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THE WEATHER

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COUNTY ROAD
MEETING HELD
IN LA GRANDEThat La Grande Should
Support Bond Issue Is
Unanimous DecisionWILL APPEAR ON
BALLOT JUNE 28Would Benefit Hundreds
of Farmers Who Have
Difficulty Marketing
Products, Belief.

That La Grande should support the coming road bond issue was the unanimous decision of some 20 members of road committees from all over the county who met last evening with the local roads committee of the chamber of commerce to discuss prospects for the issue which will be placed on the ballot at the June 28th election.

In that La Grande now has good road connections with all neighboring towns and that the proposed bonds will enable many communities otherwise isolated, to make connections with the present highways and roads, and thus market their products in La Grande, the committee last evening agreed that they expected the support of La Grande.

Representatives of the county stressed the fact that there are many settled districts about the county that are not on the market roads or highways and that the bond would enable them to make connections, benefiting hundreds of farmers who otherwise experience great difficulty in the marketing of products.

Those who attended the meeting last evening were Paul Dahlstrom, of North Powder; Bert Oliver and John Shepley of Summerville; Harry Weimer and J. E. Mills of Coos; Arthur Haglund and Fred Hart of Elsie; G. L. Hess, C. L. Caldwell, Tom Cook and Walter Stevens, of Union; and H. F. Matthews, G. L. Harrison, A. R. Hunter and Carl Reynolds of La Grande.

TWO BUSINESS
FIRMS INSTALL
MODERN FRONT

Further evidence of the civic pride manifested by the business firms of La Grande is the demonstration of the recently completed window fronts which have been installed at Siebert and company, bookbinders, and the Newlin Book and Stationery company. Both fronts are very attractive and add considerably to the modern appearance of La Grande's business district.

The Siebert front has a green marble base and elegant woodwork, both on the exterior and interior, with an attractive tiled entrance. An arched effect is carried out in the window design. Interior remodeling completes the improvements which are said to make the local firm one of the most modern jewelry companies between Portland and Salt Lake.

Green marble and oak, with a drilled wood finish, are used in the front which has been installed by Ulrich Lortz, owner of the building occupied by the Newlin Book and Stationery company. A French design is carried out in the woodwork and window casements while a tiled entrance is also a part of the new building front. The interior has also been remodeled, designing and construction of both fronts was done by the Portland Window Case company.

HAD OPERATION

LOS ANGELES, June 17 (AP)—W. Rogers, film western player and director of Beverly Hills, movie residential suburb, underwent a major operation for removal of gall stones at a hospital here today.

Dr. C. W. White, Rogers' personal physician, said the patient's condition was "satisfactory."

"THROWING MONEY AWAY"

A local business man has been analyzing his business and his markets the last few weeks. He has also been studying his advertising expense—where the money was going and what it was buying.

The other day he announced plans for taking more space in the Evening Observer and continuing his advertising in it exclusively. "I have been throwing my money away in a dozen different foolish advertising mediums—now I am convinced I can reach more people effectively in the Observer and at less cost." He has become "sold" on the Observer reader-interest and low reader cost.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Robert Eakin of
La Grande Will
Be Mason HeadLocal Attorney Is Elected
Master of Masons of
State; Be Installed This
Afternoon.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17 (AP)—Robert S. Eakin, of La Grande, elected grand master of the Oregon Masonic grand lodge, will be installed this afternoon.

Mrs. Margaret Barnes of Grants Pass, elected worthy grand matron of the Oregon grand lodge chapter of the Order of Eastern Star was installed last night.

Eakin, who is a deputy grand master during the past year, was moved up according to Masonic custom, succeeding Edgar Sorenson of Portland.

Mr. Eakin, who has been an active member of the local lodge for many years, has for the past fifteen years been a grand lodge member, an honor which is attained only by those who have served as master of local lodges. This is the third time in 20 years that La Grande and Island City have been so honored, the late Ed Kiddle, of Island City, Mr. Eakin's father-in-law, and George T. Cochran, having been the two other Masons to hold the state offices. Mr. Kiddle served in about 1908 while Mr. Cochran held the office in 1923.

