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Cloudy tonight and Thursday.
Mild temperature. Moderate west-
erly winds.

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STATE P. E. O.
CONVENTION
ENDS TODAYCowboy Dinner Served to
Delegates at Wallawa
Lake Last NightELECT OFFICERS
THIS AFTERNOONBeauties of Wonderland
Draws Much Praise
from Visitors—Head-
quarters at Lodge.

Today marked the closing of the sixteenth annual state P. E. O. convention at Wallawa lake with chapter 11 of Enterprise entertaining. Morning and afternoon meetings with election of officers for the coming year, address and matters of business, comprised the day's program. The visiting members, numbering nearly 60 women, were scheduled to leave the lake late this afternoon. Western Oregon delegates will leave La Grande on train No. 25 this evening.

Local members who returned this morning report that the convention has been highly successful and that visiting P. E. O.'s decried themselves impressed both by the scenic beauty around the lake and by the hospitality of the Eastern Oregon chapters. Weather has been pleasant until today.

A number of La Grande men drove to the lake yesterday for last evening's cowboy supper. Among them were Dr. H. S. Brown, William Miller, A. V. Lindgren, Hal Holmquist, George Cursey, Albert Hunter, Dr. A. L. Richardson, Edward Holmes and G. L. Dutten.

ENTERTAINMENT, Ore., May 25. (Special to The Observer)—Following the close of the convention of the Oregon grand chapter, P. E. O., at Wallawa lake this week, the B. L. L's gave a cowboy dinner at the White Elephant chalet last night. W. F. Savage, of Enterprise, was in charge, and was assisted by Max Wilson, of Astoria, and Mary E. A. Hopkins, of the chalet.

The convention closed today at noon and the delegates began to return to La Grande by stage in time to take night trains to their homes.

State Represented
Thirty-four of the 32 chapters in the state are represented here, 21 with two delegates each.

Manager J. C. MacPherson has placed the entire lodge at the disposal of the delegates and all the rooms are full. In addition many of the cabins are occupied, as some of the visiting women are accompanied by their husbands.

The beautiful lobby room is serving as convention headquarters and the picturesque setting is an

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THREE STATES
WILL ATTEND
LEGION MEET

Announcement was made today by Ray Williams, secretary of the American Legion convention, that the convention will send a drum corps of 25 members representing the Washington department of the American Legion to the state convention here in July. The corps will come in a special car. The Williams also stated that Spokane will probably send a corps, although no definite decision has been made there as yet. Weiser, Idaho has promised a drum corps with perhaps the added attraction of a band. "It looks as if it is going to be a Pacific northwest rather than a state convention," said Mr. Williams today. "Judging from the decorated interest that is constantly being shown, we are going to have a big meet."

The convention is July 21, 22, 23.

HOW
MANY HOMES
IN LA GRANDE?

People who have distributed food samples from house to house throughout the city say that between sixteen and eighteen hundred packages are required to do the job. The Observer distributes over 1700 copies in La Grande every evening through its carrier system and over 300 additional copies through the mail in the immediate vicinity of the city. Stages take bundles of papers in every direction each evening to cover town and a total of over 2000 families in this trading area read The Observer regularly, the highest mark in the paper's history.

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Baptists Begin
Second Day Of
Annual SessionDelegates from 4 Counties
in Attendance—
Pageant Presented by
World Wide Guild.

The second day of the Grande Ronde Baptist association meeting opened here this morning at 9:30 o'clock with representatives present from most of the active churches in Union, Baker, Malheur and Harney counties.

Most of the morning was taken up with reports, a report being given from Linfield college and from the state Baptist conference. Luncheon was served at noon in the church basement and the afternoon session was scheduled to begin at two o'clock. The Rev. E. J. Green, of Cove, led in the morning's devotion. The first main assembly of the meeting was held last evening when the Rev. G. A. Pollard, pastor of the local church, gave the address of welcome, which was responded to by A. O. Broyles, of Ontario, association moderator.

The session started at 7:15 o'clock and at 7:30 the Grande Ronde World Wide Guild presented a missionary pageant, which introduced Christianity in conjunction with the spirit of brotherhood. About 20 members of the guild took part in the pageant, each girl representing a nation. Assisting the guild members were two trumpeters from the primary department and the church choir.

Annual Sermon
Following the pageant the annual sermon was given by the Rev. Mr. Rossier, of Baker. He discussed the purpose of the association and the idea of carrying out the work as outlined during the meeting from one year to the next.

Most of yesterday afternoon was taken up with registration after which a devotional was held in the church. The needs of the association were brought up in a round table discussion. The Rev. A. O. Broyles, of Ontario, presiding.

