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THE WEATHER
Generally cloudy tonight and
Tuesday. Cooler in the east por-
tion. Moderate west and north-
west winds.

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GRADUATES
HEAR SERMON
BY MR. AWESLutheran Church Pasto-
reate ServicesLOCAL CITIZENS
FILL TABERNACLECommencement Exercises
with Dr. A. B. Hall as
Main Speaker, Will Be
Held Wednesday.Members of the La Grande high
school graduating class, this year
numbering 83, held their baccalaureate
services last evening in the
L. D. S. tabernacle before a packed
house.Attired in caps and gowns, the
senior class, one of the largest to
graduate here, heard the Rev. L. D.
Awes, pastor of the English
Lutheran church, deliver the sermon.
He chose as his topic "Life
Investment."All beginnings small
and apparently insignificant," he
declared, "yet, what surprising
proportions they can assume, or what
powers they can develop. We are
proud this evening in the wealth
of mind and heart that we believe
young people represent."Every individual has not only
supreme value but is also capa-
ble of making a special contribu-
tion to the life of the community,
the nation, the world.
"This contribution represents his life's
investment, and as the investment
of capital is as important as capital
itself, likewise the contribution
of an individual is of the utmost
importance."Upholds Christ
Mr. Awes exhorted Jesus Christ
as an example for the students,
about to enter the world from high
school days. "He turned apparent
defeat into victory and shame into
glory because he was master of
his own soul," he declared.He declared that the longer
period that it takes to prepare for
the world, the more the exercise of
reason in the investment of hu-
man life has been more im-
portant than it is today—for "life
is much more complex and exas-
perating now than it was when our
parents were young."Stresses Physical Training
The speaker pointed out the
value of physical training. "The
foundation of our life is physical,"
he said. "It is the soil in which
the seeds of mind and heart grow.
Physical health is therefore very
necessary to the greatest usefulness. How-

