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Wednesday, heavy frosts tonight.
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MID-SEASON
EVENT PLAN
IS PRESENTEDChamber of Commerce
Committee Suggests
2-Day Home-ComingTO TAKE ACTION
AT NEXT SESSIONBetter Business Bureau
Reports on Investments
—Eagles' Convention Is
Discussed.

Presentation of plans for a mid-season event for La Grande by A. W. Nelson, in behalf of his committee, was among the matters taken up at today's chamber of commerce forum luncheon at the La Grande hotel. Mr. Nelson reported that the committee had conducted a thorough investigation and had come to the conclusion that a combination home-coming and reunion, held in connection with the annual county pioneer meeting here, would be the most appropriate event of this kind for La Grande.

The plan is to have a two-day meeting, with events about as follows: first morning, registration; first afternoon, reunions; first evening, dances and possibly a prize fight or some similar entertainment; second morning, pioneer business meeting; second afternoon, speech by some nationally famous person.

Supplements suggested by the addition of a parade on the second afternoon and by a pyrotechnical display that evening, he stated, adding that this would practically double the expense of the affair, although it might add considerably in interest to out-of-town people.

He stressed the fact that an event of this kind would not only carry a sentimental but a spectacular appeal as well, provided the latter was played up. He also suggested that in the second year, a play such as the "Messiah" could be staged by local talent.

The presiding officer, President H. E. Brady, following the wishes of the committee, decided to consider the mid-season event next week, thus giving members time to think over the proposition.

Investment Report Made

The better business bureau and a special committee gave a very comprehensive report on out-of-town installment investments and the La Grande building and loan association. The report was read by T. D. Putnam, chairman, and was the result of a thorough investigation. The report will be obtained by The Observer this afternoon.

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END REGULAR
SERVICES AT
AIRFIELD HERE

LA GRANDE AIRFIELD, Apr. 3 (Special)—By orders from Leon Cuddelback, chief pilot for the Varadero Airlines company with headquarters in Boise, Idaho, regular services at the airfield emergency field here were discontinued Saturday. Although their services may be required occasionally, E. E. Bort, who had charge of the field and was on duty during the day, and Arthur Spencer, the night duty, were relieved of their duty, and Earl Grove, who has been stationed at Pendleton all winter and has made several business trips to the field here, was sent back to Boise where he is one of the regular employees of the company.

The hangar, which will be used by mail pilots when compelled to land in time of storm, will be left at the field here for the present, but will be eventually moved to the department of commerce airways emergency field—the new field to be established on the Frank Phyll farm, a short distance from the present field.

Mr. Cuddelback stated Saturday that it is the intention of the company to have the hangar moved by the time regular airmail services are resumed next fall. At present it is being used by Ted Miles and Gus O'Connell for their plane.

15 Days Left In
Which to Register

There are just 15 days left in which to register at the county courthouse for the May primaries. "Fifteen days will pass rapidly and citizens who must register had better not put it off any longer," said County Clerk C. K. McCormick this morning in making an urgent plea that citizens perform this important duty, if it is necessary. In the last week of registration has been going on at the county clerk's office where about 100 persons have registered. After April 18 those whose names are not on the lists will be ineligible to vote in the primaries. For the general elections next fall citizens who are unregistered have until 30 days before the date of election in which to enroll.

Portion Of Fill
On Highway To
Wallowa LooseLocal Offices Advise Motorists
to Drive Cautiously Near View Point
on Minam Grade.

A portion of a fill on the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway, about a mile from the view point on the Minam grade, is reported to be slipping today. Oscar Cutler, state highway engineer here, made the announcement this morning, and advised that anyone going over that section of the road drive cautiously. The section is about 50 or 75 feet in length.

The Old Oregon Trail highway over the Blue Mountains is reported to be in much better condition and traffic is now going over the road with very little difficulty. Although the section which was rutted and muddy is still rough, no deep holes are practically all filled with rock and the soft places in the road bed are pretty well filled. It was reported from the state highway office here this morning.

TRACK SCHEDULE
TO BEGIN APR. 14Union and Wallowa County
Meet to Be Held Here
as Season's Starter

The weather man is down on track. This is the conviction of some 40 track artists of La Grande High school who have been optimistically chanting "Oh, it ain't gonna rain no more," for nearly a week, but today, in a discouraged mood, declared that even optimism can't make the sky blue and the track field dry. They have not been able to work out on the field for nearly a week because of the weather and the condition of the field is soft.

Nevertheless, the track schedule has not been completely abandoned. Regardless of the disheartening weather conditions, Coach Ralph Christie has maintained enthusiasm among members of his squad who have been practicing regularly in the gymnasium, where some good training is being had.

