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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair tonight, frost
west, freezing temperature and per-
sion, Thursday fair except in north-
west portion.

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LUMBER MILL
MAIN OFFICE
COMING HEREGrande Ronde Lumber
Co. Headquarters to Be
Moved from PerryPONDOSA PLANT
STARTS MONDAYActive Operations in All
Parts of Plant Sched-
uled—Some Lumber Al-
ready Shipped.

Morning whistles at Pondosa Monday heralded the first day of active operation of both the sawmill and planing mill of the Grande Ronde Lumber company, thus completing the moving operations which were begun last year, transferring the mill from its picturesque site at Perry in the center of Union county to the southeast end of the county. This was learned today from Elmer Stoddard, president of the company when, in addition, he announced that his general offices are to be moved tomorrow from Perry to headquarters in the La Grande hotel, where one of the departments on Adams avenue have been taken.

So, tomorrow night the once-busy community of Perry will have been practically deserted as far as the mill that made its existence concerned. Lester Stoddard must continue the manufacture of moving and cut up stock for carload lots in the shops there and a few loads of lumber for delivery are yet standing there; otherwise the company has completely transferred its operations.

Planning Mill Moved
The opening of the mill at Pondosa Monday follows the moving of the planing mill from Perry during this month, March. The operations of moving, extensive in themselves, were made from Telocast over the new B. C. & T. railroad line, which extends from Telocast, 11 miles to Beagle creek. From there, four miles to Pondosa, the lumber company logging road was used.

The sawmill was started last August when a large celebration was held. It had been moved during the months of May, June and July. Following its commencement in August it ran until the mid-winter closing in December. The planing mill has been running for a short time after being moved, but Monday will mark the first operation of the sawmill since December, 1927.

Several carloads of lumber have already been shipped over the new railroad company line. Mr. Stoddard explained today. The B. C. & T. is an independent corporation from the railroad company. So far it has only been used as a feeder line for freight to the O. W., but upon granting of the application recently filed with the interstate commerce commission a passenger travel may be established.

No More Rail Work Now
The line will not be extended from its present stopping point at Beagle creek, 11 miles from Telocast, for three or four years, Mr. Stoddard stated today. "Now, the B. C. & T. line ends at Beagle creek camp, four miles from Pondosa, and a logging road of the lumber company provides for transportation of cars up into the timber stretches. When that stretch is clear, in three or four years, the logging railroad which leads from Beagle Creek into Pondosa will be converted into the B. C. & T. and the logging railroad into the old timber tracts will be torn up. New logging roads will probably be built on out of Pondosa, Beagle Creek and the B. C. & T. will run through from Pondosa to Telocast, he went on. "But that is looking ahead at least three years." The legal negotiations of the railroad are in the hands of Attorney A. A. Smith, of Baker, who is secretary of the

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LABOR DINNER
WILL BE HELD
THIS EVENING

Preparations were completed today for the goodwill banquet meeting of the Central Labor council at Eagles hall tonight, according to Max Cullen, president of the organization. The dinner will be served in the banquet room on the second floor and will begin at 6:30 o'clock. Representatives of civic and farm organizations will be in attendance in addition to union men.

Speakers for the evening include: Frank McKennon, representing the chamber of commerce and granite; Frank Wright, of the Blue Mountain granite quarry; George McVey, of the engineers; A. T. Hill, president of the city commission; Robert Ayers, of the Rotary club; Charles Malbecq, chamber of commerce secretary; Everett Rosenbaum, of the labor council; J. T. Langlois, superintendent of schools; and Ben Osborne, executive secretary of the State Federation of Labor.

Tradition Holds
True With Month
Stormy At EndTwo Inches of Snowfall in
Grande Ronde Valley—
Wallawa County Has
Blustery Weather.

True to tradition, the latter part of March this year is "going out like a lion." The first days of the month were mild with frequent sunshine days but this week spotty weather, coming from snow to occasional glimpses of the sun, is bringing the old saying back to mind.

