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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Local frosts in the interior tonight. Warmer Tuesday.

CITY TO AID
IN PREPARING
NORMAL SITE

Agreement Made Saturday with State Regents for Additional Land

RAPID GROWTH IS TO BE EXPECTED

Bond Issue Will Be Presented to Citizens—Architect Presents Early Plans at Meeting.

A. T. Hill, president of the city commission, who attended the Saturday meeting of the Oregon board of normal school regents in Salem at which time selection of a site for the Eastern Oregon normal school at La Grande was made, returned yesterday morning and today outlined in brief the agreements reached with the regents in reference to placing the site—about two blocks east of the court house—in readiness for construction of buildings and landscaping.

Arrangements were made whereby the city will purchase and donate to the board of regents 9.2 acres of land south of the site, between the site and the Masonic cemetery bounded by H. Twelfth, I and Eighth streets. The city secured an option on this property some time ago.

Rapid Growth Expected
Mr. Miller, of Albany, explained why the regents desired additional acreage, stating that they expect the Eastern Oregon normal school to enjoy rapid growth and that it is more desirable to acquire the property now than to wait until it had been improved and would command a higher price.

Mr. Hill reports that he is gratified at the agreement reached at the board meeting and states that the work of the city will be required to do will not involve a large outlay of cash. Actually, it will be much less than the city commission anticipated as a desirable site.

The city will do the necessary grading on top of the hill to make the property conform to the plan of the architect and will cover exposed gravel with good soil suitable for propagation of lawns and growth of shrubbery; will continue Eighth street through to the south end of I street, and will make all necessary sewer and water extensions and connections to amply supply the school.

To Present Bond Issue
The city also agrees to present to La Grande citizens a bond issue for the purpose of constructing a boulevard around the brow of the hill from Eighth street to a point to be designated by the architect. The proposed boulevard would be approximately 16 feet in width. If

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BUFFINGTON TO
FACE JURY ON
LIQUOR CHARGE

Guy (Pete) Buffington and Joe Sellers, arrested by officers from the sheriff's office on a charge of operating a distillery, were given a hearing this morning in the justice of the peace court and each were bound over to the grand jury under \$750 bonds.

The two were arraigned last Saturday at which time their hearing was set for this morning and they were released under bond of the same amount.

Buffington and Sellers were arrested Saturday morning at six o'clock just east of the Pierce farm near the spot where M. M. Glaspey was arrested and a complete moonshining outfit taken some time ago.

The two were operating a complete 50-gallon still which was confiscated, according to the officers, along with seven barrels of mash and 10 gallons of finished moonshine.

ERRORS
AND DELAYS
IN SERVICE

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First Program
Of Music Week
Attracts Crowd

"Life of Christ," Sacred Concert, Presented—La Grande Churches Co-operate.

The first program in observance of Music Week, which began yesterday and will end Sunday, May 8, was given last evening in the First Presbyterian church before a large audience, the church being filled to capacity.

"The Life of Christ," a sacred concert, was the program. Lois Swagart McLean, of Walla Walla, Wash., was the reader; Faye Price Stagg, of Walla Walla, the harpist; Florence Lynch Miller, soprano, vocalist, and Mrs. Harley H. Richardson, the organist.

The program started with an organ prelude played by Mrs. Richardson, followed by "Invocation in G," by the organ, harp and violin. The Rev. J. George Walz then gave the invocation, which was followed by a harp solo. Following the harp solo the reader began the story of the life of Christ, which was given in scriptural quotations from the Bible. Her story started with "In the Beginning" and ended with the "Crucifixion and Ascension." The story was interspersed with vocal and harp solos, the reader also being accompanied by the harp during part of her story.

The program ended with the song "Gloria," benediction and the organ postlude.

Churches Co-operate
There were no evening services at the Baptist, Episcopal, First Methodist Episcopal, or Lutheran churches last evening, the four churches cooperating with the First Presbyterian church in the Music Week program, which was sponsored by the Monday Musical of the Neighborhood club.

A large crowd also gathered at the Salvation Army hall last night to hear Commandant Olive Childers, Colonel M. S. Ivanhoe introduced the speaker as Olive Childers, who is known and loved by all La Grande pioneers. The Salvation Army in La Grande credits much of its success to her untiring efforts.