Providing the wet weather subsides somewhat at least this coming Saturday, at this time, Coach Christie expects to get a definite lineup on his material. Veterans include Keffner, Price, Charlton, Anson and Wolfe. There are several other good prospects, including Fred Nolan, young high jumper who stopped last week at five feet four. Maxine Baker, a long jumper and others. But just what they will do in competition remains to be seen, the coach declares.

A promising 440 man has yet to be found and there are weaknesses on the hurdle events, he believes now.

The class meet Saturday will be followed on the next Saturday by a dual-meet at Pendleton, Oregon, between Wallowa county, for which La Grande, Union, Enterprise and Wallowa have so far entered. On April 21, Pendleton comes to La Grande. April 25 will be the date of a tri-county meet between La Grande, Union and Baker at Baker. The annual track classic of Eastern Oregon has been scheduled for May 6 and the state track meet at Corvallis for May 12. Principal E. D. Towler announced today.

Two Held in Jail
On Open Charge

Antia Deutres and James Morris, both Mexicans, are in the jail here on an open charge following their arrest by police last night on a complaint by Tom Yates, who reported that \$13.55 was stolen from him.

Police today said that the case would probably be turned over to the district attorney to prosecute.

Guardmen To Go
To Camp June 12

Company E, 148th Infantry, leaving its last quarterly period of the fiscal year last night, the last two weeks of which will be spent at Camp Clatsop, situated midway between Astoria and Seaside. The camp begins June 13 and ends June 27. The local national guard company will probably entrain the evening of June 12.

Present strength of the company is 62 and the attendance last night was 51, the percentage being above normal.

Will Arrange For
Pioneer Reunion

Plans for the annual reunion of the Union County Pioneer association will be made Saturday afternoon when a meeting of the Sons and Daughters of Union county pioneers will be held at the city hall here. The meeting has been called for 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and a large attendance is desired.

MICHIGAN AND
MAINE VOTES
GO TO SMITHSecretary Hoover Will Receive
Middle-Western
State's DelegationSENATOR FESS IS
G. O. P. CHAIRMANAction by National Committee
Taken Today—
Ohio Farmers Support
Commerce Head.

WATERVILLE, Maine, Apr. 3 (AP)—By a vote of 439 to 174 the democrats of Maine in their state convention today voted to send their twelve delegates to the national convention instructed to vote as a unit for Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York for the presidential nomination.

DETROIT, Apr. 3 (AP)—Returns compiled today by the Detroit News from 1,712 and 2,987 precincts in the state show that Herbert Hoover received 149,952 votes for the republican presidential endorsement, and Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York 39,452 votes for the democratic preferment in yesterday's general primary.

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Brown, Trustee,
Takes Up Option
On Perry Tract

W. S. Brown, acting as trustee for a group of interested persons, yesterday concluded the option on the Grande Ronde Lumber company holdings at Perry and has taken possession of all the office buildings, rooming houses, residences and other buildings with a few exceptions. The buildings were described when the Grande Ronde Lumber company completed moving operations about a week ago.

Mr. Brown some time ago took out an option working towards the eventual establishment of a non-sectarian religious high school. Just how far the negotiations for establishing the school have progressed has not been made public, but the fact that the option has been taken up leads local citizens to believe that it will sooner or later be realized.

Free 3,325,000
Sockeye Salmon
In Wallowa Co.

Liberation of 3,325,000 sockeye salmon 16 months old and 6 1/2 inches long in Wallowa county, scheduled this week at Enterprise, Ore., Hugh C. Mitchell, director of hatcheries for the fish commission of Oregon, announced yesterday in Portland.

The fish were raised in the Enterprise hatchery from eggs taken in Alaskan waters a year and a half ago. The fish commission is attempting to improve the salmon run in the Columbia river and its tributaries by such liberations.

The liberation will precede a far larger one in July and August, when 5,000,000 small chinook salmon will be released at the Enterprise hatchery. This will be one of the greatest fish liberations ever made in the United States, it is believed.

Portland Stolen
Car Found Here

A sedan, belonging to Gertrude Thorne, of Portland, Ore., was found abandoned at Jefferson and Spruce streets yesterday by the police, who were later advised that the car had been stolen from the Rose City. A man by the name of R. Parker was later arrested and is being held for Portland officers.

Police Chief E. V. Jenkins wired to La Grande, stating that a man would arrive here early tomorrow morning to take the prisoner and the car to Portland.

