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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair east, probably rain in extreme west portion tonight and Wednesday, continued mild. Fresh to strong southerly winds.

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Month Is Report.

With 2290 boys and girls in classrooms today, the La Grande public schools have exceeded all previous enrollment records. It has truly been a record-breaking year for attendance—and so-called "peaks" have been reached and then surpassed several times. Last fall, enrollment passed all previous fall registrations; then, at mid-year, a new peak was reached at 2249, and incidentally, the high school for the first time passed the 500 mark.

Now, with the mid-semester of the first half of the year on hand, records filed over the past weekend by teachers from every school with City Superintendent J. T. Longfellow, have been totaled to show a figure that nearly reaches 2300. In February 2247 students' names appeared on class enrollment books.

Central Biggest
More students are attending Central than any other school in La Grande, including high school. Following are the enrollments by schools: high school, 595; Central, 624; Greenwood, 495; Riveria, 255; Willow, 216.

The day that mother comes to visit school is always a momentous occasion with young Mary or Johnny—an occasion sometimes gaudy, when Mary gets up in a mother, but also, sometimes tragic, when mother chances to arrive for her visit when teacher is out of the room. Sixty-three parents visited their respective Mary or Johnny during the past school month, the reports show.

Out of the 2290 in school 1974 were neither absent nor tardy during the month.

D. C. OSBORNE
BUYS BUSINESS
ON DEPOT ST.

David C. Osborne has purchased the Ideal Cleaners establishment at 209 Depot street here from Mr. and Mrs. George Moriarty and has already taken possession of the place. The deal was completed yesterday afternoon and Mr. Osborne took over the management immediately.

Mr. Osborne has been employed by Mr. Moriarty for the past month, and has had considerable experience in this line of work, the most of which was received in a shop at Corvallis, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty, who have owned the shop for the past year, will leave La Grande in about a week, when they will leave for Alaska, where they may locate.

Slavinsky Hearing
Due This Afternoon

John R. Slavinsky who was arrested in Spokane Wednesday following his indictment by grand jury a few weeks ago was arraigned before Judge J. W. Knowles yesterday in circuit court. Slavinsky's pleading will be heard some time this afternoon. It was set originally for nine o'clock this morning but was later postponed. Slavinsky is charged in the indictment with obtaining money by false pretenses.

Chickens Must Be
Penned Up, Police

Police Chief Clint Haynes issued a warning to owners of chickens today, announcing that hereafter complaints of chickens running at large would be followed by prosecution of the owners.

"The former we have spent considerable time attempting to get chicken raisers to keep their poultry in pens, but this year we are simply going to bring them into court," he said.

H. H. Weatherspoon
Files For Office

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 20. (AP)—H. H. Weatherspoon of Elgin has filed with the secretary of state his candidacy for the republican nomination for representative in the legislature from Union county.

POPE GRANTS AUDIENCE

ROME, Mar. 20. (AP)—Pope Pius XI granted an audience today to Major John A. Warner and Mrs. Warner.

Mrs. Warner is a daughter of Governor Smith of New York.

Debt Problems
Are Discussed
By Dr. GilbertUniversity of Oregon Faculty
Member Is Speaker
at Washington Club
Dinner Meeting.

An interesting and instructive address on the subject "Management of Public Debts" was given by Dr. James H. Gilbert, of the University of Oregon, at the regular meeting of the Washington club in Honan hall last night.

A dinner, beginning at 6:30 o'clock, and served by the Ladies' Guild opened the meeting. R. E. Westenhaver presided in the absence of President George T. Cochran. Thirty members and six guests were in attendance.

"The World War left behind colossal war debts from which our country is not free," Dr. Gilbert said. "The financial situation has emphasized as never before the importance of a program for managing public debts."

Score Repudiation
"Although our own American states during their early history repudiated debts on a large scale and Russia at the advent of the bolshevik government obliterated the 'bill' contracted by the Romanoff or czarist regime," this policy of dealing with debts is now seen to be not only dishonest, but suicidal. Russia has advertised too widely her lack of financial integrity and can not command outside capital with which to develop her vast undeveloped resources. In American repudiation is not only economically undesirable but politically impossible. Bond holdings are widely distributed and repudiation would be repudiated at the next election.

Favors Orderly Program
"Some program of orderly repayment should be adopted which will insure the steady reduction of debt. Bonds held by our own citizens the repayment does not involve a loss of capital resources. Certain sums are, in the process of repayment, merely transferred from taxpayers to bond-holders. On the other hand, a long standing debt involves a needless expenditure of energy in paying ourselves a billion or so representing the annual interest charge."

The speaker did not favor the use of a sinking fund as applied to national debts. "To meet the obligation may involve financial embarrassment in time of emergency and the sinking fund, therefore, based on the false assumption that investment in a country's own debt is a productive investment," he said. "The process of debt repayment involves the principle of compound interest although no sinking fund is created. Bonds paid automatically cancel the interest charge and without any loss of taxes money is set free to apply to debt repayment. The cancellation of debt is self-accelerating and goes on with cumulative force."