She reviewed briefly some of the early experiences of the Salvation Army work here, reminding her audience that some 20 young people now engaged in active religious work as Salvation Army officers, ministers and missionaries have gone to their life work from the Salvation Army corps here.

Paul Knutsen sang a song to the tune of "The Sunshine in Your Smile," the words of which were composed by Ensign Ronald Everhard, a former La Grande boy, now stationed in Portland.

Observes Boys' Week
Most of the churches of the city observed Boys' Week in their morning services yesterday. At the Christian church the young people occupied the center of the church and had a part in the program. Miss Bevil Jones led in the responsive reading and Mrs. Ava Williams sang "Somebody Did a Golden Deed." All of the young people sang "Have Thine Own Way Lord," after which they repeated the first Psalm. The message of the morning, which was especially for the young people, was given

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DIRECTORATE OF
Rotary Club Is
Elected Today

The La Grande Rotary club devoted its program today to observance of boys' week, to receiving reports of the district conference sessions held in Tacoma, Wash., last week, and to election of a board of directors.

Council Ian MacKenzie, of the La Grande high school, presented observations of boys' week.

President P. L. Meyers, A. T. Hill, Dr. W. P. Phay, G. L. Dutton, W. W. Nussbaum, G. S. Birnie, Sherwood Williams and Andrew Playle reported on the Tacoma meeting.

The Rev. George Walz, new pastor of the Presbyterian church, also spoke briefly.

Elected Directors
Directors elected were J. T. Longfellow, A. R. Bowen, S. D. Crowe, G. S. Birnie, F. B. Appleby, Dr. Lee Bouvy and W. C. Perkins.

Plan Boy Program
For Tuesday Lunch

Boys' week will be observed by the Union county chamber of commerce tomorrow noon at its regular forum luncheon at the Sommer hotel. The program is under the direction of Robert S. Bakka, chairman of the boys' committee. C. E. Eberhard will talk on "Physical Education in the Schools." W. W. Nussbaum will speak on "Boys and Music in the Schools." and E. Russell Scott will talk on "Boy Scout Work in the Eastern Oregon Tri-County Council."

In addition to the talks there will be two musical numbers. E. L. Towler will sing a solo and Irving Zundel will play a violin solo.

—"AND I LIKE
KIDS"

I like men.
They stride about.
They reach in their pockets
And pull things out.

They look important.
They rock on their toes.
They lose all the buttons
Off of their clothes.

They throw away pipes.
They find them again.
Men are queer creatures.
I like men.
Dorothy E. Reed, in Poetry.

I like girls.
They like to bluff.
All they have in their purse
Is a powder-puff.

They look so attractive.
They walk on their toes.
They're always complaining
They have no clothes.

One week they are bobbed.
The next they have curls.
Girls are queer blinches.
I like girls.
W. A. O'Neill in Conning Tower, New York World.

I like kids.
They don't bluff.
They keep in their pockets
All sorts of stuff.

They look at you straight
And tell you the fact.
They never complain
Are unspooled by tact.

Life is mostly for fun.
They ride through on skids.
More than men or girls
I like kids.
M. E. P. in Editor and Publisher.

LA GRANDE HIGH
DEFEATS UNIONWins 12 First Places in
County Meet—Lyman
Vaults 11 Feet

La Grande high school won the fifth annual Union county track and field meet at Union Saturday afternoon, scoring 112½ points to Union's 35½. Athletes from other county schools failed to enter.

The Tigers, without Sam and Charlton, were victorious in 12 out of 14 events and made clean sweeps in the pole vault, the discus and the high jump.

Only one record was broken, that in the vault when Lyman cleared 11 feet after winning the event at 10. Lyman also attempted to break the high jump record but failed.

Good Times
Good times were made in several events, including the mile, which Anson won in 15:32. Cox of Union, heaved the lead 11 foot 2 inches. Hutchinson, of Union, threw the javelin 140 feet 5 inches, bettering Hank's attempt by two feet.

The meet was run off in discouraging weather, ranging from strong winds at the beginning to cold and rain and the event was completed. The weather was not conducive to record breaking, performances and made it impossible to better standing marks in several events.

Kekker High Point Man
Kekker's performance was one of the high spots of the day. He was high point man with 16½ points, made by winning first in the "yard dash, the 220-yard dash, the discus and being a member of the winning relay team. Lyman and Cox tied for second with 15 points each.

