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THE WEATHER
Oregon: Fair tonight and
Friday. Moderate temperature.
Normal humidity. Moderate north
and northeast winds.LILLY GIVEN
2 SIDEWALK
CONTRACTSThree Companies Enter
Bids for Improvement
District WorkPRESENT ESTIMATE
ON PROPOSED MAIN18-Inch Water Carrier
From K to Jefferson
Would Cost \$45,000,
Crews Reports.Bids for two sidewalk
contracts took place during
the city commission meeting
last night, with P. J. Lilly, local
contractor, emerging successful in
both instances.District No. 165, a fairly large
project, was let to Mr. Lilly for
\$19,472.75. Hartenbower and Spaeth
bid \$2,970.75 and the Concrete
Pipe company offered to do the
work for \$2,929.62.In the second district, Mr. Lilly
won a bid of \$11,330 just \$21.30
cents less than Hartenbower and
Spaeth's bid of \$11,351.30. The
Concrete Pipe company's bid was
\$833.99.Estimate is Presented
City Manager W. C. Crews pre-
sented an estimate to the commis-
sion as to the cost of constructing
an 18-inch main from K avenue to
Jefferson avenue. His figures
showed that the entire project
would cost about \$45,000.His report also stated that the
present main is showing leaks and
that if a break occurred, it would
cut off the pressure from the busi-
ness district and possibly cause
considerable damage where the
water overflowed.The estimate and report were
ordered filed.An ordinance was passed deter-
mining assessments in lighting im-
provement district No. 1 and it was
also announced that the total cost
of the ornamental lighting system
amounted to \$21,566.43.Safety Step Planned
W. H. Guild, superintendent of the
second O.-W. division, was
present in company with a num-
ber of engineers and railroad men.
He asked the commission to take
steps to slow up motorists at grade
crossings at Cove, Fir and Green-
wood streets.Two engineers spoke, telling of
near accidents which they asserted
were due to carelessness of auto-
mobile drivers.The city manager was instructed
to place stop signs at all three
crossings as quickly as possible.Mr. Ray Murphy, representing
the American Legion, asked for
the privilege of granting all con-
cessions during the state conven-
tion in July. His request was
granted.An offer of \$215 for a Connors-
dale lot was refused. The salary

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WILL REPEAT
"ROSE MAIDEN"
THIS EVENINGThe musical cantata, "The Rose
Maiden," presented by the Monday
Musical chorals about two months
ago, will be repeated this evening
at the First Presbyterian church,
free to the public.The program is the second mu-
sical program this week sponsored
by the La Grande Neighborhood
club in observance of music week.The third and last musical pro-
gram of the week will be Sunday
afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Ar-
cade theater, when the La Grande
municipal band will appear in con-
cert under the direction of Andrew
Loney Jr. The first program was a
sacred concert at the First Presby-
terian last Sunday evening."The Rose Maiden" is directed
by W. W. Nussbaum and includes
several solo numbers in addition to
the excellent chorus work. Every-
one is invited to attend.IN TOUCH
WITH 3000
FAMILIESImagine the difficulty and ex-
pense of reaching over 3000
families in the La Grande terri-
tory with a message if The Ob-
server were not available to
business firms wishing to serve
those families.An audience of over twelve
thousand people on whose buy-
ing power depends the business
activity of the community—and
contact can be maintained with
that audience every day at a cost
of less than \$5,000 per reader.
No other method can reach such
high reader-interest as this.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"La Grande Gets
Summer Normal
School SessionPresident Landers, Ore-
gon Normal School,
Notifies Longfellow of
Decision Today.The Eastern Oregon summer
branch of the Oregon Normal
school will be held in La
Grande this year. Heretofore
it has been held in Pendleton.Assurance to Superintendent
of Schools J. T. Longfellow in
a letter from President J. S. Landers, of the Ore-
gon Normal school.The letter stated: "At a recent
meeting of the board of regents it was decided to hold the
Eastern Oregon branch of the Oregon Normal school at
La Grande this summer as
you and Superintendent E. A.
Sayre have desired."The letter also announced
that Superintendent H. E. In-
low, Pendleton, will be direc-
tor of the summer school and
that a group of officials will
come to La Grande within the
next two or three weeks to
make arrangements for the
coming term of school, such
as securing use of buildings,
etc.President Landers expressed
appreciation of offers of assis-
tance given him by local edu-
cators.50-Gallon Still
Is Captured By
Sheriff's PartySheriff Jesse Hreshers, accom-
panied by Deputies Hugo Kling-
hammer and Amos Helms, raided
a hog house containing a still, in
a wheat field on the John Wood-
ell ranch one and a half miles
west of Alsea early this morning.The officers arrested Charles
Burns and Charles Stevenson and
a hearing will be held prob-
ably late today. They will be
charged with setting up and oper-
ating a still, it is believed.The officers report they found
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LA GRANDE
OPPOSE PLANDelegates from Two Cit-
ies Attend Rail Meet-
ing in PortlandMAIN LINE WOULD
BE SHIFTED, CLAIMProposed Route Down the
Snake from Homestead
to Lewiston Extension
Attacked.PORTLAND, Ore., May 5 (AP).
