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OREGON: Rain in west and local snow and rain in east portion tonight and Wednesday. Normal temperature.

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ANNUAL CLUB
BANQUET TO
BE TUESDAYChamber of Commerce to
Install Officers at La
Grande Hotel DinnerDR. POWERS, SOIL
EXPERT, SPEAKSImprovement of Valley
May Be Attained by
Four Methods—80,000
Acres Susceptible.

Two subjects of absorbing interest to chamber of commerce members were taken up at the weekly forum luncheon of the organization at the La Grande hotel today at noon.

Announcement was made of the approaching annual banquet, which is to be given next Tuesday night, Mar. 6, in the La Grande hotel ball room, beginning at 6:30 o'clock. The program has not been definitely arranged but the menu has been prepared and it is said that it will be especially attractive to the palate. No luncheon will take place that day.

Members and their wives are invited to attend the banquet and a large crowd is anticipated, some of whom will come from nearby towns and cities. Annual reports will be given at that time and installation of officers will be another feature.

Following the luncheon and a musical program—Miss Bertha Banta playing two violin selections accompanied at the piano by Miss Dorothy Brown—will be given. Very generously applauded—H. E. Goodale, president, introduced Dr. W. L. Powers, head of the U. S. C. soils division.

Dr. Powers Speaks

Dr. Powers, in a more or less technical speech, outlined the problem of reclaiming land in the Grande Ronde valley and gave possible remedies. He stated that approximately 80,000 acres in this valley are susceptible to reclamation, with an indication of doubled production after soil improvement. Of these 20,000 will respond easily to irrigation, he said.

Four Ways

Four ways to accomplish this were given, by drainage, by chemical treatment of grasses and other plants on the soil in question.

He explained the formation of the Grande Ronde valley soil and pointed out that there is some imperfect drainage over this section. He said that the valley is still young and that natural drainage has not yet had enough time to develop fully.

Overflow Land Problem

Overflow land adjacent to the Grande Ronde river constitutes one problem and Dr. Powers said that straightening of the river channel would aid in the control of this condition. However, to control the Grande Ronde river would require considerable co-operative efforts, he declared.

Waterlogged and alkaline lands east of La Grande, near Union and Hot Lake, and northeast from Lone Tree present another problem, and some of this area would require a chemical treatment, he said.

The question of economical reclamation of this land was touched upon to some extent and a description of results obtained in the Vale district was given.

Unity Necessary

In closing, Dr. Powers declared that any steps taken toward reclaiming land in the Grande Ronde valley should follow a general plan so that each particular effort will fit into the whole system.

Dr. Powers spoke to some extent of the drainage report by Dr. Adams, which was printed in yesterday's Observer.

GIRL KNOCKED
DOWN, HURT BY
EXCITED HORSE

An unusual accident that might have been more serious occurred this morning on Adams avenue when Miss Peggy Hess was knocked down and run over by one of the local post office horses and two-wheel mail carts on Adams avenue. The cart was driven by a son of David Stoddard, local carrier, who usually has the boy bring it down for him each morning. Miss Hess was crossing the street and apparently did not see the approaching horse until it was too late. Spectators said the horse became excited by the accident could have been avoided.

It was understood that the horse knocked Miss Hess down but did not trample her. However, the cart ran over her and bruised her severely. She was taken immediately to a doctor's office where an examination revealed no serious injuries. She was taken to the home of her brother, Henry Hess, where she is recuperating today. Miss Hess is employed at the railroad office.

Baker, La Grande
To Open Play At
Union ThursdayJoseph and Union Meet in
Second Game—Wallowa
Pitted Against Grant
Co. Quintet.

La Grande and Baker, traditional athletic rivals, will open the fifth annual district basketball tournament at Union Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

At the drawings for places in the tournament last night, conducted at 8 o'clock in the La Grande high school building, La Grande was the first slip drawn from the hat and Baker the second, pitting these two teams together in the initial contest.