Holy Week Services In La Grande
Begin With Lutheran Church Meet

Holy week services in La Grande opened last evening with services at the English Lutheran church. The Rev. J. A. Hall, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was the speaker and the services were fairly well attended, there being about half a hundred interested church goers present.

Retail Credit
Men of Wallowa,
Union OrganizeBoard of Directors Elected
at Dinner Held Here
—52 Business Men Attend
Meeting.

A Retail Credit Men's association for Union and Wallowa counties was organized in La Grande last night when a dinner meeting was held at the Sackajaw Inn here and was attended by 52 interested business men.

A board of directors was elected including S. L. Thompson, G. L. Larison, J. G. Shodgrass, F. A. Epling, W. H. Leisman, H. MacCaffery, Ray Winter, T. J. Scroggin, Dr. Ray Murphy, Clint Van Fleet and Charles Playle.

The organization will have a president, vice president and secretary who will be elected Thursday evening, April 5, when the directors meet at the office of the Northeast Oregon Merchants association on Elm street, beginning at 8 o'clock. By-laws will also be taken up at that time.

The association is for the purpose of bringing the credit and commercial men of the two counties together to talk over matters pertaining to the credit situation.

Larison Speaks

G. L. Larison was the first speaker on the program during the dinner last night. He discussed the importance of co-operation in credit, and the importance of advertising the fact that La Grande has a credit bureau. F. A. Epling cited some of his own experiences with the credit bureau and the benefits he had received. He also told how he had co-operated in bringing the bureau to La Grande.

H. E. Coolidge also gave an interesting talk along credit lines and told of the value of the credit bureau. George S. Blinn sang "Rolling Down the Rio." S. L. Thompson, manager of the Co-operative Credit association here in an interesting talk urged that all business men be careful to avoid "frozen" credits. He also stressed the importance of obtaining correct names including the first name and initial in doing credit business.

Legion, Auxiliary
Meet Wednesday

The regular meeting of the La Grande American Legion post and the American Legion auxiliary will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at Roman hall. The two organizations will hold separate business sessions. A special feature of the legion meeting will be furnished by the boy scout troop sponsored by the legion, which will demonstrate some scout work.

Several matters of interest will be discussed during the auxiliary meeting, including arrangements for the annual poppy sale. There will also be initiation of new members. All women eligible to become auxiliary members are invited to attend, whether they are members of the auxiliary.

Afterwards the two organizations will meet together for a program and social hour.

Albany College
Quartet Sings

The Albany college quartet singing this morning at 9 o'clock for high school students during an assembly. Three numbers were given by the Albany boys and were applauded enthusiastically. Following the songs members of the quartet talked to the students and later to the senior class on the organization and "Self-help" plan of Albany college.

The quartet consisted of the following: George W. Jones, tenor; William J. Proffers, bass; the men beaten. The man reported slain was not identified.

Five Capone men, three of them armed, were arrested after a two-mile chase during which policemen fired several shots.

Grants Non-Suit
In Damage Action

Judge J. W. Knowles granted a non-suit because of insufficient evidence this morning in the damage suit of Henstey versus Bouvy, which was heard yesterday and part of today in circuit court.

The non-suit was granted just before noon. This afternoon the case of the State of Oregon vs. Joe Patterson, charged with burglary and larceny, was continued.

At 2 o'clock the jury was still being impaneled. Patterson is alleged to have entered a local hotel earlier.

DINING ON AN AIR LINER



No ham sandwiches for transatlantic passengers on the R-100! Here is a photograph of the combination dining room and lounge where they will enjoy course dinners, musical programs and the like. A story about this greatest of sky liners is found elsewhere on this page.

FOUR SHIPS RIDE
STORM IN SAFETYSiuslaw Boat, with 5 Men
Aboard, Is Rescued—
Weather Moderating

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 3 (AP)—Four of the vessels which were in distress in the severe storm off the coast were accounted for early today in reports that indicated their safety.

The K. V. Kruse, four-masted schooner, 113 days out of Adelaide, Australia, which had been short of provisions, turned up this morning off the Columbia River mouth after running out the storm while the coast guard cutter Snohomish was searching for her. The tug Arrow No. 3 put out from Astoria to supply provisions and tow the vessel into the Columbia river.

The Ernest H. Meyer, which sprung a leak in the heavy weather last night, was proceeding south from Grays Harbor with lumber when it was caught by the storm and ran into the Columbia river at Astoria late last night.

Out of Trouble

The steamer Jane Nettleton, which was in trouble off Cape Blanco yesterday according to latest wireless advices was proceeding on her course, having righted herself. The tanker Keweenaw, which stood by all day, sent a radio message about midnight saying she was proceeding and that the Jane Nettleton could take care of herself.

