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OREGON: Unsettled with prob-
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OIL PROGRAM
FOR HIGHWAY
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ton to Get New CoatEND INSPECTION
OF THIS DIVISIONRoads in Fair Condition
for This Period Except-
ing Eight-Mile Stretch
Near Meacham.

The oiling program for the La Grande state highway division has been outlined and was announced this morning by H. G. Smith, division engineer, who returned last night from The Dalles after an inspection trip over a large part of the highway system in this division. R. H. Baldeck, state highway maintenance engineer, accompanied him on the trip and together they discussed and outlined the oiling program for the coming season.

They were also accompanied by Mr. Erickstad, from the regional office of the bureau of public roads in San Francisco, and T. M. Davis, from the Portland office of the bureau of public roads. Mr. Erickstad is making an annual inspection of federal aid roads in this state, and Mr. Davis is accompanying him.

The oiling program will start April 1, Mr. Smith announced. Two crews will work, one starting at Durkee on the Old Oregon Trail highway and the other at Lane on the Oregon-Washington highway. The work will probably be completed sometime in August, depending considerably on weather conditions.

Much Local Work
There will be extensive work on the Lane-Tillamook section of the Old Oregon Trail highway, just east of La Grande, to stabilize the sub-grade there. More surface rick will be placed on this section of the highway, which will also be re-coaled. Present plans are that this work will start shortly after the first of July.

A new surface will also be placed on the Island City-Corvallis section and the Rhinehart-Elin section of the La Grande-Walla Walla highway. Here a "black" surface of gravel and oil will be placed. The work to start sometime late in June. Work on the Elin-Rock Creek section of the same highway will begin about the first of June. The Rhinehart-Elin section was not re-coaled last year, because of the condition of the surface.

The party traveled over the Old Oregon Trail highway from Ontario to The Dalles, the La Grande-Walla Walla highway as far as Interpore and the Oregon-Washington highway to Heppner. Mr. Smith accompanied them as far as The Dalles and returned to La Grande from there and the remainder of the party went on to Portland. Mr. Hancock will return to his headquarters in Salem from there.

To Use Heavy Oil
Mr. Smith and Mr. Baldeck looked over the highway to determine the maintenance work and oiling work necessary this season. New oil will be placed on the Heppner-Junction-Lane section of the Oregon-Washington highway in Morrow county, a section of 23 miles, and also on the La Grande-Walla Walla highway from Elin to Rock Creek, or the head of the Walla Walla canyon, a distance of about 23 miles. Heavy oil will be placed on the Old Oregon Trail highway between Heppner Junction and Irigon, a distance of about 23 miles.

Other highways in the division will be re-oiled where necessary, including the Old Oregon Trail highway between Pendleton and the Weiser spur. This work will include "re-topping," which is a little more than patching. Plans are to use a light oil for this work.

Meacham Road Bad
Mr. Smith reports that the highways generally all over this division are in good shape for this season of the year except over Blue Mountains between here and Pendleton, where travel is difficult over

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3 SENTENCED
TO CITY JAIL;
ONE PAROLED

Two young men were sentenced to jail and a third was sentenced and paroled to his father as a result of pleading and tormenting an aged man, according to police.

Cleo Santos, 26, was sentenced to 15 days in city jail, Harold Holsinger, 17, to 10 days and Eldon Griffin, 18, to 10 days by Judge C. M. Humphrey.

The complaint accused the three of disorderly conduct, specifying assault and teasing John Erickson, who is more than 80 years of age and is obliged to walk with a cane.

Development Co.
Building Work
To Begin SoonPoles for New Transmission
Line Between La
Grande and Union Have
Been Received.

The construction work of the Eastern Oregon Development company in this county is going ahead, Allen C. Wright, manager, announced this morning. Poles for the new transmission line between here and Union have been received and work of clearing the ground where the new substation will be constructed has started. The substation site is across Cove avenue from the La Grande Iron Works.

Poles for the transmission line were purchased through the Standard Lumber company, of Baker. Practically all of the other material for the line has been received except the wire, and plans are to start putting the line up soon after the first of April.

It is yet indefinite when the actual work on the new substation will start. A permit has been issued by the city for the construction of the building, but announcement as to when the construction work will start has not yet been made.

Horses In Mad
Dash on Avenue;
Escapes Narrow

Had a blue Easterner, searching vainly for the wild and woolly West—a myth apparently created by such heroes as Bill Hart—strolled down La Grande's own Jefferson avenue yesterday afternoon, he would have found a bit of wild west in his wildest.

