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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Rain in west, local rains or snows in the east portion tonight and Thursday. Moderate temperature.

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C. A. MALBOEUF SECRETARY OF CLUB, ARRIVES

Takes Up Position with Chamber of Commerce Held by L. S. Weeks

PLEASSED WITH THE CONDITIONS HERE

Comes Here Highly Recommended - Was at One Time a Fruit Broker in Portland.

Charles A. Malboeuf arrived in La Grande last night and this morning began his duties as secretary of the Union county chamber of commerce, taking the place of Earl C. Reynolds who is now chamber of commerce secretary at Klamath Falls. For the past month L. S. Weeks has been acting as temporary secretary.

The new secretary this morning expressed himself as very much impressed with the type of business people here, and the general appearance of the city of La Grande. He comes to this city from Portland, where he has been a fruit broker. He has had considerable experience in chamber of commerce work, and believes that the opportunity for growth and development here is unsurpassed. "Conditions here look very wonderful," Mr. Malboeuf said this morning, "and I believe this was the right place for me to come to. My conviction is that this field, not only La Grande but the entire Grande Ronde valley, is a good one for development."

Mr. Malboeuf has spent practically all of his business life in Portland, he said this morning. Mrs. Malboeuf and their daughter, Charlotte, are still there, but will join him here later. At present Miss Malboeuf is taking special courses in art and music there and wishes to complete her work before leaving the city. Mrs. Malboeuf may precede her daughter to La Grande.

Today noon Mr. Malboeuf was a guest at the Rotary luncheon at the La Grande hotel. This evening he will attend the meeting of the agriculture conference committee to be held at Hot Lake.

LOCAL FIREMEN ENJOY ANNUAL CLAM DINNER

Members of the La Grande Volunteer Fire department and guests enjoyed one of the annual events of the organization last night—the clam feed, which was held in the fire station at 7 o'clock.

After the meal, which consisted of generous portions of clams, crabs, ice cream, near beer and all the "fixins" these present spent the remainder of the evening socially. All in attendance declared the feed one of the best in recent years and reported a very enjoyable evening. In addition to the firemen, the city commission, and other city officials were present.

Edith Saunders To Appeal Case

Edith Saunders was found guilty of a statutory offense yesterday afternoon when she appeared before Judge Hugh E. Brady in the justice of the peace court and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs. Announcement of the verdict was made this morning by her attorney, R. J. Green.

Mrs. Saunders and Charles Small, both of Summerville, were arrested Saturday on a warrant. Small is a minor and was turned over to the juvenile court.

MORE AGGRESSIVE SALESMANSHIP

Business volume has long since passed the point where it can be anticipated without great effort or serious planning. You no longer spend your money in a store simply because it is located in the business district and has goods for sale.

Business growth, now more than ever before, demands greatly on more aggressive salesmanship. Which means knowledge of the market, intelligently planned advertising to reach the buyers at the lowest possible cost, and trained, experienced salesmanship and service for those customers when they are finally attracted to the store or shop. In the La Grande territory the Observer provides one requirement to perfection—complete coverage of this market. The business firms which will enjoy greatest business growth in 1928 will be aggressive Observer advertisers.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Circuit Court Term to Begin Monday Morning

Eight Cases on Calendar—1927 County Grand Jurors Called for Final Session.

Circuit court business for 1928 will be officially commenced next Monday morning at ten o'clock when Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles will open the February term of court. The calendar for this term is light, with eight cases, evenly divided between civil and criminal. Four cases are criminal and will be presided over by District Attorney Carl G. Helm for the State of Oregon.

Grand Jury to Meet Court will open Monday with the case of the Union County Public Corporation for and on behalf of the La Grande Concrete Pipe company vs. John Logan Sr., et al. Grand jury has been called for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. It was announced this morning by Sheriff Jesse Breshers. This will be the last session of the 1927 grand jury, after which this year's will be drawn and will convene soon.

Dr. Thistlewaite Main Speaker At Rotary Luncheon

Dr. W. E. Thistlewaite, federal veterinarian with headquarters in La Grande, was the main speaker at the La Grande Rotary club luncheon in the La Grande hotel today. He talked on his work in tuberculosis eradication and checking up on disease, thus preventing the spread of disease in cattle herds and further losses to the owners.