Local Masons attribute this partly to the fact that La Grande lodge members have always been active in grand lodge conventions and that their attendance is consistently good. Baker, too, has her share of honors in the grand lodge. Ex-Judge Morton Clifford served as grand master in 1925 and has attended all but two sessions since that date.

CAR STRIKES
WHEELS AND
INJURES BOYS

Adolph Siegrist Jr., was injured and Claire Perkins received slight bruises when the two boys were knocked off their wheels by a car driven by Irwin Westenskow on the Island City highway near Conley spur this forenoon. The two boys, in company with Russell Nelson were returning from Elgin on the home pass of a bicycle trip to Elgin, and back when they were making in order to win a boy scout merit badge.

They had made the trip over in slightly less than two hours and were returning at their leisure when the accident occurred. Mr. Westenskow rounded a curve, and upon seeing the boys, looked his horn. No one is able to give a clear report of the accident, but the boys apparently became confused and took a wrong turn in opposite directions. Mr. Westenskow, in order to avoid hitting them, swerved his car into the ditch, but in doing so, he struck both boys, throwing them from their wheels.

Young Nelson, who was riding several yards ahead, turned to see the boys sliding along the road. Mr. Westenskow, whose car was had to be taken out of the ditch by a wrecker, pulled a passing car and brought it back to the hospital. Perkins, who received slight bruises, was able to ride into town on his wheel. The injured boy has a slight fracture of the skull, a lacerated arm, two broken teeth and severe chin and face cuts. A freak of the accident was that neither boy was injured and that what was worse, were torn from the arms of both Siegrist and Perkins and that the arm on which Perkins wore the watch was not injured.

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Wallowa County Will Celebrate July 4;
Enterprise, Maxville Making Plans

ENTERPRISE, Ore., June 17.—Fourth of July celebration plans are developing rapidly in Enterprise, as each committee pushes its own part of the undertaking. All the old features which have proved so popular will be seen again, and the experience of the past will be used to improve details.

The annual contest for the selection of the Queen of the Fourth starts today. This will be conducted in the same way as last year, in a general way.

The committee on floats has signed up more than 20 business houses, societies and individuals who expect to be represented in the free street parade Monday morning, July 4.

A display of fireworks intended to excel anything shown heretofore has been booked through S. B. Deane of the Enterprise News, who gave the committee excellent suggestions and waived any commission on the order. The display will be put on Monday night and will close the demonstration.

Horse Races

The best horse which took part in the Union Stock show will be at Enterprise for the Fourth. This was assured last week when the photography delegation visited Union and the horsemen were invited to come on for the next event. Four men, Joe Cantrell, Frank Roush, George Redent and Ted Parish will bring 27 race horses here at once and train them on the Enterprise track.

CONVENTION HERE

A telegram received this afternoon from John Stanley, who is attending the State Fraternal convention of the Boy Scouts of America, says that La Grande has been chosen for the 1928 C. E. Hapgood convention. Mr. Stanley, C. E. Hapgood and Fred Brown are delegates to the convention from here.

STATE GRANGE
WILL ALWAYS
SUPPORT TAXResolution Is Passed Pertaining to Subject at
Corvallis ConventionPREPARE WAY FOR
CONTINUED ACTION

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Sheridan Band Will
Play for Wedding

Word has been received here from the Sheridan band that it will furnish music for the public wedding which will take place during the coming local convention.

The band, which is the only one in Oregon whose entire personnel is composed of legion men, has 25 pieces. They are recognized as the official state legion band. The band has played at state fairs and other large affairs and is recognized as being one of the best in the state.

Grangers Will
Discuss Market

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Insects Threaten
20,000 Acres of
Rich Basin LandGreat Divisions of Grass-
hoppers Invade Klamath
Grain Fields; Situation
Reported Serious.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 17 (AP)—Can human ingenuity devise some means of staving off concerted attacks of millions of grasshoppers in the Tule lake district of Modoc and Shasta counties, California, attacks which threaten to strip over 20,000 acres of grazing and grain land of every vestige of green?