Newlin won the quarter mile in fairly fast time and Davis had no trouble at all in the half mile.

One of the best races of the day was the low hurdles, which Price won from Cox of Union, in the last 1½ yards.

Saturday the annual Eastern Oregon meet will be held in Baker.

Summary
100-yard dash: Keffer (L), Cox (U), Price (L), Cheney (U), Time 19.4 seconds.
220-yard dash: Keffer (L), Cox (U).

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Aggie Relay Team
Due Here Tonight

The Oregon Agricultural college relay team, which won the four-mile relay event over Oklahoma and Wisconsin at the Drake relay carnival in Des Moines, Ia., Saturday afternoon, will pass through La Grande this evening on train No. 25 en route home to Corvallis. Local alumni and O. A. C. students will greet them at the train.

The personnel of the team is: Bell, Knifton, Sisson and Clayton, accompanied by their coach, Dad Butler.

Enterprise Firm
Buys Timber Land

PORTLAND, Ore., May 2 (AP)—The East Oregon Lumber company of Enterprise, Ore., was high bidder on 2,135,000 feet of timber on Mud Creek, in Walla Walla national forest, when bids were opened by the forest service today. The price offered on pine was \$2.15 a thousand and on other species 50c.

LOCAL RATES
REDUCED BY
FIRE BUREAU

Saving Estimated at from \$38,000 to \$40,000 in Business District

EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 1, 1927

Cut Is Result of Addition of Pumper Truck and Four Paid Firemen to Fire Department.

The new fire insurance ratings for La Grande for 1927 have arrived and, in the business section, reductions in insurance premiums of from five to ten per cent are listed. It is announced today. Residential rates remain unchanged.

The total cut, it is believed, will save La Grande business men from \$38,000 to \$40,000 annually. The reduction applies to all policies issued in 1927 and policy holders who secured insurance on Jan. 1 or thereafter are eligible for the benefits of the new ratings.

The rates are issued annually by the Oregon Insurance Rating bureau. The reductions are the results of a survey held here during March when local conditions were investigated and studied by rating experts.

The reason for the reduction in La Grande is the increased efficiency and strength of the fire department. A new pumper truck and four paid firemen have been added to the department and this is responsible for the change in rates. The residential rates were reduced two years ago, when the bureau removed the charge for dwelling house exposures.

Clean-Up Week
To Be Observed;
City Makes Plans

Beginning today and until Sunday, May 8, is clean-up week in La Grande, and all residents of the city and business houses are urged to clean up, paint up and generally improve the appearance of their property. A special effort is being made to get all rubbish hauled away and the yards cleaned up during the week.

Buttons for clean-up week have been obtained by the chamber of commerce here and may be had by the school children of the city upon calling at the office.

Ed Donohue Wins
Legion Hope Chest

Ed Donohue won the hope chest prepared by the Ladies' auxiliary of the American Legion, which was given away Saturday night at 9 o'clock by Hugh E. Brady, legion commander, who won the chest at the first drawing Wednesday night at Legion hall.

The attention of the people on the streets was attracted to the corner of Adams and Depot streets by the sound of two bugles, where the drawing was made by W. C. Crews, city manager.

PIONEER DIES

PORTLAND, Ore., May 2 (AP)—May E. Teal, Oregon pioneer, died here yesterday at her home, aged 97. At the age of 23 she came to the Oregon country across the plains with her parents. She was the mother of Joseph N. Teal, Henry Teal, Helen Teal, of Portland, and George Teal of Seattle.

May Term of Court Will Open In
Wallowa County Monday Morning

ENTERPRISE, May 2. (Special)—The regular term of the Wallowa county circuit court opens here Monday morning, May 2. The following is the list of jurors for the term: Duane Lathrop, Wallowa, farmer; J. H. Buchanan, Joseph, farmer; G. H. Bosley, Bartlett, merchant; O. L. Berland, Paradise, farmer; A. C. Haggerty, Enterprise, farmer; A. C. Blevins, Joseph, farmer; H. C. Beggs, Wallowa, farmer.

J. H. Wilcox, Enterprise, farmer; Guy Skaggs, Enterprise, merchant; Albert Morgan, Imnaha, stockman; Hugh Daugherty, Wallowa, farmer; R. P. Knipper, Joseph, farmer; D. E. Sherry, Enterprise, laborer; Lawrence Bovee, Enterprise, clerk; J. R. Wagner, Enterprise, clerk; Otto Bulley, Enterprise, farmer; J. A. Whitman, Joseph, farmer.

