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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Generally fair, except unsettled in northwest portion tonight and Saturday. Cooler in east portion tonight.

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LARGE CROWD SEES DAIRY TRAIN HERE

Oregon and Washington Attendance Records Are Broken

WALLOWA, UNION OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Prospects for Dairy Industry in Two Counties Rosy—Train in Branch-Line Towns Today.

A total of 1045 persons viewed the Union Pacific-Oregon Agricultural college dairy demonstration special yesterday afternoon during its three-hour stop in La Grande, breaking all attendance records during the tour of Oregon or of Eastern Washington about three weeks ago.

The next largest attendance was at Dayton, Wash., where 1016 persons passed through the nine hundred and thirty-five people saw the train at Pendleton yesterday forenoon. It is expected that nearly 400 people viewed the train at Elgin last evening, 365 having passed through the train some time before the schedule called for departure for Wallowa county.

In La Grande tonight the train will return to La Grande from Wallowa county this evening and will be in the yards here all night, leaving for Union Junction early tomorrow morning and going from there to Haines and Baker.

H. E. Cooldige, as president of the Union county chamber of commerce, welcomed the train to La Grande yesterday. P. L. Ballard, state county agent, acted as chairman and introduced the various speakers, and told of the features of the train and its purpose.

Among the speakers were N. C. Jamison, extension specialist in dairying of the O. A. C., extension specialist in animal husbandry; C. C. Gignoux, assistant supervisor of agriculture of the U. S. system; George F. Peterson, president of the Portland stock yards; Ivan H. Loughery, northwest representative of the American Jersey cattle club; and J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner.

Mr. Gignoux at the end of his short talk introduced Miss Carmen Daniel, Union county winner of the Union Pacific scholarship last year and United States champion in Holstein calf club work, who spoke briefly.

Mr. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner, was one of the principal speakers of the afternoon. He told of the great possibilities in dairying in Union and Wallowa counties, saying that better conditions for dairying were not to be found in the state of Oregon, and told his audience what would be done if the farmer, the dairymen and the business men would work together.

Other speakers told what type of cattle made good dairy cattle and how a dairy herd could be

MORNING FIRE DAMAGES HOME ON S AVENUE

A house owned by Thomas Teorinus, Japanese, at 1907 S avenue, was partly destroyed by fire this morning, caused by an overheated cookstove. The flames, until controlled by the local fire department, ate out most of the back part of the house.

ERRORS AND DELAYS IN SERVICE

No distribution system is perfect—errors and delays are sure to occur once in a while wherever the human element enters into the situation. But frequent and repeated poor service is inexcusable.

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Rural Schools Closing Year's Work This Week

Attendance Records for Terms Generally Good, County Superintendent Sayre Reports.

Several of the rural schools of Union county are closing this year's work, a number of annual reports having been received by the county school superintendent's office here. La Grande schools will not close until May 29.

Reports have been received from Miss Ida Oliver, teacher of the Cunningham school; Miss Ivy Lamm, of the pumpkin ridge school; Mrs. Payne King, of Willow Creek school; and Miss Matilda Niggle, of the Byssan school.

Attendance records in the rural schools during the school year have been very good in spite of much illness during the winter.

Certificates have been sent out from the county school superintendent's office all during the school term to every student attending school 100 days without being either absent or tardy, which is probably one reason for the attendance increase.

Miss Oliver of Cunningham school reports that three of her pupils, Mildred and Mita Phillips, were neither absent nor tardy during the entire term.

County Court Is Upheld by Judge

Judge J. W. Knowles announced his decision in the inheritance tax case in regard to the T. H. Williams estate today. He affirmed the order of the county court, which makes it necessary for Ross McCoy, executor and principal defendant, to pay an inheritance tax of \$465.50, as ordered by the county court some time ago and appealed to the circuit court.

The amount inherited was \$7,555.95.

City and County Governments To Be Boys' Study

Just how city and county governments operate will be studied at this time next Wednesday as a special feature of boys' week. Furthermore the plans provide that for a day youth of La Grande will ride in the saddle.

On Tuesday, the civics class of Riveria, Greenwood and Central buildings will elect one city commissioner from each of the three buildings. This will be held under a vote conducted by principal and teacher. After the student commissioners are elected on Tuesday, they will be sworn in on Wednesday at 10 a. m. and with City Manager Greaves and their mentor, will study each department of city government.

