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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy east, probably rain in west portion tonight and Tuesday, no change in temperature.

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COMMITTEES
APPOINTED
BY CHAMBER

Selection of 24 Boards Announced—Prompt Organization Urged

U. P. OFFICIAL TO
SPEAK TOMORROW

C. C. Gignoux and S. L. Thompson Will Talk at Forum Luncheon at La Grande Hotel.

Standing committees for the coming year have been appointed, according to an announcement by Charles A. Mulhoney, executive secretary of the local organization.

It is urged that these committees be organized and meet with the secretary within the next two weeks in order to begin preparing for their duties.

Tomorrow at noon the chamber will meet at the La Grande hotel with S. L. Thompson, manager of the Co-operative Credit rating association, as the main speaker. He will talk on "Credits, Credit Rating, Etc."

C. C. Gignoux, Union Pacific agriculture department, will also talk, discussing dairying, potato raising and similar subjects, including the co-operation which this company is willing to give to help stimulate the development of every line of agriculture in Union county.

A list of the committees appointed follows:

Agriculture—H. G. Avery, Chase Bohlenkamp, H. E. Coolidge, M. W. Kiddle, Frank McKennon, Dr. W. T. Phys, Leo Reynolds, Robert Williams.

Annual Midseason Pageant—H. E. Brady, W. O. Clinger, Fred Curry, Ralph Huron, H. F. Matthews, A. W. Nelson, W. D. Vaughn, Ray Price.

Boys and Girls—Dr. R. F. Murphy.

Better Business Bureau—J. H. Deane, C. D. Palmer, S. L. Thompson.

City Planning—Margaret Anson, Robert C. Ayres, Harley Richardson.

Civic and Fraternal—Geo. T. Cochran, Max Cullen, J. H. Keeney, J. E. Reynolds.

Education—H. G. Avery, Dr. W. T. Phys, Leo Reynolds, Dr. Thistlewaite, Robert Whithycombe.

Entertainment—Warren Gilbert, H. F. Matthews, J. E. Reynolds, Oscar Warnock.

Finance—A. R. Bowen, H. E. Coolidge, S. D. Crowe.

Forum—The Rev. Oliver Riley, Good Roads—A. R. Hunter, Fred Kiddle.

Health—Same as Agriculture.

Home Market—H. G. Avery, S. T. Bailey, F. A. Epling, G. L. Larson, Frank McKennon, Mrs. Homer Wilson.

Inter City Relations—G. G. Wilfords, W. C. Perkins, Audmer Phayle, Fred Ternary.

Land Settlement—Fred Curry, W. H. Guild, Oscar Warnock, L. S. Weeks, Sherwood Williams.

Membership—A. R. Bowen, Merchants Bureau—H. Norton, C. W. West.

New Industries—H. E. Dixon, C. Griese, W. H. Guild, L. E. Kinzel, Elmer J. Stoddard.

"Pep" Committee—Geo. Brinde, Publicity—F. B. Appleby, Fred Correy, A. W. Nelson.

Public Service—Max Cullen, Geo. T. Cochran, Fred L. Meyers, J. E. Reynolds.

Readers—Geo. Curry, Wm. Miller, Sherwood Williams. All other members of reading board.

Wallawa National Park—A. R. Hunter, C. R. Eberhard, G. L. Larson, A. T. Hill, Fred Kiddle.

STORMS STOP
AIRMAIL OVER
HERE FOR DAY

Airmail service on the Salt Lake City-Pasco line was resumed Sunday, according to reports from Boise, Idaho, after all service was stopped Saturday because of storms.

Saturday morning Joe Taft landed in La Grande, after becoming lost in a blinding fog and flying to Bend before he could get his bearings. The mail was sent on by train to Boise.

SALT LAKE, Utah (AP)—Bad weather seriously interfered with the airmail out of Salt Lake Sunday. The only plane to arrive here on time was the Boeing plane from the west. The regular ship from Los Angeles was four hours late, and planes from the east reported bad weather clear across the continent.

