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OREGON: Rain west. Local
rains and snows east portion
tonight and Friday. Moderate tem-
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CITY BONDS
SELL AT 105;
7 BIDS READ\$45,000 Block Awarded to
Hugh B. McGuire Co.,
of Portland, Ore.HIGHEST FIGURE
IN LOCAL HISTORYState Inspector Presents
Report of Sanitary Con-
ditions in Food Business
Places.

More discussion relative to a milk ordinance, the presentation of a report by the state dairy and food department of conditions as they are in La Grande, and sale of \$45,000 five per cent bonds to finance the construction of the second street 18-inch pipeline was the business before the city commissioners last night.

The high bid on the bonds and its acceptance marks the first time in history that local municipal paper has commanded such a high price. Hugh B. McGuire & Co., of Portland, bid 105, which is considerably higher than any previous bond sale bids. The award of the bonds to the McGuire company means that the city will receive \$45,000 for each \$45,000 bond in this issue upon delivery, or a total of \$225,000 above par on the whole block.

Seven Bids Read
The presentation of several other bids, some only slightly less than the winning offer, indicated the healthy market that exists for local bonds. Conrad & Brown bid 104.75, C. E. Nelson, of Salem, bid 104.75, Blythe & Witter, of Portland, bid 104.75, and J. H. Smith, of Portland, bid 104.75. The Security Savings Co., bid 104.44 and the Lumberman's Trust Co., bid 104.61.

A representative of the latter concern, attempted to show the city commissioners that a four and a half per cent bond would be more advantageous to them, stating that according to law all of the five per cent bonds could be redeemed and then a four and half per cent bond sale could be handled in any way the commissioners desired. He declared that a four and a half per cent bond, if sold at par, would save the city some \$225,000 in interest. After the bonds were even the commissioner determined that the McGuire bid of a four and a half per cent sale was contemplated, an extra \$100 would be required to permit new bonds. The commission was unable to see where the suggested change would save any money.

Attacking the suggestion from another angle, Commissioner Charles Playle declared that it "would not be shooting square with the other bidders to do such a thing." Mr. Hill and Mr. Colburn agreed with him. "We must treat all bidders alike," Mr. Hill said. Mr. Hill pointed out that none of the other bidding companies had representatives present—leaving to the city commission the responsibility for seeing that a fair award was made, and said that the commission desired to accept this responsibility.

A week ago, when J. D. Mickle, (Continued on Page 5)

44 TRACTS IN
FORECLOSURE
PROCEEDINGS

An action for foreclosure of delinquent taxes, dating back to 1920 has been filed in the county clerk's office at the court house here by Carl Helm, district attorney. The action takes in about 44 tracts of land in the county, most of which are located outside of La Grande.

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, depends greatly on more aggressive salesmanship. Which means knowledge of the market, intelligently planned advertising to reach the buyers of that market 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 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"

Stockholders
In Telephone Co.
May Sell SharesTentative and Conditional
Offer to Purchase
Holdings Received—Par
Value Stock \$10.

Holders of the common stock of the Home Independent Telephone company have recently received a tentative and conditional offer to purchase their holdings, according to reports published in financial papers and verified by statements of company officers and stockholders. The offer is for \$15.00 per share. The par value of this stock is \$10.00 per share. Officials of the company state that the offer, at first glance, might appear to be especially attractive. In the absence of a full analysis of the situation, but insist that such is not the case.

The local company was organized in 1907, as a successor of the Vergere Telephone company which in turn was organized in 1904, as a local company serving parts of Union county. It has taken a period of 24 years to bring the property up to its present standing.

During the first half of this 24 years of continuous service, the greater part of the present system, which extends throughout nearly all of Union and Walla Walla counties was built. During this period, labor and material costs, as well as most other items entering into the cost of construction of telephone properties, were procurable at a much less cost than has been the case during recent years. This condition has resulted in a property valuation of the entire system considerably in excess of the company's outstanding securities and quite naturally the stockholders who invested their money and took the chances are in line to benefit thereby. Had the situation been reversed, a loss might have been realized.