That night, at the regular commission meeting, these student commissioners will sit at the table with the city clerk and learn more about government. At a later date each student commissioner will be expected to tell to his respective civics class all about it. Members of civics classes are expected to attend the commission meeting as spectators.

A county official will explain county government to the civics classes as a whole on the same day.

These unique arrangements having civics classes get in contact with city and county government have been worked out under the cooperation of H. E. Cooldige, president of the chamber of commerce, and Robert S. Eakin, chairman of the boys' committee of that body.

Strikes Woman And Gets 30-Day Term

Charles Winters, negro section foreman, was found guilty in municipal court last night of disturbing the peace and was sentenced to 30 days in jail and to pay a fine of \$25.

Winters, police said, struck a woman. He was placed under arrest yesterday at noon.

50 Witnesses To Testify At Trial

MIAMI, Okla., Apr. 29 (AP)—Close to fifty witnesses will be called by the state and the defense for the trial of Hugh De Autremont, alleged Shikany tunnel bandit-murderer, who goes on trial Monday at Jacksonville, charged with first degree murder of Coyle G. Johnson, former Ashland, Ore., burglar.

The youthful prisoner, as jaunty as ever, is manifesting a keen interest in the trial and welcomes it as a change from the tedium of close confinement.

MRS. SNYDER



Mrs. Ruth Snyder, central figure of the sensational New York murder, as she appears in the trial court at Long Island City. It is charged that she and Henry Judd Gray, once her lover, slew her husband, Albert.

TREKELL SLATED TO PITCH SUNDAY

La Grande and Baker to Meet Here in 4-Team League Opener

The La Grande team in the Union-Baker County league, which will make its debut here Sunday afternoon against Baker, has been practically selected, according to Hector McFarlane, manager. The team has been practicing this week and is expected to be in good shape for the opening contest.

Trekell is slated to pitch with Melanoe behind the bat. Knight will play third, Helm short, Hargrett second and first base has not been decided. Theison and Keown will probably start in the field, Benson, who formerly pitched for Baker, is another hurling prospect. Greer is expected to start in the box for Baker. Bates, another player well known here, is likely to hold down his old position at short.

Dr. Frank Eames Opening Offices

Dr. Frank Eames arrived in La Grande this week and will practice dentistry here in room 7 of the West-Jacobson building formerly occupied by Dr. C. B. Callhorn, for the past two years Dr. Eames has been practicing at Wallburg, Wash.

It is well known to many Union county people, having at one time made his home here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Eames of this city, and received both his grade school and high school education in Union county.

Umatilla Sheriff Arrests Glaspey

PENDLETON, Apr. 29 (AP)—M. M. Glaspey and William Elbecher are in the county jail here in lieu of \$1000 bail on charges of possession of a coil, following a raid by sheriff's officers late yesterday on a farm a half mile north of Hermiston. Two stiffs, eight barrels of mesh, 10 sacks of sugar and other paraphernalia were found in the basement. New construction work and excavation led officials to believe that the pair planned to dig their distilling oil on an extensive scale in an underground dugout connected with the basement. Glaspey is said to be at liberty in \$1250 bond from La Grande on a similar charge to come before the June term of court there.

Babe Ruth Swats Out Fourth Homer

BOSTON, Apr. 29 (AP)—Babe Ruth banged out his fourth home run of the season off Pitcher Hankins in the fifth inning of the Yankees' contest with the Boston Red Sox here today. None was on base.

Rotarians Return From Convention; Next Gathering To Be Held in Seattle

Nine members of the La Grande Rotary club attended the district convention held at Tacoma, Wash., the first of this week, which was attended by 1400 or 1500 rotarians from British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and the panhandle of Idaho.

The convention was very successful. P. L. Meyers, president of the local club, reports. He and Auditor Meyer, secretary of the La Grande club, returned to La Grande last evening.

CHIANG WILL DECLARE WAR; EYES HANKOW

80,000 Men to Be Sent in Expedition Against Nationalists

CHANG MAY CLOSE SOVIET CONSULATE

Sends General to Harbin to Arrange for Strengthening of Manchurian Frontier.

SHANGHAI, Apr. 29 (AP)—Chinese advice from Nanking say General Chiang Kai-Shek, moderate nationalist leader, has decided formally to declare war against the Hankow nationalists, and has ordered General Yang Sung to proceed against them with a punitive expedition of 80,000 men.

