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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled; probably rain west and in extreme north portion tonight and Thursday. Warmer tonight.

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FARMER DYNAMITES SCHOOL, 35 SLAIN

UNION ROUTE
ENDORSED BY
LOCAL CLUBChamber of Commerce
Directors Approve Road
Committee ReportSTART PETITIONS
FOR JUNE 28 VOTEWould Reassign \$398,000
Unspent Money to Im-
prove Five Highways in
Union County.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Union county chamber of commerce late yesterday, the report of the good roads committee was adopted and the chamber now goes on record as endorsing the proposed \$398,000 bond issue for the construction of macadamized market roads in Union county by reassignment of unspent funds voted several years ago.

At the meeting, Elmer Stoddard, director and Grande Ronde lumber company official, declared that he would withdraw his objections to the route to Medical Springs up Catherine creek from Union for the good of the whole program.

He had advocated building a highway via Telecast instead of up Catherine creek.

The Proposed Program

The road program, as now arranged, provided for \$143,999 for the Union-Medical Springs road, which will be about 21 miles in length; \$25,000 for the Clover creek road; \$10,000 for the Lower Cove road; \$150,000 for the 12th and Sumnerville connections with the Wall City road over the Mt. Hood mountains to connect with the Mount Hood county highway out of Weston and \$10,000 for the Hunt-Lane extension.

The program was definitely decided upon at a meeting April 8 of delegates from various sections of the county.

Circulating Petitions

Earl Reynolds, secretary of the chamber of commerce, today announced that the organization had started petitions in La Grande this morning to secure enough signatures to have the measure placed upon the ballot at the June 28 election. It will be necessary to

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ARMY OFFICERS
SPEAK AT HIGH
SCHOOL HERE

Colonel Hiram F. Welch, commanding officer of the 184th Infantry, D. S. C., and Colonel W. A. McMurphy, regular army officer assigned to the 184th Infantry as instructor, spoke at an assembly in the high school yesterday afternoon, explaining the plans for enlisting the first two weeks of June at Camp Clifton, midway between Astoria and Seaside.

Colonel Welch has had 22 years of service in the national guard and was three times called to the federal service, during the Spanish-American war, the Mexican border war and the World war.

Today the two officers, accompanied by Major R. R. Byron, commanding officer of the second battalion of the 184th, Captain R. L. Patton, of Company B, and Captain E. C. S. army instructor here, went to Baker where they will inspect the unit there and also be guests at a luncheon by the chamber of commerce and the Kiwanis club at the Geier grill. The La Grande quartet is scheduled to sing.

WHEN
IGNORANCE
IS AN EXCUSE

When a business man puts in a new line of merchandise, or adds a new department to his store, or provides for a new service of some kind, or receives new styles, or is able to make new and lower prices—when ever he does or has anything new, he naturally wants you to know about it and you naturally want to. But if he fails to let you know about it, your ignorance is a perfect excuse for your failure to take advantage of the offer.

The successful business man knows you won't spend your money for something you know nothing about, nor will you spend it in a store you are not acquainted with. So he is a constant observer advertiser to "let you know" the news of his business. It is a most economical contact—and reaches over 2000 families in the La Grande territory each day.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Club Women To
Present Drama
Friday EveningAll-Star Cast to Give
"Flattering Words,"
Prepared for State Con-
vention at Bend.

La Grande will be given an opportunity to see the play which will be presented by the Neighborhood club women at the request of the state federation at the annual convention at Bend this year. The play will be presented at the library auditorium Friday night at 8:15 o'clock.

The one-act piece selected is the "Flattering Words" by George Kelly, an American playwright of distinction.

In this play Mr. Kelly shows his ability to bring together characters from diversified walks in life and give them living portrayal. One finds the metropolitan actor, the small town preacher susceptible to flattery and his pleasure-starved wife, the dandy, self-confident neighbor and her lumpy, stage-struck daughter.

These parts are in the hands of an all-star cast, as follows: Mrs. L. H. Russell, Miss Bertha Walsinger, Mrs. Dwight Jesse, Mrs. Lester Stoddard and Mrs. G. R. Claycomb. It is under the direction of Mrs. Donald Pascoe, state chairman of drama.

Mrs. Winer, of
Baker, Seriously
Hurt in Collision

Mrs. Jack Winer, of Baker, is seriously hurt and Ray Lynch, of La Grande, is slightly injured as the result of a collision in Pyles canyon about six o'clock yesterday afternoon when a fruit truck which Mr. Lynch was driving struck the Baker woman.

Mr. Lynch reported the accident to the state traffic officer, stating "I was coming down the canyon toward Union from Baker and as I came over a hill four people were in the road. I taking pictures. He states they were apparently in a playful mood.