Charles A. Malboeuf was present and spoke briefly of his work in the Union county chamber of commerce. Harvey Matthews, W. O. Klingner, Fred Roehm, Robert Ayres and Fred Lanzer were introduced as new members and officially received by President J. T. Longfellow and P. B. Appleby, chairman of the education committee, assisted by G. G. Griffiths, Fred E. Kiddie and Robert Eakin.

State Inspector Praises Dairymen At Meeting Here

Fourteen La Grande dairymen met at Eagles hall last evening, where they were addressed by I. S. Leach, state dairy inspector. Mr. Leach commented on results that have been obtained in other localities by dairy inspection, and expressed himself as being well pleased with the attitude taken by dairymen in this section in working toward a high standard of dairying. He discussed the possibilities of the proposed city ordinance, which the dairymen are sponsoring, and which may be passed by the city commission here.

The dairymen will meet again Feb. 11, when the organization of the dairymen's association will be completed. The permanent organization has been pending until the ordinance had been passed upon by the city commission.

Lutheran Campaign Successful Here

The Rev. F. S. Bisset, who has been in La Grande since Sunday in the interest of the \$4,000,000 pension fund campaign in the Lutheran church, left last night for his home in Eugene, after completing his work here. The local church has already subscribed its quota, although the campaign, which is to raise funds for a ministerial pension fund, has not yet been completed.

Members of the local committee in charge of the campaign are Ulrich Lottes, chairman, Frank Ward, treasurer, N. Nelson and Oscar Thompson. The Rev. Mr. Bisset conducted evangelistic meetings at the Lutheran church here Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, which were well attended. He also spoke at the church on Sunday morning in the interest of the pension fund campaign.

Governor Refuses To Remove C. A. Lee

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Governor Patterson refused to remove C. A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, from his office as he has been requested by assessment certificate holders in the Bankers Life company of Iowa. The governor announces his decision today in a letter to Lee. Lee is a member of the committee asking the removal. The request for Lee's removal on grounds that he refuses to cancel the company's license in Oregon, was made to the governor both by letter and at a verbal hearing.

FARMER GETS BENEFIT OF GRAIN TARIFF

So Believes Jardine, Indicating Growers of High Protein Wheat

SENATE LISTENS TO BLOC ATTACK

Jones, of Texas, Charges That Leaders Are Loyal to Legislation Favoring Farmer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—The American farmer who is growing a high protein wheat receives the full benefit of the 42c tariff on wheat in the opinion of Secretary of Agriculture Jardine. Discussing the wheat tariff today he said there is a shortage in high protein wheat and that even though Canada had a great supply of grain of this quality the tariff enables the American wheat grower to get a premium for his wheat if it grades above 12 1/2 percent content. Because of America's surplus, he said, growers of wheat containing less than 12 1/2 percent content were not getting a premium but even in their case the tariff was effective to about 25 cents.

ACCUSES FARM BLOC WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—Charges that leaders of the house farm bloc and assisted in blocking action by the house on the McAdams resolution, favoring lowering of excessive tariff rates, were made in the farm relief hearing.

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OUTLINE PROGRAM FOR CONFERENCE

Section Chairmen Will Meet at Hot Lake Tonight to Make Plans

The program for the annual economic conference to be held here Feb. 2 and 25 will be outlined tonight when a meeting of the various section chairmen will be held at Hot Lake with Dr. W. T. Phipps, conference chairman, as dinner host.

The dairy committee, of which S. T. Eddie is chairman, has already had its meeting and the chairman will report to the general committee tonight. The committee is already preparing to gather statistics on the total amount of butterfat marketed in Union county during the past year, the total shipped out on the county in addition to that, and the total amount of sweet cream and whole milk marketed in the county. The committee prepared several recommendations which will be presented to the general committee at the meeting tonight including a method of improving the dairy products.

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Hubbies, Don't Dodge Saturday Night

One Did, And He Lost His Better Half

If the husband doesn't take a bath for several months is that grounds for a divorce? The answer is yes, an Observer reporter finds out scanning last year's divorce decrees provided it is listed as "foul and inhuman treatment." And the decree in this particular case was granted by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles.

Ever since Henry VIII, England's capricious king of the 15th century, divorced his wife Anne Boleyn, and divorced her to wed Anne Boleyn, of Irish descent, the subject "grounds for divorce" has had its place in society. Stage plays have been written on it, the cinema features play it up, and guests find it a teatime topic and the workmen pause in his labors to discuss it—and men of the law ponder over it.