150 at Banquet
Dinner was served to about 150 persons in the church basement at 5:30 o'clock. The World Wide Guild members were seated at one table, which was arranged in the gold color, blue and white. The church choir, boys and girls, served as a centerpiece. Miss Louise Henderson, of Portland, was the guest of honor.

Dinner will be served for this group again this evening in the church basement.

GROUP TO PROBE
RAILROAD SCHEMEEastern Oregon Commit-
tee to Investigate the
Proposed Line

Before adjournment yesterday afternoon, the board of directors of the committee of the Union Pacific extension from Homestead to Lewiston, appointed a committee to investigate conditions thoroughly and to report as to what effect such construction would have on each community in this part of the state. This date will be presented, it is said, to the Oregon public service commission, and Western Oregon civic organizations in an attempt to prevent endorsement of the proposed extension.

Edward Frazer, of The Dalles, was elected chairman and the Dalles, W. S. Nelson, of The Dalles, as secretary of the committee. Other members are George C. Baker, Pendleton; Frank McCulloch, Baker; and A. R. Hunter, La Grande.

The afternoon session in the city hall yesterday, beginning at 1:30 o'clock, was adjourned shortly after 2 o'clock, the delegates returning to their homes.

George McClure
Struck By Auto

George McClure, formerly of Walla Walla but now of Yakima, was seriously but not seriously injured this afternoon when he was hit by a car driven by Max Duff, of Enterprise, the police report. The car was registered as belonging to Fred Duff.

Mr. McClure was hurt about the leg and hand.

False Fire Alarm
Interrupts Dinner

The La Grande volunteer fire department members and their families were enjoying a dinner in the city building last night about 11:45 o'clock when alarm No. 42 sounded, interrupting the meal. When investigated, it proved to be a false alarm—some believe probably a practical joke.

The dinner following a dancing party in the L. O. O. F. hall.

RECREATION
HALL TO BE
BUILT HERELatter Day Saints Church
Plans to Erect Mod-
ern StructureCANTATA TO AID
BUILDING FUNDS"The Creation," with 75
Voices Participating, to
Be Presented Here on
June 1.

The Latter Day Saints church here will build a new recreational hall here this summer, and to add to the fund for the new building a cantata will be brought to La Grande next Wednesday evening.

The "Creation" by Joseph Hayden is the name of the cantata, which will come here from Pendleton, where it has been given twice, each time before a large audience. Seventy-five voices take part in addition to an orchestra of 25 pieces.

Will Aid Fund

The finance committee of the new recreational hall is sponsoring the presentation of the cantata in La Grande. Work on the new building, which will replace the present one near the replacement on Fourth street, will start as soon as the plans are completed.

The cantata is directed by Gordon G. Henson, of Pendleton. After the first presentation in Umatilla county those taking part in the program went to Walla, Walla, where it was broadcast from radio station, KOWW, many compliments being received by the radio station from people who tuned in on the cantata. At the second presentation in Pendleton it was necessary to turn away hundreds of people after the house had been filled.

Poppies Product
Of Disabled War
Veterans' Effort

Disabled service men in the various hospitals over the country are paid one cent each for making the poppies for the American Legion auxiliary, which will be sold in La Grande Friday and Saturday of this week.

"For many, this is the first money earned since the war," Mrs. H. K. Brady, of the local auxiliary poppy committee, declares. "No service work accomplished with the poppy profits can equal this service to the disabled veteran, which brings to them the realization that they are again able to take their place among the wage-earning citizens. To many this money is highly appreciated."

There are a large number of unemployed men in the hospital and the poppy money is being used to support families, to pay mortgages, to pay taxes on homes and farms.

Mrs. Brady cited one example, wherein the auxiliary helped an ex-soldier man by buying him money to pay the taxes and interest on the mortgage on his home. Afterwards he had to leave his family and go to the hospital. His wife returned to her parents with the children while he was away, and all winter he made poppies in his struggle to pay off the mortgage and save his home so that he would have a place to gather his little family together when he returned.

"There are the men and women for whom the poppy program was planned and many are the minds made easier and the homes made happier because of the auxiliary program," she concluded, pointing out that the little poppy plays an important part in the American Legion and auxiliary rehabilitation and child welfare programs before as well as after the sale.

Tulip Stem
Topped With
Three Flowers

Portland is not alone in its ability to raise remarkable flowers. It must share its honors with La Grande.

Some time ago Portland florists were again over the discovery of a tulip with three blooms on a single stem.

But La Grande can match it, and throw in an additional stem with two blooms.