He would have seen an old-fashioned, rickety, and all its accompaniment, excitement. At it was, though no known Easterners enjoyed the hair-raising experience, dozens of La Grander got an exciting thrill when a two-horse gravel wagon, without drivers, careened madly down the avenue for a long stretch, and almost miraculously missed hitting several vehicles, some traveling and some standing. The wagon was owned by Joe and Bill La More, whose home is just across the highway bridge at Oro Dell. They had purchased a bale of hay and placed it into the gravel wagon when a bride came off, frightening one of the horses who leaped suddenly away and tore down Jefferson. "Just how the horses missed hitting one of the Pacific Fruit company trucks, I haven't figured out yet," said W. G. Sawyer, one of the witnesses today. The horses gained a rapid speed as they thundered along the avenue, and entered the residential district up past Fourth street before they slowed down and were stopped.

Local Doctors Get
U. S. Appointments

Dr. R. G. McCall and Dr. E. L. Ralston were officially notified by the United States department of commerce, division of aeronautics, this morning of their appointments as official pilot medical examiners. Dr. McCall will do all the general medical examinations and Dr. Ralston will do all the specialized eye, ear, nose and throat work, they report. The federal government requires that all commercial, passenger and airplane pilots be examined twice a year, with different requirements for each branch of piloting. All pilots within the specified territory will be officially examined by the two local doctors.

NOT TRUE BILL RETURNED
IN HAL REESE CASE

The county grand jury, reporting shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon, returned five indictments, all secret, and one not-true bill for Hal C. Reese, who had been charged with obtaining money by false pretenses.

Madrigal Club To
Sing At Hot Lake

The Oregon State college Madrigal club will arrive in La Grande tomorrow and will be luncheon guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Phipps at Hot Lake tomorrow noon. From 11:30 o'clock until 12 the club will give a program at the Hot Lake sanatorium for the patients and employees there. Several La Grande people plan to attend.

The club will go to Baker in time for a Monday night performance, and will return to La Grande Thursday on their way to Eugene, where they sing that night. They will appear here Friday night.

Drinks Wintergreen
Child Is in Stupor

IMBLE, Mar. 24 (Special)—The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, children of this place, has been lying in a stupor for the last few days, following the drinking of a quantity of wintergreen on Monday of this week. The child was rushed to La Grande for medical attention as soon as it was discovered what she had taken.

WALSH, SMITH
ATTACKED IN
THE SENATERobinson, Indiana, Asks
New York Governor for
Full ExplanationPROSECUTOR HIT
BY STATEMENTSWalsh Emphatically
Denies Any Dealings with
E. L. Doherty in Connection
with Candidacy.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24 (AP)—Governor Smith, of New York, was assailed in the senate today by Senator Robinson, republican, Indiana, for retaining Harry F. Sinclair as racing commissioner of New York during the investigation of his lease of Teapot Dome naval oil reserve.

Asserting in senate that Smith had appointed Sinclair as racing commissioner in June, 1926, in the midst of his campaign, Robinson asked that "in the next letter Governor Smith writes let him explain thoroughly to the American people his full relations with Harry Sinclair."

Robinson said that despite the letter of Gov. Smith disavowing any campaign contributions by Sinclair, investigations since one letter was written have shown that Sinclair contributed in both 1926 and 1927 to the New York democratic fund which he described as the "Tammany fund."

"Anyone who would write a letter such as Gov. Smith wrote," he said, referring to Gov. Smith's disavowal of Sinclair's contributions on himself and Chairman Nye of the oil committee, "would, if placed in the White House, embroil us with foreign nations in a short time."

Mentions Walsh's Name

Robinson started the senate a moment later with the statement that he understood that E. L. Doherty, leasee of the Elk Hills, Cal., reserve was listed among the delegates slated to support the candidacy of Senator Walsh of Montana for the presidency.

Walsh, senator prosecutor of the oil cases, rose immediately and asked where the Indian had received the information.

"From newspaper dispatches," he said.

"I want to say that your information is absolutely false," said Walsh blithely adding:

"The list of delegates elected and favorable to my candidacy has been published, and the name of Doherty is not on it."

Annual Track Meet for
Children Decided Upon
This Morning

The third annual elementary school track and field day is to be held this year on the afternoon of Friday, May 4, and will be preceded by a rousing rally-parade in which more than 1000 children will take part. It was decided this morning when the coaches and teachers met with Superintendent J. T. Langfellow at the high school.

Plans for the event were mapped out and arrangements for the awarding of points discussed for the event. In its two previous years, the day has been a classic day for grade youngsters, to whom a wide range of athletic events, both individual and group, is offered, so that several hundred participate.