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BOY SCOUT OF
ELGIN BUILDS
BEST BIRDHOMEELGIN, May 16 (AP)—Morris
Shirley, 10, was awarded the first
place in Union, Walla Walla and
Baker counties in the boy scout
bird home construction.Other awards also received
several prizes for houses which they
constructed. The prizes awarded
were: Frederick, Terpan, fishing
tackle given by H. H. Hardscore
company; Shack Brothers, paper
and envelopes given by the Elgin
Transfer; Leonard, Cates, frame
for troop charter given by Elgin
Furniture company; Roland, Eskin,
pencil given by Mabel Glynne;
Clark, Koster, pencil given by Lyn-
ette Hill; Harold, McElough, pencil
given by City Drug store; Ray,
Scott, pair of socks given by Good-
enough Mercantile company.A quilt neckerchief donated by
the Elgin Cash Dry Goods store
is yet to be awarded.A DAILY
HABIT THAT
IS UNIVERSALNewspaper reading is a uni-
versal daily habit—no home is
without reasonable touch with
civilization is without a daily
newspaper—and newspaper ad-
vertising therefore reaches each
day virtually all who buy.You, as one of the buyers who
possess this daily habit, desire
and demand business news in the
advertising columns. As your
means of keeping up with the
opportunities best suited to the
use of your hard-earned dollar.
The daily newspaper advertising
is a definite part of your home
and family management. Busi-
ness firms who take advantage
of it regularly gain your attention,
your confidence, and your
trade. It is the most inexpensive
advertising that's possible for
you to buy."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"J. T. Longfellow
New President
Of Rotary ClubBoard of Directors Elect
Officers for New Year
Following Luncheon
Today at Noon.Following the regular luncheon
meeting of the La Grande Rotary
club today at noon in the Foley
grill, a meeting of the new board
of directors was held and J. T.
Longfellow was elected president.
A. J. Bowen, vice president and
Audrey Playle and W. C. Perkins
were re-elected secretary and treas-
urer, respectively.These officers and the new board
of directors will take office at the
first meeting of the Rotary club in
July.Mr. Longfellow will succeed F.
L. Meyers and Mr. Bowen will suc-
ceed Robert Eakin.The program this noon was given
over to singing.Joe Purdy, Pendleton Rotarian,
was present.DINNER MEETING
FOR SCOUT HEADSCertificated to Be Award-
ed Thursday at Last
of GatheringsA dinner meeting, the last of
the season, of the boy scout leader-
ship training school will be held
here Thursday at which time cer-
tificates will be given to 16 men.
Presentation will be made by Dr.
W. T. Phyll.E. Russell Scott, scout executive
of the Tri-County Council, reports
that two new troops have been
formed in Baker, one by the L. D.
S. Church and one by the M. E.
church, making 25 troops in the
district.Progress is also being made here.
R. V. Conner is scoutmaster of
Troop No. 2 of the M. E. church
and the Episcopal church troop has
completed registration. Troop
Mayer is scoutmaster and Merlyn
Ayres is assistant.Chamber To Meet
At Island CityThe Union county chamber of
commerce will hold its annual
forum luncheon at Island City to-
morrow at noon in the I. O. O. F.
hall. Mr. Allen will leave the cham-
ber of commerce office at 11:45
o'clock.Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, who
will be in Eastern Oregon this
week to deliver commencement ad-
dresses for four high schools: Col-
umbia, Hiram, Welch, and Lieutenant
Colonel McMurray, of the Oregon
national guard, will speak.Church to Assist
In Ministers FundAt the Sunday morning service
here at the First Presbyterian
church, the congregation voted a
substantial amount to be contrib-
uted to the Presbyterian ministry's
general fund of \$15,000,000 now
being raised in the denomination
by the Layman's committee, head-
ed by the Rev. Will Hayes.The plan will be put into opera-
tion at the meeting of the general
assembly this month. More than
4,000 churches and 100 million mem-
bers have signed for membership in the fund.Marion Headley To
Graduate at O.A.C.OREGON AGRICULTURAL
COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 16—
Marion Headley, son of N. C. Head-
ley, of La Grande, is one of
300 of the graduates for gradu-
ation in June. Mr. Headley is mar-
rying in pharmacy. He is a mem-
ber of the Phi Chi national honorary
in pharmacy and a member of
Gamma Upsilon, social fraternity.Klamath Girl Is
Seriously InjuredKLAMATH FALLS, May 16
(AP)—Dorothy Hutchinson, six-
year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
W. L. Hutchinson of this city, was
injured in a fall from an auto-
mobile yesterday afternoon. She
was taken to the hospital and is
expected to recover.FALL CONSPIRACY
CHARGEPORTLAND, May 16 (AP)—
Charged with conspiracy to in-
terfere with a government witness,
Steve Eric and John Bink, who
were arrested last week by federal
officers in a liquor racket case, were
held in jail again today after having
been out on bail.Gov. Sabin's cook told federal
officers that Eric and Bink had
threatened him if he did not testify
in their favor in the liquor case.PUKOW TAKEN
BY SOUTHERN
CHINESE ARMYNortherners Shell Town
Following Occupation
by NationalistsRUMORS SPREAD
OF HANANFU FALLSouthern Forces Pouring
Across Yangtze River
Above Nanking—Loot-
ers Are Repulsed.SHANGHAI, May 16 (AP)—
Pukow, on the northern bank of
the Yangtze river opposite Nan-
king, fell to the Southern Chinese
forces Sunday morning, says a
wireless message from Nanking.
The northerners shelled the town
with cannon after it was occu-
pied by the southerners.Troops of Chiang Kai-shek, leader
of the Nationalist, or moderate
southern nationalists, who crossed
to the north bank above Pukow
some days ago, converged on the
town early in the morning, while
other southerners moved down the
river. The northerners evacuated
the town without fighting, return-
ing up the Tientsin-Pukow rail-
way to Chuchow.Looters Repulsed
As soon as they departed, loat-
ers crossed the river in sampans,
but they were severely handled by
Chinese troops who had occupied
Pukow.A wireless dispatch today from
Hankow, headquarters of the re-
dical southern nationalists, said that
large numbers of wounded Han-
kow troops were arriving from the Hun-
an front.A previous wireless dispatch
from Hankow stated that the ad-
vance of the nationalists was
arrested at General Feng Yu-
hsiang, allied with the Han-
kow forces, had captured Hankow, capital
of Hunan province.

