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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Occasional rains to-day and tonight. Cooler in the interior tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy with moderate temperature.

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TOT DROWNED
IN IRRIGATING
DITCH HEREBody of 3-Year-Old Boy
Found 100 Feet Down-
stream from BridgeDEAD SOME TIME
WHEN DISCOVEREDLad Believed to Have
Fallen into Stream of
Swift Water While En
Route Home.

The little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer, 308 Harrison street, was drowned at about 12:30 o'clock this afternoon in an irrigating ditch, which runs through the Palmer place.

The little boy was missed for about an hour, when his body was found in the ditch, about 100 feet from a foot bridge, from which he apparently fell into the swift water, which carried him down stream.

Was to See Neighbors
He had gone to the neighbors some time before and must have been on the way home when he fell into the ditch.

Doctors were called immediately, but there was no life left in the little body. He is thought to have been in the water about three-quarters of an hour.

The body was taken to the Snodgrass and Zimmerman funeral service parlor.

UNION PACIFIC
OFFERS RATES
FOR TOURISTS

The Union Pacific system on May 22 will put into effect special low round trip summer tourist fares to western points from this territory, according to an announcement made today by local U. P. railroad officials.

September 20 will be the final date on which the summer tickets may be bought. Liberal stopover privileges are permitted. It is said.

The usual summer tourist rate to Atlantic seaboard towns such as New York, is \$148.45 for the round trip from the "Inland Empire" region including Spokane and neighboring cities.

To Chicago and return the special fare will be \$85.05.

Miss Case To Give
Demonstration Here

Miss Lucy A. Case, nutrition specialist from the Oregon Agricultural college, will be in La Grande tomorrow, May 4, from 10 o'clock in the morning to 3:30 in the afternoon, and will conduct the second of her series of nutrition lectures at Lane chapel.

The meetings are under the auspices of the La Grande parent-teacher associations. The first one was held at Lane chapel about a month ago.

Tomorrow morning Miss Case will demonstrate how to make 15 different kinds of salads. In the afternoon she will talk on the health of mothers and children.

A public lunch will be served at 12 o'clock. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

Carpenters' Union
To Give Banquet

The La Grande carpenters' union will give a banquet this evening at Eagles hall, to which all contractors of the city are invited. The regular meeting of the union will be held in the union hall preceding the banquet, which will be at 8 o'clock.

The meeting will start at 7:30 o'clock.

INTOUCH
WITH 3000
FAMILIES

Imagine the difficulty and expense of reaching over 2000 families in the La Grande territory with a message if the Observer were not available to business firms wishing to serve those families!

An audience of over twelve thousand people on whose buying power depends the business activity of the community—and contact can be maintained with that audience each day at a cost of less than \$3,000 per reader. By no other method can such high reader-interest be had at such a small reader-cost. You can therefore readily understand the constant preference for The Observer by business firms who insist that their advertising money be an investment in sales returns.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Company E Given
One of Highest
Ratings in StateFederal Inspection Re-
ports Rank La Grande
Unit's Showing "Very
Satisfactory."

The La Grande unit of the Oregon national guard is rated in regimental headquarters as one of the top-notch companies in the state.

This is the result of the federal inspection held earlier in the year, reports of which have just been received.

Company E's rating was "very satisfactory" which is one of the highest marks that is given and it is one of the few units in Oregon that received such a rating.

General White Sends Praise
Brigadier General George White wrote to Captain G. L. Dutton, commanding officer of the local guard, "In transmitting this report the commanding general desires to express to you and through you to those in your organization his appreciation and commendation for the conscientious application to duty that resulted in the rating of very satisfactory."

Headquarters Pleased
From headquarters of the Ninth Corps area, Colonel Edgar A. Sirmeyer, in charge of national guard affairs in the Ninth Corps area, wrote: "The commanding general is gratified with the very satisfactory rating awarded your organization by the inspector."

This is the first time Company E has received a "very satisfactory" rating.

ASKS LA GRANDE
TO DONATE \$500Red Cross Headquarters
Sends Urgent Wire—
Salvation Army Helps

A telegram was received this morning by Mrs. Rena Palmer, chairman of the Union county chapter of the American Red Cross, from William Carl Hunt, of Red Cross headquarters at San Francisco, asking that La Grande donate \$500 for the Mississippi flood victims.