The parade, which was introduced last year, will begin at 1 o'clock to be followed by the meet proper at 1:30 o'clock on the high school athletic field.

Points given for individual competitive events will be considerably greater than those allowed in the mass competitive events, so that sufficient weight may be given to

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**Keep Money Home
Will Be Subject**
"Keep Your Money at Home" will be the subject of Tuesday's luncheon program at the La Grande hotel. J. J. Carr, of the La Grande Building and Loan association, and H. E. Coolidge, of the La Grande National bank, will discuss the matter of money expended every year by La Grande citizens in the purchase of investments "bonds" and other paper offered by concerns located in other states and cities. Charts will be shown to demonstrate the situation. There will also be a musical number, which is being arranged by W. W. Nussbaum.

Road Across
Hill Takes
A Nose DiveAdmittedly the road across
the hills to Pendleton is not so good.
Anybody traveling the Old Oregon
Trail highway will tell you as
much. A good many of them will
tell you more.Just when the highway depart-
ment had the bad spots apparent-
ly pretty well controlled some more
road took a dive and hasn't been
seen since.

Not a Detour

A La Grande man amusedly reports a few incidents. He was headed for Meacham and found nine cars stuck in the soft road ahead of him. Driving a battle-scarred veteran of many bad roads and believing himself a driver extraordinary, he decided to go around. He turned out a little too far, started to tip over and immediately turned his car into the ditch and headed for the tall timber. A stalled tourist, seeing him start to climb the mountain, said excitedly: "Where in the h— are you going? Possibly he might have thought the La Grande man, but he never got there. He was seeking a detour. But not so! He waited for four hours to get pulled back onto the road.

Further up the road a big, powerful car containing a man and his wife touring from California stopped to ask "how much more of this is there?" A by-stander gave him the cheering information that he "hadn't gone through nothing yet and hadn't been nowhere." The man turned to his wife and said: "My God! She immediately replied, "Go ahead, you've just been bragging about your driving." With that remark she disclosed a full import of the past hours of domestic conversation.

Oregon Would Weep?

Then a traveling man of Jewish distinction asked the same question about the road and, receiving the same answer, ejaculated: "My, if I knew this I'd never left New York." This casual reply was forth-coming: "My, what a loss that Jew has been to Oregon."

The highway crew bears the resemblance to a detachment of hard-boiled marines of anything outside of the corps itself. There are 20 or 40 men on the job, trying to put down a road or to find the old one—and every man ranks 100.

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Imbler Junior
Class Stages
3-Act Comedy

IMBLE, Mar. 24 (Special)—The class play put on last evening at Wade hall by the members of the junior class under the direction of Mrs. Lillian Allen was witnessed and enjoyed by a crowd which very nearly taxed the capacity of the hall. With many ludicrous situations and clever lines the play entertained and amused throughout.

The Go-Getters, a comedy in
three acts, centered around the
presence of two Americans in Cas-
donia, a fictitious country some-
where in Southern Europe, who
were drilling a well for oil and
who figured in love affairs with
four daughters of the grand high-
ness of the realm. The parts were
taken as follows:

Don Estaban Pompo, Emory Oliver; Clefthon Strong, Gene Perry; Chuck McCracken, Zack Pugh; Sam, Fred Crouser; Boris, Marian Pugh; El Alfa, Leonard Wagner; Don Marina Pompo, Lealla Ott; Marcia, Gladys Hillings; Papa, Bonnie Osborne; Mrs. Rutherford, Joseph Robbs; Norma, Leila Ott; Manuela, Catherine McKinnis.

Oswald Hears Rumors About Walter
Pleads For Him To Do A Paul Revere

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 24 (AP)—Oswald West, democratic national committee man, has written a letter to former Governor Walter H. Pierce, asking him whether he supports Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, for the democratic presidential nomination. West's letter follows:

"It is reported in private beer circles and greatly to my surprise, that you are for Al Smith for president. At first I refused to believe, but was forced finally to accept the statement as a fact because of the publicity of the source of information."

"When I think, governor, how we have fought and bled for dry cause—yes, even shed tears for it—it is hard to believe that you will not answer to your name when the roll is called."

"Am I to stand alone? Asbury has left us. Harvey is slipping and I'm in doubt. I can accept for them, but not for you. Have been misled by some you have shed for the cause? Can it be that you have been led astray

through your association with the
anti-saloon league? Can it be that
the speeches you made for the W. C. T. U. were without reflex ac-
tion?"

"The drys need help. The booze
dam is about to break. The flood
will destroy millions of homes."

"Mount your horse Walter. Join
me in spreading the alarm."