Public service commissions of
Oregon, Washington and Idaho
and delegations from communities
in Eastern Oregon, Eastern Wash-
ington and Idaho met here today
to consider the proposal of the
Lewis and Clark, chamber of com-
merce that the interstate com-
merce commission be petitioned to
request the Union Pacific railroad to
construct a line from Home-
stead, Ore., to Lewiston a distance
of 115 miles.The proposed route of the rail-
way extension is down the Snake
River, and supporters of the ex-
tension said that it will prove of
great benefit to the inland em-
pire as it will provide an all-
water grade haul to Portland.Delegations from Baker, La
Grande, which cities are on the
present main line of the Union
Pacific, are here opposing the pro-
posed extension. They claim that
if the Homestead-Lewiston ex-
tension is built, it will become a part
of the main line of the Union Pa-
cific to the detriment of all points
on the present main line.The proposed extension would
be built on a new right-of-way
and would follow the Snake River
valley. It would pass through
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Plans For May
Carnival, FairCommittee Also to Work
with G. A. R. in Ar-
ranging for Local Me-
morial Day ProgramEnthusiastic meetings of the La
Grande post of the American Le-
gion and of the Ladies auxiliary
were held last evening at the K.
P. hall, and both were largely at-
tended.At the legion meeting, which was
presided over by Commander
Hugh E. Brady, many items of
importance were discussed, includ-
ing the appointment of a com-
mittee to work in conjunction with
the Grand Army of the Republic
in arranging for Memorial Day
observances in La Grande.Preliminary arrangements for a
May carnival and country fair
were made, but no definite date
was decided upon. This will be
the last major activity of the le-
gion for raising money for the
state convention fund and will be
held in connection with the queen
contest, which will determine what
young woman of the city will re-
present the local post as queen dur-
ing the convention here. The con-
vention fund is to be used entire-
ly to entertain the visitors to La
Grande during the convention, and
members of the legion are urging
that the citizens of La Grande help
to enlarge the fund as much as
possible.Arrangements were made for the
Ladies auxiliary drill team to give
a dance at Entomose sometime in
the near future, and tentative
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ton by the legionnaires of Gilliam,
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GRAY QUIZZED BY
WOMAN'S LAWYEROrdeal of Cross Exami-
nation Find Co-Defend-
ant UnruffledQUEEN'S COUNTY COURT
HOUSE, N. Y., May 5 (AP).—
Henry Judd Gray began his or-
deal of cross examination by coun-
sel for his co-defendant, Mrs. Ruth
Snyder, with unruffled manner to-
day.In the first few moments of cross
examination he was forced to leave
his seat and demonstrate how he
lost control of himself by the lead-
ing of a witness with a window
weight. He did this without apparent emotion,
lifting his arms and bringing them
down like a woodchopper.Mrs. Snyder asserted her case
during the demonstration, and kept
her head bowed until the noon re-
cess.Gray testified he could not re-
sist the "magnetic power," that
brought him to the Snyder home
on the fatal night."You mean she had a strange
influence over you?" asked Attor-
ney Wallace for Mrs. Snyder."Yes, that and liquor were the
reasons."Large Crowd.
The testimony was almost
drawn out in the angry show-
ing of a crowd in the corridor fol-
lowing the cross-examination to gain
entrance to the already over-
crowded courtroom.Examination was then focused
on the night of the murder. It
was brought out that the sugges-
tion to tie up Mrs. Snyder to accom-
plish a burglary originated with
Gray."Who suggested tying the vic-
tim?" Wallace asked."I don't recall," but I remem-
ber her asking me to get some
ropes for that purpose."

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JACKSONVILLE
SURPRISED BY
NEW STORYDr. Holt Tells of Exhum-
ing and Examining
Holdup VictimDE AUTREMENT IS
PLAINLY WORRIEDFourth Day of Murder
Trial Finds Defendant
Accompanied by Both
Parents.COURT HOUSE, JACKSON-
VILLE, Ore., May 5 (AP).—Grin-
and ghastly surprise testimony and
heretofore hidden developments
came into the trial this morning
of Hugh De Autrement, 23, al-
leged bandit-slayer, charged with the
murder of Charles O. (Coyle) John-
son, Southern Pacific train-
man, during the progress of the
Siskiyou holdup Oct. 11, 1923.The unexpected element was fur-
nished by Dr. W. W. P. Holt, Med-
ford, former county physician, who
testified that on April 22, last, act-
ing under the direction of the
state's attorneys, the body of
Johnson was exhumed and re-ex-
amined revealing that a wound in
the right shoulder and ranging
downward, regarded lightly heretofore,
held vital importance, and
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WHITE MOB KILLS
ARKANSAS NEGROLittle Rock Ends Night
of Terror with Lynch-
ing, Burning PartyLITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 5.