Harley W. Hamilton, Joseph, clerk; A. G. Butlerfield, Enterprise, stockman; Tom Marks, Imnaha, farmer; W. C. Kade, Enterprise, farmer; J. R. Lewis, Lostine, farmer; Ralph Hays, Joseph, farmer; Homer Hayes, Joseph, farmer; Earl Sherod, Wallowa, farmer; J. P. Farrell, Enterprise, druggist; E. H. Hinton, Lewis, stockman; H. M. Vaughn, Wallowa, barber; D. L. Read, Enterprise, farmer; Delbert

JACKSONVILLE
TRIAL OPENS
THIS MORNING

Hugh De Autremont Facing Charge of Murder of S. P. Brakeman

HISTORIC COURT ROOM IS CROWDED

Defendant, Accompanied by Mother, Appears Nervous as Attorneys Examine Jury Panel

COURT HOUSE, JACKSONVILLE, Ore., May 2 (AP)—With nearly half the jury selected shortly after court reconvened this afternoon, nothing had transpired to alter the opinion of attorneys for the state and defense that the work of jury selection would be over by tomorrow night and the hearing of evidence would begin on Wednesday.

At the opening of the afternoon session of court the following jurors had been accepted by both state and defense: Mrs. Lina McKee, Joseph, Hubbard, Chester Wendt and R. L. Ray. P. B. Sandoz had been excused because of deafness and Edward Kinney was seventh juror called.

COURT HOUSE JACKSONVILLE, Ore., May 2 (AP)—In the historic old court house in Jacksonville where the first murder trial in Southern Oregon was held four years before the firing on Fort Sumpter, the trial of Hugh De Autremont, 22-year-old soldier, for the murder of Coyle O. Johnson, brakeman on the Southern Pacific train number 12, on the 11th of October, 1925, started at 9:20 this morning.

Hundreds of murder trials have been held in this old brick building which was erected by the early pioneers in 1852, but never before has such a crowd gathered to attend any trial, as that which first appeared shortly after sunrise this morning and filled the court room for an hour before the start of the trial was scheduled.

Accompanied by Mother
Although De Autremont is to be tried only for the murder of Johnson, the murders of three other ladies, Engineer Sydney Bates, Florence Martin Scott and Mail Clerk Daugherty, resulting from this sensational holdup in the Skaggs will be introduced into the evidence, because Johnson was the last man killed, the state maintains and the other deaths will be held pertinent to establish the motive.

Hugh De Autremont, 22, his blue serge suit freshly cleaned and an early morning shave, performed by the village barber, left the jail to the clerk of many carmen and was escorted to the court

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La Grande Man Is
Seeking Daughter

PORTLAND, Ore., May 2 (AP)—George L. Belcher, now in La Grande, is seeking the daughter who, he says, he lost through the channels of the Tonopah, Nevada, Times.

"She failed to give her address," he writes to The Telegram. "I have written two letters to her, care of general delivery, Portland, which have been returned. Can you locate her?"

The daughter, Isabelle Belcher, is in Portland, he says. They have not seen each other since June, 1921.

Girl Gives Life
But Man, 67, Drowns

SPOKANE, Wash., May 2. (AP)—Miss Irene Jackson, 22, heroically gave her life yesterday because she refused to swim ashore and desert Patrick J. Dowling, 67, after the rowboat in which they were riding with C. H. Wells on Hayden lake near here, was swamped.

Dowling also was drowned but Wells was rescued two and a half hours after the accident, delirious and exhausted, clinging to the overturned boat.

The girl and Wells were expert swimmers and could easily have reached shore but they refused to leave Dowling. The three clung to the boat for two hours before Dowling and the girl were swept away by the waves. Wells was too exhausted to aid them.

Patterson Speaks
At Wardens' Meet

SALEM, Ore., May 2. (AP)—A two days convention of state fire wardens opened at the state capitol here this morning with a short speech by Governor I. L. Patterson. There were some 30 men present at the opening session.

SHE DIDN'T HESITATE—ARE YOU?

POWERFUL RAY
PRODUCES LIFE

University of Chicago Scientists Hatch Eggs with New Machine

CHICAGO, May 2. (AP)—The Herald and Examiner today said that two University of Chicago scientists had been successful in experiments to produce living organisms by ultra-violet rays.