CHINESE CREW QUELLED

SAN PEDRO, May 16 (AP)—
Welding knives and fire axes
were used to quell a riot by two
Chinese sailors and tenders.

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Presbytery Will
Install Pastor
Tuesday, 4 p. m.Tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock
there will be a called meeting of the
La Grande Presbytery church here
to complete action upon the call of the
church to the Rev. J. George Wells,
of Iowa. The Rev. Mr. Wells
preached his final sermon here
Sunday, May 1. At tomorrow's
meeting the call will be officially
accepted by the church and he will
accept.In the evening of 8 o'clock there
will be the installation service,
when Mr. Wells will be formally in-
ducted as pastor. There will be a
sermon, charge to the congregation
and charges to the pastor. Mem-
bers of the church and the public
are invited to attend.

La Grande High Sixth In Annual

State Track Meet At Corvallis;

Lynn Smutz Wins 440-Yard Dash

PACIFIER

La Grande high school's track
and field team, Eastern Oregon
champion, returned from Cor-
vallis yesterday with sixth place
win and one first place winner—
Smutz, quarter miler, who broke
the tape in 52.45 seconds after
winning his heat.The Tigers scored 12½ points
and undoubtedly would have made
more if the meet had been con-
ducted in a higher altitude. The
sea-level atmosphere played havoc
with the distance runners.In addition to this Shirley Trim
was in the night before the meet.
However, he placed second in his
heat in the four hundred but was
unable to place in the final.La Grande's scoring was made
by Lynn Smutz and Charlton.
Lynn tied for fourth in the pole
vault and tied for second in the
high jump. Charlton took third in
the javelin with a throw of more
than 157 feet.Both Lynn's and Charlton's
previous bests were in the 1926
edition of The Oregonian.Vault Record Broken
Some excellent marks were made
in the first annual meet. The
state pole vault record was broken
and new stands at 11 feet 3 inches.
Smutz came within three-fifths of
a second of tying the state 440-
yard dash record. Garrett, of
Hood River, won the mile in 5:23.2,
and Allen, of Pendleton, got over
the high sticks in 14.4-5 seconds.

