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Fair in south; cloudy in north tonight; Sunday fair; local frosts in east portion tonight.

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PARADE WILL
OPEN SERVICE
IN LA GRANDEGuardmen, War Veterans
and Other Organi-
zations to ParticipateMEMORIAL DINNER
WILL BE SERVEDAmerican Legion Post
Here Arranging Pro-
gram—Business Houses
to Close Doors.Memorial day, set aside in honor
of American heroes who gave their
lives for their country during war
times, will be observed in La
Grande Monday. Business houses
of the city and public buildings
will close their doors at least a
part of the day will be devoted to
an appropriate Memorial Day ob-
servance.Many people of the city will take
advantage of the two-day holiday
and visit other cities, or if the
weather permits spend the time on
an outing.

Legion Arranges Program

Those who remain in the city
however, will observe the day in a
fitting program, which is being ar-
ranged under the leadership of the
American Legion post here, Hugh
E. Brady, commander.According to the annual custom
there will be a parade starting
from the First Presbyterian
church, on Washington avenue and
Elm street, at 11:15 o'clock, and
going up Washington to Fourth
street, then down Fourth to Adams
and down Adams to Hemlock and
up Hemlock to the Masonic em-
pire, where patriotic services
will be conducted by Commander
A. J. Martin and other members
of the local post of the Grand Army
of the Republic.The parade is in charge of Cap-
tain G. L. Patton, of Company E,
of the Oregon national guard, and
Sergeant Joe Andrews. The Na-
tional guard company, the La
Grande boy scouts, members of
the Grand Army of the Republic
and the Women's Relief Corps, the
American Legion, Spanish American
war veterans and the La
Grande aviators, will take
part in the parade.

No Downtown Service

Members of the guard company
will assemble at the armory at
Zabner hall at 10 o'clock.There will be no downtown pro-
gram following the services at the
cemetery.Dinner will be served at noon
by the members of the relief corps
at the J. F. Hall for all veterans,
war men, guardsmen, and band
members.As in previous years several La
Grande people will go to Sumner.

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THANK COUNTY
FOR DONATION
TO RED CROSSMrs. Ross Palmer, chairman of
the Union County Red Cross chap-
ter, has received a communication
from Red Cross headquarters at
San Francisco thanking Union
county and La Grande for the gen-
erous gift of money to the Mis-
sissippi relief fund."Will you please express to the
good people of your community
our appreciation of their generous
contributions," the message read.
"The money that every cent con-
tributed is greatly needed as the
seriousness of the situation is
increasing."La Grande's quota was set at
\$200 and more than twice that
amount has been donated. Mrs.
Palmer reports that \$12 has just
been received from the Neighbors
of Woodcraft, North Powder.OVER 80
NEW CITY
"SUBS" IN MAYSo far during the month of
May there have been over 80
new families subscribe to The
Observer service by carrier in the
city of La Grande—more than
80 new family circles reading
The Observer each evening.
That's the circulation growth in
one month.Each new subscriber constitutes
a business opportunity for the
La Grande business firms who
have good merchandise to sell
and good service to render.
Regular advertising messages in
The Observer build confidence
and win patronage not only
with the new readers but with
thousands of old readers. For
as little as 80¢ a day in a four
inch display space the aggressive
business man can keep
profitable contact with over
3000 families in the La Grande
territory. In no other way can
he cover this territory so ef-
fectively at so small a cost."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"Oratorio To Be
Presented Here
Wednesday EveProceeds Will Go To-
wards Building New
Recreation Hall for
Local L. D. S. Church."The Creation," an oratorio by
Joseph Haydn, will be presented
in La Grande at the L. D. S. hall
Wednesday evening, June 1.The program is being brought
to La Grande from Portland by
the recreation hall finance com-
mittee of the Latter Day Saints
church, and the proceeds will go
toward the fund for the recreation
hall to be constructed here in the
place of the present one next to
the L. D. S. church on Fourth
street.Mrs. F. Rosenbaum is
chairman of the committee. Mem-
bers of the committee and of
the church are working for
support of everyone, believing
that the new hall will be a ben-
efit not only to the church mem-
bers, but to the entire commu-
nity, especially to the young peo-
ple.Besides having a worth-while
program the oratorio is one
which everyone should see, ac-
cording to those who have already
witnessed it.