WOMAN HOPE OFF

MAISELLES, France, Mar. 12 (AP)—Lady Mary Bailey, who arrived here in a plane yesterday from Paris on her flight to Cape Town, Africa, hopped off this morning for Pisa, Italy.

75 Teachers At
Institute Held
At Imbler High

E. J. Klemme, Montana Educator, Speaks on "The Abundant Life," and "The Peptimist"

E. J. Klemme, president of the International Union college, of Helena, Mont., was the inspirational speaker at the union county teachers' institute, held Saturday at the Imbler high school. Mr. Klemme, in his first visit to this section, made a very excellent impression on all of those who heard him, according to reports, and each of his two addresses contained much that was of practical worth to the teachers assembled.

Taking for his subject during the morning hour "The Abundant Life," Mr. Klemme explained that the abundant life is not looked at in terms of intellect, achievement and character or morality. He spoke mainly upon this last factor, "Knowledge and skill are necessary," said Mr. Klemme, "but we must not stop there. Knowledge and skill are useless without character." Morality can be taught, according to the speaker, taught by example. "You yourself are an example. If you would teach character, you must have character." Wealth will come, Mr. Klemme said, but there must also be "honesty" or "wealth will not come."

Talks of "Peptimist" Mr. Klemme took for his subject in the afternoon "The Peptimist." The peptimist says "It can't be done," the optimist, "It can be done, you do it," the peptimist, "It can be done, watch me do it." According to the speaker, one cannot fail to be a peptimist if he does the job himself, hits the line hard, believing in his program and pushing it to the limit and does it squarely. Mr. Klemme asserted that of all those who have failed to get in "Who's Who," 92 per cent failed because they were lukewarm. They lacked enthusiasm.

The other important part of the day's program was a discussion of the county unit plan, which has been brought up rather frequently of late, with the idea of ascertaining whether or not it would be practicable in this locality. At the morning session, the paper was to have been presented by E. E. Arant, superintendent at Elgin, but who was detained at his home by a bad cold. Mr. Klemme, however, presented the paper. A roundtable discussion was held on the same question in the afternoon, with E. E. Hurley, of La Grande, in charge.

Glee Club Sings Miss Emma Baxter, of the Imbler schools, had charge of the group singing preceding each of the two sessions and at the morning hour presented her glee club of Imbler high school young people.

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Spring Styles
Will Be Shown
By Local Store

Spring, in a burst of color, design and beauty, is to be heralded into La Grande tonight by the J. C. Penney company when that organization will present a fashion review, "The Drama of Style," at the Arcade theater between the regular performances of "A Man's Best." The review will be repeated tomorrow night, and though snow or rain may fall outside, those who see some 12 or more La Grande children and young men and misses present fashion's latest deities will be in a "sopping" atmosphere. M. M. Hunt, manager of the La Grande store, has arranged a colorful and attractive background, which will include a Chrysler car shown by Weeks & Buchanan for the 45-minute review which is to begin with the appearance of Miss Ann Stoddard, showing the "last word" in kiddie wear dresses. Bobby Stevens will then show a wash suit, to be followed by Joan Hunt and Elizabeth Mine in school frocks. In order, house frocks, youthful models, tailored suits, spring coats, printed frocks, afternoon frocks, dance frocks will be shown by the following: Miss Ruth Brantwell, Miss Virginia Warnock, Miss Audmer Phayle, Miss Jane Stange, Miss Lila Bean, Miss Ruth Irwin.

Edward Buchanan and Henry Culp will appear in what "the well-dressed man will wear this spring." Mr. Hunt declared today that he was more than pleased with the rehearsal of the models yesterday. Much interest is being shown in the fashion show, he says.

Club Directors
To Meet Tonight

The 1928-29 board of directors of the La Grande country club will meet this evening for their annual meeting at the chamber of commerce offices, beginning at 7:29 o'clock. Officers for the new year will be elected at that time.