Under One Management
During its entire existence, the company has practically been under one management. From the very beginning a policy of rendering the very best service possible

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Sacajawea Inn
Formal Opening
Set For Feb. 18

The Sacajawea Inn, the seven-story hotel at the corner of Fir and Adams will open informally for business Saturday, Feb. 11, according to present plans announced by Julius Roesch today. The formal opening will be held on Saturday evening, Feb. 18, although this date is tentative.

The Observer will publish a special Sacajawea Inn edition shortly before the formal opening and in that edition will give a detailed description of the hotel, its furnishings, facilities, etc.

Instrumentation
Of Band Better,
Director States

The municipal band concert to be given at 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Arcade theater is expected to draw a capacity house. At the previous concert all available standing room was taken and much interest is being manifested in the program to be played Sunday.

Several changes and additions have been made in the band improving the instrumentation and giving the band a balance it has never had at any previous time since its organization. Director Andrew Doney says, Benjamin Osterling has been transferred from saxophone to E-flat clarinet, one of the most difficult of band instruments, and Paul Jahr, a new member, has taken Osterling's place on alto saxophone. W. W. Nelson will play for the first time in concert the new monster euphonium recently purchased by the band. This gives the bass section of the band a full quota of three performers. A flute and piccolo has been added in the person of Adolph Siegrist Jr.

The program for Sunday's concert is well-balanced and should be a pleasing one to every type of music lover. La Grande's municipal band has an enviable record in the Pacific northwest as a high class musical organization and the public is cordially invited to attend these concerts which are sponsored by the city of La Grande.

Nelson To Speak
At Eagle Meeting

Members of the Eagles lodge and auxiliary will meet this evening at the hall when an interesting program will be given. A. W. Nelson will speak on "Eaglesdom." Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hale will furnish a musical solo. Miss Lois Nelson will play a piano solo, and Miss Leona Walcott will sing two numbers.

All members and their friends are invited to attend. There will be refreshments following the program.

MARKET ROAD
MAINTENANCE
AGREED UPONCounty Court Authorizes
Expenditure of \$6281
During 1928COST A MILE IS
FIGURED AT \$200Claim by Wallowa County
for Taxes for Stock
Grazing Is Continued to
Next Session.

The Union county court authorized the expenditure of \$6281 for market road maintenance in the county during 1928 this morning, the second day of the regular court session. An estimate on the cost of maintaining the market roads of the county which are already constructed during the year was presented to the court by the county road master, S. B. Morgan, and was accepted.

The cost of maintenance will average about \$200 a mile, according to the estimate, and there is a total of \$7448 miles of completed market road in the county. The Ladd Canyon-Clover creek road calls for \$116 for maintenance; the Union-Cove road, \$596; the Union-Medical Springs road, \$117; the Elgin-Palmer Junction road, \$287; the Indian Creek road, \$154; Hunter-Lane-Pleasant Grove, \$737; South Powder-Clover Creek, \$623; the Alker-Lower Cove road, \$1062; the Mt. Glen road, \$531; the Becker-Warm Creek road, \$186; the Island City-Cove road, \$1681; and the Imbler-Summitville road, \$367.

The court also authorized the clerk to issue a warrant for the payment of money for the destruction of predatory animals. Five hundred dollars is set aside in the county budget for this purpose, which is paid into the state treasury and matched by the state to be used by the bureau of biological survey in fighting predatory animals.

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CINDERELLA SHOP
TO OPEN FRIDAYStore Remodeled and Re-
decorated; New Stock
of Spring Clothing in

With the work of remodeling, refurnishing and redecorating completed and with opening stocks of dresses, coats, suits and hats in place, the "Cinderella" Frock shop, La Grande's new ready-to-wear specialty store, will open to the public at 10 o'clock Friday morning, Feb. 3.