The telegram follows: "Upon recommendation of Hoover and acting national chairman of the Red Cross, who have just returned from the disaster area, the central committee of the National Red Cross have decided that in view of the vast increase in the flooded area emergency relief of ten million dollars, which means doubling original quotas of each chapter. A few chapters were not given definite quotas because of inactive conditions. Yours is included. However, because of the unprecedented emergency we urgently request you to raise five hundred dollars for your community."

Must Raise \$100

Arrangements have also been made in Oregon whereby all money collected by the Salvation Army will be credited the state's Red Cross quota. Actually, as a result of this, \$46 which has been collected by the local Salvation Army chapter will go toward La Grande's \$500 quota totaling only \$444 to be raised. Eleven dollars were donated to army kettles Saturday and the local Elks' lodge gave \$25.

The Salvation Army is also sending out an appeal for clothing, coats, bedding, etc., which will go directly to the stricken area. Envoys and Mrs. J. C. Barker today explained that every cent given goes direct to the flooded districts and that not a single cent of the total goes toward expenses or any thing else of that nature.

The Salvation Army and the Red Cross here will cooperate in receiving all donations. The Salvation

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P.T. Association
To Present Play

The parent-teacher association of Riveria school is working on a one-act comedy drama, which will be presented Friday evening at Lane chapel, the proceeds to be used to finish paying for a new piano, recently purchased by the association for the school.

The name of the play is "The Runaway Sale." The cast includes 14 members of the association. They are Mrs. Hale, Mrs. George, Billyard, Mrs. Arthur, Mrs. Snyder, Walter Young, Roland Pierce, Mrs. Walter Young, Mrs. Jess Webb, Mrs. Will Slansfield, and Mrs. G. M. Pierce.

Practically being held every night this week, Mrs. Huff entertained the cast last night after the practice.

JACKSONVILLE
JURY NEARLY
COMPLETEDStatements in De Autre-
mont Case Expected
TomorrowONE WOMAN LEFT
IN THE JURY BOXSpectators Find Second
Day of Murder Trial
Bore—Defendant
Jaunt, at Ease.

COURT HOUSE, JACKSONVILLE, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Among the witnesses to be called by the state during the trial of Hugh De Autremont are the four widows of the victims of the Siskiyou tunnel holdup murders.

COURT HOUSE, JACKSONVILLE, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Opening statements by state and defense in the case of Hugh De Autremont, 23, alleged Siskiyou tunnel bandit, on trial for his life, will be made in the morning, and it is expected that the final selection of the jury will be completed before adjournment of court today.

Attorney George M. Roberts of Medford, special prosecutor and former district attorney of Jackson county, will make the opening statement for the state and attorney Fred Smith of Eugene, chief of defense counsel will perform a like duty for the defense.

It is now expected that the taking of testimony will be started shortly after the regular morning recess Wednesday.

One Woman on Jury
During this morning's session, Mrs. Lillie McKee, of Applegate, was excused, leaving as the sole woman of the jury box Miss Louise Ahlberg, of Phoenix, sixty past. Mrs. McKee was excused by the state in the exercise of its second peremptory challenge.

It was a dull day in the courtroom, unmarked by legal clashes or incidents. The outstanding feature was the even minds of the spectators. Only one had emphatic views that barred him from service. He was Frank Tompkins of Central Point, a farmer. Under no

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Commerce Club
Observes Boys'
Week at Lunch

The chamber of commerce luncheon today noon in the Summer grill was devoted to observance of boys' week, three speakers giving their views on various phases of school work and boys' organizations.

It was also reported that the chamber would send a delegation to Portland May 5 to meet with the Oregon and Idaho public service commissions and register a protest against proposed plans for constructing a railroad south from Lewiston into East Oregon. F. L. Meyers, of the city planning committee, reported on plans to place a proposed appropriation for a swimming tank on the ballot.

W. W. Nussbaum spoke on "Boys and Music in the School," declaring that music is conducive to general benefit—in mental training, culture and other sides. He declared that progress is being made in the La Grande schools.

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Wallowa County Farmers Fighting
Outbreak of Western Army Cutworms

WALLOWA, Ore., May 3 (Spec.)—Following the recent warning from County Agent Donaldson of the danger of an outbreak of the western army cutworm in the wheat fields of this county, farmers in all sections of the county have been making investigation and watching for appearance of the pests. At one or two farms in the dry sections northwest of Enterprise, they have been found in great numbers. Reports state that a field of wheat belonging to J. W. Draper, of that community has been practically taken by the worms while they have done considerable damage on adjoining farms.