The five members of the board chosen at the recent election are S. D. Crowe, W. C. Perkins, William Kinzel, H. N. Ashby and L. K. Kinzel.

NORRIS FIRES
VERBAL SHOT
AT MELLON

Nebraska Republican Says Coolidge Should Ask His Resignation

HAYS MAY FACE
PERJURY CHARGE

Robinson Reviews Testimony in Teapot Dome Investigation on Floor of U. S. Senate.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (AP)—Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, author of the resolution under which the Teapot Dome committee is working said today President Coolidge should demand the resignation of Secretary Mellon because of his failure to advise the investigators that Will H. Hays had sent him part of the Sinclair bonds.

"Mr. Mellon knew that this was a crooked deal," the Nebraska senator said. "And he should have advised the committee of the conversation Hays had with him on the matter."

REVIEWING TESTIMONY Reviewing the testimony before the Teapot Dome committee, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader, today declared that Will H. Hays had "subjected himself to the possible charge of perjury."

The democratic leader carried the oil case before the senate shortly after Secretary Mellon agreed to appear before the oil committee tomorrow. The secretary will be asked about the \$50,000 in Continental Trading company bonds sent to him by Hays, who is former secretary of the republican national committee and refused by Mr. Mellon.

Robinson in a brief speech dealt entirely with campaign contributions.

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RAINFALL HEAVY
IN THIS VALLEY

Some Streams Overflow Banks; Dirt Roads Are Nearly Impassable

An inch and a quarter of rain fell in La Grande since Friday, according to the official measurement taken at the city fire station here. The heaviest rainfall was on Saturday night, when an inch fell. Friday there was .46 of an inch but yesterday the rain slackened considerably and only .29 of an inch was recorded.

The rain, which melted much of the snow in the mountains, resulted in high water over the valley and the overflow of several streams. Saturday night the Grande river was reported to be the highest it has been this year, and fourth street was flooded in two places where small streams were unable to carry the water. No serious damage, however, had been reported this morning.

The rains will not harm the farm crops unless freezing weather sets in as soon as the weather clears. H. G. Avery, county agent, said this morning. The greatest trouble comes in the rain will be on farms where there are young lambs. All farm work has been delayed by the rain, however, which has also made all ungravelled roads almost impassable.

La Grande M. I. A. Team Easily Wins

From Wallawa High School, 26 to 12

The La Grande first Ward M. I. A. quiet, independent champion of Eastern Oregon, easily defeated the Wallawa High school team here Saturday night in a benefit contest. The final score was 26 to 12 and during the first 15 minutes of the game Wallawa was held scoreless while the local five ran up 14 points. In a preliminary game the Greenwood grade school team defeated the Central junior 19 to 6, after Central led 6 to 2 at half time.

Both teams went into the game handicapped to a certain extent. The M. I. A. lost Geertsen, speedy forward, who has moved to Boise, and incidentally, this was the first game played since the Helix Red Devils were here. Wallawa was without the services of Sarrett, running guard, who is having trouble with a bad tooth.

Strong Defense An airtight defense simply smothered the high school champions during the first half, the only field goal being made by Crawford, center, minute before the second quarter ended. In the meantime Lyman caged six field goals and W. Stoddard counted two. In the third quarter the M. I. A. eased up a bit, scoring eight points.

Churches Here
Well Attended
Despite Weather

Wals Closes Sermons on 'Christian Stewardship'—M. E. Young People Planning Institute.

Although church attendances in La Grande yesterday were slightly less because of the rain, good services were heard from every pulpit and many of the houses of worship were well filled.

The Rev. J. George Wals, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, gave the last of a series of sermons on "Christian Stewardship" before a large audience, in which he told of the privilege the world has in cheerful giving. He showed by practical demonstration how many men started to tithe and after giving a tenth to God were still able to make fortunes.