Wallowa Luckiest

The third team drawn was Joseph and the fourth Union, these two to play at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Haines and Ontario will play at 8 o'clock in the evening and the strong Wallowa quintet will meet a team from Grant county—either Mt. Vernon or Prairie City—at 9 in the evening.

Baker, La Grande, Joseph, Union and Wallowa are believed to be the strongest teams in the tournament and four of these will fight it out in the upper bracket—cutting each other's throats, figuratively speaking, while Wallowa is breezing through the three teams in the lower bracket, observers point out. Wallowa is unlikely to play a really difficult game, they say, until Friday evening when, if she wins the first two contests, she will be thrust into the upper bracket against one of the first four teams drawn.

Second Round Games

After the first round games will be played as follows:

9:30 a. m. (Friday): Winner of La Grande-Baker game vs. winner of Union-Joseph game.

10:30 a. m.: Winner of Haines-Ontario game vs. winner of Wallowa-Grant Co. game.

2 p. m.: Loser of La Grande-Baker game vs. loser of Union-Joseph game (one to be eliminated).

3 p. m.: Loser of Haines-Ontario game vs. loser of Wallowa-Grant Co. game (one to be eliminated).

The third round will be played Friday evening as follows:

7:30 p. m.: Winners of 9:30 and 10:30 games.

8:30 p. m.: Winners of 2 and 3 o'clock games (one to be eliminated).

9:30 p. m.: Losers of 9:30 and 10:30 games (one to be eliminated).

Roy Conklin, superintendent of

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Three Country
Club Directors
Are Re-Elected

Results of the election of La Grande Country club directors for the ensuing three years was announced this morning when the counting of the vote, which was taken by mail, was completed. The five directors chosen follow: H. N. Ashby, S. D. Cawse, L. K. Kinzel, W. C. Perkins and William Siegrist.

A few weeks ago ten men were nominated, by mail nomination, for the directorate, and voting followed. Mr. Cawse, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Siegrist were re-elected to the board. Those retiring now are Dr. W. T. Pity and Chase Bohnenkamp. The country club members will meet in March for their annual election of officers. Elmer Stoddard is completing for the third year the presidency of the 1927 term of president, Chase Bohnenkamp is vice president and H. M. Day is secretary-treasurer.

Initiation Part
Of K. P. Program

Initiation was a part of the regular Knights of Pythias meeting held at the K. of P. hall last night, with Chancellor Commander Harley Stenkeling presiding. The second rank work was put on for Walter Wagner. During the meeting it was announced that the third rank, the last rank of the order, will be put on at the regular meeting this coming Monday. There was an attendance of approximately 40 members of the lodge at last night's session.

Ask Dog Owners To
Pay Before Mar. 1

Dog owners of Union county have just one more day in which to buy their 1928 county dog licenses without paying double fee, County Clerk C. K. McCormick warned today. Beginning Mar. 1, according to state law, the fee is doubled. There are still a number of latecomers who should take advantage of the one day of grace tomorrow, Mr. McCormick says.

DRY PLANKS
DEMANDED BY
CONFERENCE30 Temperance Organizations
on Record Against
Wet CandidatesCIVIC LEAGUE'S
HEAD RAPS SMITHMissouri Demo Chairman
Comes Out in Favor of
Senator Reed's Candidacy for President.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. (AP)—Prohibition planks in the republican and democratic party platforms and the nomination of known drys for the presidency and vice presidency were demanded here today by representatives of 30 or more national temperance organizations at a one-day conference.

Resolutions calling on both major political parties to meet the prohibition question squarely were drawn up for adoption. At a meeting a representative of each of the organizations participating in the conference discussed the prohibition outlook in brief speeches. Most of them refrained from personalities, but several, among them the Rev. O. R. Miller, of New York, president of the New York Civic League, directed attacks against Gov. Alfred E. Smith.

