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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair in east, cloudy
in west portion tonight and Friday.
Probably showers near the coast.
Local frosts in the east portion.

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JOHN HODGINS
IN RACE FOR
COUNTY POSTFirst Democrat to File—
Helm and Ayers Are Re-
publican CandidatesTHREE-CORNERED
WALLOWA CONTESTHimelwright Johnson and
Campbell Seek Seat in
Legislature from Union
and Wallowa.

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP)—Attorney General L. H. Van Winkle yesterday filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for the republican nomination to succeed himself.

Candidates from Eastern Oregon who have filed today are: Fred C. Himelwright, Joseph, republican, for representative from Union and Wallowa counties.

John S. Hodgins, La Grande, democrat, for district attorney for Union county.

INSURES TWO CONTESTS

Filing of John S. Hodgins, democrat, of La Grande, in Salem brings those seeking nomination for district attorney of Union county in the May primaries to three. This is a state office and requires filing in Salem. Mr. Hodgins, a local attorney, was district attorney of this county several years ago and has been prominent in democratic circles in Eastern Oregon for many years, one year running for United States congressman against N. J. Sinnott in the general election. Although Congressman Sinnott was re-elected, Mr. Hodgins polled a large vote over Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Hodgins is the only democrat to seek the district attorneyship and, unless some other last minute candidacy is announced, will be unopposed for the nomination.

On the republican ticket, District Attorney, Carl Helm, and Robert Ayers, La Grande attorney, have filed announcement of their candidacy.

The entrance of three assures not only a contest in the republican primaries, but also a contest in the November general election, with the winner of the republican ticket pitted against the democratic nominee.

Three in Race—Mr. Himelwright's entrance into the Union-Wallowa county race for nomination as state representative brings the total of candidates to three, all of Wallowa county, and all republicans.

Besides Mr. Himelwright, Orin Campbell, superintendent of Wallowa schools, and T. G. Johnson, also of Wallowa, have filed their candidacy.

Mr. Hunter to Retire—Representative C. A. Hunter, who has served several terms as representative, is not a candidate to succeed himself, deciding to retire from office.

So far, these two are the only primary contests that have developed locally. All Union county incumbents have filed and no opposing candidates. In either party, have entered the race.

Supporters believe that the re-election of these incumbents will keep the county sufficiently insured to keep the various races and it is thought probable that the county ticket is now complete.

Apr. 17 Last Day to Register—County Clerk C. K. McCormick repeated today that no registration for voting in the May primaries will be allowed by law after Tuesday, April 17, with the exception of those who come of age between Apr. 17 and May 18 or who complete their citizenship during that time. Voters who voted during the last two years at a regular election and who have not changed their residence, however, are not required to register. Securing in of voters at the polls is unlawful this year.

The county clerk will bring the registration books down town Friday and Saturday night for the convenience of those who have

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CLOSED CARS
FEATURED IN
NEWER MODELS

Every new model that all local dealers have or can possibly get will appear in the new automobile parade here Saturday afternoon. Sedans, coupes, sport coupes and sport roadsters, coaches, and two-door and Victoria style models will all be seen, the local dealers say.

The parade will be particularly notable in that a very small percentage of the cars shown will be open models, practically all of the lines being featured by closed jobs.

The dealers say exceptions to this are the sport touring and sport roadster which are featured with the tops down.

April Rains Are
Too Frequent To
Please FarmersWith 23 Days of "Spring"
Passed, Only Five Have
Been Clear—Heavy
Rain Yesterday.

Spring continues to delight in April showers but local people are beginning to wonder if the sun will shine enough to produce May flowers!

Officially, spring has been in existence 23 days—and of those 23 days only five have been clear! The rest have been either cloudy or partly cloudy. Incidentally, from Mar. 22, the second day of spring, until April 5, it rained every day!