Harry Smart, 2767 North Birch, late yesterday sent in a beautiful tulip, with three large blooms—each from a single stem.

The distance from the base of the stem to the top of the flowers was more than 24 inches and the distance to the tallest flower was 29 inches.

Parade To Open
Local Program
On Memorial DayCeremony at Cemetery to
Be Conducted by Mem-
bers of Grand Army of
Republic.

All La Grande will observe Memorial Day Monday in a special program, which is being arranged by the American Legion post here. Because many will be out of the city Sunday and Memorial day, making two holidays together, the program will be short, legion officials announced.

As is the annual custom there will be a parade in the morning beginning at 11 o'clock, to be formed down town, and leading to the Masonic cemetery where the ritual will be exemplified by members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Taps will be sounded at the cemetery by Andrew Loney Jr., and the salute will be fired by a firing squad from Company 15 of the Oregon national guard.

The guard company and the La Grande municipal band will march in the parade, along the Spanish-American war veterans, the remaining members of the Grand Army of the Republic, World War veterans and other organizations.

Dinner at Noon
Dinner will be served at noon by Oliver P. Marion Relief corps, No. 27, at the Knights of Pythias hall for all ex-service men.

There will be no afternoon program.

Members of the American Legion auxiliary are making poppy wreaths, which they will place on every ex-soldier's grave on Saturday.

The Observer will publish a morning paper at Memorial day.

REFUSE TO QUIT
FLOODED LANDSResidents of 'Sugar Bowl'
to Stand Ground in
Face of Waters

NEW ORLEANS, May 25 (AP)—The greatest flood in the history of the Mississippi valley failed to drown residents of the "Sugar Bowl" area today and though hundreds deserted their homes for the safety of refuge camps, others, basing their belief on experience in past floods, abandoned reports and stubbornly prepared to hold their stand in the path of the invading waters.

More than 40 square miles have been covered in Point Couper press as the Atchafalaya river rushed through the two-foot gap in levee created at Metairie. The break is approximately 130 miles northwest of New Orleans and water from it had filled the swamp behind the beach today, and was spreading toward the estimated lands behind.

Refuse to Leave
New Roads and Metairie, the two largest towns in the immediate path of the break, have made few preparations to evacuate. Many of the residents declaring the water will not reach them. The stream of refugees continued to grow and more than 4000 were being cared for at Baton Rouge.

Chattanooga of Hervey parish refused to leave their homes today after a railroad had been commandeered to aid in their evacuation.

Leave Breaks
The levee at Metairie broke early yesterday when the current of the Atchafalaya swept aside the barriers 2000 men had been laboring weeks to hold and burn in upon the fertile fields of the East.

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Mrs. Gerlinger To
Be Here Tomorrow

Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, of Portland, a member of the board of regents of the University of Oregon, will be here tomorrow and will meet with university alumni and those interested in the activities of the university at a luncheon tomorrow noon at the summer hotel.

Mrs. Gerlinger has been touring Eastern Oregon in the interests of the school for the past few days. Her tour took her to Baker yesterday and Pendleton today. According to Ray Williams, chairman of the alumni of Union and Walla Walla counties, Mrs. Gerlinger has an important message to deliver to those interested in the development of the university.

Union Stock Show
Directors to Meet

There will be a dinner meeting of the Union Livestock Show association this evening at the Union hotel to discuss plans for the show, which will be held at Union June 8, 9 and 10.

Plans are also being made to hold a boys' and girls' club rally at Union next Wednesday evening, June 1, inviting all boys' and girls' club members to attend.

HONOLULU TO
BE NEXT AIM
OF AVIATORS\$40,000 in Prizes Offered
to Successful Flyers
by James D. DoleWANTS LINDBERGH
TO MAKE ATTEMPTBellanca Plane Already
Sure to Enter—Spon-
sors of the "America"
Also Interested.

HONOLULU, May 25. (AP)—The Star-Bulletin, in a copyrighted article announced today that James D. Dole, president of the Hawaiian Pineapple company, has offered a purse of \$25,000 to the first aviator and \$10,000 to the second flyer to make non-stop flights from the Pacific coast to Hawaii during the 12 months starting August 15.

Dole was quoted as being anxious to have Lindbergh compete, but if the New York-Pauline flyer does not desire to enter, the offer may be made effective sooner.

The only attempt to span the Pacific by air from the west coast to Honolulu was made August 21, 1925, when two navy planes in command of Commander John Rodgers left San Francisco. One was forced down at the 340-mile mark, but that in which Rodgers flew reached a point about 140 miles from the islands when his gasoline supply gave out. Rodgers and his crew were rescued after drifting for nine days.