County Agent Donaldson and Mr. Beckwood, a government entomologist, were at the James Woodworth farm west of Trout Creek, the latter part of the week examining the infested fields and making a poison demonstration against the worms. Previous to the visit of the county agent, Mr. Woodworth had been busy with combative measures in an effort to check the worms. He covered a portion of the ground with a poisoned bran mixture, used by farmers in past years in fighting grasshoppers, and while many of the worms were killed by this method apparently the desired results were not obtained.

The cold weather has held back the growth of all grain here and much of the fall sown wheat is yet very small, and during the dry weather of the past ten days the ground in fields where the grain is small has crusted considerably, a few farmers have been busy this past few days harrowing some of the worst pieces, this method of breaking up the top crust is thought by some farmers to be quite beneficial to the crops, where the weather continues dry.

Oregon Artists'
Productions To
Be Shown HereClub Women, Headed by
Mrs. E. P. Mossman,
Finally Successful in
Securing Exposition.

Through the efforts of Mrs. E. P. Mossman, of this city, state chairman of the art department of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, and a committee appointed by her and headed by Mrs. E. A. Pierce, of Portland, an exposition of pictures by Oregon artists has been secured and will be formally dedicated Tuesday before the La Grande Neighborhood club.

The club program Tuesday is in charge of the Art Research class of La Grande, and final plans for the art exposition were made by the class yesterday when a regular meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Kiddie.

Mrs. Mossman, who has done much toward the advancement of art appreciation in Oregon, has been working for the past three years in an effort to get this movement across, meeting with considerable opposition by people who said there were no artists in Oregon. She and her assistants did not give up, however, and now a collection representing 20 Oregon artists is ready to be presented to the public.

First Showing at Pendleton
The first showing will be at Pendleton, the home of Melville T. Wirt, one of Oregon's artists. The second showing will be here Tuesday afternoon, when the formal dedication will take place. A number of the Oregon artists represented in the collection have won national recognition, among them being Eloise Howard.

All of the collection is oil canvases, with the exception of one, which is by Anthony Ester, writer, poet, illustrator and artist. His picture is "Forest Fires," and is said to be very attractive.

Open to Public
After being shown before the Neighborhood club Tuesday afternoon the public will be invited to see the canvases Tuesday evening when a small admission will be charged. If the pictures will be kept here over Wednesday also.

From here the collection will go to Baker, then to Bend, where it will be shown during the annual convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs.

Two Flyers Burned
In Plane Plunge

NORFOLK, Va., May 3 (AP)—A plane from the Hampton Roads naval air station burst into flames while in the air today and fell into the water near the Municipal grain elevator.

Two men in the plane were killed but their names were not immediately available. Both were burned, one beyond recognition.

Workman Is Killed
By Dynamite Blast
MAINEFIELD, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Carl Webber was killed today near Coquille by a premature explosion of dynamite being used to remove a slide. His wife was critically ill and could not be told of the tragedy.

Divorces Ahead of
Marriage Licenses

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Divorces exceeded marriages in the past month's county records. In April there were 16 divorces and 15 marriages.

Lassen Peak
IN ERUPTION;
SMOKE HEAVY

RED BLUFF, Cal., May 3 (AP)—One of the largest eruptions seen on Lassen Peak in many years started at 4 a. m. today. Smoke from the crater poured forth from the crater for 45 minutes, rolling high into the sky. A strong wind then carried the smoke clouds southward. No rumbling was heard by valley inhabitants.

What Growth Retarded
The cold weather has held back the growth of all grain here and much of the fall sown wheat is yet very small, and during the dry weather of the past ten days the ground in fields where the grain is small has crusted considerably, a few farmers have been busy this past few days harrowing some of the worst pieces, this method of breaking up the top crust is thought by some farmers to be quite beneficial to the crops, where the weather continues dry.

SEEN AT BOBBED BEAUTY SHOW



A bobbed hair beauty show was one of the features of the Master Barbers' Philadelphia convention, and these are some of the knock-out cuts viewed there. Below is Marie D'Almon and the first prize cup her "Greenland Bob" won her. Three other stunning bobs are seen above (left to right), Lillian Nathanson and her "Two-in-One," Jean Barron and her "English," and Rose Liberman and her "Pavlova."