This morning a second snow-storm of this week covered the ground to a depth of two inches at day break. Snow continued intermittently thereafter but by nine o'clock was melting as rapidly as it fell. Downtown streets were slushy but the snow was melting slower in some of the residential sections. The weather for the night was comparatively mild, with a minimum of 21 above registered by the official thermometer at the municipal building.

Occasional snows and rain are hampering farmers of Union and Wallawa counties in their early work. Dirt and market roads over this section are very muddy, with travel by automobile difficult in many sections. The state highways are in fair condition excepting the eight-mile strip on the Old Oregon Trail near Meacham, where a double shift of workmen are endeavoring to improve matters. Numerous cars have had to be pulled through this portion of highway during the last several days by the state caterpillar.

WALLAWA WEATHER SPOTTY
WALLAWA, Ore., Mar. 28 (Special)—Weather conditions over this section of the country have been more or less changeable during the last several days and frequent snow squalls and rains have kept the surface of the ground quite muddy. Most of the frost has melted from the soil and during a few warm days the early part of the week, the grass was commencing to start up considerably, however, with colder weather no growing has been possible.

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Senator Hunter
Files Candidacy
For Legislature

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 28. (AP)—The following candidates have filed with the secretary of state:

A. R. Hunter, La Grande, for democratic nomination for state senator for Union and Wallawa counties.

C. H. Oxman, Ontario, for republican nomination for representative for Multnomah county.

George E. Allen, Baker, for democratic nomination for district attorney for Baker county.

Senator A. R. Hunter, who was elected to the state senate to fill the vacancy created with the removal from Eastern Oregon of Bruce Denala, then of La Grande, announced a few weeks ago that he would be a candidate to succeed himself.

To date no others of either major party have indicated that they would oppose Mr. Hunter, either in the primary or general elections, although, with more than two weeks remaining in which to file declarations, some others may enter the race.

A. R. Bowen Gives
Un Official Post
In Organization

Arthur H. Bowen has resigned as a member of the board of directors of the Union county chamber of commerce and Frank McKennon has been elected to take his place on the board. Mr. Bowen has sold his theater business here, the sale to become effective May 1, and for this reason has resigned as chamber of commerce director. He was also vice-president of the chamber and with his resignation this office is left vacant. His successor has not yet been selected.

Scout Board Of
Review to Meet

Thirty-four La Grande boys scouts will come before the board of review this evening when a meeting will be held in the chamber of commerce officers here for that purpose. Scouts passing the board of review will appear before the court of honor, which will be held Thursday evening at the court house here, when they will receive their awards. Tonight's meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Charles H. Reynolds is chairman of the board of review, and other members are Charles Hinger, R. E. Westenhaver, Gene Walker, Dr. Ray Murphy and Dr. Mark Phy. The Rev. Oliver Hiley is chairman of the court of honor.

KELLY'S BID
ON HIGHWAY
SHOPS WINSLa Grande Man Is Given
Building Contract in
Amount of \$38,980WORK WILL BEGIN
IN NEAR FUTUREExpect Completion of the
Project About Septem-
ber—Contractor Widely
Known in East Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 28 (AP)—Owing to uncertainties over highway finances, the highway commission last yesterday informed the Roosevelt Highway association that it could not issue \$1,000,000 or \$4,000,000 bonds at this time for completion of the coast highway. The commission said its policy now was to retire bonds rather than to issue more.

Contracts awarded were:
Coos county: Riverton-Couquille-Hoffman bridge section of Roosevelt highway, maintenance materials. Homer G. Johnson, \$23,357.
Douglas county: Bridges at School field river; O. M. Olds, \$18,229.
Lane county: Springfield bridge. Lindstrom and Flegensen, \$172,300.
Mrs. Lucille H. Gray awarded concession on immigrant park.

