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and Saturday. Moderate tempera-
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STATE PLANS
FOR HIGHWAY
SHOPS HEREReceived in La Grande
Yesterday—Call for 5
Large BuildingsTO BE COMPLETED
BY SEPTEMBER 15Bids Will Be Opened in
Portland Mar. 27—Main
Buildings Are to Be on
Adams Avenue.

Plans for the state highway shops and office buildings, to be constructed in La Grande on East Adams avenue were received at the highway offices here yesterday. The plans include five buildings, two brick and three frame structures. Bids for the construction will be opened Mar. 27, when the state highway commission meets in Portland, and the specifications call for the completion of the work by Sept. 15.

The state highway shops here will be the fourth in Oregon owned by the state. Although the state has maintained shops here for several years they have been housed in buildings owned by Union county, which are no longer large enough to adequately handle the work. The shops here will be the second largest in the state, and will include all of the best features of the three shops which have already been constructed, at Salem, Klamath Falls and Coquille. They will serve all Eastern Oregon, an extra large territory, which will probably be increased as the time goes on, according to highway officials here.

The plot of ground where the shops will be constructed joins the Mayville place on Adams avenue. It is 135 feet long, 25 feet wide, and back 430 feet to the O. & W. R. and N. railroad tracks. Willow street running along the east end of the property.

The office building, main shops and equipment and storage buildings will be on Adams avenue, and will be set back 25 feet from the property line. This space will be seeded to lawn and planted to trees and shrubs, making it as attractive as possible. The shop buildings will be fenced off from this parking and from the office building, which will occupy a tract of ground 100 by 100 feet at the east end of the grounds. An industrial type woven wire fence will be used with galvanized iron posts.

The division office building will be the only one in the state owned by the highway commission, and will be especially attractive. This building will be 37 by 46 feet in size and will be finished with faced brick with cast-stone trimming, and have a red tile roof. The building will have a front and back entrance, the front to be an arched doorway with a monogram "1928" over the door.

The building will be one-story high and will house offices for five engineers, in addition to a large drafting room, a dark room, a concrete vault for filing purposes and men's and women's rest rooms. The main office and accounting room will be 18 by 28 feet in size, the division engineer's office 16 feet and four inches by 18 feet, the drafting room 19 by 29 feet, the maintenance engineer's office 14 by 14 1/2 feet, the bridge engineer's office 12 by 14 1/2 feet, and the additional engineer's office 11 by 14 1/2 feet.

The vault will be 15 1/2 by 19 feet and will be of fireproof construction. The building will be well lighted, having about 38 windows of the steel casement type.

The main shop building will be 74 by 144 feet with a blacksmith shop 20 by 24 feet additional. This building along with the material and storage building and the storage shed will be frame buildings, and will be built along the lines known as mill construction. All of these buildings will be well lighted with steel sash windows and will have galvanized iron roofs.

Well Lighted Shops
In the main shop the windows are seven feet and two and a half inches by 16 feet and one and one-half inches. There will be 24 windows along each side of the building, 12 in the building proper, and 12 above, taking the place of skylights.

This building will house an of-

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NORTH DEPOT
STREET HOME
IS DESTROYED

A small house belonging to I. W. Nelson, at the north end of Depot street, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The alarm was turned in at 3 o'clock and the fire department spent an hour fighting the flames, which had a big start before the blaze was discovered. Recall was sounded at 4:05 a. m.

The home, which was insured, was unoccupied and there was no furniture in the rooms. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Portland, Salem
And Medford In
Tourney FinalsWallowa Team, with Victory
over Eugene, Will
Play Tillamook This
Afternoon.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 16 (AP)—Washington high school of Portland overwhelmed Marshfield here this morning, 46 to 22, to advance into the final game of the Oregon state high school basketball tournament, which will be played Saturday night. Washington's opponent in the championship game will be either Medford or Salem, depending upon which team wins the semifinal clash tonight.

The title now lies between these three teams. Four teams, Tillamook, Wallowa, Marshfield, and Astoria are still in the running for the consolation title. University high school, McLoughlin high, and The Dalles do not play any more games.

The Dalles Eliminated
In the consolation tilt this morning Astoria had an easy time with The Dalles, winning 26 to 21. Coach Sowers gave his star players a rest, and let his substitutes handle The Dalles. (Gibson, forward, was the only dangerous. The Dalles man, and he was held to 11 points.

Ed Lewis, lanky, lithe center, was again the big cog in Washington's offense. He rolled up 16 points on easy, backboard shots, before he went out of the game late in the fourth quarter on personals.

The Coos Bay youngsters played fine ball, especially Chapman, the little forward. He ran all around the Colonials, but had poor luck in shooting.