Now come 68 divorces of Union county, of the year 1927. Grounds for divorce? Yes, they had 'em—and how!

Two Causes Featured Cruel and inhuman treatment, in various degrees, was the cause of every divorce in the county, with the exception of some dozen who obtained divorces on the grounds of desertion. Of six possible "grounds for divorce" that are provided by Oregon laws, just these two were used here, the check records show.

But what constitutes cruel and inhuman treatment from the viewpoint of those 50 odd men or women used on the charges has a wide range. Even failure to include in bathing on the part of the friend hubby is cruel and inhuman treatment. Likewise is coldness and lack of affection on the part of friend wife. Or perhaps it's failure to provide sufficient funds, or maybe it's the old mother-in-law

KEX Broadcasts La Grande, Lake Program Tonight

Oregon State Motor Association to Describe the Beauties of This Part of State.

The beauties and advantages of La Grande and surrounding country, especially the Wallowa Lake wonderland, will be placed before the radio world this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, when KEX, the Portland Telegram broadcasting station, will present a program given by the Oregon State Motor association. This was made known here this morning when a telegram was received by Charles Gunther, local representative of the association, in reference to the program. The object is to "sell La Grande and Wallowa lake" to the touring public during the next three months so that more will arrange to visit this part of the state during the summer months. The program this evening is the first step in this campaign.

Many to Hear Program Considerable reference will be made to the Wallowa lake country, which is regarded as being one of the greatest summer playgrounds in the nation, although it is as yet comparatively unknown in the East, South and Middle-west.

In addition to residents of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California, the program from KEX will undoubtedly be received by many middlewestern radio fans. KEX is a 2,500 watt station, one of the strongest in the Northwest, and it operates on a frequency of 1250 kilocycles, 239.3 meters. Programs over KEX have been received regularly and clearly in La Grande and it is expected that a large number of local radios will be tuned in on the Oregon State Motor association program this evening.

The association established offices in La Grande a short time ago and this is part of its plan to give service to motorists in the area and nearby states, by describing the scenic wonders and tourist advantages that are offered in Union and Wallowa counties.

To Build \$750,000 Plant in Portland

Request of the California Petroleum company, (State of Washington) to erect a \$750,000 plant in Portland was approved by the city council today. The request had been denied last year by the same council.

R. M. Price, vice president and general manager of "Calpet" told the council "we will be here as soon as we can build."

BARGE HITS REEF

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—The Bonanza, a barge belonging to the Diamond O. Navigation company, struck a reef in the Willamette river, near Rock Island above Portland, today and partially submerged in shallow water near the middle of the stream. The barge was loaded with fuel oil for Oregon City. It struck the submerged reef as it was being maneuvered to pass a log raft.

SOVIET BONDS NOT FAVORED BY KELLOGG

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—Secretary Kellogg announced today that the American government did not view with favor the sale of Russian soviet government bonds in the U. S. and that he was confident American bankers would co-operate with the government to that end. The secretary said the American banks concerned in the proposed bond issues had been so notified by the state department.

Elks To Honor Former Leaders

The local Elks lodge will observe just exalted rulers' night Thursday evening, this being an annual affair. Initiation will also be held after the ceremonies, a feed, in charge of the social committee, will be enjoyed. C. L. Berry, Dale Cox, E. H. Blevins, Fred Spureth, W. D. McCorty, Clyde Key, L. S. Mills, D. J. Kline and E. L. Knight are members of the social committee.

Enterprise Post Office Bids Sent

ENTERPRISE, Feb. 1 (Special)—New bids are being received by the post office department for quarters for post office purposes for the next five or ten years, under lease. It is understood that several buildings have been offered but the choice of the department will not be known for some weeks yet.

CHERRY TREES BURNED

MAISEFIELD, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—One hundred cherry trees, gift of the Imperial Japanese government to the Coos Bay Lumber company, were burned today by the customs officers here upon orders from the federal board of horticulture.

DEFENDING GIRL SLAYER



Jerome S. Walsh (left) of Kansas City is chief defense counsel for William Edward Hickman in his trial in Los Angeles for the slaying of little Marian Parker. To the right is Richard Cantillon, young Los Angeles attorney who is assisting Walsh. Walsh recently stated that he expected no money for his efforts in the case—in fact, was already in the "hole" financially in this respect.