"Where, where was Frederick
then?"
"One blast upon his horn."
"Were worth a thousand men."

Former Governor Walter M.
Pierce is not yet ready to reply to
Oswald West's letter in reference
to his support of Al Smith.

Mr. Pierce will leave for Port-
land this evening on a business
visit and may answer Mr. West's
question sometime next week, it is
said.

FALL STORY
TO BE TAKEN
FOR SINCLAIRJudge Grants Motion Al-
lowing Deposition from
Oil Case DefendantNEW DONATION TO
G. O. P. UNEARTHEDAlbert D. Lasker, of Chi-
cago, Recalls \$25,000
Gift, Not Accounted for
by F. W. Upham.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24 (AP)—Albert D. Lasker, former secretary of the interior, will tell his story of the Teapot Dome lease on Thurs-
day, March 29 at his home in El Paso, Texas.

Justice Jennings Bailey of the district supreme court today granted a motion of Harry F. Sinclair for the taking of a deposition from Lasker, who is too ill to attend the trial here of Sinclair on April 4.

Daniel Thew Wright who was recently retained as associate counsel by Sinclair will conduct the examination of Lasker. Representatives of the governments special counsel will be present.

FALL IS WILLING

EL PASO, Tex., Mar. 24 (AP)—Refusing to be disturbed when his wife was notified that his deposition would be taken here on March 29 in connection with the Teapot Dome leases, Albert Fall, former secretary of the interior, through his spokesman, Mrs. Fall, said the granting of Harry Sinclair's petition was "news to him."

"We are anxious to have the deposition taken, and then perhaps I can persuade Mr. Fall to go to California," Mrs. Fall said.

FINDS NEW DONATION
WASHINGTON, Mar. 24 (AP)—A \$25,000 contribution to the republican party in the 1926 presidential campaign which had not been listed, was found today by the senate Teapot Dome committee to have been given by Albert D. Lasker, of Chicago, who became chairman of the shipping board in 1921 after Warren G. Harding became president.

Lasker produced a check, dated in October, 1926, in the campaign in which Will H. Hays, the man-ager for Harding has said contri-buted the sum of \$1000.

Cash Payment
Lasker made a contribution of \$1000 in September 1926. He said the additional \$25,000 was paid in cash to the late Ferd W. Upham, treasurer of the republican national committee.

"Why did you make it in cash?" Senator Walsh of Montana asked Lasker.

"Because Mr. Upham asked for it that way," he replied. "I thought nothing of it as most politicians like to get contributions in cash."

"Oh, that's the general practice around Chicago?"

"I believe so," Lasker replied.

The witness explained that Upham probably wanted "to direct, but the money around among the states."

He explained that he was greatly interested in the 1926 campaign because of his intense op-

La Grande Man Is
On Roll of Honor

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Mar. 24 (Special)—Paul A. Sayre, of La Grande, third year law student, was placed on the honor roll of the University of Oregon for last scholarship during the term just ended. Mr. Sayre received the grade of 11 or above in all of his subjects.

Stock Exchange
Wants A Holiday

NEW YORK, Mar. 24 (AP)—Battered and nerve-wracked by the unprecedented markets of the past two weeks, members of the New York stock exchange have petitioned for a three-day holiday starting on Good Friday April 6.

Although the last 12 days have seen a golden stream of commissions flowing into their pockets, many of the big traders and their assistants and clerks have almost reached the limit of human endurance. The work is so specialized that extra help is hard to get and the regular office forces have been forced to carry the burden of the extra work.

Unsettled Week Is
Weather Forecast

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 24 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning Mar. 25 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

For western states: The outlook is for mild and unsettled weather with rain over practically all states during the coming week.

MOVIE FIRMS
LOS ANGELES, Mar. 24 (AP)—Eleven motion picture companies, including the leaders in the industry, were charged in a complaint filed in federal court today, by the United States district attorney with violating the Sherman anti-trust law during a strike of motion picture operators last fall.

FIRES BROADSIDE AT AL SMITH

FINDS NO SIGNS
OF DYNAMITING

Testimony Given by Dep-
uty Sheriff Before St.
Francis Dam Inquest

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 24 (AP)—If a charge of dynamite shattered the St. Francis dam and started its waters on their race of death and destruction to the sea, the blast left no evidence of itself behind so far as sheriff's officers have been able to determine.

This was the declaration last night of Deputy Sheriff Harry Wright, head of the criminal investigation department of the sheriff's office.