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Escape Chance
Is Passed Up By
H. De AutremontAlleged Siskiyou Bandit
Slayer Remains in Jail
While Two Inmates
Gain Freedom.MEDFORD, May 16 (AP)—Al-
though he had an opportunity to es-
cape, Hugh De Autremont, alleged
Siskiyou bandit slayer, while trial
was called off until fall by the
death of a juror made no effort to
do so when two jail mates made a
get-away at the county jail in
Jacksonville late yesterday after-
noon by rushing Deputy Sheriff J.
H. Liggett, special guard for De-
Autremont.The two escapees were Ray Kon-
art, of Ashland, held for a car
theft, and William Allen, charged
with robbery near Ashland. Later
Konart was captured near Perry-
dale by Motor Policeman Terry
Talent and returned to jail. Allen
is still at large. Liggett was in
charge of the jail at the time his
place as guard being taken by E. S.
Jenkins.De Autremont, with the freedom
of the second cell lot, could have
escaped from the floor and out of the
jail door to face the gun of his
special guard, Deputy Sheriff J. H.
Liggett who took three shots with
little effect at the fleeing fugitive.When Deputy Liggett returned to
the jail he was greeted by De Au-
tremont with the words:
"I'm still here, Ham."A search of the jail following
the break revealed evidence of a
widespread jail plot. A case knife,
sawed into a saw and a partially
sawed window bar was found, also
a knife in the cot of one of the
prisoners.PRESIDENT ILL
OF SLIGHT COLDCoolidge Forced to Bed
Early This Afternoon,
Dr. Culpal ReportsWASHINGTON, May 16 (AP)—
President Coolidge was forced to
bed early this afternoon, suffering
from a cold.The cold was described as
"slight" by Dr. James P. Culpal,
the White House physician. Dr.
Culpal said there was no tempera-
ture and that the president's pulse
was normal. He prescribed a rest
for the president for the remainder
of the day.Mr. Coolidge left his desk a little
earlier than usual today and when
Dr. Culpal made his call he sug-
gested that he go to bed. The sug-
gestion was in the chest.Mercury 88 Above
Over The Week EndSaturday was the warmest day
in La Grande since last summer
when the mercury reached 88 above
in the afternoon. The sky was
cloudless.On Sunday, before a breeze and
clouds cooled things a bit, the tem-
perature attained a maximum of
86 degrees above, when an spell with
recent two-day warm spell experi-
enced in April.Cars thronged the roads yester-
day and picnicking and outings
were popular.Still Searching
For French BirdmenST. JOHNS, N. E. May 16 (AP)—
A stocky figure of
water pointing into the south shore
of New Foundland, was the hope
of the Canadian authorities today
in their British search for the
White Bird and Captain Sengstack
and his company missing trans-
Atlantic flyers.A report from Ocean Point, less
than five miles east of the bay,
that a plane, apparently experi-
encing trouble, had passed over
that town last Monday, led the
authorities to ask the French
steamer, Angers, at St. Pierre,
Miquelon, to go to the bay and
make a thorough search.Fatty Arbuckle To
Return to StageNEW YORK, May 16 (AP)—
The Sun said today that Roscoe
Fatty Arbuckle, screen com-
edian, is to return to the legitimate
stage as an actor in a play on
Broadway next month. The ve-
locity, the paper said, will be the
old farce hit "Baby Mine," which
was first done in New York at
Fatty's theater in 1919, and the
production will be under direction
of Wm. A. Brady, who put the
farce on 37 years ago.SUGAR CANE,
CORN CROPS
UNDER WATERPeak of Flood at Bayou
des Glaisses, However,
Is Believed PassedWIDOW, CHILDREN
TRAPPED IN ATTICAdds Nine to Death Toll
of Mississippi Flood—
1300 Refugees Taken
from District.NEW ORLEANS, May 16 (AP)—
Rolling relentlessly down the
fertile westside of the Atchafalaya
basin, flood waters from ten ma-
jor crevasses in the Bayou des
Glaisses today drew closer to
St. Mary and St. Martin parishes,
spreading devastation on its
way to the Gulf of Mexico. The
threatened section is in the con-
ter of the "Evangeline country,"
made famous by Longfellow.The Bayou des Glaisses crevasses
are approximately 150 miles
northwest of New Orleans on the
west side of Atchafalaya river.

Cane, Corn Submerged

Avoyelles and St. Landry parishes
with their green crops of
corn and sugar cane already have
been submerged by the torrent
fearing through the Bayou des
Glaisses levees and thousands of
houses have been driven from
their homes. Other thousands are
preparing to seek safety.Work on the protection levee
Port Barre and Butte la Rose in
St. Martin parish was abandoned
last night when it became appar-
ent that the flood down the base
through the Bayou des Glaisses
levees would be from two to three
feet higher than the dyke.Army engineers estimated that
thousands have been driven from
their homes. The rapidity
with which the spread would be
estimated somewhat from the en-
tire stretch of 50 miles of levees
along Bayou des Glaisses probably
would be carried away.Airmen returning from trips
over the levees said that the big
flood levees were practically sub-
merged for 25 miles. The stream
of refugees into Mansura and
Natchezville continued unabated
as the flood of 50 coast guard sur-
vivor crews from the Atlantic coast
broke and Gulf coast stations,
combated the area, bringing out
uninjured residents who had stayed
in their homes in the face of re-
peated warnings.More than 1200 persons were
brought out of the area in two days
by the coast guardmen.
The fact that waters in the
bayou openings were dangerous,
more so in fact than rapids of some
mountain streams did not face the
coast levees. The crevasses waters,
holding like giant cauldrons were
filled with whirlpools and eddies.While the coast guardmen piloted
their craft back and forth,
seven airplanes dropped and for-
warded persons signaling ma-
rooned persons signaling to the
flavor chimes of normal times.