L. H. S. STUDENTS
TO ISSUE PAPERWednesday's Edition of
Observer to Be Pre-
pared by Boys, Girls

Tomorrow evening, when Observer subscribers read their Wednesday papers, they will be scanning a newspaper prepared and edited by a staff of high school students.

As part of boys' week observance, E. B. Appleby, editor and publisher of The Observer, will turn over tomorrow's edition to seven boys and two girls. "Tabby" Zundel, president of the student body, was appointed editor and selected the other members of his staff as follows:

Richard Lyman, city editor.
Kenneth Davis, business manager.
Kenneth Oakes, advertising manager.
Miss Dorothy Elmer, society editor.

Miss Cornelia Hanson and Kenneth Haglin, reporters.

Takes Helm This Afternoon
The high school staff "took possession" of The Observer office this afternoon at two o'clock and immediately began the task of preparing for tomorrow's edition.

The gathering of the local news, editing of correspondence letters from Union and Walla county points, writing of all stories, editing of the Associated Press leased wire report, writing of editorials, designation of space and position of news stories and other similar duties will fall to the editorial and news staff.

The advertising work and business affairs will be handled by the business staff.

The regular staff will serve in an advisory capacity but will in no way interfere with the management of the paper by the students.

Woman Robbed Of
Gems Worth \$10,000

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 3 (AP)—Nearly ten thousand dollars in diamonds, including diamond studded garters, were forcibly removed from Mrs. John Abrams, wife of a well known sportsman, by bandits in City Park here last night.

Mrs. Abrams reported to the police that she was driving through the park when she was halted by name. She stopped her car and a man leaped on each running board, one holding a revolver against her side and the other stripping two rings from her fingers and then removing her garters, which were fastened with a gold buckle in the design of a pear with a diamond on it.

New Note to China
Unlikely, Is Word

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—President Coolidge sees no advantage, as far as the United States is concerned, in sending another note to the Cantonese government of China upon which demands were made by the powers after the Nanking outrages.

While America is ready to consider any suggestions from the other powers in relation to further correspondence with the Chinese government, it was said today at the white house that there has been no information that these governments desired to send another note.

University On
High Seas Aids
Dan, God of LoveNumerous Romances and
Engagements Result of
Seven-Month Tour of
World by Students

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP)—Numerous romances and engagements developed among the 500 students aboard the Holland-American liner Hyndam, first American co-educational floating university, while the ship was on its seven months tour of the world, the New York Sun today quotes Mrs. P. M. Fogg, dean of the women students, as saying:

"Of course many of our students became engaged on the voyage," said Mrs. Fogg. "It was only a perfectly natural outgrowth of propinquity and attachments formed during the long voyage."

No Announcements
"None of them have announced their engagements formally, but we know several of them to be engaged. But aside from that—or better, including that—I can state quite positively that the co-educational aspect of the cruise was a success in every way."

"We made no attempt at strict discipline. The student body was composed of 440 boys and 60 girls from every state in the union. The girls had cabins on one side of the vessel and the boys on the other. Each student was assigned to the same cabin throughout the trip. As soon as the girls came on board they were given the privilege of choosing their own chaperone."

Arrives at Hoboken
The Hyndam docked at Hoboken yesterday while hundreds of parents from every part of the country welcomed the returning sea-going frosh, sophs, juniors and seniors.

Sponsors of the cruise are planning a second tour of the world to begin in September which, however, will not be co-educational.

Dr. James Lough, dean of the floating university, explained the departure from the co-educational feature, and said that something of a distraction on a long cruise of this kind and that finding proper accommodations for the girl students on field excursions was rather difficult.

Truce Declared
In Nicaragua By
Opposing Armies

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, May 3. (AP)—A 48-hour truce in the warfare between rival liberal and conservative governments in Nicaragua became effective at noon today.

The purpose of the truce is to allow General Jose Maria Moncada, liberal military leader, to proceed to Tapital to confer with Henry L. Stimson, personal representative of President Coolidge, who has been conducting peace discussions with liberal delegates in Managua. The truce was authorized this morning by Generals Moncada and Viquez (conservative) and officially approved by President Sacasa, liberal and Diaz conservative.