"Nothing has been presented to this office in the way of testimony or evidence that supports a theory of dynamiting as a probable cause of the dam breaking," said Wright. "Although investigators have been working throughout the entire section near the dam site since the collapse in seeking every word, fact or exhibit that will aid in arriving at the true cause of the disaster. Up to this time there is absolutely nothing showing any hint of dynamiting."

The coroner's jury of nine men, all of them connected with construction work as engineers, contractors or insurance appraisers, yesterday made their own first-hand examination of the dam site.

**Kansas Banker
Commits Suicide**
OSHSORE, Kans., Mar. 24 (AP)—Shot through the heart, the body of Frank Dehman, president of the First National bank of Osborne, was found in the bathroom of his home today. Officers said it was a case of suicide.

KANSAS CITY, Mar. 24 (AP)—Apparent irregularities of between \$8,000 and \$10,000 were found in the note book of the First National bank of Osborne, Kans., which found today following the suicide of Frank H. Dehman.

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**Englishman First
In Pyle Run Lap**
THOROU, N. M., Mar. 24 (AP)—Peter Gavuz, of Southampton, England, was first into Thorou today, completing the 22nd lap of the Los Angeles to New York marathon in 4 hours 39 minutes and 39 seconds. Today's route was 22.3 miles from Gallup over the continental divide. His elapsed time for the 741.6 miles from Los Angeles is 120:59:01. Nealon Erickson of Port Chester, N. Y., was second for the day. His time was 1:39:45 with an elapsed time of 140:32:32. Andrew Payne of Claremore, Okla., galloped into Thorou in third place, with a time of 4:40 flat. His elapsed time is 129:49:57.

Banker Personally
Pays Depositors

NAYLOR, Ga., Mar. 24 (AP)—With his private funds J. R. Carter, president, today began paying in full all depositors in the defunct Farmers Bank of Naylor because he said he felt a "personal moral responsibility" to his former patrons.

Although he was not legally liable because of the failure, the president several days ago also reversed all outstanding shares of capital stock of the institution so that the shareholders would suffer no loss.

Miami Police
Indicted by
Grand Jury

Vitriolic Denunciation of
"Brutal and Inhuman"
Conduct Is Made

MURDER CHARGES
AGAINST SEVEN

Officers Accused of Using
"Terrifying and Dam-
nable" Methods in Hand-
ling Prisoners.

MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 24 (AP)—The chief of this city's police department and six of his subordi-nates were in the county stockade today charged with murder, while singing in the ears of the entire force was a grand jury's vitriolic denunciation of "brutal, inhuman and astounding" conduct of law enforcement officers throughout Miami. The grand jury indicated sensational further developments to come, which "will shock the public conscience."

Chief of Police H. Leslie Quigg, now suspended, was indicted yesterday for murder, as was Detective R. L. Wood. Previously Lieutenant M. A. Tibbels, Detectives John Chivers and Tom Naworth and Patrolman Nelson Ward and R. L. Gilson, had been arrested. All indictments were concerned with deaths of persons with whom those indicted have contact in an official capacity.

"Terrifying Methods"
Police methods of handling prisoners drew chief attention in the grand jury report, and was de-scribed by the jury as "terrifying, brutal, and damnable."

Chief Quigg yesterday joined Lieutenant Tibbels and the two de-tectives, Cuddell and Naworth, be-hind the bars because of their al-lleged connection with the death of H. Kier, negro bell boy, in a local hotel. His death occurred two and one-half years ago.

Wood, indicted for second degree murder, was said to have shot Victor W. Parnell, a white carpenter, to death in November, 1926. Parnell, according to State's Attorney N. Vernon Hawthorne, who revealed the details of the in-dictment, was walking along a road with a companion when a police automobile sped by barely missing the pedestrians. The car stopped, according to the quoted record, and Wood jumped out, firing four shots, killing Parnell. At the time Wood explained the incident by saying he stopped to question the carpenter and fired in self defense when Parnell gestured toward his pistol.

More Murder Charges
Patrolman Ward and Gilson are charged with the murder of John Mabry, a negro prisoner, and have been in jail a week. The circum-stances of Mabry's death had not been disclosed.

The grand jury further charged that an aged white man, whose name was not given, had died with-in the past week from injuries re-ceived at the police station.

A negro reported to have hanged himself in jail, it was contended, did not take his own life, but came to death as a result of police cruelty.

FRIENDS COME TO AID
MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 24 (AP)—Friends of Chief H. Leslie Quigg and six other policemen under indictment here for the murder of a negro prisoner, flocked to their aid today when the officers were taken to court to offer pleas in abatement of the charges.

"Not being guilty of any crime, I absolutely refuse to resign," Quigg

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