Wallowa vs. Tillamook

This afternoon, Wallowa and Tillamook will battle it out in a consolation tilt, and tonight at 7:30 o'clock Astoria tangles with Marshfield, another consolation match.

The Wallowa high school basketball team, winner of the championship in district No. 1, comprising Union, Wallowa, Baker, Malheur, Grant and Harney counties, won the second game played in the state tournament in Salem yesterday, defeating University high school of Eugene 21 to 25.

This game was played in the consolation tournament, winners of which will be ranked as third and fourth in the state. The winners in the championship tilt tournament will take first and second.

Last Opening Game

Wallowa's last opening game to Marshfield, 27 to 22, but by virtue of their victory over Eugene yesterday afternoon enter the semifinals in the consolation tourney. The story of the Wallowa-Eugene game is printed elsewhere in this issue of The Observer.

Baker Quint To

Play M.I.A. Team

Saturday Night

The La Grande First Ward M. I. A. basketball team, East Oregon independent champion since defeating the Helix Red Devils several weeks ago, will play another out-of-town team before ending its season. Saturday night, at 8:45 o'clock, the Basche-Sage team of Baker, Ore., will meet the M. I. A. in the L. 12, S. Recreation hall here. This team has defeated every team it met this year excepting Baker high school.

Members of the Basche-Sage team include: Smith, Payne, Condit, McCord, Davis, Thomas, Dean, Tom Duff and "Tebbo" Hines. Preliminary to the basketball game a musical program will be given, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, and after the game a dance will be given.

Two Scout Troops

To Join in Dinner

An invitation to attend the Presbyterian Boy Scout troop No. 14's dinner next Tuesday evening was extended to troop 19 of the Episcopal church last Tuesday evening when the latter troop held a regular meeting in the basement of Roman hall. Edwin Kirby, of troop 14, was present and extended the invitation. The first half hour of the meeting was devoted to study and the last half to basketball work led by Rollin Henderson, scout patrol leader. E. F. Henseler, assistant scout master, was present.

Terry Talent Is

Held Not Guilty

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 16 (AP)—Terry A. Talent, federal prohibition officer, was found not guilty of involuntary manslaughter in a sealed verdict returned today in Federal Judge McNary's court.

Talent was indicted by a Jackson county grand jury following the death of Manfred Zimmerlee at Medford Sept. 26, last. Zimmerlee was shot in a raid on his ranch near Trout, Ore., by Talent and state prohibition officers.

REGENTS TO
VISIT NORMAL
SITE MONDAYStarr and Hartman, with
Architect and Landscape
Artist, Coming HereTO BE GUESTS AT
FORUM LUNCHEONDr. James H. Gilbert, of
University of Oregon,
Also Expected to Speak
Before Chamber.

Two members of the Oregon Normal School board of regents building committee—C. L. Starr, of Portland, and George Hartman, of Pendleton, accompanied by the architect of Portland and a landscape artist from Oregon State college, will arrive in La Grande Monday for the purpose of looking over the Eastern Oregon Normal school site here. It is announced today by A. T. Hill, president of the city commission. Mr. Hill received his information from State Senator Fred E. Kiddle, now in Portland.

It is understood that the normal school regents will do preliminary work in reference to the landscaping and building plans. Mr. Miller, third member of the building committee, is in California at present so cannot be present.

The visitors will also be guests at the regular chamber of commerce luncheon, which will be held next Monday instead of Tuesday, as is usually the custom. The change was made in order to coincide with the arrival of the normal school regents.

Besides the normal school party, another Western Oregon speaker may be in attendance.

Dr. Gilbert to Speak
The Western's Plight Since the World War, in which will be explained the economic phases of the situation, will be the topic of Dr. James H. Gilbert, head of the economics department of the University of Oregon, who is expected to speak before the chamber of commerce. Dr. Gilbert has given extensive attention to this subject, and will have some very constructive ideas to offer, it is reported. Organization methods through which the farmers may improve their condition, will be detailed during the address.

Dr. Gilbert will also be the guest of the Washington club on Monday evening, where he will speak on "Management of Public Debt." He has also done considerable research in this field, and is regarded as an authority on such topics. This is held to be one of the most vital subjects before the American people today, and Dr. Gilbert's address is expected to arouse a great deal of interest.

While on his trip to Eastern Oregon, Dr. Gilbert will speak in Baker and in Pendleton on subjects similar to those to be heard here. He will be in Baker Sunday and part of Monday, and in Pendleton Tuesday, March 21.

