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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Cloudy tonight and
Wednesday, probably rain west and
extreme north portion; mild tem-
perature, strong southerly winds.

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**\$374,000 TO
BE SPENT IN
2ND DIVISION**Walter H. Guild, O.W.
Superintendent, An-
nounces Plans**FIVE MAJOR JOBS
IS ON PROGRAM**A Total of \$187,000 Will
Be Used to Widen Cuts
and Fills on Main Line,
Meacham to Huron.Approximately \$374,000 will be
spent for "betterments" or improve-
ments on the O.-W. R. and N. com-
pany railway lines in the second di-
vision this summer. It was an-
nounced by Walter H. Guild, su-
perintendent of the second division,
yesterday.The money will be spent on five
jobs, which when completed will
make the O.-W. line in the second
division a first class road from
Huntington to Pendleton.The largest job, which calls for
the expenditure of \$187,000, in-
cludes the widening of cuts and fills
on the main line of the company
between Meacham and Huron,
along a nine mile stretch of track.
This will complete a program of
widening cuts and fills along the
company's lines from Huntington
to Pendleton, which has been un-
der way for the past six years, and
is an important feature in putting
the railroad in first class condition.To Lay 100-Pound Rail
A total of \$58,500 will be spent
for replacing 90-pound rail with
100-pound rail between Minthorn
and Cayuse, a distance of four
miles, and with the completion of
this job 100-pound rail will be in
place the entire distance between
Huntington and Pendleton.About \$75,000 will be spent for
ballasting and grading the line from
Meacham to Dunsmuir. This stretch
is about 25 miles in length, and
when completed the track from
Huntington to Pendleton will be
fully ballasted.New Side Track
Twenty-six thousand dollars will
be spent in placing a new passing
track, or side track, between Pen-
dleton and Mission, and \$27,500 for
placing a similar track between
Gibson and Thurston. These
tracks will be one mile long each
and will hold 100 railroad cars.
The purpose of these passing tracks
is to speed up the freight trains,
giving more side tracks and mak-
ing less delay in waiting for pas-
senger trains.Contract Let
The contract for the widening of
cuts and fills has been let to Clif-
ton, Applegate and Toole, of Spo-
kane, Wash., and work was started
about a week ago. It is expected
to have the job completed by about
July 1, and plans are to work about
250 men during that time, most of
whom are already on the job. The
construction company will also do
the grading work for the passing
tracks to be installed, and the
tracks will be laid and the ballast-
ing work done by the supplemented
forces of the railway company.Plans are to start the ballasting
work early in April and about 100
men will be employed on the job.
Each will take most of the summer.
About 60 men will also be
employed on the rail laying job,
which will probably take about
three weeks.\$400,000 Spent in 1928
Approximately \$400,000 was also
spent in betterments on the line last
year, at which time the laying of
90-pound rail was done on Joseph
and the Wallawa county branch line.

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**WILL DISPLAY
ART EXHIBITS
AT SPOKANE**Mrs. L. L. Douglas, director of
art in the La Grande elementary
schools, and four elementary
teachers, will represent the public
school system of this city when the
annual Inland Empire Teachers'
association convenes April 4,
5 and 6 in Spokane next week. Mrs.
Douglas is taking with her 12 large
cards, each with about a 12-foot
square surface on which she is to
exhibit crayon, water color and
work from the first to eighth
grades, inclusive of every school
in La Grande. Last year her dis-
play won much favorable mention
and comment at the exhibition,
where it was adjudged among the
finest shown. Mrs. Douglas will
leave either Monday or Tuesday.The special "Art day" is Thursday.
The teachers who are delegates
will attend are Miss Marie Taz-
bach, Central, Mrs. Beatrice Young,
Willow, and Miss Sadie Lambert,
and Miss Nina Kane, from Riv-
er. Mrs. C. F. Gilbert, whose husband
is principal at Riveria.So far, no teacher from Green-
wood has attended.The association meets at the
Lewis and Clark high school where
around 3,000 gather. Montana,
Washington, Oregon and Idaho
teachers are represented.**Robert C. Ayres
Announces His
Candidates Today**Will Enter County Repub-
lican Primaries for the
Nomination for District
Attorney.With the statement "If I am
elected I pledge myself to pro-
secute vigorously all violations of
the laws of the state of Oregon
without fear or favor," Robert C.