"As I approached I slowed down intending to pass and crossed to the left side and as I did two of the party crossed the road to my right and the lady who I hit went right in front of me. As she did this Mr. Ledbetter grabbed for her but missed and my truck hit her. I went clear to the left side of the road into the ditch and hit a telephone pole."

E. L. Ledbetter, of La Grande, and Vincent McKee witnessed the accident. It was reported.

Reports from Hot Lake at two o'clock this afternoon announced that Mrs. Winer is showing some improvement. She was unconscious at first but has had intervals of consciousness today. It is not believed that her injuries are dangerous.

Jones to Attend
Grange Conference

The graduates of Union county will hold a grange conference Saturday May 20, at the Blue Mountain grange hall. An address by Seymour Jones, state grange agent, will be a feature of the occasion. A large attendance is desired.

Mrs. Gerlinger To
Visit Here May 26

Ray Williams, chairman alumni association of Union and Wallawalla counties for the University of Oregon, has received word from Jeanette Collins that Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, of Portland, will be here on May 26 to appear before the alumni and former students of the University of Oregon at a noon meeting. Further announcement will be made at a later date.

Two Watches Given
To L. H. S. Seniors

J. H. Peck and Son, jewelers, gave away two Bova watches to members of the La Grande high school graduating class this afternoon. The clocked stopped at 1:21, the "minute hand" watch going to Miss Grace Geibel and the "hour hand" watch going to William Henry Connor.

ANNUAL PICNIC

SALEM, Ore., May 18 (AP)—Former Polk county residents now living in Portland will hold their annual picnic in Laurelhurst park on the afternoon and evening of July 16, says a letter of invitation received by Gov. Patterson from R. F. Mulkey, Portland attorney. The governor is invited to speak. His home is in Polk county.

PRESBYTERY
INDUCTS WALZ
INTO PULPITGrande Ronde Organiza-
tion Presents Formal
Call to MinisterCHURCH MEN OF
STATE PRESENTDecision Reached to Hold
Conference of Religious
Education at Wallawa
Lake in August.

The Grande Ronde presbytery convened in adjourned session at the Presbyterian church of this city on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the moderator, the Rev. William Baird, presiding at the opening, when the Rev. H. B. Thomas was elected to act as temporary moderator. The call of the La Grande church was read, acted upon and presented officially to the Rev. J. George Walz, who formally accepted the call. Robert S. Eakin was present as commissioner representing the local congregation.

Other business was transacted among which was the appointment of permanent committees of presbytery, with no changes in the personnel, except that J. A. Fraser was appointed chairman of the home missions committee and J. G. Walz, chairman of the committee on religious education. Dr. W. L. Van Noy was seated as a corresponding member of presbytery. The committee on arrangements for the installation of Mr. Walz reported, and at 8 o'clock in the evening the program was presented as outlined.

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Those having part in the program, following the music offered by the organist and quartet, were: Mr. Baird, who presided and pronounced the constitutional oaths; the Rev. J. A. Fraser, who preached a sermon on "The Silence of Death"; the Rev. A. L. Buchanan, who read the scripture and led in prayer; the Rev. H. B. Thomas, of Portland, synodical executive of the Synod of Oregon, who delivered the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. W. L. Van Noy, synodical secretary of religious education, who charged the people. Dr. Van Noy was pastor of this congregation some 23 years ago.

Mr. Walz pronounced the benediction after which the congregation cordially welcomed Mr. Walz.

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Cove Graduates
To Get Diplomas
Thursday Night

COVE, May 18 (Special).—Commencement exercises of the Cove high school will be held on Thursday evening, May 18, at the M. E. church. There are 11 members in the graduating class this year. The Rev. J. George Walz of the First Presbyterian church of La Grande will deliver the address.

The laureate sermon was delivered by Elmer Stoddard of La Grande, at the M. E. church on Sunday morning. The church was filled and many were unable to obtain seats. No other services were held on Sunday except an eight o'clock service at the Assembly Episcopal church.

The Rev. William M. Bradner left on Monday, May 16, for Seattle to attend the Synod of the Episcopal church. He represented the district of the Pacific.

Two Wells and Beaver Creek Water
Supply Is 3,842,400 Gallons Daily

The La Grande residents need not fear a water shortage, unless a break in the main between the two wells and the downstream reservoir occurs, City Manager W. C. Greas announced today.

As far as actual water supply is concerned, the municipality now has nearly 4,000,000 gallons available for each day of 24 hours. This was determined last night by actual measurement and not by guesswork.