"Although there is more room for the sinking fund in local finance to insure that debts will be paid in a given time, still the serial bond is a simpler and far less risky device which serves the same purpose."

Dr. Gilbert's talk was enthusiastically received by those present. He spoke before the Kiwanis club in Baker Monday.

The school board voted to contribute \$100 toward sending the La Grande high school band to the state band contest at Corvallis April 14, the same amount having already been contributed by the city. With these two contributions and the funds received from the M. L. A. Wallowa high school band, the expected proceeds from a benefit concert which the band will give sometime soon, it is believed that a sufficient amount of money will be on hand to finance the trip.

Provisions were made during the meeting for one representative teacher from each of the La Grande schools to attend the La Grande Empire Education association meeting in Spokane, Wash., April 4, 5 and 6. The teachers of each of the schools will select their own representative.

Arrangements were also made to have the trees around the various school buildings trimmed and pruned, this work to begin immediately.

Track Material

Promising; Many

Vets on Squad

Around 20 prospective track men turned up last night in answer to Coach Christie's official track call and demonstrated to visitors that hopes for a champion track team are well founded, regardless of the loss of such artists as Smutz and Lyman, seniors of last year. With Ketter, 220-yard man and weight man, Charlton, weight man, Price, 220-yard hurdler, Ayson, steeple chaser, and a number of veterans, in addition to promising youngsters on hand, Coach Christie has excellent material. It is said. While last night was the first official practice, many have been "limbering up" for the last two weeks.

The track is in good condition as a result of grading work which has leveled the track and improved it considerably. A pit for jumping and pole vaulting events has been dug and filled with sawdust.

Civil Suit Heard
By Judge Knowles

A suit for an accounting was heard yesterday by Judge J. W. Knowles, circuit court judge, at the court house. The case was brought by Sam Connett and Fred Study, partners. They claim that the defendant, Frank Aune, agreed to harvest an apple and potato crop, grown on their place along Hootch Lane, and give them half of the proceeds from the crop, and that he traded the crop for a piece of real estate, which he now owns. Mr. Aune claims he could not sell the crop and that trading it for real estate was the only way he could realize anything from it and that Mr. Connett and Mr. Study have half ownership in the property.

Judge Knowles took the case under advisement.

BELIEVE DAM
WAS BLASTED;
CHART FOUNDLos Angeles Investigators
Link Tragedy with the
Aqueduct ExplosionsSTATION GUARDS
ALONG WATERWAYEvidence Will Be Placed
Before Coroner's Jury
—Flashes of Light Also
Recalled.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 20. (AP)—The Evening Express today says that Los Angeles city authorities are carrying on their investigation of the St. Francis dam district on the theory that the collapse of the big buttress was caused by dynamite.

Evidence pointing to the alleged act is declared to be in the hands of District Attorney Sam Keyes. The following statements are listed in support of the claim that the death-dealing deluge in the Santa Clara river valley was the work of bomb setters:

1—Investigators are said to have in their possession a sheet of newspaper found at the damsite and kept secret until today on which was drawn a rough chart of St. Francis dam.

2—The notations on the chart were said to be written in the same hand writing that sketched charts found at the scene of the recent dynamite along the city aqueduct.

3—A short length of newly-frayed rope, of the same strand, hemp and size as that used by aqueduct dynamiters in Owens valley to lower their charges into several sections of the waterway, was found.

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EDWIN T. REED
TO SPEAK HEREOregon State College Editor
to Give L. H. S. Com-
mencement Address

This year's La Grande high school commencement program, which will be held Wednesday evening, May 16, was discussed last evening when a meeting of the La Grande board of education was held at the office of C. B. Eberhard, member of the board. Edwin T. Reed, college editor of the Oregon State College at Corvallis, has been obtained as speaker for the program, and within a short time other arrangements will be completed.

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Traffic Officers
Capture Man On
Kidnaping ChargeElmer Sullivan, 22, in Baker
County Jail—Was
Arrested with 13-Year-
Old Girl Monday.

State Traffic Officers J. A. Robertson and Walter Lansing captured Elmer Sullivan, 22, of the White Pine camp, yesterday afternoon on the Sumpter road near Baker, a few hours after the Baker county sheriff had sent them out in search of Sullivan and a 13-year-old girl, Viola Laan, whom Sullivan is charged with kidnaping.

Yesterday about noon the sheriff was notified by N. P. Lippert, stepfather of the girl of the alleged kidnaping which he said took place some time between 8 a. m. and noon of that day. Officers Robertson and Lansing immediately set out to search for the pair when they say they found riding into Baker on a truck which had given them a lift. Mr. Robertson, whose headquarters are here, declared today that they had walked 18 miles from the lumber camp before means of transportation was possible.