Ayres, La Grande attorney, this
morning announced his candidacy
in the republican primaries for the
office of district attorney."I believe the prohibition law is
a good law and pledges myself to
support it," Mr. Ayres stated when
questioned as to his platform. "It is
also my opinion that the prosecu-
ting attorney and the county sher-
iff should work hand-in-hand for
law enforcement and if elected I
pledge my full support and co-
operation to the sheriff of Union
county."Mr. Ayres' announcement con-
firms the declaration of his friends
who have been convinced for some
time that his name would appear.He has been a resident of La
Grande since July, 1926 and has
been engaged in the practice of
law. Mr. Ayres came to La
Grande from Caspar, Wyo., where
he practiced for three years. He
had previously practiced with his
brother, Roy E. Ayres, an ex-cer-
tified judge of Montana, who is now
a candidate for the governorship
of Montana, and who has had a
lengthy political and legal career.
In that state.Formerly of Lewistown
Mr. Ayres' home was originally
in Lewistown, Mont., where he was
educated in the public schools. He
attended the Fergus County High
school and obtained his legal edu-
cation at the Valparaiso university
in Indiana. He served with the
United States army in the World
war and was stationed at Camp
Zachary Taylor, Ky.The candidate "hung out his
shingle" in 1922 when he prac-
ticed for a short time with the
brother. His practice in Caspar
followed and then, in July of 1926,
he came to La Grande.Prominent Locally
He is prominent in civic affairs
of La Grande, and is adjunct of
the American Legion post here, in
addition to being a member of the
Union county chamber of com-
merce and Rotary club. Mr. Ayres
is affiliated with three lodges, the
Masonic, in which he is a 32nd de-
gree Mason, and the Elks and the
Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Ayres is
also well known in La Grande.Several candidates have already
filed declarations of candidacy for
re-election with the county clerk.
They are County Clerk C. K. Mc-
Cormick, County Treasurer
W. W. Stevens and County Super-
intendent of Schools E. A. Sayre.PIERCE FAVORS WALSH
Former Governor Walter M.
Pierce, speaking before the spring
meeting of the Union county Pom-
ona grange at Cove, emphatically

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**Selling Tickets
For O.S.C. Glee
Club Operetta**Tickets are now being sold by
high school students for the presen-
tation of "H. M. S. Pinnfore" by
the O. S. C. Madrigal and Glee club
at the high school auditorium Fri-
day night. Tickets were distributed
at a high school assembly yester-
day afternoon. They will go on
reserve Thursday afternoon at 2
o'clock at the Glass Drugs.At an assembly Friday Jack Duf-
field, manager of the tour, will talk
to the students and will probably
present some of the singers in a
few numbers. The club's tour is
proving most successful and is re-
ceiving an excellent reception. Ted
Roy, noted radio singer, is in-
cluded in the cast.**Hal E. Hoss Pays
Visit to La Grande**Hal E. Hoss, former secretary
to Governor Patterson and manag-
ing editor of the Oregon City Mor-
ning Enterprise, was in La Grande
yesterday. Mr. Hoss is a republi-
can candidate for secretary of
state. His made several calls lo-
cally and will return to La Grande
two or three times before the close
of the primary campaign. Mr. Hoss
who is a nephew of the late C. C.