UP TO LINDBERGH

ST. LOUIS, May 25. (AP)—Whether Captain Lindbergh will compete in the Hawaiian flight contest for a purse of \$25,000 announced today by James D. Dole, president with Lindbergh, Major Albert B. Lambert of St. Louis, one of the sponsors of the New York-to-Paris flight told The Associated Press today.

"If Lindbergh does compete," said Lambert, "he will not fly the 'Spirit of St. Louis,' but will have a new plane of the same type. He will be backed by the same group of St. Louisans who sponsored the New York-to-Paris hop, if he does participate."

BELLANCA TO ENTER
NEW YORK, May 25. (AP)—The Bellanca monoplane Columbia in which Clarence Chamberlin had

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Rainy Weather
Of Week Aid To
Growing Crops

PORTLAND, Ore., May 25 (AP)—The weekly Oregon crop report today says heading of winter wheat is becoming more general. The rains of the week were beneficial, but growth of all cereals was retarded by low temperature. Considerable early corn is up.

Strawberries are promising but are ripening slowly. Apples blooming in many places but are setting well. All fruits need warmer weather.

Freezing weather caused some injury to alfalfa in elevated districts. Alfalfa is growing slowly, owing to low temperature and lack of sunshine, but cutting of the first crop has begun in milder districts.

Pastures are improving. Shearing continued but has been delayed by rain and low temperature. Stock is generally improving. There is some movement to summer ranges.

Five Convicted of Manslaughter
By Hollywood Jury in Kerrick Case

LOS ANGELES, May 25. (AP)—Hollywood today found itself tagged with a five against "wild parties" and killings—the incidental discovery of a jury which yesterday convicted five persons of manslaughter for their participation in a drinking orgy which ended in the shooting to death of Tom "Two-Gun" Kerrick, film cowboy.

The quintet returned after only a little more than three and a half hours of deliberation, including the slain actor's widow, Mrs. Sarah Kerrick, whom some of her co-defendants accused of deliberately withholding the guns that killed her husband. The others are Jon Hunt, Arizona cowboy, said to have flung a bottle at the party; Edna Harris, Anita Davis and Henry Isabel, the latter three film stars.

The five will come up for sentencing next Friday morning. The convicted man's counsel served notice that a written motion for a new trial would be made. The motion will come up on the day of sentencing.

Kerry took the verdict outwardly in little mood but with a blanch of face. His habitual expression of worry and depressed spirits again characterized his attitude.

WEATHER MAN SEES
SUMMERLESS YEAR;
WORST IS COMING?Herbert Brown Declares
This Season Will Be
Like the Famous
One in 1816

By Rodney Dutcher
WASHINGTON, May 25. (NEA)—Some time next fall Mr. Herbert Janvrin Brown expects to be taking an advisable vacation in Tierra del Fuego.

Mr. Brown, the world champion long-distance weather forecaster, learns from history that the people have always turned on prophets of disaster, and he has been saying for the last four years that 1927 was going to be a bummer of a disastrous year.

Nineteen twenty-seven and its sun spots have begun to do justice by Mr. Brown. There have been tornadoes, floods and crop-killing cold waves, all predicted by this Washington scientist.

But the worst is yet to come! No Summer!

For 1927, according to Brown's careful calculations, will be like 1816, historically known as a "year without a summer." Brown admits there will be some hot spells, but insists there will be killing frosts as late as July and then some early frosts, the combinations of which may almost produce a famine.

Said Brown, on April 26, last year:

"There are numerous indications which tend to sustain the forecasts which for the past three years have been identified with my work, of a return in 1927 in the Northern Hemisphere, of a 'year without a summer.' There will be floods and droughts, dangerously late killing frosts in spring and even in midsummer and a return of frosts unseasonably early in late summer to the degree, or at least to the serious reduction of the great food crops of the world."

Brown's prediction seems to be running gruesomely true to forecast. Most importantly, the Mississippi floods, which he had also predicted when appearing before the house committee on agriculture Feb. 8, 1927. He then advised the congressmen that the government should store grain and other crops against a famine.

A Costly Frost
A cold wave from April 16 to 24-25, especially predicted, brought a frost which destroyed \$28,000,000 worth of fruit and vegetables over the country—an almost historic record. It reduced the prospective strawberry crop 35,000,000 quarts according to the department of agriculture, and the Virginia apple crop from 40 to 50 per cent.

In Brown's January 1 forecast, part of his long-range weather forecast service for which hundreds of concerns pay real money, Brown said "violent tornadoes will be one notable feature of the year."