Road Condition

BETTER, REPORT

Old Oregon Trail to West

Still Rough, But Little Mud Remains

The condition of the Old Oregon Trail highway over the Blue mountains between here and Pendleton is improving, it was announced by Oscar Collier, maintenance engineer, this morning. Although the highway is still quite rough it is not muddy and traffic is going without difficulty.

The Baker-Haines section of the highway is good, although it is still a little rough, Mr. Collier said.

Imbler Man Recovers Horse Lost

7 Years Ago; Court Makes Award

To lose a horse seven years ago and then recover it after all those years through a civil suit is the experience of Frank Brown, of Imbler. He sued Vernon Cockrell, of High Valley, for possession of the horse in the justice of peace court here, and yesterday afternoon Judge Hugh E. Brady decided the case in his favor.

Mr. Brown lost the horse seven years ago, then a young colt, he said. It was feeding in the mountains in the Cove section and strayed away from the other horses. The colt kept getting into Roy Bell's field and he took it, advertised it and offered it for sale at auction, buying it back himself, according to the evidence given at the trial.

Since then, however, the horse has been sold five or six times, Mr. Cockrell being the latest "owner." Then a short time ago Mr. Brown

saw an advertisement of some horses for sale on the Cockrell place at High Valley. He wanted to buy some horses and visited the Cockrell place and discovered his own horse. Mr. Cockrell was certain that he had purchased the horse, and Mr. Brown was sure that the horse was the one he had lost many years ago, the case was taken to the court and the judge decided that the horse belonged to Mr. Brown. Mr. Bell having neglected to notify the state veterinarian and meet with other requirements of the law regarding the taking up of stray animals. Although the horse was advertised, Mr. Brown proved that he had not seen the advertisement, according to the court records.

Mr. Cockrell's only chance to recover any or all of the amount he paid for the horse would be to file suit against the man who sold the animal to him, attorney said.

State College
Comic Opera To
Come March 30"H. M. S. Pinafore" to
Feature Ted Roy, Na-
tionally Known Tenor,
of Pilot Rock.

Ted Roy, of Pilot Rock, winner of the \$2000 Atwater Kent audition prize, will take the leading male role in "H. M. S. Pinafore," comic opera to be sung by the Oregon State Glee and Madrigal clubs in La Grande March 30. Mr. Roy won first place among men in the far-west division contest at San Francisco in which 16 states were represented. Popular votes of radio fans counted 60 per cent in the final decision.

Competing in New York City with four other division winners of the United States, Roy won second place with his "Hills of Home" by Fox. He was accompanied by Paul Petri, director of the Oregon State conservatory of music and the operetta. Considering that the winner of first place sang bass and Roy sings tenor, critics were not not hesitant in proclaiming him one of the outstanding amateur tenors in this country between 18 and 25 years of age.

Corvallis Soprano
Flora McCoy, of Corvallis, soprano, will sing the leading feminine role, that of Josephine, daughter of the captain of the Pinafore. Miss McCoy has won recognition for her dramatic work in the past. How her debut in a singing role was received can be judged from the following extracts from a criticism appearing in the Corvallis Gazette-Times following the first home performance March 9.

"Not only was her appearance that of a beautiful, animated woman, but her acting was natural, graceful, unaffected and with all the finish of a seasoned performer. Besides that, she can sing. Her tones were clear, rich, melodious and her high notes taken with apparent ease, as is usually the case of her dancing. She was not, trace of the amateur, and it was difficult to see how Ted Roy as 'Rackstraw' could do otherwise than sing his 'Farewell My Own,' as he did, with fervor of deep emotion and despair."

Arlington Boy Comedian
Marion Weatherford, of Arlington, will play the comic lead, that of Sir Joseph Porter, first lord of the admiralty. Mr. Weatherford took the place of A. V. Lindgren, who has gone to Portland to make his home, and Lee Reynolds and Charles Binger were re-elected members of the board. Mrs. W. P. Mohr and Mrs. T. A. McKinstry were re-elected deacons, and Miss Grace Snook was elected to take the place of Mrs. Alvah Duryea, who also moved away from the city. Each board is composed of nine members, three of which are elected each year.

Following the adjournment of the congregation meeting at 8:20 o'clock the corporation meeting immediately opened. A. T. Hill, chairman of the board of trustees, presiding. The financial report was given by Lynne Bolnenkamp, treasurer, and contained many interesting items. A deficit of \$700 was reported, an unexpected but necessary expense incurred when it was discovered that a new heating system must be installed. The installation of the system cost more than \$1000, no provision for which had been made in the annual budget. No special solicitation for funds was made, and the deficit will be included in the annual budget for 1928-29.