Pennington, made an excellent im-
pression here and says he is as-
sured strong support in this coun-
ty.**New Island City
Business Opens**A new business, opened a short
time ago at Island City, is now op-
erating successfully, according to
its proprietors.The firm is that of Mitchell and
Pearline, dealers in general farm
merchandise, including the stock in-
land line. The business is located
in the blacksmith shop at Island
City.**CARR URGES
MORE LOCAL
INVESTMENT**Explains Losses Incurred
by People in Reference
to Outside Bonds**REVIEWS BUILDING,
LOAN PRACTICES**H. E. Coolidge Speaks
Along Similar Lines—
Better Business Bureau
Endorses Baseball.Explaining the losses incurred
by people who invest their savings
in outside building and loan and in
installment bonds, J. J. Carr, man-
ager of the La Grande Building
and Loan association, gave a talk
on investments for the Union county
chamber of commerce at its
forum luncheon at the La Grande
hotel today, and urged a more
complete knowledge of the invest-
ment problem and the keeping of
home money at home.Following his talk on a motion
of A. R. Bowen, a committee was
appointed to investigate the in-
vestment situation in La Grande
and was instructed to report at the
next meeting. President Hugh E.
Tracy named A. R. Bowen, A. T.
Hill, F. H. Appleby and J. D. Slater
on the committee.H. E. Coolidge talked along the
same lines following Mr. Carr's
discussion, pointing out the fact
that the banks could profitably
accept money and pay the same
returns paid by these outside com-
panies if it were handled under
the same conditions.Nine Out of Ten
In his talk Mr. Carr said that
nine out of ten people who started
a building and loan certificate
failed to mature it and thereby
suffered many losses in the form
of forfeiture.He read from the con-
tract requirement of various out-
side building and loan companies
and analyzed the value of these
certificates after varying payments
had been made. He also cited sev-
eral local cases where building and
loan certificates had been pur-
chased and the money withdrawn
before the contract was completed
with a consequent loss of interest
and in several cases a loss of both

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**FIRE PROBLEMS
TAKEN UP HERE**State Forester Elliott and
Others in Attendance
at County MeetingThe annual meeting of the Union
County Fire association is being
held at the city hall here today,
with State Forester E. C. Kohm,
superintendent of the Whitman na-
tional forest, and one or two of his
assistants from Baker.The meeting opened this morn-
ing shortly after ten o'clock, with
George T. Cochran, president of
the Union County association, pre-
siding. L. H. Russell, Union county
fire warden, is secretary of the
association. Grand Forester E. A.
Kohm is also in attendance.Only the routine business was
taken up during the morning
hours. This afternoon members
from the Wallawa County associa-
tion and officials of the Baker
County Fire association joined in
the meeting here. Several items
of interest concerning the preven-
tion of forest fires and the con-
servation of the national forests
were taken up during the
afternoon session.**Band Concert Next Sunday Will
Be Last of Indoor Recitals Here**A program of exceptional merit
and containing several features
will be given at the last free in-
door concert of the winter series
which have been sponsored by the
city of La Grande, according to
Director Andrew Loney. This con-
cert will be played next Sunday,
April 1 at the Arcade theater
starting at 4:15 p. m.Paul Knautz, who is a member
of the band, will again be heard
singing the over-popular "On the
Road to Mandalay." Mr. Knautz
is a favorite with La Grande audi-
ences and his rich baritone voice
always shows to advantage when
singing with the band.A comic number, "The Village
Band" by Gaunt will have its firstperformance in La Grande. This
number depicts the rehearsing of
a number by the town's village
band and although not intended
as a number of musical worth,
nevertheless, furnishes comedy in a
pleasing way.Roy Matton and J. P. Caldwell,
solo clarinetist and solo French
horn of the band, will play, with
other accompaniments, the famous
Till "Serenade" also performed
for the first time by the band.The overture "William Tell" by
Rossini with its familiar "Storm"
and "Cain" will be one of the most
difficult numbers rendered. The
program will close with one of the
late Victor Herbert's masterpieces,
"The American Fantasia."**Decision Ends
Litigation Of
Year and Half**Settlement Effected in
Suit Brought by the La
Grande National Bank to
Clear Title.The decision of Judge Knowles
in the circuit court at Enterprise
last week brings to an end the lit-
igation in connection with the Min-
nam Lumber Co., the affairs of
which have been in court the past
18 months because of a suit filed
by the Russell Lumber Co. against
the Minnam Lumber Co., its direc-
tors, and other creditors. This was
settled out of court in December
between the Russell Lumber Co.