Three major tornadoes already have come, taking hundreds of lives and great damage, and the "torrid season" is still far off.

The Rock Springs tornado of early April took a tenth toll of about 60 and some 300 lost their lives in the recent southwestern tornado.

How Brown knows all this is too long a story to be told here. His elaborate system of forecasting is based on the long time value.

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Grand Stand Is
Wrecked; Many
Seriously Hurt

NORFOLK, Va., May 25. (AP)—A sudden storm today blew down the grand stand of the Portsmouth baseball park during a game at which Commissioner Landis was the guest of honor.

One man was killed and it was estimated that between 50 and 75 persons were injured. Thirty were taken to a hospital and many others removed to emergency treatment after receiving emergency treatment.

It is estimated that the wind reached a velocity of 75 miles an hour for a few minutes.

The first gust of the storm unroofed a Norfolk and Western train station here, killing four men and injuring a number of others.

Heavy Fighting In
Area Around Honan

SHANGHAI, May 25. (AP)—A wireless dispatch from Hankow today said the number of wounded arriving from the Honan front increased unusually today. Fighting between the Chinese and Japanese forces is reported to be concentrating one man in three as reinforcements for Honan.

Troops are also being drafted to be sent to Wuhan because of the advance of General Hsia Tao-Hsin from the south and of General Wang Sen from the southwest.

Great business losses in Hankow were a result of the Central China bank was only prevented by intervention of armed guards. The food shortage is acute and prices are soaring.

CONFLICT IN
EUROPE SEEN
BY RUSSIANSSoviet Headquarters Be-
lieve British Are Pre-
paring for WarNOTE TO MOSCOW
IS DUE FRIDAYRupture Regarded as Ser-
ious Turning Point in
International Relations

MOSCOW, May 25. (AP)—Rupture of relations with Soviet Russia by Great Britain is regarded here as an accomplished fact, since no doubt exists in the minds of Soviet authorities that parliament will approve the British cabinet's recommendations.

Officials expect the result to be the awakening of sympathy toward the Soviet in Western Europe and the Far East. The break is looked upon as an effort on the part of the British government to start a conflict with the Soviet union which, even in the opinion of the British foreign ministry, it is declared, would have most serious results for the peace of Europe.

England Blamed

The onset of such a conflict, it is declared, would be on England, since the Soviets have often declared their willingness to come to a friendly arrangement but their efforts, officials say, have never received encouragement.

On the contrary, since Lord Curzon's ultimatum of four years ago, they assert, it apparently has been England's aim to isolate the Soviet union, attempts in this direction always resulting in failure.

It is declared that, since the beginning of the last period of these alleged open aggressive efforts to isolate Russia, starting with the raids on the Soviet missions in China, breaking of relations could be the only logical course for the English conservatives. Any other would be equivalent to acknowledging the error of their adopted policy, it is felt.

Drift Against Socialism
Coming at a time when the international economic conference at Geneva has in effect recognized the principle of the socialist economic system operating alongside the capitalist system, Soviet statesmen see in the rupture the opening of a campaign by England against socialism and against possible working out of the plan for peaceable cooperation between the two systems.

It is regarded as a most serious turning point in international relations, since the breaking of commercial and diplomatic relations is expected to be followed by further steps on the part of England.

BRITISH TO SEND NOTE

LONDON, May 25. (AP)—A note containing the British government's final words to Soviet Russia was in the course of drafting by the cabinet today. It was handed to the Soviet representatives at Embassy house, the former imperial chancellery, as soon as possible after the house of commons approves the government's decision to sever both diplomatic and formal trade relations with Moscow.

The note, which will simultaneously be dispatched to Moscow, will give the government's full terms regarding the Russian embassies in England. It is understood they will be allowed a period of grace amounting to a week or ten days in which to pack their baggage.

It is expected the note will be sent immediately after tomorrow night's debate in the house of commons, or Friday morning.

The foreign affairs committee of

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NEW YORK MAN
TRIMS TOLLEY
IN GOLF MATCH

HOYLAKE, Eng., May 25. (AP)—In an irresistible finish as was even seen in championship play of this famous old golf course, the young American, Edwin H. Tolley, of New York, rose to fame today by defeating Cyril Tolley, former titleholder and one of the favorites for the 1927 British amateur championship, which the present tournament will decide. The match went to the last green.

Haley, although unknown to championship golf either in England or America, has been in England eight months, attending a technical school in London.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE
St. Louis 8 10 3
Chicago 5 10 1

Batteries: Alexander and Sudder; Kaufman, Roy and Hartnett.