Dempsey Retires From Ring; Gene Fights in June

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 1 (AP)—Announcement that Jack Dempsey has permanently retired from the ring and that Gene Tunney will defend his title in June against the winner of the DeSany-Heenev and Sharkey Wisco elimination contest was made here today by Tex Rickard.

Rickard expresses regret over "Dempsey's passing." He also said that the site of the championship affair next summer was still undecided, Philadelphia, Chicago, London and an unnamed Canadian city all being "in the running."

Marble, Lime Co. Is Hauling Rock To Its New Kilns

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Feb. 1 (Special)—The Black Marble and Lime company has commenced hauling rock from the quarry to the new kilns near the city and actual burning of lime is contemplated in the near future. The rock is being hauled with a big caterpillar tractor, with trailers of about 15-ton capacity.

It is expected that the company will have its product on the market in time for spring demands from the building trades, as well as the orchardists of the northwest districts.

PETITION BY RAILROADS OF WEST REFUSED

CHICAGO, Feb. 1 (AP)—A petition by western railroads to set aside an award increasing the pay of locomotive firemen and hostlers on 55 systems was dismissed today by Judge George A. Carpenter, in federal district court. The award provides an increase of 30c a day for passenger firemen and 35c a day for all other members of the brotherhood of locomotive firemen and engine-men on western roads. Approximately 52,000 employees are affected, and the award, if it becomes effective will add \$4,000,000 annually to the payrolls of the roads involved.

Kelley Case May Go to U. S. Courts

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Will R. King, of Portland, one of the attorneys for Ellsworth Kelley in the habeas corpus proceedings started in an effort to save Kelley from the gallows, intimated here yesterday that the case will be appealed to the United States supreme court. The state supreme court yesterday decided the case against Kelley.

Hickman, Welby Hunt Trial Will Be Held Feb. 15

Girl Slayer Appears in Two Courts Today—Sanity Trial Continued in Hall of Justice.

HALL OF JUSTICE, LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1 (AP)—The sanity trial of William Edward Hickman was continued today with the reading of more defense depositions after having been delayed 15 minutes while the slayer of Marian Parker appeared in another court for committing a previous murder a year ago Christmas eve.

The scheduled murder trial of William Edward Hickman and his 16-year-old accomplice, Welby Hunt, for the killing of C. Ivy Thoms in a drug store holdup, was continued today to Feb. 15.

The verdict was given by Superior Judge Carl Hays before whom the two were scheduled to go on trial today.

A Gray Gilmore, of Kansas City, was in court to represent Hunt. The two youths stood side by side facing the bench from the jury box side of the court room. Hickman stood quietly as, on his twentieth birthday, he heard the arguments on his trial for a second murder.

Hunt appeared nervous, making twitching motions of the arms and shoulders and rapidly glancing about him. A few minutes later Hickman was returned to the court of Superior Judge J. J. Trabucco whom he resumed his usual sullenly attentive demeanor.

Richard Cantillon, of the defense, objected to a prosecution question, which was being read from a deposition of a Kansas City school mate of Hickman. Cantillon protested the school boy witness was incompetent to render an opinion on any man's sanity.

The objection was overruled by Judge Trabucco. Capacity Crowd The school boy life of Hickman apparently excited considerable interest. The spectators seats were jammed 15 minutes before the court hour and the feminine curiosity predominated. More young women and girls filled the seats or waited in the halls for one, than yesterday.

"Possibly on that point the objection might be good," assented the court to another defense objection. This was against a prosecution question put to Miss Rebecca Tomlin, one of Hickman's Kansas City school teachers, in her deposition. It asked her opinion on the responsibility of the youth for the Marian Parker kidnaping and killing. Cantillon objected on the grounds that assumptions of the question were not in evidence.

The court let the question stand and sustained the objection. The teacher depose that she thought Hickman insane at the time of the crime, but had not considered his sanity until after the murder.

15 Depositions Read Fifteen defense depositions of Mid-west witnesses on the peculiarities and "queerness" of Hickman and members of his family have been read out to record in the sanity hearing. A dozen more from former employes, school mates and friends of the young slayer remained to be presented.