General Kai-Shek is reported in Chinese advice from Nanking to have routed an entire army of 5000 men under General Chen Chen. He is said to have disbanded all of Chen's troops and killed 20 of them, and also to have captured large bodies of troops at Wuhu, up the Yangtze from Nanking, and other towns.

These advices told of the cutting of the railway between Nanking and Kiating, it being explained that Chiang did this to prevent the escape of defeat for the radical section of the Cantonese, and an important defeat for the radical section of the Cantonese and the first step in Chiang's campaign to mete out punishment for the Nanking affair. Chen was in command of the Cantonese forces at Nanking during the outbreak which prompted the shelling by American and British warships anchored in the Yangtze. Before the arrival of Chiang at Nanking, he had in the direction of Hankow with his troops, apparently feeling he would be safer in Hankow than in Nanking.

PEKING, Apr. 29 (AP)—A Chinese general, under the direction of Marshal Chiang Tso-Lin, Manchurian war lord, has gone to Harbin to arrange for strengthening the Manchurian frontier defenses.

50 Teachers To Enroll in This Summer's Normal

About 55 teachers in La Grande have manifested their intentions of attending the summer normal school in La Grande this year providing state authorities grant this city the summer normal. Several teachers over the county probably 25 or 30—have also indicated that they will attend the summer normal.

The place where the summer normal is to be held will be decided tomorrow, when the state board of regents meets at Salem. A site for the Eastern Oregon normal school, to be built in La Grande, is expected to be decided upon at that time also.

Dam and Logs May Go Out Near Ione

IONE, Wash., Apr. 29 (AP)—One hundred men and practically every truck in the Callwell valley worked all night in what they feared was a useless attempt to save the dam holding millions of feet of logs belonging to the Pan-Handle Lumber company in the Pend Oreille river here.

Despite their efforts, they expected the dam to go out at any minute.

Today's Games

AMERICAN LEAGUE BOSTON (AP)—R. H. E. New York 9 12 1 Boston 6 5 2 Batteries: Ruthen and Collins; Harris, Langford, Southern and Hoffman, Hartley. CHICAGO (AP)—St. Louis, Chicago, postponed, rain. NATIONAL LEAGUE BROOKLYN (AP)—R. H. E. Philadelphia 9 4 1 Brooklyn 7 10 9 Batteries: Scott, Taber and Wilson; Elliott, Ulrich and Hargraves. NEW YORK (AP)—R. H. E. Boston 3 5 6 New York 10 12 6 Batteries: Edwards, McGriffe and Taylor; McQuillan, Henry and Hamby. PITTSBURGH (AP)—Chicago, Pittsburgh, postponed, wet grounds. ST. LOUIS (AP)—Cincinnati, St. Louis, postponed, rain.

M. I. A. Contests Will Be Held in Tabernacle Here

Public Speaking, Singing, Drama and Dancing to Be Featured in Union-La Grande Program.

Each year the Mutual Improvement association of the Latter Day Saints church sponsors contests in public speaking, singing, drama, and other features of that type, beginning with inter-state contests and ending with the grand finals, which are held in Salt Lake City.

The La Grande first ward's local elimination contest will be this evening with Union, the program to begin at 8 o'clock in the L. D. S. tabernacle.

The numbers to be contested are: Soprano solo, "Solvang's Song" by Origo, which will be sung by Doris Warner; contralto solo, "Serenade" by Schubert, Myrtle Russell; baritone solo, "Call of Spring" by George P. Hulston, Elwood Hilt and Moser; young men's public speaking, "The Sermon of the Rose," by Hansel, Mesdames R. M. Rogers and E. McManus and Elwood Gwilliams and Ted Christiansen; male quartet, "Prayer Perfect" by Stensrud, Marion Stoddard, Wilford Stoddard, Elwood Hilt and Leo Moser; young men's public speaking, "The Sermon of the Rose," by Ted Christiansen; young women's public speaking, "Self Improvement," Lucille Metcalf, and women's three part chorus, 12 members, "The Swan" by Saint-Saens.

Meet Baker Next Week The singing contestants in tonight's program will meet with Baker next week, the winners from that contest to meet with Imbler on the annual M. I. A. day program will meet with the Boise, Ida., winners on May 13, with the grand finals in Salt Lake City.