W. C. Kelly, of La Grande, was awarded a contract to build highway buildings at La Grande on a bid of \$38,980. Kelly's bids on the highway buildings include: office building, \$7,320; service building, \$6,260; shop building, \$16,210; material and storage building, \$5,500, and storage building, \$3,630.

The awarding of the contract for the departmental shops to be established here on the property formerly known as the Toy Young property on East Adams avenue, was received with gratification here, especially due to the fact that a La Grande man received the work.

Kelly Widely Known
Mr. Kelly is widely known in

COLLEGE SINGERS
ARRIVE TONIGHTPresent Operetta at En-
terprise Thursday and
in La Grande Friday

With the appearance of the O. S. C. Glee and Madrigal clubs in "H. M. S. Pinafore" under the direction of Prof. Paul Petri just two days away, interest is growing rapidly in their program. The appearance of Ted Roy, nationally famous as the result of his winning second place in the Atwater Kent radio contest, whose home is in Pilot Rock, out of Pendleton, adds much to the program.

Local color is added in the fact that Miss Frieda Klaffenstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Klaffenstein, is in the Madrigal club of which she is vice president. Miss Klaffenstein is a junior at the college.

That the tour has been a distinct success from the time of the initial appearance is shown by the very favorable press comments reporting good houses and enthusiastic audiences. Tonight the clubs come in on No. 25, spend the night here and go on a special train about tomorrow noon to Enterprise where they will give "H. M. S. Pinafore" tomorrow night, returning to La Grande following the performance. They will spend all day here Friday.

Tickets are going exceedingly well, students and O. S. C. alumni report. Seats go on reserve at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

400 Masons From Three Counties
Attend Meeting Held by Union Lodge

More than 400 Masons from Union, Wallawa and Baker counties gathered at Union last evening when a tri-county meeting was held in the Knights of Pythias hall there. The attendance was unusually large and the meeting was considered one of the most successful in Masonic circles for some time.

An excellent dinner at 6:30 o'clock opened the meeting, which was served by the Union Women's Improvement club. During the dinner a girls quartet presented several numbers, including a clever song and dance number in costume. Members of the quartet were Misses Vallie and Nellie Geertsen, Miss Jane Smith and Miss Leona Spray. Miss Cynthia Hobbs was the piano accompanist.

One candidate, Charles W. Wright, of Haines, youngest son of the late W. T. Wright, past grand master of the Masonic lodge, was

Elect Officers
At Annual Meet
Of AssociationPlans for Supervision of
Forest Fire Fighters
Outlined at Session in
City Hall.

Officers of the Union County Fire association were elected yesterday when the annual meeting was held at the city hall here with representatives present from various parts of this county and from Baker and Wallawa counties.

Elmer L. Stoddard, George T. Cochran and A. J. Stange were re-elected directors of the association, and George Benson, of Union, and J. E. Reynolds, of La Grande, were elected to take the place of L. H. Russell and H. N. Ashby on the board. Mr. Cochran was re-elected president of the association, and L. H. Russell, Union county fire warden, was re-elected secretary.

During the meeting plans were outlined whereby the fire fighting organization will be under closer supervision of the state forestry department, a man from the state department to be actively engaged in the supervision of forest fires, which will result in closer cooperation between the forestry department and the fire association in the preventing and fighting forest fires.

F. A. Elliott, state forester, of Salem, was present for the meeting and was one of the principal speakers. His two deputies, F. K. King and A. L. McCarthy, also of Salem, were also in attendance. Other officials in attendance included R. H. Chapter, of the Western Conservation and Forestry association, of Portland; J. F. Irwin, superintendent of the Umatilla national forest, of Pendleton; and J. C. Kuhns, superintendent of the Whitman national forest, from Baker.

Today several of the party attending the meeting here yesterday are in Wallawa county.

Robert C. Ayers
Is Speaker At
Rotary Meeting

Robert C. Ayers was the speaker at the Rotary club meeting at the La Grande hotel, the subject "Rotarians in Community Service" being the first along the line of Rotary club functions as planned by the program committee under Chairman Ray Murphy.