Miller's Talk

Miller, who charged New York republicans with bad faith in failing to put through the legislature a state prohibition enforcement act, declared that if the Walsh resolution for an investigation of power companies had been adopted by the senate, Gov. Smith would never be re-elected. He asserted that the New York executive travels between Albany and New York City in the private car "of one of the great power magnates of the country" and charged that Mr. Smith "does the bidding" of utilities operators.

Favors Senator Reed

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 28. (AP)—Declaring that Senator James A. Reed has rendered the people of the United States a life long service.

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1928 UNION CO.
JURY IS CALLEDSeven Men Selected for
Service—Paroles of 2
Prisoners Reported

The 1928 grand jury went into session this morning at the county courthouse for the first time since being selected. Claude Hale is foreman of the 1928 body, and J. C. Miller, J. A. Richards, C. J. Richards, C. L. McKinnis, J. A. McKinnis and C. A. Hall complete the group.

TWO PAROLED

Paroles of two men, who were sentenced during 1927 by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, one from the county jail and one from the penitentiary at Salem, were made known this morning. Joe Sellers, who was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary June 7 on liquor charges in connection with Gray "Tate" Buffington, who is now serving a two-year sentence, was paroled Feb. 25 from the state institution for good behavior.

Guy Day, who was sentenced on Oct. 27 by Judge Knowles to a year in the county jail for petty larceny with the understanding, that he be paroled after six months providing he showed good behavior has now been paroled by the judge because of good behavior and work which he did at the courthouse, with the understanding that he leave this county.

Legion Members To
Visit North Powder

A large number of American Legion members from the La Grande post No. 43 will go to North Powder tonight to attend a dance given by the post there for ex-servicemen and their wives.

The North Powder post of the legion is taking this way to relieve the social spirit between the towns of the county and also to build up their own post, said Orla Palmer, district committeeman, today.

There will be no charge and anyone wishing to go is asked to get in touch with Mr. Palmer.

The legion members will meet at the high school gym and leave immediately after the drill team has finished its practice there, at about 8:30.

A large attendance from district posts is expected at the dance tonight.

A selection that is popular with La Grande audiences will be "Songs from the Old Folks," which is a potpourri of old-time melodies and contains such well-known tunes as "The Old Oaken Bucket," "When You and I Were Young, Maggie," "Bon Bon," "Old Black Joe," "Sweet and Low," "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" and others. This number is featured by solo and quartets by various members of the band.

To Play "Down South"

The American sketch "Down South" by Myddleton will also be heard. The sketch opens with a quaint dance. The first two moves

City Directory
For La Grande
Now Completed2000 Supplements Will Be
Distributed in Every
Home in City Free of
Charge.

This week marks the completion of the La Grande city directory and the introduction of the book, which has been compiled by the West Coast Directory company, into many La Grande business houses and professional houses, who have received it as a material advantage to the local business. F. O. Small, manager of the company, has been in La Grande for four months supervising the compiling of the directory which was made by the Nelson Printing company, of which A. W. Nelson is manager.

In addition to the directory, which is an elaborate compilation of facts and information pertinent to La Grande, in addition to five separate directory listings, a supplement has been printed, which will be distributed in every La Grande home. Two thousand of these supplements have been made, providing one for every La Grande residence. They are being distributed by Mr. Small without charge. The book itself is attractive, conveniently arranged, and durable with a regular book binding. It has five sections, each a directory feature. The first is an alphabetical directory, in which every La Grande person over 18 years of age and every La Grande business house is listed alphabetically. Underneath the residence and occupation of every person is given, in case there are children under 18 years of age the number of the house is shown by a numeral. The owner or owners of every business house is listed and the nature of the business is given.

Business Directory

Then there is a complete classified business directory in which every business firm of house and professional office in La Grande with the street address is listed.

Following this is the street directory, with every street in La Grande given and every house located on each street. This is arranged so that it is easy to follow and understand. Every residence in the city is here accounted for together with the telephone numbers. Another interesting feature of this section is the fact that it indicates whether the house is owned or rented.