Sullivan was lodged in the county jail at Baker without questioning, and Mr. Lippert was expected to arrive in Baker to file charges some time today, said Mr. Robertson. Sullivan is said to have been employed at the camp.

Mr. Robertson questioned the girl but could learn little, he said. She told him she was in the third grade at school and said that her parents had always treated her with kindness.

72 Above Monday;

Spring Tomorrow

Summer-like weather was the rule over Eastern Oregon yesterday, and in La Grande the mercury climbed to 72 above, a mark that is rarely equaled this early in the season. This was three degrees warmer than Sunday, when 69 above was registered. Tomorrow is the first day of the "calendar" spring.

PENDING, Mar. 20. (AP)—

The mercury climbed to 74 in Pendleton yesterday, the hottest day so far this year. Sunday it was 69.

Union May Get East

Oregon Track Meet

The Eastern Oregon Principals' and Superintendents' association will hold its annual meeting here Mar. 31 when, among other matters transacted, the date of the annual Eastern Oregon track and field meet will be determined. This year is Union's turn for the classic. H. E. Inlow, superintendent of schools at Pendleton, is president of the association.

Banks Will Close

Early Saturdays

The three banks of La Grande announced today they will close on Saturday afternoons from 1 o'clock on beginning March 31. This will continue throughout the summer months and is similar to the custom in other cities for bank closings.

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WHERE THE PRESIDENT MAY SUMMER



President Coolidge is understood to be considering the offer of Philip S. Henry to use this place, "Zelandia," at Asheville, N. C., as a summer White House. It is atop Bentwater Mountain, 500 feet above Asheville, overlooking the picturesque Great Smoky Mountains of "the land of the sky." Its proximity to the capital is thought to be one of its chief attractions to the chief executive.

Treasury Takes
In \$215,550,000
In Income Taxes

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20. (AP)—Treasury receipts from the March 15th income tax payments, which are being watched closely by congress and the administration, show that at the close of business March 17, the government had obtained payments of \$215,550,000.07, while on the same date last year the total was \$197,690,338.51.

If this proportion should carry through for the entire collections of 1928, the treasury would be likely to have about \$100,000,000 or more above its estimate. On this showing hinges the right in congress over tax revision, but Secretary Mellon is expected to await a further showing before announcing his position on this issue.

About One-Fourth
The March 15th payments usually comprise one-fourth of the total due on 1927 income although they may select that day for payment in full and thus the quarter is by far the most prolific in increasing government receipts.

The treasury statement of March 17 included all payments received and checked during the first three full business days after the installment fell due.

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TO INVESTIGATE
HARDING ESTATESenate Teapot Dome Oil
Committee to "Tell the
World" Its Findings

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20. (AP)—A resolution declaring it to be the sense of the senate that Andrew W. Mellon should resign as secretary of the treasury was introduced today by Senator Coughlin, republican, Michigan.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20. (AP)—With the estate of the late President Harding now within its focus, the senate Teapot Dome committee's long and ramifying investigation of the new cancelled oil leases and their subsequent connections is nearing its end to the accompaniment of violent political eruptions on the floor of congress.

Today was another day for the inquiry, but it will not end until after tomorrow, after three days of sub-committee investigation in Chicago.

Meanwhile, further reaction was looked for following the announcement yesterday by Senator Nye, republican, North Dakota, chairman of the Teapot Dome committee, that the committee would look into the records of President Harding estate.

Expected no Bonds
While he did not believe any of the bonds would be found there, Nye said there would be a "lack of satisfaction if this committee submits a report to the senate without going into the matter."

"If they are there we are going to tell the world," he added. "If they are not there we are going to tell the world. I don't think they are there."

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Dupont Company
Sells Stock In
General Motors

NEW YORK, Mar. 20. (AP)—Reason for the sale of 114,000 shares of United States Steel common by the E. I. Dupont de Nemours and company was a matter of conjecture in Wall street today.

The stock was bought on the open market at \$122.80 a share, or \$14,000,000 and sold at an estimated profit to the company of \$2,500,000. It was purchased last June. The company at that time said the stock was purchased as an investment with surplus funds.

The stock was carried on their books as "marketable securities." No statement was available today from the company on the sale.

The reason generally credited in Wall street is that, either voluntarily or upon official intimation from Washington, the company concluded it was unwise for it to extend its ownership interests in American industrial enterprises.

Long Talk of "Control"
The Dupont company is the largest single stock holding interest in General Motors common and ever since the purchase of the steel shares last June there has been talk that the company was attempting to gain control of U. S. Steel.

An investigation begun by the federal trade commission into the reported "community of interest" among the Dupont company, the General Motors corporation, and U. S. Steel is still pending.

The Dupont interests are looked upon as the largest single stock holding group in the country even after disposal of their steel holdings. Besides their General Motors holdings they have a large interest in the United States Tubular company and other enterprises and lately it was reported they had bought heavily into the Radio Corporation of America.

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