Of the total supply—3.8 million gallons—2,442,400 gallons each 24 hours—about two-thirds is supplied by the artesian wells which the city dug near the Second Street viaduct during the past year.

The measurements taken at the wells showed that the first well dug flows exactly 500 gallons of water per minute or 720,000 gallons every 24 hours.

8000 Miles Of
Land Inundated
By MississippiUndetermined Number of
Lives Lost in Break in
Atchafalaya and Bayou
des Glaives.

NEW ORLEANS, May 18 (AP)—With approximately 8000 square miles inundated and the waters from breaks in the Atchafalaya River Bayou des Glaives levees constantly covering more territory, residents of South Central Louisiana today helplessly watched the greatest flood in the history of the state as it moved toward the Gulf of Mexico.

An undetermined number of lives have been lost and prospects are that many more will perish before the waters finally fall. At Metairie, 120 miles northwest of New Orleans, on the Atchafalaya river where the most serious break occurred yesterday, 10 negroes were officially reported to have been drowned. At Ross Plantation, near Metairie, the fate of 40 persons was not known here. They were thought to have been trapped in the lowlands where a 50 to 100 mile current was flowing.

Many Trapped

Aviators who flew over that section today believed the people had been able to reach high land or levees.

The state's flood headquarters said today no official confirmation had been received of any deaths in the flood area. Adjutant General Tombs wired from Marksville that he had found Mrs. Dupre and her eight children who had been reported drowned at Plaquemine.

Saved 163 Lives

W. T. Clark, a rescue worker of Alexandria, who is credited with saving 163 persons in the Bayou des Glaives section, reported the discovery of a man and his two sons yesterday. Clark said he removed the mother from the roof of a floating home and before he could reach the other the house capsized and they were swept away. The bodies were not found.

Army engineers said that 50 persons were reported in whole or in part for the flood waters and that approximately 8000 square miles had been inundated.

THREE INJURED
IN AUTO WRECKNorth Powder Car in Col-
lision with Union Car
Yesterday Afternoon

NORTH POWDER, Ore., May 18 (Special).—Mrs. Norval Olsen and baby son and Mrs. John Haynes were painfully injured yesterday afternoon in an automobile accident near the city limits of Union when a car in which they were riding and a new automobile driven by J. Q. Gilmore, of Union, collided.

Both machines were damaged considerably. Mr. Gilmore escaped injury as did Mr. Olsen and one of the twin babies. Those injured were cut by glass and bruised.

It is reported here that Mr. Gilmore was driving on the wrong side of the road and that Mr. Olsen attempted to dodge him but was unable to do so.

R. E. Landley, of North Powder, wrecked his light runabout Sunday when he lost control of the machine and ran into a ditch and through a fence. Mr. Landley was only slightly injured.

PATTERSONS IN KLAMATH

KLAMATH FALLS, May 18 (AP).—Klamath Falls was host today to Gov. and Mrs. Patterson when they arrived this morning to take part in May day festivities. This afternoon and to be honored guests at the seventh annual banquet of commerce banquet tonight.

Church People Aid
Convicted Couple

PORTLAND, May 18 (AP).—Through interest taken by church people in their case, Clifford Cron and his young wife, Gladys, who pleaded guilty to stealing an automobile for a trip to California when arrested in Portland, have been paroled and an effort will be made to start them in life anew.

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Really Official
Guest at Luncheon

Mr. Johnson, of the state real estate department at Salem, was a guest of the La Grande Realty board at a special luncheon today at noon at the Geier grill.

The value is an interesting speech, told of real estate laws and subjects of interest to realtors.

NINE BANDITS
ROB BANK IN
BEGGS, OKLA.Escape with About \$4000
After Gun Battle with
Officers, CitizensTOWN MARSHAL IS
SHOT TO DEATHWoman, with Child in
Her Arms, Wounded by
Robbers' Fusillade —
Posses in Pursuit.

TULSA, Okla., May 18 (AP)—Nine robbers looted two banks in Beggs, Okla., today and escaped with several thousand dollars after a gun fight in which Marshal W. J. McAnally of the town was killed and one woman pedestrian wounded.

News of the bandit thrust was received here over the telephone from residents from the town.

Notorious Desperado

One of the robbers was said to have been recognized as Matthews Kinkead, notorious Oklahoma desperado. The wounded woman is a Mrs. Campbell who was struck by a bullet while she held a small child in her arms across the street from the Farmers National bank.

The Farmers bank and the First National were entered and looted by the robbers. McAnally was killed as he opened fire on five of the men when they emerged from the Farmers bank.

Travelled in Cars

The robbers traveled in two automobiles and were armed with rifles. Posses are pursuing them toward Slick, Beggs is in Oklahoma county about 50 miles west of Tulsa.