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AUTOMOBILE MAN BLACKMAIL VICTIM

E. A. Dunham, Klamath Falls, Accuses Wrestler, Wife, of Extortion

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Apr. 29 (AP)—E. A. Dunham, pioneer automobile man of Klamath Falls, is in a local hospital with a broken arm and minor injuries and Harry Walsh, wrestler, and his wife, are in jail on an open charge following the alleged attempt to extort \$10,000 from the well-to-do local business man.

Dunham announced today that he would file charges of blackmail against Mr. and Mrs. Walsh. The pair will be brought before a magistrate this morning.

Two checks written by Dunham, one for \$425 and the other for \$575, and a bill of sale for one of Dunham's cars were found on Walsh.

Well-laid Plot Dunham holds that he is the dupe of a well-laid blackmail plan. He told police of how he first met the Walshes when they brought a request to his garage, of how Mrs. Walsh called him up later to have packages delivered, and of how last night she asked him to bring a car up for demonstration purposes.

Mrs. Walsh, Dunham said, insisted upon him entering the house. He refused. While they were talking, Walsh stepped out from behind a tree and grabbed Dunham.

Broke His Arm "First he demanded \$10,000 but finally said he would take \$1000 and the car," Dunham replied. "All this time he was twisting my left arm up behind my back. Finally it snapped."

"I wrote the checks and gave him the bill of sale for the car," Dunham soon after got in touch with police, told his story and the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. Walsh followed soon after. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh denied participating in a blackmail scheme.

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Both Defendants in Murder Trial Accuse Each Other of Crime

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VIVID STORY IS GIVEN TO JURORS

Domestic Troubles of the Snyders and Her Affair with Lover Aired in New York Court.

QUEENS COUNTY COURT HOUSE, N. Y., Apr. 29 (AP)—Mrs. Ruth Snyder and her former lover, Henry Judd Gray, turned upon each other at the Snyder murder trial today, each charging the other with the whole guilt in the murder of the woman's husband, Albert Snyder.

The defense in the trial was started with opening statement of counsel for Mrs. Snyder, widow of the victim and co-defendant with Henry Judd Gray.

The opening was made by Edgar P. Hazelton for Mrs. Snyder. He immediately announced that Mrs. Snyder would take the stand in her own defense.

"First we will show you," he said, "that the defendant Snyder married her husband when she was very young and after Snyder's first fiancée had died. He did not forget that first woman. He even named his boat for her, the 'Jessie Gearhardt'."

"Only three months after the marriage he repudiated Ruth Snyder and said that if his first love had lived would never have married this defendant.

"Hickering started but she remained faithful and bore that man a child to try to bring back love into that home.

"Hickering grew worse and worse. He was a good provider but love was not in his heart.

"Mrs. Snyder, however, though she may have gone out with men, morally was faithful until she met Henry Judd Gray, who found her a fit tool for his nefarious plans."

Accused Gray "showed affection such as she had never known" on Mrs. Snyder and she

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Freedom from the murder charge today found the middle aged dentist facing the very real problem of providing for his family of five which had become destitute during the trial. His wife, Alice, early this week applied for—and received—aid from the county for herself and her four children.

Dr. Dobbs received the verdict of acquittal in the calm manner which characterized his appearance in the court room during the long trial.

"I knew I was innocent and I wasn't worried," he explained.

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PLANE CARRIER MOTOR EXPLODES

Langley Paralyzed by the Blast—Vessel, Is in No Danger of Sinking

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (AP)—An explosion of the electric motor on the airplane carrier Langley at sea today paralyzed all electrical machinery aboard the navy department was informed by radio. There were no casualties in the ship's personnel.

The accident occurred at 7 o'clock this morning while the Langley was proceeding with the fleet off New York. A two hundred kilowatt generator exploded, carrying away the main injection line, cutting the auxiliary exhaust and steam lines completely.

Although the ship was said to be taking water slightly, the dispatch said she was in no danger. After the explosion the vessel anchored half a mile from Ambrose light. Later she will be towed to New York for repairs.

The Langley is the flagship of the six forces of the fleet. She is commanded by Commander John H. Towers.