Not so encouraging, the farmers say, and farmers all over Eastern Oregon are chaffing under the handicap of wet fields and unplanted crops. Fences, however, have been pretty well rebuilt, reports say.

Heavy Rain Yesterday

Yesterday was one of the cloudy days and on top of that, furnished the heaviest rainfall of the spring. A total of .76 inches fell, bringing the April total, including up to 7:30 o'clock this morning, to 1.20 inches. The March rainfall was 3.48 inches. And, in addition to that, two and a half inches of snow fell on Mar. 27, besides other snow flurries other days that ranged from a light to depth.

The warmest day this spring was the first day, when the mercury jumped to 71 above. The warmest days in April so far were the 8th and 9th, and 5th above was registered. And nine of the 12 evenings have found the mercury below freezing point.

The monthly government crop report, of Oregon, issued a few days ago, said that winter killing of wheat in Oregon this season has been greater than for several seasons past. Practically all of the winter killed area has been or will be re-sown to spring wheat. Soil moisture conditions appear to be better than usual at this time of the year for winter wheat.

Apparatus for the Western Oregon crop, the report says, would be greatly improved by a few days of sunshine.

Oregon pasture, however, is estimated at 95 per cent of normal, compared with the 10-year average of 91 per cent.

School Band To
Leave Tomorrow
For State Meet

Members of the La Grande high school band, 25 in number, and Director W. W. Nussbaum, are making final preparations today for departure tomorrow morning on train No. 17 in a special coach, for Corvallis.

In the Western Oregon city the La Grande organization will participate in a state-wide band contest. This is the first time that an Eastern Oregon band has taken part in the contest, heretofore only Western and Central Oregon being represented.

The contest is to be held Saturday, Apr. 14, and will probably not be decided until Saturday evening, school officials say. Special rates for the round trip were offered by the O-W railroad, which are also available to others who wish to attend the concert from here if they take the same train.

Andrew Loney, director of the La Grande municipal band, is to be one of the touring judges.

Commission Pays
Out \$14,646.13
During Meeting

Last night was pay night in the city commission.

A total of \$14,646.13 was paid out to a laundry estimate No. 3 for Hartman-Hawthorn brothers for work on the second street pipeline in the amount of \$9,999.41. Second, they allowed \$1,929.21 to Hartman-Hawthorn brothers for force account work on the pipeline. Third, the commissioners put their O. K. on the March bills, in the amount of \$4,506.12.

Several dairy men and merchants were present but, because of the absence of City Attorney George T. Cochran, the second reading of the milk and food ordinance was postponed until next Wednesday night. The commission issued an invitation to all dairy men, merchants and others interested to attend next Wednesday's meeting.

Bear Creek Not
Open To Anglers

Bear creek, in Wallowa county, will not be open to fishing this year in spite of early announcements. The state game commission, which recently announced that Bear creek would be open to anglers, decided later to close the stream because of protests from residents of that section of the county, according to reports received here by John F. Waldon, game warden.

WEST COAST
SEEMS SOLID
FOR HOOVERSo Reports Republican
National Committeeman
From CaliforniaSMITH IS POPULAR
IN GOLDEN STATEBack in Chicago, Mayor
Thompson Decides Not
to Quit in Spite of
Crowe's Loss.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (AP)—Predicting a clean sweep in Pacific Coast states for Herbert Hoover in the contest for republican convention delegates, William H. Crocker, a republican national committeeman from California, said here today that he was convinced Gov. Smith of New York would win the California democratic primary on May 1.

Crocker said Hoover was encountering no opposition in California, Oregon and Washington, and in addition to a solid lineup from those states would have practically all delegates from adjoining ones.

Commenting on the three-cornered democratic contest in California, Crocker said there was no doubt as to the popularity of Gov. Smith, Senator Walsh, of Montana, he said, was too little known to get wide support and he was of the opinion that Senator Reed, of Missouri, on his recent speech making trip through the state had failed to make an impression that would give him delegates.