Mr. Ayers made a very forceful address, paying particular attention to the topics of the Rotarian's duty to his city, to youth and educational problems and to his country.

Preceding and following the main part of the program, G. S. Birnie led the club in group singing with W. W. Nussbaum at the piano.

W. C. Perkins reported that the Rotary club would present uniform sweaters and caps for the high school band for the trip to the state contest at Corvallis.

Two-Day Session
Of High School
Girls Announced

An Eastern Oregon high school girls' conference which will include a Mothers' and Daughters' banquet with girls from Baker, Union and Umatilla counties in attendance is to be conducted at the La Grande high school Friday and Saturday by the Associated Girl students of the local high school, it was announced today.

The conference will be the first in the history of the A. G. S. organization and is the realization of a plan of several years standing for such a meet, one that originated when Miss Mabel A. Bennett, as dean of girls, supervised the work.

Many Rumors About
Lindbergh's Future

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28 (AP)—The state department has something up its sleeve in connection with the future plans of Charles A. Lindbergh, the aviator, and is making a report that the trans-Atlantic flight is to be sent on a "good will" trip around the world. Another rumor is that Lindbergh is concerned with mapping out a definite program for airplane service to Central and South America.

None of the reports has been confirmed.

Captain Wilkins Is
Preparing For Trip

SEWARD, Alaska, Mar. 28 (AP)—A terse radio message "All right, I have heard Seward signal corps okay," was picked up by the government radio station here last night, indicating that Captain George H. Wilkins, Australian explorer, and Captain Carl H. Eklund, his Alaskan pilot, were making progress in their preparation for flights over the Polar sea.

GERMAN AIR
CREW WAITS
ON WEATHERBaron von Huenfeld Says
Ocean Plane Will Not
Fly Before TomorrowTHREE AMERICANS
KILLED IN CRASHGust of Wind Wrecks
Plane in Mexico—Air-
mail Pilot Saves Life by
Parachute Leap.

DUBLIN, Mar. 28 (AP)—Refusing to risk a start until weather conditions are favorable, the crew of the German monoplane Bremen, today scanned weather charts carefully in preparation for their projected flight across the Atlantic.

"The Bremen will not fly before dawn tomorrow at the earliest," Baron von Huenfeld, intrepid leader of the hazardous expedition, informed the Associated Press today.

Baldonnell airdrome was bathed in sunshine with only a few white clouds in the sky this afternoon, but weather reports from London and the United States upon which the departure will be based, were unfavorable.

WIND CAUSES CRASH
MEXICO CITY, Mar. 28 (AP)—A sudden gust of wind caused a plane carrying three Americans from Nogales, Ariz., to Mexico City, to crash in the streets of Toluca, killing the occupants. The victims were:

Sterling Rohlf, wealthy New Mexican cattleman.
William E. King, authority on mining law, of Douglas, Ariz.
Wallace Springer, cattleman of Chino, N. M.

Word of the tragedy was sent here by Riva Palacios, governor of Toluca to Alexander W. Weddell, American consul general.

The governor said the airplane, piloted by Rohlf, was about 1,000 feet above the city when a strong gust of wind caught it. The pilot attempted to make a landing. The machine went into a nose dive and crashed in a side street near the center of the city.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 28 (AP)—The southbound Medford-San Francisco airmail plane yesterday was wrecked in the Berkeley hills, and the pilot was forced to jump out with a parachute to save his life.

The plane, in charge of Pilot James Rutledge, ran out of gasoline after lighting head winds southward for six hours. The mail was found undamaged.

The plane, a Fokker cabin monoplane, which left Portland at 7 a. m. yesterday was flown to Medford by H. C. Miller and turned over to Rutledge for the trip to San Francisco.

STRONG AT CLOSE
Opening 1/4 to 2 1/4 up, wheat later held within the initial range. Corn, oats and provisions were also firm, corn starting unchanged to 1/4 higher and subsequently advancing all around.