Consider New Manse
A committee of five was appointed by the chairman to take under advisement the building or purchase of a new manse.

The Ladies' Aid society reported the installation of a new lighting system in the church auditorium and community room. The installation was made Thursday and was ready for demonstration at last night's meeting. The cost of the new lights was about \$200, which has been assumed by the society.

Send More Marines
Into Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16 (AP)—Two battalions of U. S. Marines will be sent as soon as possible to Nicaragua to participate in supervising the election in that country. Approximately 2500 marines are at present in Nicaragua and the two additional battalions will bring the force to nearly 3500.

Four Killed When
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VALLEY FALLS, N. Y., Mar. 16 (AP)—Four men were killed this morning when three mills of the Hercules Powder company exploded here.

To Take Hickman
To San Quentin

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 16 (AP)—William Edward Hickman, convicted of the kidnapping, murder and mutilation of Marian Parker, 17 years old, and killing of C. J. Toms, will be taken tonight for San Quentin prison on what may be his last ride, for he is sentenced to hang on April 27 for Marian Parker's murder. Under Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz announced that 18 prisoners, including Hickman and 18 heavily armed guards will take in a special car for the northern California prison.

Three Children Die
In Wyoming Blaze

NEW CASTLE, Wyo., Mar. 16 (AP)—Three small children were burned to death early this morning, a mother and an aged man are expected to die, and three other children escaped with minor burns when fire destroyed the home of William Steger here.

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tion, Despite Losses
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FOR NEW SEASONCommittee Is Appointed
to Consider Feasibility
of Building or Buying a
New Manse.

About 150 persons attended the annual congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian church which was held last evening in the social room of the church. Supper was served at 6:30 o'clock with the wives of the elders and trustees in charge, and the social time of the evening was greatly enjoyed. The pastor, the Rev. J. George Walt, as moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:45 o'clock. Dr. J. L. Ingle was appointed temporary clerk in the absence of H. R. Hanna, who arrived later. Reports of all of the departments of the church were read and revealed much work accomplished during the past year. The financial reports showed a surplus in nearly every treasury, the Ladies' Aid society leading with more than a \$300 balance. The Men's club reported an average attendance at the bi-weekly meetings of 19.

Tribute to Dead

After announcement was made by the clerk that five members of the church had been called to the Great Beyond during the past year, the pastor asked those present to bow their heads in silent tribute to the departed members and led in audible prayer. Andrew Anderson, an elder of the church for many years, was among those reported having died. In spite of the unusually large loss in membership because of removals the report showed a net increase of 22. The annual election was held, resulting in the reelection of all retiring officers. Robert S. Eakin, O. L. MacDowell and H. R. Hanna were re-elected elders and Gustav Whitmer was elected elder to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Anderson. Dr. J. L. Ingle was elected to the place of A. V. Lindgren, who has gone to Portland to make his home, and Lee Reynolds and Charles Binger were re-elected members of the board. Mrs. W. P. Mohr and Mrs. T. A. McKinstry were re-elected deacons, and Miss Grace Snook was elected to take the place of Mrs. Alvah Duryea, who also moved away from the city. Each board is composed of nine members, three of which are elected each year.

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LONE FLIER

Lady Mary Bailey, titled British
airwoman, who is flying alone
from London to Capetown. Yes-
terday she arrived at Malta.ST. FRANCIS DAM
TOLL IS AT 203California Towns Prepar-
ing for Flood Victims

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 16 (AP)—The St. Francis Dam flood death toll stood today at 203. One more body was recovered at Fillmore.

Definite check on the number missing, believed lost, but whose bodies have not been recovered, still is impossible.

Only one figure in this list is available, and authentic, the roll of the Southern California Edison Co. This corporation reported that 54 of its lost 31 employees in the flood.

Squads of men combing the debris left in the wake of the rushing of water are searching for identification of the occupants of seven automobiles all traveling along the main highway from the north which were seen to plunge.

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Index Of Farm
Prices Indicate
Some Increases

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16 (AP)—The index of farm prices on Feb. 15, as compared with a year ago, announced by the department of agriculture, shows that the prices of cotton, cottonseed, feed grains, apples, beef, cattle, lamb, wool and horses are higher, while practically all of the other commodities are lower.

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Bandit Stage
Daring Robbery
In Madison, Ill.

MADISON, Ill., Mar. 16 (AP)—Elmer R. Smith, 41, cashier of the First National bank, was shot in the abdomen and dangerously wounded and Frank Smith, bank watchman, was shot in the hand by four robbers who crowded Bally's car to the curb and escaped with between \$23,000 and \$25,000.