75 Voices.

A chorus of 75 voices taking
part in the production, in accom-
panied by a 25-piece orchestra,
Gordon G. Trice, in the director
and Mrs. B. A. McDonald, pian-
ist. In addition to the chorus
there are five soloists.Tickets for the program can be
secured from members of the
committee or the chairman,
Mrs. Rosenbaum.The oratorio has been given
twice in Portland and once at
Walla Walla, Wash., when it was
broadcast from radio station
KOWW, and both times was en-
thusiastically received.Frost Not Bugs
Damage Wheat,
Agent's BeliefReports from Elgin and other
Grande Round valley points and
from farmers in the North Pow-
der section that small black bugs
have been investigated by County Agent
H. G. Avery, and he found that
bugs are not to blame for the
condition. It is the general opinion
that wheat plants were affected
by recent frosts.The affected plants showed a
break in the foot where the plant
would be dead and in some places
dead at the top of the ground,
which has resulted in thinning out
the stand in some fields, and in
extreme cases one-fifth or more of
the stand has been destroyed.Mr. Avery obtained a number
of different kinds of flies which
were thought to be damaging the
wheat, which he sent to the Na-
tional Grain Experiment station. A
letter in return has been received
from Professor Rockwood, in
charge of the station, who states
that the flies could not have
caused the damage, as it has no
jaws or piercing organs.More than 30 Minnesota Nigri-
vora, a fly which lays eggs
which later produce a wheat stem
maggot, were also sent to the sta-
tion, but no damage could be
caused from this insect for at
least several weeks, according to
Mr. Rockwood, who says he will
visit here and investigate this
situation. This insect causes much
damage to the wheat crops here
in 1921.Several other types of insect
were sent, but none were held re-
sponsible. He also examined wheat
plants sent and given his opinion
that the damage was caused by
frost.At the same time as the in-
sects and plants were sent to
Rockwood, plants were also sent
to the plant pathology department
at Corvallis for examination for
disease and no trace was found.
The college reports that the in-
fection is what is always associ-
ated with late frost injury.North Powder men, who have
drained the affected fields, re-
port that the condition is much
improved, although some of the
plants have died. A slight change
has been noticed there since the
rains, although the fields will bear
little.Several thin wheat fields exist
in the county, H. G. Avery re-
ports, and the injury will not de-
crease the wheat yield to any
great extent.Chamber Quartet
To Sing TuesdayFor the first time in many
months the Union county cham-
ber of commerce quartet will sing
Tuesday noon at the regular forum
luncheon at the Sommer hotel. The
members of the quartet have re-
hearsed many new songs which
they will present at a forum lun-
cheon and the program is expected
to be one of unusual interest.STANFORD IS
VICTORIOUS
IN A.A.A. MEETSabin Carr, Yale, Breaks
World Record by
Vaulting 14 FeetPENN STATE WINS
SECOND, YALE THIRDSouthern California, For-
mer Champion, Places
Fourth in Philadelphia
Contests.FRANKLIN FIELD, Philadel-
phia, May 28 (AP)—Four record-
breaking performances, including
a world's record mark of 14 feet in
the pole vault by Sabin Carr of
Yale, accompanied the triumph of
Stanford university's athletes in the
battle for the intercollegiate A. A.
A. track and field championships
today.The Yale star, defending the I. C.
A. A. title, outstripped his
Southern California rival, Lee
Barrow, who had cleared 13 feet
9 1/2 inches. The old meet record,
13 feet 2 inches was made by Carr
last year.

New World's Record

Carr's astonishing performance
eclipsed by a fraction of an inch
the former world's mark of 13 feet
11 1/2 inches, made by Charley
Hall of Norway, at Abo, Finland,
in 1925.Stanford's athletes were victori-
ous by a wide margin, piling up
38 1/2 points in eight of the 15
events. Penn State finished sec-
ond with 27 points and Yale third
with 22 1/2. Southern California,

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M'GRATH TO GIVE
DIPLOMAS SUNDAYFifteen Students of Sac-
red Heart Academy to
Receive SheepskinsAn interesting program has been
arranged for the commencement
exercises of Sacred Heart academy,
which will be held tomorrow eve-
ning in the Catholic church. Three
graduates of the high school and 12
who have finished the grade school
work will receive diplomas.The program will open with a
church service. The principal, John
Smith, will play a violin solo, "Re-
quiem" by Chopin and "Ave Maria"
by Franz Schubert, will be given by
Mrs. E. J. Donohue, soprano. Mrs.
Frances Oliver, alto, and William
Peters, tenor, assisted by the church
choir.