Weather Moderating

Moderating weather conditions were expected to help the coast guardmen ride out the storm. The report from North Head this morning showed a 38-mile north-west wind, with sea choppy. The weather bureau said the bulk of the storm was over. The cutter Haida arrived off Port Angeles.

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Guns Blaze During
Cicero Election

VICERO, Ill., Apr. 3 (AP)—One man was reported shot and beaten to death and two others severely beaten by Al Capone gangsters in strife attendant upon today's city election in this municipality which adjoins Chicago on the southwest.

Gangsters were touring the streets with but little show of interference from the Cicero police department. Al Mazzanti and William Prudevskas were the men beaten. The man reported slain was not identified.

Five Capone men, three of them armed, were arrested after a two-mile chase during which policemen fired several shots.

Purchases Part of
Cleaver Orchard

EMMER, Apr. 3 (Special)—A deal was consummated last week whereby Clay Fox of this place turned over possession of half of the Delicious orchard formerly owned by Charles Cleaver. Mr. Cleaver has had an orchard, a piece wedge-shaped, lying at the corner between the highway leaving Emmer and Brooks lane. This consisted of a splendid orchard of the Delicious apples, the Cleaver home and other substantial buildings. Mr. Cleaver retains the home and one other building which is being converted into a garage and one-half the orchard. Mr. Fox gets the other buildings which have always been used during fruit packing season, and the rest of the orchard. This cuts off a log in the former boundary line of Mr. Fox's present large orchard which borders the Cleaver place, and gives him a straight line.

Snow Falling In
Eastern Oregon,
Northern Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, Apr. 3 (AP)—Northern Utah was in the grip of a driving snowstorm today that threatened interruption of wire communications and the movement of air mail.

Salt Lake at 8 a. m. was under a blanket of three inches of snow. The storm showed no signs of abating.

SNOW FALLS TODAY

Snow fell intermittently in La Grande this morning, melting nearly as fast as it reached the ground. The mercury was below freezing last night.

STORM IN UMATILLA

PENDLETON, Apr. 3 (AP)—A miniature cyclone yesterday afternoon following a heavy hail storm west of Umatilla in the west end of the county tore up trees and shrubs and overturned two automobiles. Its path was said to have been 200 to 300 feet wide. It lasted for several minutes.

Using Handbills
To Combat Marines

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Apr. 3 (AP)—Advices from Matagalpa today said that handbills were being distributed in the region northeast of that town urging the natives to kill the Americans, especially any marines they encountered. It was assumed that the handbills had come from the headquarters of General Augustino Sandino, rebel leader.

Marine patrols continued their pursuit of scattered groups of insurgents but no further contacts were reported.

FIRE DAMAGE
AT CORVALLIS
ABOUT \$50,000

CORVALLIS, Ore., Apr. 3 (AP)—Causing an estimated loss of \$50,000, fire of undetermined origin swept the second story of the Oregon Corvallis hatchery at midnight. Flames fanned by a high wind were subdued after an hour fight by the Corvallis fire department. The plant owned by Sam Moore, chairman of the state fish board and his son, Merle, recently an instructor at Benson Polytechnic school at Portland, was running nearly full capacity with 100,000 eggs. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Birch Helms Testifies in Senate

Teapot Dome Committee Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (AP)—Birch Helms of New York, testified today before the senate oil committee that in the spring of 1925 he presented to President Harding, Secretaries Weeks and Hoover, and Attorney General Daugherty against the leasing of the Teapot Dome oil reserve to Harry F. Sinclair.

GIANT SKY LINER
TO CROSS OCEANBritish Building a Huge
Dirigible for Trans-Atlantic Traffic

WASHINGTON, April 3 (NEA Special)—An aviation venture transcending in importance all air enterprises of the past will come with the commissioning of the British trans-Atlantic dirigible R-100 this summer.

The R-100 now is being completed at Howden airfield, England. The ship will undergo her first air trials in June and is expected to cross the Atlantic carrying passengers and mails before September. She is twice the bulk of the Shenandoah or Los Angeles and the only airship in existence of suitable size or strength to carry passengers commercially on the trans-Atlantic route. She is designed to carry a crew of 43, ten tons of freight, and 100 passengers.

First of 150

While of great size, this airship is about the minimum size that can be used for commercial trans-Atlantic flights, and is merely the forerunner of a fleet of 150-passenger ships, her British backers say. Commander C. Dennis Burney, Member of Parliament, who is the designer of the R-100 has discussed with President Coolidge and Secretary Hoover this carrying.