He told how many people go to extremes for luxuries and the little things of life, where if they gave to God they would receive in turn the bigger and better things, and told of God's gift to the world.

Mr. Eberhard Speaks The Rev. H. W. Parker, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church was unable to conduct the services at the First Methodist Episcopal church yesterday and Adjutant Ronald Eberhart, of the Salvation Army, formerly of this city, spoke during the morning hour of worship. Mrs. R. V. Cony sang a solo. In the evening the laymen of the church conducted the services. A. W. Lefell, E. A. Sayre, and S. C. Smith speaking.

The young people of the church are making plans for an indoor institute which will begin Friday evening and will continue Saturday night and Sunday afternoon and evening. There will be study classes, supper and a recreational period. Mr. Parker is dean of the institute. Mrs. Dexter Mattoon, Miss Eleanor Vernon and E. A. Sayre will be the instructors, and E. Russell Scott will have charge of the recreational period.

First of Its Kind This institute will be the first of its kind to be held in La Grande. All Epworth league societies of Union county have been invited to attend.

The Rev. Lelf H. Aves, pastor of the English Lutheran church, stressed the importance of right convictions in a sermon entitled "Our Convictions" at the English Lutheran church. He said that "one should grow in one's convictions and be charitable toward those who differ."

At the young people's meeting in the evening, which was led by Carl Johnson, the members received books for the reading course which they have taken up. Every member will read the books, and they will be discussed at the regular meetings of the society.

Next Sunday morning evangelistic meetings will begin at the Lutheran church. These meetings will continue for one week and will be conducted by Dr. George H. Hilberman, of Berkeley, Cal., general superintendent of the American Road of Missions of the United Lutheran church for the west coast.

The Sunday school attendance at the Central Christian church yesterday dropped considerably, but the morning church services were fairly well attended. The Rev. R. L. Putnam occupied the pulpit and the regular services were held.

Smelt Running In
The Sandy River

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 12 (AP)—Word was flashed here this afternoon from Troutdale that the smelt had started running in the Sandy river. The smelt run each year draws thousands of Portlanders to the Sandy's banks with all kinds of contrivances for scooping in the fish.

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FILMTOWN TO FOLLIES



The Dodge twins, Betty and Ruth, grew up right in Los Angeles, Calif., but they withstood the lure of the movies and went on the stage. Now they have just closed a successful season in London and are to be featured next in the new Follies Boregare theater in Paris. Even Betty and Ruth themselves don't know which is which in this picture.

Will Sentence
Hickman Today,
Hunt Tomorrow

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 12 (AP)—By an abrupt change of procedure, William Edward Hickman, twice convicted of first degree murder, is to be sentenced to life imprisonment for the holding-shooting of C. Ivy Tamm, Brownell draughtsman, this afternoon instead of Tuesday. It was learned here today.

Hickman's co-defendant, Wally Hunt will hear life imprisonment pronounced on him tomorrow as originally scheduled.

The change in plans was requested by Defense Attorney Jerome Walsh and Richard Catillon.

Hickman, it is understood, will be rushed under heavy guard to San Quentin tonight. Under Sheriff Eugene Bhealitia in charge of the prison party, refused to say where Hickman would be put aboard the northbound train.

Miss Eberhard On
Oregon Committee

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 12 (Special)—Dorothy Eberhard, La Grande, a freshman in pre-law at the University of Oregon, has been appointed to represent her locality as a member of the second district committee of the Greater Oregon committee. Ted Gurney, Baker, chairman for the ninth district, announced.

Those on the second district Greater Oregon committee are: Ted Gurney, Baker, chairman; Dick Lewis, Baker; Dorothy Eberhard, La Grande; Myra Jordan, Enterprise; La Selles, Halles; Carl Forstrom, North Powder; Bill Haggerty, Union; and Mike Moran, Huntington.