The robbery occurred about 10:20 a. m.

The loot from the two banks, officials here estimated will not total more than \$4000.

Many Shots Fired

Between 20 and 40 shots were fired in the battle which followed holding up of the second bank.

Citizens joined in the fray.

Kinkead was one of the participants in the robbery last spring of the Farmers National bank in which \$25,000 was taken and it was said that Kinkead of the situation recognized him as being the leader of the daring episode today.

Scarlet Fever
Epidemic Rages
At Haines, Ore.

HAINES, Ore., May 18.—Because of the alarming spread of scarlet fever here, the Haines public schools will be closed for an indefinite period, it was decided Monday night at a meeting of the school board, city council and citizens with the county health officer.

Thirty-two children were sent home from school Monday forenoon. A number of homes are quarantined. This situation brought about the meeting Monday night. If no new cases develop the schools will be reopened next Monday. In the meantime no public gatherings will be held here.

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Judge Ryan sentenced both to six months in the county jail. He paroled the young woman to a member of Mr. Staub's church and the young man to Dr. Staub.

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SUES HIM



Frieda Hempel, international-known German opera singer (above), is suing August Heckscher, 50, millionaire financier and philanthropist (below), "for a million or more." She has cited a pre-marital contract in which she says Heckscher agreed to pay her \$48,000 annually.

WORK OF MEDICS
SPEEDS NEW ERACal Coolidge Compliments
Profession on Human
Welfare Efforts

WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP).—The ever absorbing problems of how to keep well, how to put down disease and how to prolong the span of normal life were opened to discussion today by the American Medical association.

WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP).—Complimenting the medical profession on its contribution to human welfare, President Coolidge declared last night that the world looked largely to its members to bring about a physical, mental and spiritual regeneration, "which not force but reason will hold universal sway."

"Somewhere in human nature there is still a structural weakness," said the president in an address to the annual session of the American Medical association. "We do not do as well as we know. We make many constitutions, we enact many laws, having out a course of action and providing a method of carrying it out, but we are still wither which are above criticism, but they do not come into full observance and effect."

"Society is still afflicted with crime, and among the nations there are still wars and rumors of wars. In spite of all our progress and all our success, in one double that

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Official Checks
Engineering Here

Archy B. Carter, minor engineer and secretary of the state board of engineering examiners, from Portland, spent yesterday in La Grande checking up on local and county conditions. He was in Baker Monday and went to Portland today.

The state board requires that all engineering projects and surveys for the city, county and private must be handled by licensed engineers and the board is enforcing this ruling in the letter. Mr. Carter investigated all engineering phases here, civil, mechanical and electrical.

Change in Crew
Of Bellanca Is
Likely, BeliefLevine, Owner of Plane,
Seeks New Navigator—
Squalls in Atlantic Con-
tinue.

NEW YORK, May 18 (AP).—Squalls in trans-Atlantic flight circles, heretofore confined to the weather, today reached a point that indicated a change in the crew of the Bellanca plane Columbia.

Chas. A. Levine, chairman of the board of the Columbia Aircraft corporation, which owns the plane, endeavored to obtain a navigator to supplant Lloyd Bertaud, air mail pilot, with whom he has been in dispute for several days.

Bertaud, however, announced his determination to make the flight if at all possible. In a telegram to Levine, who was staying at the same hotel in Garden City, Bertaud offered to waive all financial reward and donate his share of the prize money to the families of Noel Davis and Stanton Wooster, killed in a crash of their plane, American Legion, should this be not satisfactory he said he would be willing to give the prize money to Levine rather than force making the flight.

Levine Silent

Levine refused to comment on the telegram, but said no matter what occurred, Clarence Chamberlin, pilot of the plane, would remain a member of its crew.

Liet Bert Balchen, a Norwegian aviator, who accompanied Commander Richard E. Byrd on his flight to the North Pole, was offered Bertaud's place but declined to force Bertaud out of the flight.

Bertaud in his telegram also offered to purchase the Columbia, make the trip and then return to plane to Levine, but the latter said the ship was not for sale.

Thomas L. Hill, president of the American Society for the Promotion of Aviation, made public a telegram to Levine, offering \$100,000 for the Columbia, and stating that he had two pilots, "internationally known," who would be ready in 24 hours to take off for Paris. Levine said he had rejected the offer.

Lindbergh Eager

Meanwhile Captain Charles Lindbergh is eagerly awaiting favorable weather for a hop off in his Ryan monoplane and Commander Richard Byrd and his two flying companions, Lieut. George Noville and Bert Acosta continue to bring their giant Folker plane, America, to a point of perfection.