SIX DIE IN ATTIC

ALEXANDRIA, May 16 (AP)—
A widow and her eight
children were found drowned in
the attic of their home today at
Plachette, according to a mes-
sage from Banki, La. The woman
was Mrs. Dupre. Efforts had
been made to get her to leave after
the levees broke, but she had pro-
fessed to stay at home.Clinger, who was injured in a
falling building at Dan-
don Friday, was operated on yes-
terday by Dr. William Harrison,
of Portland, and arrangements for his
quick removal to Good Samaritan
hospital was arranged by his fam-
ily. W. O. Clinger, who rushed from
La Grande, Ore., after hearing of
the accident.The cabin plane landed on the
bank at Dan-don yesterday after-
noon and the injured youth was
placed on a cot in the cabin. Miss
Wilma Lett, nurse at the Leep hos-
pital, Dan-don, accompanied him to
Portland.Willamette River
At Flood StagePORTLAND, May 16 (AP)—
Flood stage of the Willamette river
at Portland, due to high water from
the Columbia river, fresh and a
slight rise in the upper Willamette
is expected by Thursday night or
Friday, the weather bureau fore-
cast said today. Considerably high
as stages the looked for next week.
The flood stage of 15 feet is due
at Vancouver, Wash., Thursday
or Friday. Stages of the Willamette
in Portland this week were fore-
cast at about as follows: Tuesday 12
feet; Wednesday 14; Thursday 14.5;
Friday night or Friday 15 feet.Fatty Arbuckle To
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LINDBERGH

Charles A. Lindbergh, in a
Ryan monoplane, "The Spirit of
St. Louis," is preparing for the
big effort of his flying career,
a New York-to-Paris hop in com-
petition for the \$25,000 Oring
prize. Lindbergh's plane, weigh-
ing 1785 pounds is to carry 2775
pounds additional weight, includ-
ing a collapsible lifeboat.SEEKING SECRETS
OF HERCULEANEUMTo Unearth Roman City
Destroyed by Vesuv-
ius with PompeiiHERNIA, Italy, May 16 (AP)—
King Victor Emmanuel today in-
augurated the new excavations in
the ancient city of Herculeaneum
which are expected to produce ar-
tistic and intellectual treasures
surpassing those of Pompeii in ad-
dition to throwing the floodlight of
modern research upon the condi-
tions of ordinary life in Roman
times.Aboard the royal yacht, accom-
panied by four destroyers, the king
sailed from Naples across the bay
to the tiny harbor of Portici, in
the shadow of the ever-smoking
Vesuvius. Thronged of gaily-dressed
townsfolk, lining the Quays and
filling the beached fishing boats
gave him a noisy welcome.Start Excavations
At Resina, which lies on the
slope of the volcano, and under
which Herculeaneum is buried, the
king watched 20 workmen start
digging picks on the site of the
new excavations, while several
diggers armed with American-
made hand drills working on the
river principle, began eating in-
to the 100-foot casing of concrete
of lava over the ancient city. It
was said to be the first time modern
mechanical means have been
applied to archaeological work of
this sort.