Wheat closed strong, 2 to 2 1/2 net higher, corn 1/4 to 1/2 up, oats showing 1/4 to 1/2 advance, and provisions at 5 to 20c gain.

Coolidge Signs
Radio Measure;
Continues Board

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28. (AP)—President Coolidge signed today the bill extending for another year the life of the radio commission and providing for the allocation of wavelengths among broadcasting stations in various sections of the country in proportion to the population.

Clarence Brazell
Sentenced to Pen

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 28. (AP)—Clarence Brazell, insurance man, was sentenced to five years in prison today on his conviction on vice charges involving a 15-year-old boy. Bail of \$5000 was allowed to stand, pending an appeal.

Judge Arlie Walker, who came from McMinnville to hear the case, criticized women who had attended the trial, saying they had come through "morbid curiosity." The judge also bitterly criticized the 15-year-old witness.

OLD AND NEW



The famous woman mayor of Seattle, Mrs. Bertha K. Landes, has been swept into political oblivion mainly through the efforts of Mrs. Frank Edwards (top) campaign manager for the man who won the recent election. Mrs. Landes, however, is no traitor to her sex; she simply was working for her husband (below) the victorious candidate.

WHEAT UP; BUYING
BRISK IN CHICAGO

Traders, Caught Short on
Deliveries, Urgent Bid-
ders in Pit Today.

CHICAGO, Mar. 28. (AP)—Wheat prices jumped more than two cents a bushel today in the case of March delivery, with July touching a new high price record for the season. Traders who needed wheat to fill contracts expiring with the end of the current month, were urgent bidders.

Inquiries relative to soaring quotations today for the Chicago March delivery of wheat were answered with the bit traders' familiar verse: "He who sells what isn't his, must buy it in or go to prison."

Explanations given of a mere moderate rise in the value of other deliveries of wheat were that buyers, based on coming private reports likely to show a domestic crop condition of less than 70 per cent compared with 84 on Dec. 1.

Persistent buying of corn today on the part of recent sellers, did much to strengthen the corn market.

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Three Found Dead
In Blazing Home

NEWARK, N. Y., Mar. 28. (AP)—Frank S. Ward, 45, his wife Edith and their 13-year-old son, Jackson, were found dead in their beds today when firemen entered the Warren home here after extinguishing a fire which burned out a portion of the interior of the house. The boy had a bullet wound near the heart.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Ward were so badly burned that authorities said they could not determine the cause of death until an autopsy was performed.

\$65,000 Reward
For Capture Of
Bomb ThrowersChicago Homes Under
Guard—Officers Report
a Total of 62 Bombings
Since October.

CHICAGO, Mar. 28. (AP)—Homes of 40 Chicagoans were under guard today and a \$65,000 reward was on the heads of the persons who bombed the homes of United States Senator Deneen and Circuit Judge John A. Swanson Monday night. The reward, said to be the largest ever offered in a Chicago criminal case was offered for arrest and conviction of the bombers.

State Attorney Robert E. Crowe who is Swanson's opponent for the republican nomination as state attorney at the April 10 primaries started the reward jackpot with the largest single offer—\$10,000. Police Commissioner Hughes posted \$5,000 from his contingent fund and Mayor Thompson followed with a personal offer of \$5,000.

Nine Other Offers
The nine others who said they would pay \$5,000 are either office holders or leaders of the Thompson-Crowe wing of the republican party which has a complete state, county and city ticket in the field against the Deneen group.

City, county, state and possibly national inquiry into the double bombings have been strongly hinted, but thus far the police and state's attorneys office have been the only active agents seeking the bombers. The result of the police investigation was summarized last night by Commissioner Hughes' terse "no developments."

The Deneen-Swanson bombings, like the four previous "political bombings" since Jan. 26, have left the authorities virtually without clues. The motor cars used by the bombers were seen in both instances by persons passing by, but their stories have proven of but little value to investigators.