Regardless of who is nominated by both the republicans and democrats for president Crocker said:

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DAIRY GROUP TO
EXTEND SCOPEAssociation to Include
More Than Retail Inter-
ests—Elect Officers

Adoption of a new constitution and by-laws, the securing of several new members and the election of officers marked the first annual meeting of the La Grande dairymen's association held at the county agent's office Tuesday evening, April 9. While dairymen have had a local organization for some time, the new plan is expected to result in greater benefit to the membership. The purpose of the organization as stated in the new articles is to promote the dairy industry in the La Grande valley to the mutual benefit of the dairymen and consumers of the district.

Mostly Retail Now

The association of present includes mostly retail dairies, the major part of which are now represented in the membership. It is planned, however, to include all dairymen who wish to belong to the association. One dairymen states that, while milk producers, in which number he is included, and who now sell in bulk directly to the creameries, still all affiliate with the organization.

Directors elected at the meeting include Hubert Anderson, John Rogers, Mr. Nielson, Bert Groot, George Clark. The first three named are president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

The next meeting of the association will be held at the residence of the president on the second Monday in May.

La Grande Pirates Get Gib Stokke
To Add Speed, Power to the Infield

Gib Stokke, one of the new members of the La Grande club of the Blue Mountain league, was one of the most famous players in the league, an organized circuit that includes Hogue, Aberdeen, Longview, Kelso and others.

Harris French, local manager, secured Stokke some time ago and when the popular infielder left for La Grande, the newspapers began to report his loss.

Stokke, a powerful hitter, plays both first and second base, and is a "shock" on double plays.

Highly Recommended—The following article was clipped from the Hogue paper:

"Gib Stokke is gone. One of the most popular ball players that ever won the best wishes of Hogue and Aberdeen. Fandom through three and a half years' service on the diamond, packed up his grip and left for La Grande, Ore., yesterday morning. He will join the La Grande team of the Blue Mountain league, having been offered terms that were too good to refuse. Mrs. Stokke and the family will follow in a few days."

"Stokke first came to Grays Harbor in the latter part of the 1924 season, playing second base for the

Lift Load Limit
On Oregon Trail
Sections TodayRemoval of Restrictions
Over Blue Mountains Is
Tentative, H. G. Smith
Announces.

Load limits on the Old Oregon trail highway over the Blue mountains from La Grande to Pendleton and from Haines to Baker were lifted this morning. The announcement was made by H. G. Smith, state highway division engineer here. The load limits have been in effect since the first of March. On the Baker-Haines section the limit was 10,000 pounds and over the Blue mountains the limit was 8,000 pounds.

Between here and Pendleton the lifting of the load limit is tentative. Mr. Smith announced. There are several weak places in the highway near Glover, and if necessary, to keep this section from breaking up, the limit may be put into effect again. All of the frost has gone out of the roadbed, however, and it is believed there will be no trouble.

The Wren and Green rock crushing plant has been moved to a place about two miles the other side of Sunset Inn, according to Mr. Smith. This move has been working ever since the weather opened up enough to make it possible, and the crushed rock has been placed on the road between Pendleton and Dead Man's pass.

FUNERAL FOR
FRED WAGNER
AT ELGIN, ORE.

ELGIN, Ore., Apr. 12—Funeral services for Fred Wagner, 66, who died of injuries received when he fell from a timber on his property, were held here Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Christian church, after which burial took place in the Summerville cemetery. The Rev. Nap J. Hug conducted the funeral service, which was attended by a large group of sorrowing friends and relatives.

The funeral was conducted by Hunter & Bohrenkamp.

Mr. Wagner was born in Indian creek, about two miles from Elgin, where his father, G. J. Wagner, owned a ranch, and has lived in this locality practically all his life. He was widely known throughout Union county.