A complete new front, with modern display windows featuring leaded glass windows and doors has been installed in the store, which is located in the Foley building at 1115 Adams avenue, and the interior is being entirely redecorated in ivory buff, lending a pleasing contrast to the wainscot fixtures. New type display cases with two full-length triple mirrors have been built in and an addition has been added in the rear, connecting the fitting rooms and alteration room with the main sales room by a large hallway.

New spring fashions in coats, suits, dresses and millinery will be featured in the opening. In exclusive models, and at popular prices, it is announced.

This store is the 12th in a chain

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Tigers to Journey to Baker Friday;
Enterprise Team Here on Saturday

The Tiger basketball team faces two games this weekend, one in Baker, which is expected to be one of the hardest contests of the season, and one with Enterprise here.

A larger crowd of fans is expected to accompany the La Grande high team to Baker for this game, which will be played Friday night. It will mark the first encounter of the two teams on the maple court since the fall season. The Enterprise team is expected to have the strongest team in the district and the odds are figured against La Grande. Coach Ralph Christie will not commit himself in reference to chances for victory beyond the statement that he expects the team to put up a good fight. The quintet has been un-

American Legion
Will Establish
G. A. R. CemeteryOrganization Shoulders a
Second Major Under-
taking—District Con-
ference Dated.

In line with its policy of community service, the American Legion post No. 43 last night shouldered a second major undertaking, namely, to establish a permanent endowment fund for the G. A. R. section of the Masonic cemetery. This follows directly the completion of arrangements made through the American Legion with the substantial aid of the Masonic lodge whereby an American Legion section of the cemetery was secured and perpetually endowed. The second undertaking, which involves the raising of \$400 for the fund, will have the assistance of the G. A. R. Women's Relief corp., the Sons and Daughters of Civil War Veterans, and other organizations.

Decision to raise the money for the fund was made last night when the monthly meeting of the American Legion was held at the K. of P. hall with Post commander Chester Thompson presiding.

The meeting was well attended, as was the business meeting held jointly. Several business matters of importance were taken up during the session, besides the matter pertaining to the G. A. R. Dr. J. L. Ingle presented the deed to the cemetery plot from the Masonic lodge, and it was announced that just as soon as the weather made it advisable, men would go to the cemetery and put both cemetery lots in shape.

Conference Dated.
Announcement was made by Ous Palmer, district committeeman, that the district conference, which includes Union and Walla Walla counties, forming district No. 7, would be held here on Feb. 23.

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KEX Broadcasts
Program About
Lake, La Grande

A large number of La Grande radio fans, in particular "Singer," listened with enjoyment last night to the KEX (Portland Telegram station) program broadcast by the Oregon State Motor association advertising the beauty and advantages of Walla Walla Lake as a summer resort and looking upon the La Grande district. Undoubtedly "Nip" Clinger enjoyed the program more than any one else who listened to it, and according to reports many local families did listen in last night) for it was directly to him that Ray Conway, head of the state association addressed his entire talk. In fact, rather than a lecture, the program was an interesting story, that featured the lake, and was made more interesting by the informal note which Mr. Conway injected in his narrative.

"Listen to this, Nip," or similar expressions that Mr. Conway used not only lent color to the story for other listeners but brought joy to the young man, who was paralyzed in an accident about a year ago, and is now confined day after day to a room in the La Grande hotel of which his father, W. O. Clinger, is proprietor. With "Nip" was a comparatively unknown as a summer resort of friends and it was a thrilling and unforgettable event for him. "Nip's" cheery smile and sunny attitude has already won for him a host of friends in La Grande.

Last night's program dealt with Walla Walla lake and the Columbia Gorge in particular and described the facilities for summer vacationing at the lake, as yet comparatively unknown as a summer resort. According to Charles Gunn, their local representative of the association, this program is part of its plan as service to motorists in this and nearby states.