McGrath To Speak

This will be followed by the pres-
entation of diplomas by the re-
verend Joseph E. McGrath, of Baker,
who will also give the commencement
address.Mrs. E. J. Donohue will sing the
solo of "Tantum Ergo" by J.
B. Thomas, and will be assisted by
the choir. Devotional "O Salutaris"
by Vincent Wallace will be sung
by Mrs. Frances Oliver, assisted
by the quartet.The choir will sing "Tantum Er-
go" by Victor Henricus and "Tantu-
m Ergo" after which the program will
close with a march played on the
pipe organ.The program will begin at 7:30
o'clock. A special invitation is ex-
tended to the public to attend.La Grande Women Play Large Part
In State Federation Meet at BendChairman of conference, Harry
Cochran, was scheduled to bring his
because of conflicting engagements
was unable to. La Grande club
members declare that the play was
immediately well received. "We had
a hard time convincing club mem-
bers that we had not brought a
professional troupe," said Mrs. C.
R. Eberhard today.An outstanding event on the con-
vention program was the trip to
Bend lake, 35 miles from Bend.
The trip took the women through
some of the most picturesque parts
of the Bend country. On the re-
turn a banquet was held at the
Hawthorn Inn for the guests.

Cast of Play

The cast of the play followed:
Mrs. L. H. Russell, Miss Bertha
Waldinger, Mrs. G. R. Chapman,
Mrs. Dwight Jones, Mrs. Lester
Shoddy.Other Neighborhood club mem-
bers attending were: Mrs. B. C.
Murphy, Mrs. C. D. Happer, Mrs.
Sherwood Williams, Mrs. Charles
Parker, Mrs. John Eberhard and
daughter, Dorothy. Mrs. George
Cochran and daughter, Betty, and
Mrs. B. C. Tyler, Portland. Club
members represented by Mrs. Charles
Gump and Mrs. C. M. Hildreth, La
Grande City by Mrs. Mildred
Gump and Mrs. Fred Eberhard, and
Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Ralph Con-
ley.Mrs. Shoddy sang
La Grande women recognized in
Bend another field when Mrs. Les-
ter Shoddy sang for the Bend
club.2000 Japanese
Troops Ordered
To Chinese CitySituation in Tientsin Con-
sular District Critical—
Americans Prepared to
Concentrate.TOKYO, May 28 (AP)—Orders
were issued today for two thousand
Japanese troops to proceed from
Manchuria to Tientsin, China, for
the purpose of protecting Japanese
lives and property in the Shantung
railway zone. The troops for the
most part will be concentrated at
Tientsin, capital of Shantung
province.

ONLY FOR DEFENSE

LONDON, May 28 (AP)—Dis-
patches from Tokyo today empha-
sized that the government was
sending troops to China merely
for protective purposes in the event
of emergency.The government is said to be
prepared to send a naval force to
Tientsin, in Shantung, but the
warships will not be dispatched
unless there is need. The govern-
ment being determined to adhere
to its policy of non-intervention.

Drafting Warning

The Tokyo correspondent of the
Daily Mail says the Japanese for-
eign office is drafting a stern
warning to the northern and south-
ern Chinese factions that Japan
will defend the lives and prop-
erty interests of her nationals, will
not tolerate interference in any
subject or interference in any
military movements she deems nec-
essary. It is stated by the same
correspondent that the cabinet has
ordered a mixed brigade to be in
readiness at Port Arthur to sail
for Tientsin at a moment's notice.