Pola and Prince
To Wed on May 14

PARIS, May 3. (AP)—Pola Negri, motion picture actress, and Prince Serge Mdivani will be married at Miss Negri's chateau de Rueil at Sereinecourt on May 14. It was announced from the suite of the actress at a Paris hotel today.

Mayor Merlier of Sereinecourt will officiate at the ceremony which will be of the most simple nature and will be attended only by immediate members of the two families.

Miss Negri's godfather, Cosimir de Monlewiz, will give the bride away.

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When court opened Mrs. Snyder declared that she had been guilty of the crime.

Urges President
To Scorn Turkey

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—President Coolidge was urged by Senator Kluge, Democrat, Utah, today to refrain from establishing diplomatic relations with Turkey in view of the defeat of the Lausanne treaty by the senate.

Senator King protested against the proposed modus vivendi suggested by Secretary Kellogg.

FLOOD CREST
BEARS DOWN
ON VICKSBURGNew Orleans, However,
Saved as Waters Pour
Through LeveeCHARGE OF RIVER
GRIMLY BATTLEDDyke Fight Desperate on
West Bank of Missis-
sippi Near Vidalia and
Newelton Today.

BATON ROUGE, La., May 3 (AP)—Flood waters of the Mississippi were turned loose on lands across Northern Louisiana parishes this afternoon when the levee near Vidalia's bend just north of Vidalia, Miss., gave way. It is estimated here that the break will result in the early inundation of between 2,000 and 3,000 square miles of lowlands.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 3 (AP)—While the caravans of refugees moved out to places of safety the flood and backwaters from the Mississippi and its rushing tributaries were completing the inundation of the lowlands in half a dozen parishes in northeastern and eastern Louisiana today.

More towns were reported under water with others threatened, and a fleet of rescue craft was operating over the flood-stricken area between the Red and Mississippi, taking out the marooned and sending warnings to many residents who have placed their reliance in the protective levees surrounding some of the small towns.

Claims New Areas
While the waters claim new areas, the battle to hold the levee lines from below the four crosses, 25 miles south of Vidalia to New Orleans goes forward on both sides of the river. Weak spots are being bolstered and embankments raised against the coming of the record crest now slightly south of Vicksburg.

NEW ORLEANS, May 3 (AP)—Successful termination of the fight to hold the levee line against the charge of the Mississippi river today became a question of grim endurance in the Natchez sector while a relief squadron ploughed through the muddy waters to remove residents from the inundated lowland parishes of northeastern Louisiana.

The flood waters from the Red and Mississippi rivers, streaming from branches in the levee systems, continued their invasion, widening their territory northward and westward as they moved to meet the coming flood from the Arkansas river.

Desperate Dyke Fight
The dyke fight became desperate on the west bank of the Mississippi in the neighborhood of a draw driven from the levee system on electrically lighted embankments. At Newelton also the situation became critical as waters stopped over levee tops and emergency measures were speeded to stop the flow. The crisis was expected between Delta Point and Deer Park in the same territory within the next two days.

With thousands of persons already driven from their homes in northeastern Louisiana the crest was but approaching Vicksburg, Miss., many towns in Concordia, Caraboula, Avoyelles and neighboring parishes in Louisiana already had been deserted, but in other places levees were placed in protection levees. Residents strengthened their defenses before the coming flood.

A rescue fleet, headed by a flagship and six steamboats, four coast guard patrol boats and half a dozen tugboats, left Natchez today to comb the area covered by water.

Meanwhile, the All-gheny, naval tug with a barge in tow, moved to St. Joseph to stand by to remove

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TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
BOSTON (AP).....	R. H. E.
Philadelphia.....	4 18 2
Detroit.....	7 19 2
Batteries: Pruett, Decatur, Whitcomb and Wilson; R. Smith, McGee and Taylor.	
NEW YORK (AP).....	
Brooklyn.....	7 13 9
New York.....	6 12 1
Batteries: McWeeney, J. Barnes and Delberry; Barnes, Cheever and Hamby.	
CHICAGO (AP).....	
Cincinnati.....	3 11 6
Chicago.....	4 11 2
Batteries: Lique and Har- greaves; Blake and Hartnett.	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
PHILADELPHIA (AP).....	
Boston.....	2 7 2
Philadelphia.....	7 11 2
Batteries: Harris, MacFayden and Hoffmann; Elmer and Cochran.	