and other creditors whereby this
company proposed to take over the
physical assets of the Minnam Lum-
ber Co. and make a cash settlement
with the other creditors who were
represented by the La Grande Na-
tional bank.Following this settlement and as
a means of bringing it to conclu-
sion and was brought by the La
Grande National bank in behalf of
the bank and other creditors to
clear the title to the Minnam Lum-
ber company's assets pledged to the
La Grande National bank as trustee
to secure the various creditors.These pledged assets consisted of
mortgages and notes aggregating
\$192,900. This suit on the collat-
eral held by the bank as trustee
was the one just decided in the En-
terprise court and is the last step
in clearing up the lumber com-
pany's litigation. The total claims
represented by the bank, outside
of the claim of the Russell Lum-
ber Co., were less than one-half
of the amount represented by the
collateral.The settlement thus effected is
considered very satisfactory to
everyone interested.**Master Barbers
In Monthly Meet**Joe Kelly, La Grande barber for
about 14 years who gave up the
profession when his eyesight failed
him, was unanimously voted an
honorary member of the Master
Barbers' association last evening
when a meeting was held at Roy
Buell's shop on Adams avenue with
eight master barbers in attendance.It was the regular meeting of the
association and routine business
was taken up, including plans for
joint meetings with the master bar-
bers of Pendleton and Baker, the
dates for which have not yet been
set. The local organization is solici-
tous membership from all of the
towns of Union county and several
responses have been received from
letters sent out, increasing the
membership considerably. About 65
per cent of the barber shop own-
ers in the county are now members
of the association.The first week in June is to be
known as "Look Well Week" and
a campaign to be conducted during
this week was discussed. The mat-
ter was referred to the publicity
committee, of which R. Z. Baxter
is chairman.**Knights Planning
For Coming Dance**Plans for the Easter Monday
dance which will be given Apr. 3
at the Saccawewa Inn by the
Knights of Columbus were discus-
sed when the organization met last
night with James H. McLaughlin,
grand knight, presiding. Most of
the business meeting was devoted
to making arrangements for the
dance, for which invitations are
now being sent out. Elaborate pre-
parations are being made for the
affair. Pat Powers will be floor
manager and will have an "old
time" orchestra. Special features
and stunts, in addition to an attrac-
tive decorative scheme are being
planned. Mr. McLaughlin is chair-
man of the affair and other offi-
cers serve on the committee.Attendance at last night's meet-
ing, which was held at the La
Grande hotel club room, was good.
The members decided to go in a
body to high mass Easter Sunday
communion services at 8 o'clock,
when Fourth degree members will
wear insignias.**VALLEY LAND
PURCHASED BY
WILLIS WRIGHT**Another major deal in valley
land, additional confirmation to be-
lieved expressed generally that farm
values in the Grande Ronde are
increasing, is reported today in the
purchase by Willis Wright of a 100-
acre ranch in the Lower Cane
hollow.This tract, added to his
present holdings of 140 acres, gives
him what he regards an ideal
grain and stock ranch, not only
valuable for its soil but also be-
cause of its attractiveness to game
birds and the fact that has abun-
dant in the waterways within its bound-
aries.Mr. Wright expresses much faith
in Union county land. He has lived
in the valley for 54 years and has
been instrumental in bringing the
land to its present state of cultiva-
tion. Mr. Wright says that during
this period he has seen the scythe,
cradle reaper, header and binder
and combine at work in the harvest
fields and has watched progress in
tilting the soil from oxen to the
modern tractor.**Knights Templar
To Go To Baker**Eastern Oregon Commandery
No. 9, Knights Templar, have ac-
cepted an invitation from the
Baker commandery, to observe
Easter Sunday with them and on
Easter morning 25 or 30 members
of the local lodge will go to Baker
for the affair.There will be Easter services at
2:30 o'clock at the First Presby-
terian church of Baker, and before
and after the services there will
be a potluck luncheon at the Ma-
sonic temple there.**RECEIVE BIDS
ON HIGHWAY
SHOPS HERE**State Commission, Meet-
ing in Portland, Opens
Offers This Morning**CONTRACT IS NOT
YET DECIDED ON**To Provide for Construc-
tion of Five Buildings
for Department's Use in