Since October 11, last, there have been 62 bombings in Chicago. A complete list was made public last night by Assistant State's Attorney Walter Walker in charge of bomb investigations. No convictions have resulted; and few arrests. Various causes that have been assigned included political labor trouble and personal motives.

THEATER IS BOMBED

SEATTLE, Wash., Mar. 28. (AP)—A bomb was exploded in the entrance of the Embassy theater, a moving picture house in the market district here, shortly before 4 o'clock this morning. The front windows of the theater were broken and slight damage was done to a market next door. The janitor who was working in the theater

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Portland Woman
Suffering From
Attack By Man

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 28. (AP)—Cries of a woman, overheard by a telephone operator through a line from an upset house, caused police to rush to the scene of the home of Robert J. Kirkwood, in an exclusive residence district.

Two patrolmen said they saw a little man, with a coat on his arm, rush from the house as they approached. He disappeared in the darkness, and no trace was found of him.

Mrs. Opal E. Kirkwood, wife of Kirkwood, was found on the front room floor in a delirious condition, and was taken to a hospital. Officers quoted her as exclaiming: "Get away from me, Ray. If Bob were here you wouldn't do that. Oh, why did you give me that stuff. I hate you."

After she told detectives that she had retired about 8 p. m. and was awakened by noise of some one entering the house, and she found herself clasped in a pair of powerful arms. She said she struggled, but failed to recognize her assailant.

Companionate Bond
Severed by Decree

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 28. (AP)—A "companionate marriage" was dissolved here today when Edna Butcher was granted a divorce from W. Chester Butcher. She said they were married in Vancouver, Wash., last April, on the companionate plan. Both were to do very much as they pleased.

But the wife said the husband paid too much attention to other women.

"I have a husband again I don't want a companionate one. I'll get one that will be all mine," said the wife.

The court granted her \$25 a month alimony, \$150 attorney fees and court costs.

SENATE OKEN
PLACED UPON
FLOOD BILL\$325,000,000 Measure for
Control of Mississippi
River Is PassedSPEED OF ACTION
IS BREATH-TAKINGHouse Irrigation Commit-
tee Accepts Amendment
to Sinnott's Umatilla
Fish Bill.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28. (AP)—After an hour of consideration the senate today passed the \$325,000,000 measure for control of the Mississippi river floods.

The speed of the action fairly took the breath of the senate, which has been working on the gigantic proposal for weeks in committee. The president's discussion brought two minor amendments.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader, proposed the sudden vote. The small membership on the floor seemed startled but the suggestion took.

Senator McKellar, Tennessee, and Randall, Louisiana, democrats, rushed forward with amendments. Huddled conferences were held with Chairman Jones of the committee, who had held the floor during most of the brief debate.

Senator Robinson joined in the parleying in the center of the floor. Assent was given to both amendments and within two minutes the clerk was calling the roll on final passage of the bill.

Senator Robinson laid aside a long prepared address he expected to make.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28. (AP)—The House irrigation committee today accepted an amendment to the Sinnott bill to provide for equipping the proposed irrigation-power dam at Umatilla rapids with a fish ladder to enable passage of salmon and other fish up and down the Columbia river.

Representative Sinnott, republican, Oregon, author of the measure, said after the meeting that he expected the bill probably would be approved by the committee this week.

SALEM PASTOR
SELECTED FOR
ANOTHER YEAR

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 28. (AP)—Supporters of the Rev. Robert L. Payne at a meeting of the First Baptist congregation last night not only succeeded in turning out of office all deacons who were opposed to Mr. Payne, but elected a Payne slate as well and retained Mr. Payne as supply pastor for a year, or until June 1, 1929. His present contract extends only to June 1 this year.

Mr. Payne came here several months ago from Warrensburg, Mo., and since that time the church has been in a turmoil because of various charges made against him.

Objection was made last night that his election as supply pastor for a year was illegal, because it failed of a two-thirds vote, but Mr. Payne who was presiding, overruled this on grounds that his election was as supply pastor only.

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