Although the navy department officials were unable to estimate the extent of the damage, it appeared doubtful to engineer experts whether repairs could be made in time for the ship to participate in the joint army-navy maneuvers scheduled to begin May 15 off Narragansett.

LAW OFFICERS MEET ROSELBERG, Apr. 29 (AP)—The annual conference of the Southern Oregon law enforcement officers was held in Roseburg last night with approximately 75 officers present. The association includes all state, county and city police officers as well as the traffic and game officials.

Lita Applies For Temporary Alimony

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 29 (AP)—Lita Grey Chaplin today applied to superior court for temporary alimony pending trial of her divorce suit against Charles Spencer Chaplin.

Under cross examination by Gay in McNab, chief of Chaplin's counsel, as to her purchase of \$8,000 worth of clothes just before she left her husband last November, the 18-year-old film comedienne's wife said "when my husband gave other people diamond bracelets I thought I had a right to buy a few clothes."

THE FLOODED REGION



This map shows the vast area affected by the Mississippi valley floods. The shaded areas indicate inundated regions.

FLOOD WATER RUSHES INTO LEVEE BREAK

Thousand Foot Crevasse Blasted in Effort to Save New Orleans

WAR-LIKE SCENES SEEN ALONG DYKE

Eight Hundred Square Miles of Plantations to Be Inundated—Owners Get Damages.

ON THE MISSISSIPPI LEVEE, NEAR VIOLET, La., Apr. 29 (AP)—A break in the dykes here holding the Mississippi flood waters at bay made at 2:15 p. m. Central time today by state engineers.

Dynamite blasted away a stretch of the dykes one thousand feet long releasing the surging waters in the hope that New Orleans would escape from the flood moving down the river from the vast inundated area to the northward.

NEW ORLEANS, Apr. 29 (AP)—Ancient plantations bordering a field made famous more than a century ago by a feat of American arms were dedicated today to the raging waters of the Mississippi.

By this sacrifice it was hoped that New Orleans, greatest of American cities and the metropolis of the south, might be saved from the fate of more than a score of towns to the northward now buried under waters let loose in the greatest flood in the history of the nation.

War-like scenes were presented as plans went forward for the first deliberate cutting of the levee which the control of the father of waters was undertaken by this system of dykes nearly half a century ago.

Like a Battle Field Long before the zero hour of noon, armed soldiers of the state of Louisiana began patrolling the breakwaters built against a mighty river's assault, armed craft moved out from the levee, and the planes and dirigibles of the navy of them equipped, however, with anything more dangerous than a camera.

With the crack of dawn a detachment of the national guard marched to the scene selected for the break at Poydras, ten miles south of New Orleans and spread out fan-wise to give a line warning to the few hundred residents of the territory who had failed to heed early admonitions to abandon their homes for safe ground in or near New Orleans. Other soldiers guarded the roads from this city and three hours before noon the highways were cleared and the area within two miles of the location of the break was closed to traffic. Only those bearing military passes were admitted within the cordon of troops and such passes were extremely difficult to obtain. Careful plans for creation of the crevasse had been prepared by state engineers in consultation with officers of U. S. army engineers corps, but they were jealously guarded for reasons which were not disclosed.

1000-Foot Break Word did not get in advance, however, that the break would be one thousand feet long, between the parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemine.

The purpose was to loosen the massive levee along that stretch by the use of dynamite in many small charges, thus leaving to the force of the flood waters the completion of the breach which is expected to reduce the level of the water here approximately three feet in from three to six days.

Extraordinary precautions were taken to prevent accident and insure the safety of all those who might be within the restricted area. Orders issued from the first state military district provided that after the engineers' tug had signaled that preparations for the blasting were completed an interval of 15 minutes would be allowed for the removal of troops from the danger zone and for a warning to ascertain if the area was clear of civilians.

The plane's signal of "all clear" was three white sheets of paper released at short intervals. That, too, was the signal for the firing of the blasts by means of an electric "gun" operated on the state engineer's tug, thus releasing the waters which eventually were expected to inundate about 800 square miles before draining off into the gulf.

Marked Contrast The animation and bustle at Poydras was in marked contrast to the scenes enacted at the concentration camps at the army base here where hundreds of the several thousands forced from their homes in the two southeastern parishes were gathered. Silently from early morn they counted the hours until the flood waters would be released to rush across country inundating the homes where their life interest lay; where they had lived and worked and where they

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