American Girl To
Become a Hindu

LONDON, Mar. 12 (AP)—Amid the shrines and temples of the ancient holy city of Nadi, India an American girl tomorrow will become a Hindu so that she may wed a former maharajah. Miss Nancy Ann Miller, of Seattle will undergo the Shuddi or purification ceremony for her conversion to Christianity. After it, she will go to Darya, Mahal near Barwaha, where on Saturday she will become the third wife of Tojokl Rao, former maharajah of Indore.

The religious ritual will begin at sunrise at Ganganagar on the banks of the Godavary, five miles from Nadi.

Speed Plane Dives
Into Ocean Today

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Mar. 12 (AP)—A British flight lieutenant, attempting to break the world speed record in a supermarine plane today, dove into the sea, leaving no trace of man or machine.

The plane was piloted by Flight Lieutenant S. M. Kirkland who was forced to withdraw from the Schneider cup race at Venice last September after making a speed of 231 miles an hour the highest speed over one lap made in the race which was won by Flight Lieutenant S. W. Webster in a supermarine Napier S-5 monoplane.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

At St. Petersburg, Fla. (AP)—New York Americans 1 2 0 Boston Nationals 3 6 0 Batteries: Piperno, Johnson and Collins; Genewich, Edwards, Hearn and Taylor.

Three Killed In
Oregon Wrecks
During Weekend

Eugene Shoe Dealer Held on a Charge of Manslaughter—Portland People Hurt in Salem.

AUTO ACCIDENTS Portland—Motorcycle wreck kills one. Roseburg—One killed, one hurt in accident. Eugene—Auto wreck injures fatal to one. Salem—Portland people hurt in auto collision.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 12 (AP)—Skidding of his motorcycle caused the death here yesterday of John Lelecheur. Leading three other motorcycle riders he turned from Columbia boulevard to Kenton boulevard when his machine slipped on the pavement and he suffered a fractured skull, causing his death two hours later at a hospital.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 12 (AP)—Mrs. P. H. Emery, of Portland, was seriously injured and her husband, daughter Edith Emery and Miss Alice Hewitt, all of Portland, cut and bruised when their sedan was struck by a Geisler-Dallas motor car at Nesmith crossing about 8 o'clock Sunday night. The party was on its way to Monmouth where the two young ladies are students at the Oregon Normal school.

The motor was eastbound from Dallas and carried the sedan about 40 feet, completely demolishing the automobile. The injured people were taken to the Dallas hospital by ambulance.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Mar. 12 (AP)—Jack Wagnick, 26, of Roseburg, was killed and Henry Rapp, also of Roseburg, was seriously hurt in an automobile accident at Canby Valley early Sunday. The two were on their way to Marshfield when their car skidded and rolled over four times.

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 12 (AP)—William Martin, 51, died at the Pacific Christian hospital here last evening as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident a few hours earlier in the day.

Charles Murray, 35, shoe dealer, is held at the city jail, and will be charged with manslaughter as a result of the accident, according to the Eugene police.

Martin and T. R. Garrett were walking on the sidewalk near the street intersection when the car driven by Murray and one driven by Frank Hassad bumped at the intersection. Murray's car kept on going, gouged a telephone pole, ran across the sidewalk, picked Martin up, and jammed him against a nearby house. Martin was crushed against the house and bystanders had to push the car away before he could be extricated. His leg was fractured and his chest crushed.

Murray was arrested a few weeks ago on a charge of driving while intoxicated. The jury in the case disagreed.

Three Murdered;
Chauffeur Held
By Authorities

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Mar. 12 (AP)—Discovery of the mutilated bodies of Mrs. W. J. Juergens, her daughter Myrna, about 13 years old, and her mother Mrs. Rosa Schirra, of Pittsburg, in their home here, has led to the arrest of a man, believed to be Newt Burns, chauffeur for the family.

The three bodies were found yesterday when a neighbor became suspicious. All apparently were killed as they slept. A hatchet, a large knife and an ice pick were found near the bodies.