With "hoppers" boiling up out of the beds of the insect, are the divisions of the destructive insects marching in battle array on grain fields of the fertile lower Klamath basin, the situation today presents a serious aspect.

Yesterday an army of hoppers struck on the west side of Tule lake and stripped a one hundred acre field of grain of every shoot of green. Reports are coming in hourly of damage in other sections of the threatened territory.

Fire, poison and his knowledge of the habits of the insect, are the weapons being used by men to control the insect blight. His foe has one advantage but it is formidable, numbers.

Cover Mile a Day

With the first rays of the sun, the various divisions of "hoppers" bestir themselves, and early in the morning start their daily march for food. Covering from one quarter to one half mile a day, one division has a little front of from 500 feet to 2000 feet and extends back for a quarter of a mile.

As the hosts of insects advance, first impression is of the ground moving. Closer inspection reveals millions of hoppers, about 100 to the square foot.

As if by common consent, one bunch of hoppers moves in the same direction and as if an order.

MUCH OF WOOL
ALREADY SOLD

More Than Half of Wallowa County's Clip in the Sack

ENTERPRISE, Ore., June 17.—More than half of Wallowa county's flock of sheep have been shorn and much of the wool has been sold. Prices have strengthened the last couple of weeks and the clip is ranging from 20 to 25 cents.

The extensive flocks of Dobbins & Hoffman were shorn on Snake river where the warm season comes earlier than in the uplands, and J. H. Dobbins also has finished his bands which are held nearer home. His fine wool was sold at a reported price of 20 cents and the course has been assigned to warehouse in Portland.

Fred W. Falconer finished shearing his band on the lower Wallowa river last week and the crew which was engaged there has gone to the Clinton sheep. All told these bands number 125,000 sheep and will yield about 100,000 pounds of wool which is said to have been sold for 22 cents.

The clips of the Johnson brothers, Ernest P., Leonard C., J. Ray, and John L., and some partners.

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WILL FLY TO HONOLULU



Miss Mildred Doran, pretty 21-year-old school teacher, of Elgin, Mich., aims to be the first woman to take an airplane ride across the Pacific. With Pilot Augie Poldlar, she plans to fly from Elgin to San Francisco in a giant monoplane. Poldlar and Lieut. Ever Shoniger, a friend of Lindbergh's, flipped a coin to see who should make the hops, which is being backed by William Malloska, wealthy oil man. Miss Doran is learning to be a pilot and has had considerable experience.

FLIGHT TO HAWAII
BEING CONSIDERED

Maitland and Hegenberger Reported Preparing for Trans-Pacific Hop

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP)—The trans-Pacific airplane flight under consideration by the army air corps if authorized, will be from San Francisco to Honolulu, possibly within the next six weeks, Assistant Secretary Davison announced today.

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP)—A Pacific coast to Hawaii flight is being considered by the army and navy. The flight will be from San Francisco to Honolulu, possibly within the next six weeks, Assistant Secretary Davison announced today.

Maitland and Hegenberger, who left Dayton yesterday are flying westward in a 4-motored Pockler plane, which has been under preparation for some time.

It is understood the flight now in progress is for the purpose of testing certain new instruments developed to aid navigation. If they prove to be successful and the plane demonstrates its fitness, it is believed it will hop off for Hawaii.

Details of the flight have not been worked out and the whole plan is said to be subject to the approval of Major General Patrick, chief of the army air corps, and Secretary Davis.

General Patrick's only comment so far on the subject has been that no such flight has "yet" been authorized.

"AMERICA" INSPECTED
ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y.

June 17 (AP)—The Pockler monoplane "America" was taken from its hangar this morning for a final inspection preparatory to its flight for France, but it seemed unlikely that a take off would be possible today.

The most recent reports of trans-Atlantic weather were not encouraging and new reports were not expected before late afternoon. Hope was expressed that a hop off might be made this week and but the expectation that this would be possible was not strong.