AMERICANS READY

LONDON, May 28 (AP)—Amer-
icans in the Tientsin consular
district embracing Peking, and
Chihli, Shanai and Honan prov-
inces, the Shanghai correspond-
ent of the Daily Express says, have
been notified to be ready to con-
centrate at Tientsin at a moment's
notice. They number 2000, includ-
ing women and children.Anxiety over the situation is re-
ported by the correspondent to be
growing, due to the fact that the
Chinese nationalists are employ-
ing strong force of armed civil-
ian in Chihli and Shantung, who
may any day seize the latter
northern cities. The British, he
adds, are contemplating sending
an infantry brigade to Tientsin.Del Allen, Fraser
Fight to A DrawDel Allen, La Grande fighter,
was given a draw at Dayton, Wash.
last night in a 6-round main event
with Don Fraser, of Spokane, be-
fore a crowd of 1500 spectators.Local men who accompanied Al-
len to Dayton declare that if the
referee had given a hardline de-
cision, Allen would have won.
Dayton fans declared that the
fight was the best ever staged there.
Fraser is one of the best men of
his class in the northwest having
decisions over some of the leading
leatherheads.Watkins, Fraser
May 28Don Fraser, of Spokane, and
Del Allen, of La Grande, drew to
a six-round main event here at the
close of the first day's celebra-
tions of Watkinson's days of rest
and mixed well for the largest crowd
ever to witness a fight held in the
20 years of existence of the com-
munity celebration.Scout Executive
Attends MeetingE. Russell Scott, scout executive
of the Eastern Oregon Tri-County
council, has returned to La Grande
from Walla Walla, Wash., where
he attended an all-day boy scout
summer camp conference yester-
day. A. J. Cogswell, of the Lewis
and Clark council at Lewiston, Id.,
and E. Douglas Hawley, of the Blue
Mountain council, of Walla Walla,
were other scout executives at the
conference.The entire meeting was devoted
to the annual boy scout summer
camp, discussing camp activities,
health in camp, the number of boys
attending, games, water safety and
hunting.After the summer camp the male
scouts of the Lewis and Clark and
Blue Mountain councils will be
brought to La Grande, and with the
male scouts of the Eastern Oregon
council will spend about ten days
camping and making a trail up
Ragle Cap mountain.Orders Reduction
Of Grain RatesWASHINGTON, May 28 (AP)—
Rates on grain and grain products
from a number of Utah, Idaho and
Oregon producing points to Pacific
coast ports were ordered reduced
by the Interstate Commerce com-
mission today by amounts ranging
from two cents to four cents per
100 pounds.TRANS-OCEAN
PLANES MAY
BE OPERATEDGiant Craft, Carrying 100
Passengers, Will As-
tonish, PredictionBOSTON TRAVELER
REVEALS PROJECTDesigner Declares Regu-
lar Schedules, Will Be Safe-
ly Maintained.BOSTON, May 28 (AP)—The
Boston Traveler, a copyrighted
story published today says it has
learned of preparations which have
been going on over a long period
for regular trans-Atlantic airplane
service with giant planes carrying
at least 100 passengers."The Boston Traveler today gives
the first news of the hitherto secret
preparations for regular trans-At-
lantic airplane service using giant
planes, carrying at least 100 pas-
sengers each. Boston will be one
of the first ports in America to get
the service.""The great trans-oceanic ships
will be faster than air planes. The
backers of the enterprise tested and
abandoned the idea of using di-
rigitals. The date of the start of the
service is not divulged.""The Traveler has full informa-
tion as to the design of the great
air liners, but as that information
was given in confidence this news-
paper quite naturally will not vi-
olate the confidence given. At a
later date the Traveler will be re-
leased from that pledge and at that
time will inform its readers fully
of the details.""That it can be said that the new
planes, while adhering strictly to the
exact science of aviation and fol-
lowing mathematical rules laid
down after tests at the Massachusetts
Institute of Technology, will be
at the same time a craft that will
astonish even the most ardent
of all aeronautical engineers. No
prediction is made as to speed, but
it is assumed that the airplanes will
cross the ocean in much less than
48 hours. This estimate is given
as conservative because the de-
signer and his staff of technicians
have looked first toward safety."