This City.PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 27 (AP)—
Construction of a new bridge
over the Umpqua river at Scotts-
burg on the Drain-Readsop high-
way, was ordered today by the
state highway commission. The
bridge improvement district and
Douglas county will pay 40 per
cent of the \$157,000 cost, the fed-
eral government the rest. The
county and district will maintain
the road. Plans for the bridge are
ready.County Judge Schanep of Pen-
dleton was told that the commis-
sion will advertise soon for bids
to surface the highway between
Ukiah and Latahka ranch. There
will be 12 miles in this project,
but it is not now work, the state
having pledged last year to do this
surfacing in 1928. No new work
is being let.Federal aid money will be allot-
ed to Wasco county for building
a new bridge over the Deschutes
at Maupin. The county and fed-
eral government will each pay 50
per cent.Woodburn will be asked to take
down its arch across the Pacific
highway at the close of this year's
berry season. The arch is said to
be a menace to traffic.Mrs. Lucile R. Gray was granted
the three years' concession for
lunch rooms at Emigrant Park on
the Old Oregon Trail.The matter of naming several
united bridges was passed to a
future session.Owing to the fact that the coun-
ties did not advertise in their
county newspapers the proposals
for bridges, the bids received for
Lane and Tillamook county work
were returned unopened. The
comities will advertise and let the
contracts.Other bids opened this morning
were for maintenance materials
for the Riverton-Coguille-Hoffman
bridge section, Roosevelt and the
Cops Bay Roseburg highways; for
a bridge over Schoenfeld river at
Reedsport, and for constructing a
number of buildings at La Grande
for use of the highway depart-
ment.Opening of bids by the state high-
way commission today indicates,
according to local authorities, that
announcement of awards will be
made either this evening or early
tomorrow. Five large buildings are
to be erected on the state highway
department shops property on East
Adams avenue.**3 HONEYMOONS**Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stillman,
of divorce suit and reconciliation
fame, have scotched rumors of
another impending rift by an-
nouncing that they will shortly
sail for Europe on another
honeymoon.**MALHEUR SEES A
BRIGHT FUTURE**J. W. Spencer, of Nyssa,
Tells of Progress Made
at Owyhee Dam SiteLA GRANDE AIRFIELD, Mar.
27 (Special)—That business con-
ditions in Southeastern Oregon are
excellent in the word brought here
by J. W. Spencer, of Nyssa, who
has been in valley points trans-
acting business recently. He spent
Friday and Friday night visiting
at the home of his brother,
Charles and Roy Spencer, of this
district.Mr. Spencer, who is engaged in
the hotel business at Nyssa, is very
much elated over the prospects of
the future growth and development
of his home town. When he first
went there from Union more than
a year ago, business was rather
discouraging, but when the govern-
ment started the preliminary work
for the construction of the Owyhee ir-
rigation project, trade started to
pick up and at present it is quite
bright. Trucks come in and get
supplies every day to take to the
camps and, of course, the town
through its commercial establish-
ments, is profiting by such a large
enterprise at its door.Big Crew of Workers
One hundred and twenty-five
men are now employed on the con-
struction of the Owyhee railroad
which the government is putting
through from a point just out of
Nyssa to the old Owyhee dam site
that is located 31 miles south. The
railroad will be finished by Septem-
ber 1 but the bids will be open-
ed June 1 for contracts for the
construction of the dam, the work
on which will begin not later than

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**Flood in West
States Is Past
Its Peak Today**SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 27 (AP)—
The flood menace in Central Cal-
ifornia and Western Nevada be-
came less potent today as receding
waters in many rivers left vast
areas of wreckage and partly ruined
homes. A report that several per-
sons in the North Sacramento dis-
trict had not been accounted for
started an investigation there.Heno, which had been threaten-
ed during the early morning hours
by a new rise in the Truckee river,
apparently escaped further inun-
dation as the stream receded at
that point and indications from up-
stream indicated the crest of the
high water had passed.SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 27
(AP)—Rivelly receding waters in
North Sacramento today disclosed