A search for Burns, described as chauffeur and friend of the family, was started. When he could not be located here and it was learned the family automobile also was missing his description was broadcast and within a few hours a man answering his description was arrested at Sulphur Springs, several hundred miles away. He was held without bond on a murder charge.

Wallawa Judge
Instructs Jurors

WALLAWA, Wash., Mar. 12 (AP)—With Preston Ray Clark in the courtroom on a stretcher, his trial and that of Mrs. Beattie Mae Bidwell on a charge of murdering the woman's husband, Alpheus Bidwell, was resumed in superior court here today.

At the resumption of the trial after a recess since Friday afternoon because of epidemic influenza by Clark, Judge John L. Shapely read his instructions to the jury based in part on those in the New York case of Mrs. Ruth Snyder and Judd Gray.

RIVERS RUN
OVER BANKS
IN NORTHWEST

Walla Walla Narrowly Escapes Flood—Lewis-ton, Ida., Has Trouble

WILLAMETTE UP
NEARLY SIX FEET

Water over Pacific Highway in Three Places—Europe in Grip of Cold and Storms.

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 12 (AP)—Fed by melting snows and heavy rains in the mountains, the Willamette river rose rapidly to more than flood stage Sunday and water still was standing on the highways in some places today. The river had receded somewhat this morning.

From Saturday to Sunday morning the river came up 5.4 feet, and rose an additional four feet by Sunday evening.

The water went over the highway in three places on the Pacific highway between here and Junction City, to the north, and in two places between here and Springfield Junction, to the south. In some places it was as deep as two and one-half feet on the road. Autos going north were going over the Prairie road, which is high and dry.

A number of cars were stalled, with motors killed by water, between the McKenzie river highway and the Mohawk road.

MONTANA FLOOD CROW AGENCY, Mont., Mar. 12 (AP)—High water caused by the Little Big Horn river rising behind an ice gorge here last night drove between 15 and 20 families from their homes, caused unestimated livestock losses and blocked a highway.

The flood waters rose almost four feet over the section of the town near the river and washed over the sidewalks of Main street. The flood followed the dynamiting of an ice gorge situated from Crow Agency and the released water was stopped by another gorge below here, resulting in the flooding of a seven-mile strip extending to Garrettsville.

The fact that the creek bed through town has been dredged of thousands of yards of gravel is believed by city officials to be responsible for lack of damage.

Washington school was isolated by the water and houses in that section were surrounded. The O. W. R. and N. embankment backed up the water and some was flowing over the tracks. Part of the inland Empire highway west of town was under water though not impassable.

COLDER HERE

Rains that prevailed the last of the week gave way to a light snow this morning, after a night when the temperature dropped below freezing point.

LEWISTON, Ida., Mar. 12 (AP)—High water in the Snake and Clearwater rivers disrupted railroad and highway traffic between this city and Orofino yesterday. The Northern Pacific railroad was out for more than six hours because of the high water.

FLU DEATHS IN
JAPAN NUMBER
NEARLY 6000

TOKYO, Mar. 12 (AP)—The influenza epidemic which has struck Japan, causing the death of thousands, including the six-month-old Prince Hirohito, daughter of the emperor, apparently is somewhat decreasing on the basis of figures made public by the police.

Deaths now range around 50 a day including those from bronchitis and pneumonia, which are attributed to influenza. Most of these are among infants. Official figures place influenza deaths from Nov. 1 to Mar. 8 at 5,490, which is an increase of 500 over figures for last winter.

The home office disagrees with police official records of fatalities have been exaggerated but under the Japanese system the police receive original records of deaths and other reports and consequently police figures are inclined to be accepted. In fact, the newspaper Asahi recently estimated the influenza cases here to be nearly 1,000,000, although police placed the figure at 300,000.

Other parts of Japan outside of Tokyo also are suffering from influenza.