A live fish was produced, the newspaper said, by placing a fish egg under powerful ultra-violet rays for five to ten minutes. In this manner, the account added, Dr. Ralph Little and Dr. M. A. Hinrichs, who conducted the tests, created life without the male sperm.

"We placed the eggs of the sea urchin under the rays of the ultra-violet light machine for from five to ten minutes, and the egg became a swimming fish larva," Dr. Hinrichs said. "This eliminated the male entirely."

Other Experiments
The same experiment was performed on starfish and a number of other lower animals. Curious deformities were produced by placing the embryo chicken under the ultra-violet radiation. The chick grew to have one eye and a heart broken up into several pieces, each of which was found to be pulsating independently. These deformities were caused by the powerful effects of the rays.

The experiments were most successful in the fertilization of the sea urchin and starfish," Dr. Hinrichs said.

Seeks Origin of Life

In a quest for the origin of life, started 25 years ago by the late Jacques Loeb, then at the University of Chicago, experiments finally produced the fertilization of an egg in a super-salt chemical solution.

Mrs. Ruth Snyder
Cross Examined
In Murder Trial

QUEENS COUNTY COURT HOUSE, N. Y., May 2 (AP)—For three hours this morning Mrs. Ruth Snyder fought from the witness stand against the thundering examination of two lawyers seeking to send her to the electric chair for the murder of her husband.

One lawyer represented the state and the other acted for Mrs. Snyder. The latter, who, she says, is solely guilty just as he lays the entire blame on her.

But for one brief flurry of tears, the blonde widow was in command of herself.

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Flying Timber Is
Cause of Death

PORTLAND, Ore., May 2. (AP)—Struck over the heart by a flying timber today, Fred H. Clous, 35, an employee of Frank Schmidt's planing mill, died in an ambulance en route to a hospital.

Clous had stopped to adjust a belt on a piece of machinery when the timber, a 2x4 about six feet long, flew loose and struck him in the chest.

KAY ENDS TRIP

SALEM, Ore., May 2. (AP)—State Treasurer T. B. Kay returned to this city yesterday from Southern California where he spent a vacation of three weeks.

77 Entombed In
Mine; Rescue Men
Nearing Prison

FAIRMONT, W. Va., May 2. (AP)—Pushing through narrow, choked and debris-strewn passages, helmeted rescue workers today hoped to learn the fate of 77 men entombed following an explosion in the Fairmont mine of the New England Fuel and Transportation company.

It was believed by rescue workers they 700 feet more had to be penetrated before reaching the area where the men were thought to have been working at the time of the blast, in which 16 men are known to have been killed and seven injured. Nine escaped unhurt.

Fire Follows Blast
A fire followed the explosion, which occurred Saturday afternoon, and rescue workers were forced to divide their attention between actual rescue work and attempts to locate and choke the blaze.

While the rescue squads edged forward, relatives and friends of the entrapped workers maintained a vigil at the entrance of the mine, clinging hopefully to the expressed belief by experts that at least some of the men still live.

Two companies of West Virginia national guards were entombed near the mine assisting in rescue work and aiding a squad of 25 state policemen to maintain order. Two more companies of guardsmen were ordered to report at the mine today.

Bodies recovered from the mine were badly burned and mangled, significant of the force of the blast.

Spreading to East

The flood along the Yazoo river in Mississippi also was spreading westward but a somewhat improved situation was reported in southeastern Arkansas with Arkansas river slowly falling and the flood waters through three breaks moving rapidly over into Northern Louisiana.

There was no change in the situation at New Orleans, the river gauge standing stationary at 29.7 feet, due, engineers said, to the rapid flow of water through the artificial crevasse at Caernarvon, 15 miles south, which was widened again today by use of more dynamite.

Serious situations were threatened along the Atchafalaya in Southern Louisiana, on the Ouachita, in Northeastern Louisiana and on the Red river below Alexandria, La. The Red had risen half a foot at that place while at Monroe the Ouachita showed a rise of three-fourths of a foot. Rescue and relief work in Louisiana is well organized and John M. Parker, flood director, said he anticipated little

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TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO (AP)—Cincinnati, Chicago, postponed, rain.

BOSTON (AP)—Philadelphia, Boston, postponed, rain.