The experts in charge of the

O. T. Extension
To Be Started
Within 60 DaysPORTLAND, Ore., May 16 (AP)—
President Ralph Budd of the
Great Northern, indicated in an in-
terview here that construction of
the 65-mile extension of the
Oregon Trunk from Bend to Puyallup,
as the first link of the proposed
Bend-Klamath Falls line, would be
under way within 60 days, as pro-
vided under order of the Interstate
commerce commission issued Sat-
urday.President Budd arrived here yester-
day on revolving news through
The Associated Press of the com-
mission's decision to permit the
Oregon trunk, jointly owned by the
Great Northern and Northern Pa-
cific, to proceed with the con-
struction. L. C. Gilman, vice
president of the Great Northern,
was called here today from Seattle
on a conference.The Great Northern executives
were expecting word as to the at-
titude of the Northern Pacific on
the project. Budd believed no diffi-
culty would be encountered in
making satisfactory arrangements
with the Northern Pacific.Clinger, who was injured in a
falling building at Dan-
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quick removal to Good Samaritan
hospital was arranged by his fam-
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La Grande, Ore., after hearing of
the accident.Bootleggers Must
File Tax ReturnsWASHINGTON, May 16 (AP)—
Bootleggers and others with in-
comes from unlawful business pur-
sues federal income tax returns.
The supreme court held today, for
the first time, that the duty to
file returns is not limited to the
lawful income of the taxpayer.Telegram Radio on
New Wave LengthPORTLAND, May 16 (AP)—
Radio station KEX of the Western
Broadcasting company and the
Portland Telegram, recently as-
signed a new wave length of
241.5, a new wave length that
the equipment for the new wave
length was on hand and the change
was to be effect.PORTLAND, May 16 (AP)—
Donald Ives, 34, was hit on the
temple by a golf ball at the 30th
annual golf club yesterday and was
taken to a hospital with a possible
fractured skull.Flyers Held To
Mineola, N. Y., by
Adverse WeatherByrd's Plane May Be
Ready When Chamber-
lin, Bertaud and Lind-
bergh Start.MINEOLA, N. Y., May 16 (AP)—
Chances of any one of the three
New York-to-Paris airplanes get-
ting away from Roosevelt field to-
morrow seemed remote today, an
unfavorable weather showed an
obstinately distressing to the flyers,
anxious to be away on the long,
long trail across the Atlantic.Forecasters Starr, of the New
York weather bureau, said today
that conditions were not a whit
better than they had been for the
last few days. It was hoped that
Wednesday morning would bring
an opportunity to hop off.Byrd Nearly Ready
Work on the Byrd plane went
steadily forward and the three-
motored craft probably will be
ready to start with the two single-
motored monoplanes. Chamberlin
and Bertaud, with an amicable
agreement reached with the ap-
pointees of their flight, took on new
enthusiasm and were camping at the
pit ready to take to the air and
leave full care of the ground.Possibility that Chamberlin and
Bertaud might not navigate the
monoplane Columbia arose as a re-
sult of a dispute between the two
fliers and Charles A. Levine, chief
backer of their flight, over con-
tract terms. They sought and re-
ceived assurance of protection for
their wives in case of mishap and
guarantee of all the money awards,
totaling upwards of \$100,000, if
they negotiate the New York-Paris
non-stop flight.The aviators signed a contract
whereby they would surrender 50
percent of the cash rewards to the
Columbia Aircraft corporation,
sponsor of the flight, but the
brooklyn chamber of commerce
which has offered a \$15,000 prize
to the Helanca crew if they suc-
cessfully make the hop, objected to
this arrangement and demanded
the aviators receive all monetary
rewards in full.Would Protect Wives
The aviators also demanded same
provision be made for their wives
in case the flight should end in
tragedy; under the new contract
the wives would receive \$50,000
each.Captain Charles A. Lindbergh,
zone horseman of the air, while
waiting for the weather to clear
in mid-Atlantic, looked at reports
with dubious eyes. The Minn-
er flier goes it alone throughout and
he can leave when the spirit and
the weather reports move him. He
has made no predictions of when
he will be, contenting himself
with the statement that he will not
deliberately fly into bad weather.Visitors in Klamath
KLAMATH FALLS, May 16 (AP)—
Although the Klamath county "great
wild" special train arrived a half
hour sooner than advertised, it
threw Klamath's reception pro-
gram off balance, many of the vis-
itors were taken on short auto-
mobile tours throughout Klamath
yesterday afternoon. S. P. officials
estimated that approximately 600
came to Klamath Falls, while a
large number preferred to stop off
at Odele lake and enjoy boating,
fishing and hiking.

PETITION GRANTED

PORTLAND, May 16 (AP)—
Application in voluntary bank-
ruptcy was today granted