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Fighting Forest
Fires in South;
Child Is Burned

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Apr. 3 (AP)—Rain was anxiously awaited by forest rangers and hundreds of volunteer workers today to aid them in fighting the most serious series of fires in the state's history in its two national forests.

One death, that of the one-year-old son of Jim Tilley, has been reported and each report from the front has brought news of added losses and in many cases of new outbreaks. The Tilley child was burned to death when his father's home in Baxter county on the northern front, the Ozark reserve, was swept by flames.

Losses in both reserves have been estimated at about \$200,000 with millions of dollars worth of pine lumber destroyed.

WIDER OREGON
HIGHWAY, PLAN
OF ENGINEER

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 3 (AP)—

Twenty feet is to be the standard width of highway pavement in Oregon hereafter, according to R. A. Klein, state highway engineer. It will be laid in 16-foot units or 12-foot units, the standard width has been 16 feet. The width has been added to at some points in the state. At present no paving is in progress.

3 British Fliers
Killed in China

HONGKONG, Apr. 3 (AP)—Three British fliers were killed today when the engine of their seaplane exploded as they were returning to the aircraft carrier Hermes.

MELLON ASKS
200 MILLION
CUT IN TAXMust Pare Down Reduction
Total Approved
by House, He SaysEXPENSES CLIMB
ABOVE ESTIMATETreasury Secretary Explains
His Position in
Report to Senate Finance
Committee.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (AP)—Secretary Mellon foresees no material change in business conditions during the balance of the calendar year from those which have prevailed during the last two years.

His views were enclosed in a prepared statement on tax reduction submitted today to the senate finance committee in which he predicted little difference in income tax receipts for next year.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (AP)—The \$200,000,000 tax reduction voted by the house must be pared down to \$20,000,000 and perhaps to \$182,000,000, Secretary Mellon told the senate finance committee today in reporting on the outlook for the treasury for the next year.

This is even less than the treasury secretary proposed to the house last fall and is necessary, he explained, because of increased government expenditures rather than due to any drop in revenues, which are expected to equal last year's on the basis of first returns. The first administration proposal was for a \$225,000,000 cut.

Mellon's Suggestions

To attain the \$200,000,000 limitation, Mr. Mellon suggested to the committee that the present automobile tax of 3 per cent which was repealed by the house be restored to the bill, saving \$60,000,000; and that the existing 1 1/2 per cent corporation levy be reduced only to 12 per cent rather than to 1 1/4 per cent as voted by the house. The committee began work today on the house bill passed before Christmas, after waiting for the March 15 returns.

The secretary proposed this program: Downward revision in surtax rates applying on incomes between \$14,000 and \$25,000—loss in revenue \$50,000,000. Reduction of corporation tax from 12 1/2 to 12 per cent—loss \$132,000,000. Repeal of federal estate tax—loss first year, \$7,000,000. Exemption of income derived from American bankers' acceptance held by foreign central banks of issue—loss negligible. He also accepted the following house provisions:

Increase from \$2000 to \$3000 the exemptions allowed corporations with incomes not in excess of \$25,000—loss \$12,000,000. Increase from 75 cents to \$1 exemptions on admission tax—loss \$8,000,000. Repeal of tax on cereal beverages—loss \$185,000. Reduction of tax on wines—loss \$230,000.

This program would result in a total cut of \$291,150,000. Mellon estimated the surplus for this fiscal year, ending June 30, at \$400,000,000 and for next year \$478,000,000 as compared with outlays of \$454,000,000 and \$274,000,000 respectively made last October. On the basis of the latter estimates the tax cut of \$225,000,000 was recommended to the house last fall.

In urging restoration of the present automobile levy of 3 per cent, Mr. Mellon declared "the instant demand for repeal of this tax does not come from the automobile purchasers but from the manufacturers and dealers, who have organized an intensive propaganda and of necessity do not look at our tax problem as a whole, but concentrate their attention on the one tax which they believe affects their own interests."

Without permitting his company to bid on the lease.

Helms told the committee he saw Secretary Hoover, after he had attempted to arrange for an interview with President Harding. He said he believed Hoover had done what he could. It was his understanding that Hoover had gotten in touch with Secretary Fall.

Helms was followed on the stand by former Senator Leavitt, of Wisconsin, who denied Fall's story that a senator, a former senator and a former cabinet officer had induced Fall to tell the committee that E. B. McLean, Washington publisher, had furnished the \$100,000 Fall got from E. L. Doherty. Senator Snodgrass of Utah is expected to testify later. Leavitt said that Will Hays, former postmaster general, was not present at the interview. He and Snodgrass said with Fall, although Leavitt had discussed the case with Hays.