Bally and Smith had just received the money from the post office and were driving away in a roadster when a parked machine suddenly started up from the curb and turned into their path. There was a head-on collision. Three men got out of the robbers' car, "stuck 'em up" and began firing with sawed off shotguns and revolvers.

Smith jumped out of the roadster and took refuge behind a telephone pole. Bally slumped in his seat. Two of the robbers reached into the car and pulled out the money sack. The robbers got into their car, backed away and then speeded up an alley.

Druggist Given
Four-Year Term

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 16 (AP)—Herbert S. Coffin, druggist, was sentenced late yesterday to four years in prison in connection with vice ring activities. Coffin is the first to be sentenced as a result of vice investigations here.

PORTLAND, Mar. 16 (AP)—Clarence Brazell, Portland insurance man on trial on charges of vice, involving minor boys, took the stand in his own behalf today and entered denials to practically all the testimony offered by his accusers, who appeared during the last three days for the state.

FIND NOTHING UNUSUAL

CHICAGO, Mar. 16 (AP)—Examining the bank account of Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, the senatorial Teapot Dome sub-committee today failed to find any unusual deposit in 1922, 1923 or 1924 in Stewart's name.

Few Hopes Left
For Hinchliffe
And Miss MackayAll Indications Are That
British Fliers Were Lost
at Sea—No Word Since
Tuesday.

NEW YORK, Mar. 16 (AP)—All indications today were that the Honorable Elsie Mackay and Captain Walter Hinchliffe, had been lost at sea on their trans-Atlantic flight in the monoplane "Endeavour."

The only optimism was hope that the fliers might have been picked up by a vessel as in the case of Hawker and George Haldeman and Ruth Elder. Some suggestions were that they might have reached Newfoundland and landed in some remote spot, but in previous trans-Atlantic flights similar hopes were in vain.

The latest rumor about the plans was due to somewhat of a mirage. A hotel proprietor's wife at Old Orchard beach, Maine, thought she saw the wreckage of an airplane on Statton Island, three miles off shore. The coast guard investigated and concluded that the sun's rays on a farm house window deceived the woman.

With no report from the plane since it cleared the tip of Ireland Tuesday morning, save an unconfirmed rumor that it had been sighted by a ship 170 miles off the Irish coast, it was generally believed that search would be futile and that nothing more would be heard of the one-eyed English war ace and the daughter of Lord Inchequre.

John Gillespie, American representative of Captain Hinchliffe, however, was still hopeful today that the fliers had been forced down near some ship at sea which was unable to communicate their safety or had landed in Newfoundland or Nova Scotia.

MOTHER DOESN'T KNOW

CAIRO, Mar. 16 (AP)—Lady Inchequre does not know yet that her daughter the Honorable Elsie Mackay is missing on a trans-Atlantic flight in the plane "Endeavour." News of the exploit and its apparently tragic ending is being kept from her because of her inferior health. Lord and Lady Inchequre are staying at Helou, near Cairo.

Lord Inchequre, while waiting hour by hour for news has been obliged to maintain a courageous front before his wife despite his anxiety and distress.

Earth Tremors
Felt In Greece
And Carson City

CARSON CITY, Nev., Mar. 16 (AP)—Two severe earthquake shocks were reported here last night. No damage was done but dishes and windows rattled. The shocks also were felt at Virginia City.

REGISTER HEAVY SHOCKS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16 (AP)—An earthquake of an intensity greater than ever before noted on the seismograph of Georgetown university here was reported early today by Director Tondorf.

The shocks lasted for more than four hours, reaching their maximum an hour after midnight. Three extremely powerful shocks were recorded at 1:06 1:09 and 1:24 a. m.

These shocks disturbed the needles of the instrument six inches.

Director Tondorf was not able to tell the exact distance of the shocks from Washington, but believed them to be the same as reported from Greece.

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WANAMAKER'S
ESTATE ABOUT
75 MILLIONS

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 16 (AP)—An estate valued at \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 is disposed of in the will of the late Rodman Wanamaker, made public today. The will creates a board of seven trustees which will hold in trust the capital stock of John Wanamaker, Philadelphia, under which corporate name the Wanamaker store business was conducted.

The principal of the \$7,500,000 insurance on the life of Mr. Wanamaker is to be held in trust by the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. for the benefit of Mr. Wanamaker's three children, Mrs. Ector Munn, Mrs. Gurney Munn and John Wanamaker Jr., his children and grandchildren. It will be divided when the youngest grandchild is 21.

An industrial school for boys, to be known as the "John Wanamaker Free School of Artisanry" is to be established with the income from a trust fund of \$2,000,000. This fund is to be created out of the earnings of the Wanamaker business.

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