The only member of the crew present at this morning's inspection was Lieutenant George Noville, radio engineer, who will accompany Commander Richard E. Byrd and Bert Acosta on the ocean hop.

Lindbergh Hops
Off for St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 17 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, hero of the air, came home today, he arrived over the Mississippi river at 3:02 p. m.

MITCHELL FIELD, N. Y., June 17 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh hopped off at 3:17 a. m. yesterday for St. Louis in his monoplane The Spirit of St. Louis after four days of unprecedented receptions in New York.

There was a large crowd of enthusiastic admirers at the field to see him off. They lined the runways and police had a difficult time to keep them away from the path of the plane. The take off, however, was perfect and in a few moments the plane was in the air.

Seven Persons
Identify Man As
Killer of TwoPrisoner Will Be Charged
with Murder of Mrs.
Patterson and Cowan
Girl, Chief Declares.

WINNIPEG, Man., June 17 (AP)—Haggard and unkempt, Virgil Wilson, alias Earl Nelson, held by the Winnipeg police as "the stranger" was formally charged today with the murder of Mrs. Emily Patterson, 27, mother of two young children, and Lola Cowan, 14-year-old school girl. The suspect was not asked to plead and was remanded until June 24 for a hearing.

WINNIPEG, Man., June 17 (AP)—A maniacal prisoner believed to be the "gorilla man" who has strangled 18 women and children in American cities and two here, was under heavy guard today.

Garbed in an old green sweater and blue overalls and showing no emotion and no interest in the proceedings he was "barraged" at police headquarters last evening. Police said he was identified by seven persons as the slayer of Mrs. Emily Patterson, 27, mother of two small children, here last Friday and Lola Cowan, 14, killed a week ago.

Chief of Detectives George Smith said the prisoner would be formally charged with the murder of Mrs. Patterson and the Cowan girl.

Name Is Nelson

When arrested in Killarney, Man., yesterday, he said he was Virgil Wilson of Vancouver, B. C., but later declared he was Earl Nelson, of San Francisco, where he was born of English-Spanish parentage in 1897.

W. L. Chandler, of Winnipeg identified him as a man he picked up five miles north of Warren, Minn., June 8 and drove to Winnipeg.

The chain of crimes tentatively attributed to Nelson stretches back two years and into various cities from the Pacific coast to Detroit.

The police in Portland, Ore., have been advised by the Winnipeg police that the suspect has been identified as Adrian Harris, sought in connection with the death of Mrs. Florence Fithian Monks of Seattle, and Mrs. Blanche Myers of Portland.

Wives of Flyers
Arrive in Berlin
To See Husbands

BERLIN, June 17 (AP)—Giving the slip to about 50 newspaper men and photographers, the trans-Atlantic aviators, Charles Chamberlain and Charles Levine had an early morning reunion with their wives, who arrived during the night on the liner Berlin, from New York.

The reporters and cameramen were awakened at 5 a. m. by the bugler of the steamer Bremen, on which the aviators were overnight guests of the North German Lloyd, only to find that Chamberlain and Levine had quietly boarded the Berlin about 3:45 a. m.

"When we bade you all good night at about midnight," Chamberlain told the correspondents, "we said, 'We don't even know we would see our wives within the next hour. We understood that the harbor regulations forbade boarding the ship until the quarantine inspection was finished, but to our happy surprise we were awakened at 1:30 and informed we would be permitted to go aboard the Berlin with Herr Heicken, president of the North German Lloyd. You can imagine how surprised our wives were."

Provide Delivery
Direct To Pier

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP)—After Aug. 5, the American Railway Express company must provide for delivery of shipments of fruits and vegetables from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California directly to the Erie railroad pier in New York City, without additional charges for the movement across from Jersey City.

Under present conditions, the express company has required the consignee to pay 14c per car for the transfer from Jersey City to New York. Traffic affected, the decision said, consists largely of cherries.