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Mav Organize A
6-Team Semi-Pro
Baseball League

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CONFERENCE
PLANS MADE;
FEW CHANGES1928 Sessions Will Be Held
in La Grande on Feb-
ruary 24 and 25PROGRAM DIVIDED
INTO 10 MEETINGSF. L. Ballard, N. C. Jamieson, H. E. Crosby and
Other O. S. C. Special-
ists Will Attend.

The 1928 economic conference program to be held here Feb. 24 and 25 was discussed and tentatively outlined last night when all of the nine committee heads of the conference, with the exception of two, met for dinner at Hot Lake, with Dr. W. T. Phy, conference chairman, as host.

The conference program in 1927 was discussed, and a few changes will be made in the program this year. The program has been divided into several half day sessions and each session will be devoted to one subject. Plans are to have ten different group meetings, with a general meeting during a part of the first day of the conference. Group meetings will take up the remainder of the two-day conference which have been arranged so that an individual can attend one group meeting on one day and another on the second day.

Charles A. Malboeuf, chamber of commerce secretary, was present and promised the support of the chamber of commerce in arranging final program. He with the conference chairman, Dr. Phy, and H. G. Avery, county agent, will meet sometime soon and work

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The transportation question is not expected to be a serious one as it is understood that travel by bus can be arranged at a satisfactory figure.

NEW WESTERN
AUTO MANAGER
ARRIVES HERE

A. L. Kendall, recently chosen manager of the Western Auto Supply company here following the resignation of E. E. Wilcox, arrived in La Grande yesterday and began his duties this morning with the La Grande store. Mr. Kendall believes that every thing points to a good business year for his company here and is enthusiastic over the 1928 prospects in general. He has been with the Western Auto supply company for about four years, in both Bend and Pendleton and has served as relief manager upon several occasions.

Mr. Kendall this morning progressed interest not only in the business and civic activities of La Grande but expressed interest in athletics, particularly baseball and basketball. Mr. Kendall, who is understood, played with the Pendleton baseball team about three years ago.

Mrs. Kendall and their daughter, Carolyn, will come to La Grande from Pendleton soon to join Mr. Kendall in establishing their residence here.

"I like La Grande and believe it a fine business town," Mr. Kendall said this morning. P. R. See will remain at the store as assistant. Mr. Wilcox is still in La Grande and has not yet announced his plans.

George Eiler, field superintendent of the company, was in the city yesterday with Mr. Kendall, introducing him to the local store.

HIS HONOR



Judge J. J. Trabucco, of Mariposa county, California, is trying William Edward Hickman on the charge of murdering Marlon Parker. Judge Trabucco, (above), a veteran jurist, was chosen after charges of prejudice had been preferred against Judge Harcy.

PORTO RICO HOST
TO LINDY TODAY

Lone Eagle Leaves Virgin
Islands—Weather for
Short Flight Perfect

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Feb. 2 (AP)—Lindbergh landed at Escambran field at 1:55 p. m. (12:55 eastern standard time).

Before landing, Colonel Lindbergh played in the air over the city for 20 minutes, and then made his descent just five minutes before the time that he had said he would land.

It was estimated that fully 100,000 persons cheered him as he rode through the city from the flying field.

1000 BID GOOD-BYE

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands, Feb. 2 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh took off at 11:50 a. m. local time for San Juan, Porto Rico. He flew over St. Croix.

More than 1000 people gathered at the flying field to bid the airman farewell. He waved to the crowd which cheered lustily then circled the field three and the town twice.

Lindbergh went away in beautiful weather and looked happy. He said he had enjoyed his visit very much and appreciated all that had been done for him by the officials and residents of the island.

On his flight from Maracaay, Venezuela, to St. Thomas, Col. Lindbergh flew to the east of St. Croix, which is one of the Virgin Islands possessions of the United States, instead of flying over it. He promised that when he set out for Porto Rico he would swing over the island of St. Croix although this would take him out of his direct course. The distance between St. Thomas and San Juan by this route is more than 100 miles.