a vista of ruined homes. The
American river flood that rose to
the eaves of many of the houses,
today lapped at the doorsteps.At least 400 persons left their
homes, driven by the water. At
least 300 dwellings were flooded
above the first floor, it was esti-
mated.**Obregon Wars On
Alcohol, Gambling**MEXICO CITY, Mar. 27 (AP)—
War upon alcohol, gambling and
reaction has been declared by
General Alvaro Obregon, sole candi-
date for the presidency.In a campaign speech at Sinaloa,
Guerrero, yesterday, he de-
nounced these as enemies of the
Mexican people."Reaction is our principal en-
emy, alcohol is its most formidable
ally, cards are the ally of all the
enemies of morality," he said.**Raid Government
Liquor Warehouse**FRESNO, Cal., Mar. 27 (AP)—
Whiskey bandits swooped down on
internal revenue warehouse No. 2,
two miles south of Fresno last
night, overpowered and bound two
watchmen, kept them prisoners for
four hours and escaped with two
truckloads of liquor valued at \$30,-
000. The watchmen said six men
were in the gang.**Blame Politics
For Bombings In
City of Chicago**Two Explosions Last
Night Endanger Sena-
tor Deneen and Circuit
Judge John A. SwansonCHICAGO, Mar. 27 (AP)—The
fifth and sixth "political bomb"
since Jan. 28 were exploded short-
ly before last midnight. One was
aimed at the home of United States
Senator Charles S. Deneen. The
other was thrown in an attempt to
assassinate the Deneen candidate
for state's attorney, Judge John
A. Swanson, of the circuit court.Senator Deneen, who had attend-
ed the funeral of the murdered Dia-
mond Joe Esposito yesterday, had
started back to Washington. His
sister, Miss Florence Deneen, and
a maid were alone in the house
when the bomb shattered the front
porch of the two-story frame struc-
ture. Windows within the block
were broken.Bomb Misses Car
Twenty minutes later one of two
men in a closed car hurled a bomb
directly at the automobile which
Judge Swanson was driving into his
garage. The bomb missed the car,
exploding near the front of the
Swanson home and doing some
damage.The Swanson home is a block
from the residence of George E. O.
Johnson, United States district at-
torney, who said federal action
would be taken in view of the gov-
ernment angle involved. The Deneen
home being the official home of an
officer of the United States.State's Attorney General Oscar
Carlstrom, who like the federal dis-
trict attorney is closely aligned with
the Deneen group within the republi-
can party, was expected to institute
an investigation of his own.Under Illinois law Carlstrom has
power to supersede the state at-
torney, who is Robert B. Crowe, a
leader in that republican faction
opposing the Deneen group. Judge
Swanson and State's Attorney
Crowe are seeking nomination for
the office Crowe now holds. The
election is two weeks from today.The bombings occurred on the
night when both sides had begun
their final drive for votes by con-
centrating the campaign in Chi-
cago.Dihames Conditions
Judge Swanson blamed the
bombings on "conditions as they ex-
ist in Chicago.""Law enforcement has been com-
pletely broken down," he said.
"Crooks and criminals are coddled
and given free rein. One can only
expect what happened last night."His republican opponent for hom-
e, Judge Swanson, also has been
completely broken down," he said.
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**U. S. Business Is
Improving, Less
Unemployment**NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (AP)—
The New York World, which has
made a survey of business condi-
tions epitomizes the results today
as follows:"Business in the United States is
on the up-grade, with unemploy-
ment on the decrease."More than that, business bids
fair to escape many of the hating
uncertainties that usually has char-
acterized presidential elections."Prior to this survey leaders in
industry, labor leaders, bankers
and national distributors have con-
tributed statistical services. Much
also has come from government
agencies."The survey does not show that
business is improving in all lines—
intensive and textile, where spe-
cial conditions govern, being out-
standing exceptions—but generally
speaking, the reports show improv-
ed prospects reported in the great
majority of lines."The outstanding factors are im-
provement in the building, steel
and automobile industries.Improvement is also noted in
agriculture, especially in the stock
raising branch, which is declared
to have emerged from the severe
depression that marked the col-
lapse of the post-war boom."**Obregon Wars On
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