(AP).—A night of terror ended
Little Rock today with peacefully
about its work with no visible signs
of the disorder, during which a
negro was lynched, his body was
burned through the business section
and burned in one of the principal
streets entering the negro quarter.State troops, who were ordered
out by Governor Martin to break
up the crowd parading threaten-
ingly, many of them armed, remained
on guard in the negro section to-
day after an all-night patrol of the
city.The city turned today toward
the county grand jury which was
expected to meet and investigate
the lynching of John Carter, 35,
who yesterday had attacked Mrs.
B. E. Stewart and her daughter,
Glenzie, 17, with an iron bar.Murder Started It
Since Lonnie Dixon, 14, confessed
last Sunday that he had as-
saulted and murdered 12-year-old
Floella McDonald in a church bell-
fry where the body was found on
Saturday feeling has been at fever
heat. On both Sunday and Monday
night mobs here and in nearby
cities were futilely searched for
Dixon by an armed mob.Sheriff Mike Haynie said he
would make every effort to identify
the leaders of the mob and bring
them to justice.Second Negro Escapes
Last night's demonstration, start-
ing with the lynching and ending
in parading and promiscuous firing
upon the streets by hundreds of
persons during which another negro
was narrowly escaped, ended with
the escape of Carter, a white boy was
struck by a flying bullet, causing
four days of intense feeling
over the slaying of the white girl.This morning at an assembly in
the L. D. S. tabernacle, Ex-Gov-
ernor Walter M. Pierce spoke to
boys of the sixth, seventh and
eighth grade children from all La
Grande schools.Yesterday boy commissioners
and boy city officials inspected all
municipal projects and in the even-
ing the commissioners met in "regu-
lar session" and the boy police
judges presided at a trial of a not
too serious nature.NEW YORK, May 5 (AP).—
Frieda Hempel, operatic soprano,
has brought a suit said to involve
\$100,000 or more against August
Heckscher, elderly millionaire
philanthropist, to whom she has
frequently been reported engaged,
it was disclosed in the supreme
court today. The suit is said to
be based on a pre-nuptial contract
providing for the payment to the
singer of \$45,000 a year, payable
in quarterly installments, for the
remainder of her life. Mr. Heck-
scher sailed for Europe this week
on the Leviathan.MEYER APPOINTED
WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP).—
Appointment of Eugene Meyer,
chairman of the war finance cor-
poration, as head of the farm loan
board and acceptance of the resig-
nation of Robert A. Cooper and
Edward E. Jones as members of
the board, has been decided upon
by the administration.KAMATH MAN NAMED
SALEM, Ore., May 5 (AP).—E.
E. Nagoe, of Klamath Falls, was
appointed late yesterday a mem-
ber of the state board of pharmacy
to succeed W. H. Schuller of Port-
land, resigned. Dr. A. E. Crosby
of The Dalles was reappointed a
member of the board.

LITA SERVED

Opening a fresh move in the
Chaplin divorce case, Mrs. Lita
Grey Chaplin took the stand in
telling her financial worries in a
petition for alimony, but as she
left court she was served with a
subpoena by her husband's attor-
neys, and here she is, trying to
find out what it is all about.Up to Farmer
"Governments can help agricul-
ture, but in the last analysis the
farmer must attend to his own
business," he declared. "The far-
mer should be too good a business-
man and too proud a citizen to ask
others to help him when he has an
excellent opportunity to help him-
self."He explained that Canadian
farmers had a big influence on
wheat prices because the dominion
produces about 40 per cent of the
world's exportable surplus. Three
years experience in the Canadian
pool indicated, he said that the
price of wheat can be stabilized at
a level which will be profitable
to the producer.Quotes Statistics
Bunnell quoted figures to show
that any gain in the price of wheat
made by a farmers agency does not
necessarily advance the cost of
bread to consumers. He found
that in 1925 when wheat prices
fluctuated \$1 1/4 cents a bushel the
wholesale price of bread in Winni-
peg was unchanged.This he declared, showed that
the pools were no monopolies, but
held a gain for all concerned, in-
cluding the consumer, in that they
do away with speculation.How It Works
In tracing the spread of the co-
operative system from Canada to
Russia, Australia and the United
States, Bunnell pointed out that
pool members did not have to
"dump" grain on the market in
the fall to meet expenses. The
growers receive a payment on
their grain and are paid in full
when the sale is completed to the
pool. This, he found, enabled
farmers to avoid price slump
caused by speculators taking ad-
vantage of forced deliveries to drop
prices.All the principal wheat produc-
ing Canadian provinces and mar-
keting agencies as well as Ameri-
can grain centers are represented.
The conference will continue for
three days.Monroe, in Okemilla parish, al-
ready threatened by the bulging
Ouachita, was forced to do an
about face to fight a more eminent
foe as Lafourche swamp, filled with
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