Hope of Finding
Airmen Dying Hard

QUERBEQ, June 17 (AP)—Hopes of finding Nungesser and Colman, missing French airmen, is dying hard here. Despite the explanation that the "Harris" reported seen in the German townships of the St. John district were merely the lights of the power house at Chateaux Gables, reports of unusual lights still are being received.

No explanation has been found today for the statement of Georges Roumay, trapper, that he heard an airplane on the night of May 9 on the St. Marguerite river, near the Saguenay.

Wool Clip Brings
Thirty-two Cents

PENNINGTON, June 17 (AP)—E. J. Burke, of Portland, has purchased the Wallowa clip of Fred Falconer. The clip of 125,000 pounds brought 32 cents, the highest of the season, due to the high quality of the fleece. There are few remaining clips to be sold in this area.

THREE STEPS
ARE TAKEN TO
KEEP PEACEGreat Britain, France,
Germany, Belgium, and
Italy Make DecisionGERMAN SPOKESMAN
DENIES SOUNDINGGermany More Anxious
About Franco-German
Relations Than About
Russo-Polish Situation

GENEVA, June 17 (AP)—Three steps to preserve the peace of Europe in the present troubled situation have been decided upon by the representatives of the Locarno treaty powers attending the League of Nations council session here, a spokesman for the German delegation declared today. Great Britain, France, Germany, Belgium and Italy he said, had decided:

To make individual friendly representations to the soviet concerning the wholehearted execution in Russia, pointing out that they were causing an unfortunate impression abroad.

To advise both Jugo-Slavians and Albania to present a conciliatory attitude and settle amicably the incident of the arrest of a Jugo-Slavian legation dachau which was followed by rupture of diplomatic relations.

Not Dangerous

The German spokesman denied that Foreign Minister Stresemann had been sounded by the British foreign secretary concerning the possibility of troops passing through German territory in case Russia attacked Poland. Germany, he added, was more anxious about the Franco-German relations than about the Russo-Polish situation, believing the latter not dangerous.

The Germans, he continued, were going back to Berlin deeply disappointed because they had not been able to get vague promises that the French troops in the Rhineland would be reduced by number. The Berlin government, he said, wanted more than promises. It appeared that the population of the Rhineland would become increased at the continued presence of a foreign army. Hence the belief that Franco-German relations were more delicate than Russo-Polish.

Would Convert Barracks

The French, he charged, were raising questions about the actual fulfillment of minor treaty points as conversion of military barracks and demilitarization of the French zone. Germany would sell or convert the barracks as soon as possible, he asserted, and a bill concerning the police was now before the Reichstag.

As for the dismantling military works on the Polish frontier, the spokesman said it had been suggested that an American officer be selected to verify the dismantling. The French, however, had refused this suggestion and the Germans according to the spirit of Locarno would accept a French offer.

Under the circumstances, the spokesman went on, it would be a bad time to raise the question of using German soil for the passage of French troops to Russia in the event of possible though unlikely Russo-Polish hostilities because it would imply that Germany would succumb by French troops, would occupy the same position as in Belgium during the world war.

Tommy Armour Wins
Golf Championship

OAKMONT, Pa., June 17 (AP)—Tommy Armour, of Washington, Scotch professional of the Congressional Country club, today won the open golf championship of the U. S. by defeating Harry Cooper, of Los Angeles, 76 to 79 in the 18-hole play-off of their tie.

ESTIMATE 125,000 SHEEP

PENNINGTON, June 17 (AP)—Sheep in large numbers started grazing on the Unadilla forest ranges yesterday. J. F. Irwin, forest supervisor estimated that 125,000 sheep could graze on the forest ranges this summer.

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Cleveland	6 14 0
Boston	2 3 1
BATTING: Hudlin and L. Sewell; White, McFadden and Hartley, Moore.	
R. H. E.	
Chicago	3 5 1
Philadelphia	8 10 1
Pitchers: Barnabe, Blankenship and McNulty; Schalk, Walberg and Perkins.	
R. H. E.	
St. Louis	2 4 2
New York	2 3 2
Batteries: Stewart, Novers and O'Neill; Shocker and Collins, Grubbs.	