Slight improvement in flying conditions over the Atlantic was reported by the weather bureau but conditions were said to be still unfavorable for a trans-Atlantic flight.

Spring Grain Is
Coming Up Well
Over the State

PORTLAND, May 18 (AP).—Spring grain is generally coming up well but in places needs rain, said the weekly Oregon crop report today. Winter wheat, oats, rye and barley are doing well in most places. Winter rye and barley are well headed in the milder districts, and early winter wheat is heading in localities where corn planting continues. Early corn has been materially helped by warm weather.

Fruit is spotted. Apple bloom is light in places. Strawberries are blooming and setting well. Some damage was done to fruit trees by high wind on the north of the 16th.

Improved pasturage is reflected in a better condition of the stock. Shearing continues in places. Some stock is moving to the summer range.

Early potatoes are fair to good. Truck is backed up but improving. Hops are being trained. Early flax is growing well, and seedling is mostly finished.

Editors To Avoid
A. L. Meet Conflict

SALISBURY, Ore., May 18 (Special).—The summer session of the Oregon State Editorial association will be held at Roseburg Friday, Aug. 5, and Bandon Saturday, Aug. 6, according to a decision reached at a meeting of the program committee of the association. It previously had been announced that the session could be held July 22 and 23, but it was necessary to change the date because of the American Legion convention at La Grande.

GOES TO CALIFORNIA

SALISBURY, Ore., May 18 (AP).—State Engineer Elmer Linger and Fred Coolidge of his department have gone to San Francisco to confer with underwriters and bondholders of several "sick" Oregon irrigation districts relative to working out a cooperative plan of saving the projects.

LITTLE LIVES
SNUFFED OUT
IN TRAGEDYAbout 500 Pounds of Ex-
plosive Set Off by Wire
ConnectionNORTH WING OF
SCHOOL LEVELLEDSuspect Among the Dead;
Workers Recover 22
Bodies from Wreckage
at Noon Today.

By the Associated Press
Up until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon the bodies of 33 children had been removed from the wrecked building. State police estimated probably 12 or 15 more were yet to be located.

BATH, Mich., May 18 (AP).—

Investigation by state police late today into the cause of two explosions which wrecked a consolidated district school here this morning with an estimated loss of life of 35 or more, revealed that the cellar of the building was wired and connected with more than 500 pounds of dynamite.

The investigation also revealed the state police said Andrew Kehoe, Clinton county farmer, who was killed in the explosion, had touched off the charge by firing a high-powered rifle into a box of the explosive in the rear seat of his automobile.

MORE THAN 35 KILLED

BATH, Mich., May 18 (AP).—Two explosions, believed to have been caused by dynamite which wrecked the north wing of a consolidated district school here this morning, killed at least 35 children, the principal, E. E. Huyck, one teacher and two by-standers, according to the estimate of state police and members of the Lansing fire department who were attempting to recover bodies in the wreckage.

Twenty-two bodies had been recovered shortly after noon. A short time before the explosion wrecked the school house, the farm home and barn of Andrew Kehoe, nearby, were blown up and destroyed by fire. The body of Kehoe, who was treasurer of the school district and who recently suffered financial reverses, was found in front of the school building.

Sticks of dynamite found near the school house and on the Kehoe farm by state police led the officers to believe that Kehoe was implicated in the matter.

Early efforts at identification of

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CHICAGO SHOP KEPT
BY AUTHOR'S WIFE

CHICAGO.—While W. Somerset Maugham, English author and playwright, writes police drama or novels of the south seas, his wife is engaged in trade in Chicago. She keeps a store on Michigan avenue, selling antiques from abroad. She divides her time between this shop and another in fashionable Grosvenor Square, London. Chicagoans who patronize her shop have been able, they say, "to solve a literary puzzle, for she pronounces her name to rhyme with worm."

Growers interested in certification of small grain crops may make arrangements with their county agent or the college at Corvallis to have the fields inspected before harvest. Standards and rules for certification may be obtained on application to the college.

TODAY'S GAMES

M. H. E.	
St. Louis	1 8 0
Boston	8 13 2

Philadelphia	8 13 2
Washington	8 13 2
Chicago	7 8 9
Baltimore	4 6 5

M. H. E.	
Chicago	7 8 9
Baltimore	4 6 5

M. H. E.	
Pittsburg	13 18 1
New York	6 9 5

Baltimore—Aldridge and Spencer; Goorb, Cummings; Henry, Peterson; Clarkson and Ham- mon.	

Philadelphia—Cleveland game postponed, threatening weather.	

Cleveland-New York postponed threatening weather.	