Greco was severely injured and
was taken to a hospital here.
While still in dangerous condition
he showed some improvement over
night.GRESHAM, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—
John Buntin, 72, bachelor, living
in Portland, shot himself to death
while on a visit at the ranch of his
sister, Mrs. Chris Madsinger, here
Saturday night, the coroner re-
ported. He had been ill and de-
pendent.VANCOUVER, Wash., Apr. 25 (AP)—
Andrew J. Birt, 34, of
Canas, whose wife obtained a di-
vorce some months ago, shot him-
self to death with a rifle at his
home yesterday.LONGVIEW, Wash., Apr. 25 (AP)—
The bodies of all of the
three cameramen who were drown-
ed in the Columbia river here
Thursday have been recovered.Dorothy Mackage
To Be ArrestedLOS ANGELES, Apr. 25 (AP)—
The state attorney general an-
nounced that indictment accom-
panied by orders for the arrest of
Dorothy Mackage, stage actress and
Dr. Walter Sullivan, Hollywood
physician, would be asked of the
county grand jury today.The request will be based upon
charges that the two conspired to
kill the actor, and that the true
facts in the death of Ray Ray-
mond, husband of the woman, and
musical comedy actor, the an-
nouncement said.The grand jury was called to in-
vestigate alleged evidence that
such "covering up" had been at-
tempted.Portland Man Is
Given Wohelo Rank