Sanwiched between these last (Continued on Page 5)

\$400,000 Crude Oil Deal Bared Before Senators

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—A deal by which the Sinclair crude oil purchasing company bought from the Continental Trading company for \$400,000 a contract which saved it \$3,000,000 was disclosed today before the senate committee investigation disposal of the profits of the hastily formed and now dead Continental concern.

The Continental, whose associates included Harry F. Sinclair and Robert W. Stewart, chairman of board of standard of Indiana, had contracted to sell oil to the Sinclair company for \$1.75 a barrel. It had paid \$1.50.

A. L. Carlson, secretary-treasurer of the Sinclair crude, who was placed under severe fire by Senator Walsh, democrat of Montana, committee prosecutor, finally testified to the \$400,000 contract but told the committee that "he did not make it," in answer to a question as to its origin.

Part of the profits of Continental the government claims found its way to Albert B. Fall after he was ousted Teapot Dome by Harry F. Sinclair.

ACCUSATIONS TO GOVERNOR SENSATIONAL

Portland Association Official Lays Charges Before Patterson

BUSINESS BUREAU IS SAID INVOLVED

State Corporation Department and Undertakers' Association Are Accused of Conspiracy

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Accusations of sensational character, reflecting against the state corporation department, the Portland better business bureau and the Undertakers' Association of Portland, and particularly against J. G. Arnold, a Portland attorney, are contained in a letter received by Governor Patterson from Charles S. Yates, assistant manager of the Union Service association.

The letter is a corporation in the undertaking business which claims that the organized undertakers of Portland, the better business bureau and the state corporation department have conspired to keep them out of business.

Yates claims that Arnold offered for a financial consideration to silence Robert Mount, manager of the better business bureau and not a member of the corporation department for the Union Service association. His conversation with Arnold's office, and later in Yates' office with a newspaperman present, but hidden from Arnold.

Tells of Talk Arnold, says Yates, told Yates that Fred Meind, investigator for the corporation department, had been up to see him, and that they had gone over the matter of the association's application for a stock selling permit. He added that Meind would return in an hour.

"He is going to see Bob Mount at the better business bureau and I thought I would be in a position to help you and your company in getting a permit," Arnold is quoted as having said.

"I asked Arnold how he would be in a position to help us," Yates writes the governor. "He stated: 'You know my connections with Mark McCallister and that I was his manager in assisting him in getting the appointment to be in your company, and also my connection with Fred Meind and Bob Mount.'"

Yates says he answered that he knew those details and that Arnold told him: "I am in a position where I can get you a permit in five minutes. Now how much is it worth for me to render you that service?"

Yates Reply Yates says he replied that the association had a good legal staff and he could see no reason for spending money for attorney fees, that the association had complied with all laws, was solvent and that Meind knew it.

"Yes, but you have too much opposition from the undertakers with the department and the department is going to rule against you," Arnold is quoted as saying. "I then asked Arnold how he would proceed to get the department to change its attitude in the face of such opposition from the undertakers."

"His statement was: 'You know how those things are handled. Now how much is it worth to you to get the thing settled up quickly? Cut your \$400,000 contract with my city and I can get Bob Mount to stop his activities against the Union Service association if you will lay off of Bob Mount.'"

Agree on \$100 Yates says Arnold wanted to know if \$500 would be too much. "I answered that I thought it was a dirty hold up, but that \$500 would be what I would be able to do," says Yates.

He says that Arnold insisted that the agreement be kept strictly (Continued on Page 5)

DEATH CALLS JENNINGS IN SCRANTON, PA.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 1 (AP)—Hugh Jennings is dead. After 35 picturesque years on the diamond and a career as a lawyer, followed by a long battle for health, the end came at 1:15 o'clock this morning in the city where he was once a breaker boy in the anthracite mines. He was 57 years old.

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 1 (AP)—"Haskell has lost one of its most constructive forces in the death of Hugh Jennings," Ty Cobb, who played under Jennings for many years as a member of the Detroit team, said today. "Jennings introduced a most attractive and wonderful spirit which seemed to inspire all players under him," Cobb added.

Q. K. Resolution On Muscle Shoals

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—The Norris resolution providing for government operation of Muscle Shoals was approved today by the senate agriculture committee by a vote of 11 to 2.

The vote was taken in executive session after more than an hour's discussion during which time it was announced that several amendments would be presented on the senate floor.