Numerical Directory

A numerical telephone directory which will enable location of a person if the telephone number and the name is known, is the fourth separate directory of the book. It starts with Mr. and Mrs. Miller, and continues throughout the telephone numbers of the city.

The fifth feature is an elaborate compilation of facts, including city and county officials, both public and private school officials, church and fraternal officials, labor organization officers, a list of the buildings of the cities and other information. In other sections of the book appear population figures and the like. Of particular interest here is the population of La Grande.

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OH, GIRLS, TOMORROW IS FEBRUARY 29TH!



Girls, tomorrow is February 29, and there are just the best chances! On this day in Leap Year, you know, you're supposed to propose to somebody, so why not pick a live one? Here are three nice boys, and aren't their smiles too cute? Gene Turner up there to the left. What a big, manly fellow! He's champion of something, too, they say. Isn't he perfectly killing? That blond boy in the middle! Wouldn't his smile just make your hair curl? That's Lindbergh. He's an aviator, but very, very handsome. You'll have to handle him with care, girls; he never flies so well as when he's flying away from the ladies. There to the right is a prince! The crown prince of Great Britain. They say he falls off his horse often—maybe he'd fall for you. But anyway, tomorrow, is February 29, and you're supposed to propose to somebody—so why not aim high?

\$750,000 Action
Is Filed Against
Jackie's Mother

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28. (AP)—The allegation of affections suit brought by Mrs. Corabel Bernstein, wife of Arthur Bernstein, business manager of the Jackie Coogan Picture corporation, against Mrs. Lillian Coogan, mother of the famous film juvenile, today had been named as a "sally fabrication absolutely without foundation" and as "infamous" by Mrs. Coogan through her attorney.

"We are going into court at once and fight the infamous charges. There will be no settlement and no talk of settlement," Mrs. Coogan's attorney declared.

The suit was pictured by the attorney as an attempt to embarrass the business manager and his employees on the eve of their departure for Europe.

Yesterday Mrs. Bernstein filed suit for divorce against her husband, naming Mrs. Coogan as co-respondent and suing her for \$750,000 for alienation of affections.

Charges Infamy

Mrs. Bernstein alleged that Mr. Bernstein had been induced to "violate his marriage vows" by Mrs. Coogan, and that for a period of two years had been "too intimate." Numerous occasions were cited in the divorce complaint during which asserted indiscretions took place.

Besides the heavy damages asked of Mrs. Coogan, Mrs. Bernstein sought almost \$1000 monthly and \$11,000 for court and attorney fees from her husband. She said she and Bernstein own community property valued at \$250,000 to \$300,000 and that the latter's income was \$3000 a month.

In addition to charges of infidelity, the divorce complaint sets up a cause of action on the ground of cruelty, asserting that her husband caused her embarrassment and humiliation by his asserted conduct with Mrs. Coogan.

Married in 1917

The actual charges in the alienation suit included allegations that Mrs. Coogan had been seduced by Mr. Bernstein.

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Train Robbery
Not Yet Solved,
Inspectors Say

CHICAGO, Feb. 28. (AP)—Federal officers were finding the \$122,000 Evergreen Park mail train robbery of Saturday more of a mystery today than they had anticipated. City police, in turning over prisoners, evidence and recovered money had indicated they believed the case had been solved, but postal inspectors said there remained much to be done before a strong case is ready.

Police indicated that two men under arrest had confessed, but the federal officers said no confession had been made to them and that the prisoners had failed to shed any light on the case.

Imbler Man Faces
Charge of Larceny

Ed Sumpter, of Imbler, was arrested yesterday on charges of petty larceny and plead not guilty before Hugh A. Brady, justice of the peace, who released him on his own recognizance and set the date of his trial for Monday. He is charged with the theft of \$20 worth of hay, and will be tried before Judge Brady in the justice court Monday at 1:30 p. m.

YOUNG INVENTOR
DEFENDS MOTORAnswers Attacks Made on
"Fuelless Engine" by
Hochstetter, Sieg

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 28.—Lester J. Hendershot, of West Elizabeth, Pa., today rose to the defense of his "fuelless motor."