CROWD GATHERS EARLY

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Feb. 2 (AP)—Along a mile front facing the Atlantic and the Escambran flying field crowds began to gather early today for the coming of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and his famous plane, the "Spirit."

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MODERN YOUTH
SPLENDID, SAYS
GOTHAM JUDGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (AP)—Modern youth is standing up splendidly, says Presiding Justice Hoyt of the children's court, in his annual report, which shows no appreciable increase in delinquency during the last ten years despite the city's increased population.

"In New York, at least," he says, "delinquent youth is growing no worse and is standing up splendidly under the acid test of present-day changes and conditions. Modern youth is not the menace which some have chosen to proclaim it."

North Powder Man
Is State Director

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—E. P. Lewis, of Marshfield, was re-elected today president of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association. E. A. Franz, of Hood River, was made vice president.

Huddleston, North Powder; George Jamison, McMinnville; and C. G. Bracher, Pilot Rock. The board of directors will determine who will be secretary-treasurer to succeed E. E. Lucas, Spokane.

McAdoo Attacks
Al Smith Stand
On ProhibitionOther Presidential Possi-
bilities Speak—Reed
Favors An Adequate
National Defense.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—The political breach between William G. McAdoo and Governor Al Smith, of New York, that began with the 1924 democratic convention, stood at greater dimensions today with every indication that it will continue as long as Smith is a presidential possibility.

Bringing up the old rivalry of Madison Square Garden for the first time in the present campaign, McAdoo, in Richmond, Va., last night denounced the governor's views on prohibition enforcement, attacked his recent utterances on the enforcement situation in his own state and sounded a warning to the democratic party that it must never send a "wet" to the White House.

Describing the issue as one that must be fought to a conclusion in the 1928 campaign, McAdoo said "the supreme need is to put law enforcement in the White House."

Smith Also Active
His speech before a gathering under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League, the Women's Christian Temperance Union and other organizations, was the high-light of a night that brought expressions from Smith and two other democratic presidential luminaries, Governor Ritchie, of Maryland, and Senator Reed, of Missouri.

Those of Smith and Reed concurred in the subject of national defense and disclosed their difference of opinion as to the wisdom of large expenditures for military and naval establishments. Senator Reed spoke here before the Women's Patriotic conference on national defense, contending for armament that would protect the country from any invader, while the governor's views were given out by the Church Peace union in New York in a letter written last June.

Al's Views
In the letter which commented on the Geneva arms limitation conference, the governor observed that "what the nations expend for armament and its upkeep would wipe out the slums of the cities, educate the children of the world, establish farms and industry and restore prosperity to mankind."

Governor Ritchie addressed the Brooklyn Bar association, appealing for maintenance of "principles"

Radio Measure
Sent To Senate;
Smith 'Pans' Jazz

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)—A bill to extend the life of the federal radio commission for another year after March 15 was ordered favorably reported to the senate today by its interstate commerce committee.

Complaining of the extent of "jazz" programs offered over the radio, Senator Smith, of South Carolina, declared today he was tempted to offer an amendment to the pending radio measure to ban "jazz" music over the air.

"No matter where you turn the dial," Senator Smith told his colleagues on the interstate commerce committee, which is considering nominations to the federal radio commission, "you get this same tin pan noise. I am through trying."

Replying to criticism of the commission, O. H. Caldwell, of New York, one of the three commissioners whose nominations are pending, told the committee that the commission's goal "is to deliver to every home in America, clear and satisfactory radio programs."

Replying to a suggestion by Senator Dill, democrat, Washington, co-author of the present radio act, that the power of stations hooked up in chain broadcasting be diminished, Mr. Caldwell said the commission was about to take up this question.

Crank Strikes Gun;
Motorist Injured

ODDISHON, Kans., Feb. 2 (AP)—Fred Smith, farmer, was shot in the side last night when a motor car he was cranking backfired, the crank striking a revolver in his pocket. His condition is serious.