Designer Unnamed

The Traveler quotes the unnamed
designer of the planes as saying:
"Our air liners will have more
than three motors—how many
more we would rather you would
not divulge at this time. Our planes
will contain cabins and berths and
dining rooms and recreation rooms
and promenade decks. They will
be heated throughout.""We will be able to maintain a
schedule. We will be able to give
safe transportation. At this time
the only other information I can
divulge is that we will not follow
the route taken by Captain Lind-
bergh. We shall fly by way of the
Azores."Expect Coolidge
Will Pick Black
Hills LocationBLOOMINGTON, Ill., May 28 (AP)—
Apparent assumes that Presi-
dent Coolidge would spend his
summer vacation in the Black
Hills, was given today when it
was learned that a large of ex-
plorers at the Black Hills Electric
company had drafted for Rapid
city, S. D., to begin installation of
special telephone equipment.Radio Change Is
Postponed 15 DaysWASHINGTON, May 28 (AP)—
An order postponing
for 15 days the new reallocation
of radio wave positions
among broadcasting stations
was issued today by the Federal
radio commission.The postponement, which is
from June 1 to June 15, fol-
lowed conferences yesterday in
which the commission heard
the protests of broadcasting sta-
tions in New York and
other places against the lack
of time allowed for putting in
the new schedules as well as
against the individual assign-
ment of wave lengths.Slight Tremors
Felt in CaliforniaSAN FRANCISCO, May 28 (AP)—
A slight earthquake was felt
here at 5:25 this morning lasting
only a second or two.Declares Richaras
Shot to Save SelfWASHINGTON, May 28 (AP)—
Rear Admiral William P. Richaras
declared today that Captain
William P. Richaras of the
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OLDEST MASON

Col. James S. Wright, of Rock-
ford, Ind., never has drunk stimu-
lants of any kind, not even coffee
or tea, and never chewed or
smoked. Now, at 88, he is the
oldest Mason and K. of P. in the
United States, having been a
Mason for 73 years. He is a Civil
war veteran.DIVER DEFEATS
GIANT OCTOPUSBellingham Man Has "No
Trouble" with Monster
in Under Water FightPORT TOWNSEND, Wash., May
28 (AP)—Modestly asserting that
he had had "no trouble" with a
large octopus which he encoun-
tered and vanquished in an under-
sea duel on the floor of Puget
sound here yesterday, Art E.
Hood, Bellingham diver, was back
at his home, possible work of re-
pairing fish traps today.Hood emerged from the water
yesterday with the body of H. J.
Hobbs, cook of the H. J. Hobbs,
which disappeared while en-
route Seattle to Victoria, B.C.,
last night. Hood first saw the
devil fish while he was mending
a break in a fish trap.

Saves Body.

In the clutch of the monster's
tentacles, Hood was the body of a
man. Grappling a pale pole, Hood
gave battle, thrashing and heaving
at the beast. Hood finally con-
quered the foe and released the
body of Hood."I had no trouble at all with
the devil fish," was his version of
the battle.Search was continued today for
the bodies of the four other men
of the Warren's crew. Floating
dead on the surface of the
sound near Middle point has given
the survivors a clue to the
missing place of the four. Grappling
operations were going forward
slowly, as the water at the place
where the bodies lay had to be
mud in 150 feet deep.Radio Change Is
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Air Journey To
Unknown ArcticHopes to "Follow Birds"
to Solve Mystery of the
Great White Space
Near North Pole.FAIRBANKS, Alaska, May 28 (AP)—
With Greenland as a base,
Greenland, across the Arctic
"blind spot" as their ultimate
goal, Captain George H. Wilkins,
Australian explorer, and his pilot,
Arthur Graham, of Detroit, set out
from Fairbanks today.Their heavily-laden Stinson
plane, the Detroit News II, failed
to rise on the first attempt, but
the second time the craft took the
air and headed northwest in the
direction of the Brooks range. Wil-
kins planned to fly to Point Bar-
row, the northernmost tip of the
American continent, where the ex-
pedition has a large store of fuel
and supplies.

Course Charted.

From Barrow, Wilkins has laid
out an uncharted course through
the fog over the polar ice pack.
The route has never been trac-
tered by humans, although ducks
and geese fly in that direction
from Point Barrow each spring.The northern exodus of the
birds commenced several weeks
ago, and Wilkins hopes to "fol-
low the birds" to solve the mystery
of their destination. Because of
the intensity of the season and the
fog which shrouds the Arctic, Wil-
kins' take-off over the Arctic
may be delayed.When he left here he planned
to make his dash into the un-
known at the first favorable op-
portunity.Lindbergh Flies
To Belgium From
Paris in "Spirit"BRUSSELS, Belgium, May 28 (AP)—
Captain Charles Lindbergh, aviator
and explorer, landed at Brussels
from Paris at 2:15 o'clock
this afternoon.This shining monoplane, the
"Spirit of St. Louis," was met by
the great throngs on the field
at 2:12 o'clock. It began swooping
downward a moment later to land
and a great storm of cheers