The motor, described by the 22-year-old inventor as deriving its power from the magnetic fields of the earth, was said by P. W. Hochstetter, of the Hochstetter research laboratories here, to be a "generator and not a motor at all," obtaining "its electricity from a concealed carbon pencil battery."

L. P. Sieg, dean of the college and of the graduate school and professor of physics at the University of Pittsburgh, said he did not believe the Hendershot motor was practical, but added that his knowledge of the creation was limited to information gleaned from newspaper accounts.

Show Models

Hochstetter exhibited models of what he said were early phases of the Hendershot motor, declaring that the current was supplied from coils. He said he had negotiated with Hendershot some time ago on "what appeared from newspaper reports to have been the same thing he is now trying to promote."

When informed of the statements of Sieg and Hochstetter, Hendershot said he had used carbon pencil cells while experimenting in an effort to take electricity from the air, but that the present motor utilized "the magnetic field set up by the earth," and no other power.

"I did not build the motor that was demonstrated at Detroit," the inventor said. "That was built by army men under orders from Major Lanphier and under my direction. I didn't even so much as wind the motor—they built the motor—and it works. That's my answer to all critics—my 'motor works!'"

Sieg also commented on the claim that the motor takes its power from the earth's magnetic field, saying there was little there to be utilized and even if the magnetic field were much stronger, it could not be used because an electric current must be used in conjunction with it.

Lindbergh Is
Still Looking
For Seclusion

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh has just about decided that there is no such thing as seclusion.

Col. Lindbergh came here with a few friends Saturday for a vacation in the belief that he could walk the streets and mingle in the crowds of a great city without being recognized.

He discovered, however, that the only way he could avoid general and immediate recognition was to avoid being seen at all. Yesterday he ventured into a store on 45th street just off Fifth avenue, was recognized, and had to wait in the shop for an hour until police came to disperse the crowds and escort him to his car.

ROCHESTER, Ind., Feb. 28. (AP)—One child was killed, 10 were seriously injured and 25 slightly hurt today when an Erie freight train struck a loaded school bus at a crossing.

Crime Wave Due
To Inefficiency,
Report Declares

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (AP)—Inefficiency of the police and courts is blamed for this country's "notorious crime record" in a report from a sub-committee to the National Crime commission, which recommends as one solution that police departments be taken out of politics.

The report summarized a survey made by the committee of which Frank O. Lawden, former governor of Illinois, is chairman. It was written by Dr. Louis N. Robinson of Swarthmore, Pa., criminologist and executive secretary of the committee.

Characterizing crime as appearing to be "the safest business in which one could engage," the report says that in Buffalo, N. Y., about 3 per cent of arrests are made proportionate to the robberies which have occurred, the lowest record of the nine cities from which statistics were obtained. "This is compared to 80 per cent in England,"

"Robbery in Buffalo must be a particularly lucrative calling," Dr. Robinson said.

McNary Asks Park
In Marion County

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. (AP)—Creation of a park in Marion county, Oregon, to be known as the Silver Creek Falls national park, is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator McNary, republican, of that state.

Bishop Talbot Dies
In Pennsylvania

TUCKAHOE, N. Y., Feb. 28. (AP)—Bishop Ethelbert Talbot of Bethlehem, Penn., at one time presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States died last night at 8 o'clock.

In 1888 he was appointed missionary bishop of Wyoming and Idaho.

Winnipeg Mystery
Clears; Body Found

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 28. (AP)—A 12-day mystery apparently was solved today with the finding of the body of Mrs. Lottie Adams, 30-year-old wife of a department store detective and the arrest of Albert V. Westgate, 35-year-old automobile mechanic and chauffeur.

The body of the woman who had been murdered, had been found in a snow-filled ditch near her home at 87 Vital, a suburb.

Police said Westgate took Mrs. Adams for a ride on the day she disappeared.