Extent of Wheat
Damage Uncertain

PENDLETON, Feb. 2 (AP)—The extent of winter freezing damage to wheat in this county is a matter for conjecture at present according to farmers and wheat authorities. Many growers are planning to wait until the growing season starts and if the crop has frozen, will re-sow at once. The indications are that wheat in the lighter land sections was damaged somewhat.

OFFICERS SAY
HICKMAN FITS
WERE FAKEDKiller's Cool-Headedness
and Sanity Testified to
by Sedan OwnerLONG KNIFE AND
PHOTOS EXHIBITEDJudge and Jurors Turn
Pale at Gruesome Dis-
plays—Welby Hunt, Ac-
complice, Is Witness.

HALL OF JUSTICE, LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2 (AP)—The knife with which Marlon Parker was slain and dissected, and the morose photograph of the torso and limbs, were entered as evidence today in the sanity trial of William Edward Hickman, her confessed kidnaper and killer.

The branding as "faked" of fits "thrown" by the prisoner in the Pendleton, Oregon jail became testimony of high police officials of Los Angeles, who declared Hickman had shown his madness by asking if they didn't "think I threw a good one."

The killer's cool-headedness and sanity were testified to by F. R. Peck in whose stolen automobile Hickman fled northward. The witness, who was held at gun point as an unwilling passenger for several miles heading out of Hollywood, quoted Hickman as remarking:

"Gee, she sure has got lots of pep," and as "Gee, I got to watch myself," when he accidentally drove past an adversely set traffic signal.

"Yes sir, I'll say he did," Peck replied to the state's question as Hickman's apparent knowledge what he was doing.

Witnesses Absent
Chief of detectives Herman Cline who directed the hunt for the kidnaper-killer of Marlon Parker was the first witness called but he was missing. The next, James E. Davis, chief of police of Los Angeles, also was absent.

Naomi Whitton, young teacher at the school from which the slain girl was abducted, was first defense witness located and took the stand. Miss Britton identified Hickman as the abductor. She testified to his having applied to her for the Parker girl at the Mount Vernon school on Dec. 15 and that he distinguished between the Parker sisters by asking for Marlon.

When Defense Attorney Jerome Walsh called for the next witness, who also was absent, Superior Judge J. J. Trabucco spoke up sharply. He directed Walsh to furnish the clerk with a list of his witnesses that they might be ordered to be present.

Mrs. Marlon Holt, supervising teacher at Marlon's school, testified to releasing the girl to Hickman. She described him as being well groomed at the time, calm and quiet-spoken, giving her "not the least" cause for suspicion.

Cline Testifies
Cline was found to have arrived at the Hall of Justice and was called next.

On the witness stand he was questioned but briefly by Walsh principally for the identifying of the prisoner's confession. He testified he was in charge of the detectives on the train which returned Hickman from Pendleton, Ore., to Los Angeles.

District Attorney Asa Keyes questioned Cline for the state. The witness testified the prisoner's confession was obtained by threats, violence, offers of rewards or immunity from punishment but were given voluntarily. Cline then went into a detailed quotation of Hickman's confession, following through the order and statements as made late yesterday by Detective Dick Lucas who entered the confession as evidence for the defense.

Superior Judge H. D. Gregory, of (Continued on Page Four.)

SIX BURNED IN
HOME FIRE IN
PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2 (AP)—A father and mother and four of their five children were burned to death in a fire which wrecked their home in West Philadelphia today.

The victims were burned while they slept.

The dead: Armando Mantecic, 35, a baker; Carlina, 29, his wife; Anna 8; Ophelia 6; Henry 4; Armando, Jr., 2.

The other child, Albert, 7, was found struggling to open a door by firemen upon their arrival at the scene. The shock of the fire had left him speechless and he was unable to tell attendants at a hospital, where he was taken, what had happened. He was only slightly burned.

The origin of the blaze is undetermined, but police learned an oil stove downstairs was the only means of heating the house and they advanced the theory that it might have exploded.