Leap Year Brothers
Meet Every Feb. 29

TOPEKA, Kas., (AP)—Two brothers whose birthdays come only once in four years will hold their quadrennial celebration February 29.

Charles S. Billings, a clerk at the state capitol, will be 44 years old that day, and John H. Billings of Kansas City, a dentist, will be 26.

Every leap year except one since childhood the brothers have observed their rare birthdays together. In 1924 they were far apart, but they exchanged greetings by telephone.

BIG AIRSHIP
EN ROUTE TO
CUBA TODAYLos Angeles Completed
Her Longest Flight in
Safety Last NightNO TRACE FOUND
OF NAVAL AIRMANTwenty-Three Planes and
Two Army Blimps Are
Searching Lower Chesapeake Bay Today.

FRANCE FIELD, Canal Zone, Feb. 28. (AP)—The United States dirigible Los Angeles, which arrived here last night from the United States took off for Guayanayabo Bay, Cuba, where the U. S. S. Patoka is awaiting her, at 10:45 a. m.

The dirigible, which yesterday completed the second longest non-stop flight in her history, took off from the improved "catapult" here a few minutes after 10 o'clock and started safely on her return flight to the United States which will be broken by a stop in Cuba.

With the ship tied up to an improvised mast after her 3,354 mile flight from Lakehurst, N. J., in 40 hours the personnel remained aboard during the night ready for an early start.

The dirigible had no trouble in landing in the spanking northerly trade wind. A crew of 400 sailors was present to assist in mooring the ship to the temporary mast which was constructed in the U. S. under the supervision of Lieut. Commander E. C. Rosendahl.

When the Los Angeles was about 30 feet from the ground, mooring lines were tossed aboard and the ship dragged to within a few feet of the earth. It was then dragged for 50 yards to the mast and lashed fast. The Los Angeles used about two-thirds of its fuel supply on the journey, consuming 20,000 pounds.

The cruising altitude was generally between 500 and 1,000 feet, with a maximum of 3,000 feet. It was necessary to nose the dirigible up over the clouds several times.

PLANE STILL MISSING
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. (AP)—Twenty-three airplanes and two army blimps were ordered out today to search the lower Chesapeake bay area for the three airplanes of the Carrier Lexington, who have been missing since they took off from Norfolk naval air station for Annapolis yesterday morning.

The blimps were ordered out by Major General Pechee, chief of the army air corps, who requested the commanding officer at Langley field, Va., to get the augmented search under way immediately.

The fliers commander, T. G. Elliott, the navy's first air pilot; Lieut. Commander Hugo Schmidt, and Lieut. Commander Roger Hamehouse, mysteriously disappeared after they left the Norfolk station on a flight intended to bring Ellington to the bedside of his 12-year-old daughter, who is critically ill.

YELLOW RIVER
LEAVES BANKS;
HUNDREDS DIE

PEKING, Feb. 28. (AP)—"China's sorrow," the Yellow river, is on the rampage again, according to reports reaching the Chinese international famine relief commission today.

The river broke its banks in the Lingshien district, province of Shantung, near its mouth. Eighty thousand persons are homeless. Twenty thousand persons are homeless.

Dispatches to Chinese newspapers said hundreds of persons were drowned but added no details.

Five Burned To
Death Near Quebec

QUEBEC, Feb. 28. (AP)—Mrs. Isaac Garneau, 35, and four small children were burned to death today when fire destroyed their home at Gros Pin, a small village near here.

Blanche Garneau, the woman's 15-year-old daughter, rescued five sisters and brothers.

Columbia Cascades
Park Given State

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28. (AP)—The view of the roaring Cascades of the Columbia is forever kept for the purpose through the gift of R. W. Carroll of Portland of a park to the state highway commission.

The gift was made today. The tract of land extends along the Columbia river highway, for 400 feet near the Bridge of the Gods, and goes back 200 feet. It was a part of the Cascade Locks townsite that was sold to Carroll, of Portland some time ago by Frank J. McGowan.