Making Plans For
Benefit Concert

Plans are going ahead for the benefit concert to be given by the La Grande municipal band Friday, April 27, at the latter day Salts tavernette, sponsored by the La Grande Rotary club. It was announced today. The purpose of the concert is to raise a fund for the purchase of new band equipment. Ted Roy will be the soloist for the concert, which will be a special attraction to La Grande people who heard him when he appeared here a short time ago with the Oregon State college Glee and Madrigal clubs.

Kills 3 Children
And Then Himself

NACOTCHES, Tex., Apr. 12 (AP)—C. A. Stuber, 40, of Chicago, 17 miles east of here, killed three of his children and then killed himself today, reports to officers here said. The children's ages ranged from five to 12 years.

RETURN TO DETROIT

DETROIT, Apr. 12 (AP)—Returning from Toronto, Ontario, where he was honored by the Ontario Educational association, Mrs. Evangeline L. Lindbergh landed at the Ford airport here at 12:45 p. m. today.

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To Add Speed, Power to the Infield

Aberdeen Black Cats. He retained the same position in 1927, and his very own bottle-shaped bat won him almost as much fame as his participation in the "Grant to Stokke to Flaherty" double play combination, often declared to be the best that the Timber league has known.

In 1926 Stokke came to Hogue as manager and went back to his old position, first base. He led the Loggers to their first Timber league championship that year. He was with Hogue again last year and was signed up for the approaching season, but was released when he secured the attractive Oregon offer.

To Play Sunday

La Grande fans will see Stokke in action Sunday against the Union Indians, at second base. And local fans are already predicting that a new double play combination will be worked out here. Spud Helms will start at shortstop and he is one of the best double play starters that the Pirates have ever had. With Stokke at second, Spud at shortstop, Ned Davis at third and either Ted Knight or Ray Huffer at first, the infield is expected to show a lot of smoke.

BIRGER TO HANG FRIDAY



Charles Birger, notorious Southern Illinois gang leader, lost his last chance to escape hanging the other day when the supreme court denied a rehearing on his conviction of murder and sentence to death. He is to be hanged Friday, April 13, for the murder of Mayor Joe Adams of West City, Ill., unless Governor Len Small intervenes. Here Birger is shown with his two children, Minnie (left) and Charlie.

Slavinsky Held
Guilty; To Hear
Sentence Friday

The jury returned a verdict of guilty last night in the case of the State of Oregon vs. John R. Slavinsky, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. The case went to the jury at about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the verdict was returned at about eight o'clock after about three hours and a half deliberation.

Judge J. W. Knowles set tomorrow morning at ten o'clock as the time for sentencing Slavinsky. He was charged with cashing a bad check with the Siles company here.

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Gilbert Mason, an appeal from the juvenile court, which was set for today, has been postponed until may end the adjourned term of court, which opened Monday, April 2.

Consolidation
Measure To Be
Filed Shortly

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP)—A state governmental consolidation program, fostered by the Oregon citizens league, is embodied in an initiative bill and proposed constitutional amendment that will probably be filed with the secretary of state today. John H. Carlin, of Medford, is head of the league and Dr. Hector MacPherson, of Albany, secretary.

Under the proposed plan control of all governmental functions would be held by the government. In general the plan contemplates the executive and 10 other departments. The governor would be expected to make all appointments and hold responsible for governmental efficiency.

Provision is made that a salary of \$5000 each be paid the directors of the departments of agriculture, labor and industries, commerce, public welfare, legal affairs and state, \$5500 to the director of finance and \$6000 to the director of public works. The education board would receive \$10 a day and expenses.

Legionnaires Home
From Salem Meet

Nearly 2000 persons from all over the state heard the address given by the national commander of the American Legion, Edward B. Spafford, Monday night at Salem, according to the La Grande delegation, which has returned home. In the party were Hugh R. Brady, Raymond O. Williams, Harold H. Richardson and Chester L. Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Oth Palmer and Mrs. C. N. Palmer also attended but have not yet returned.

Mr. Spafford talked on various national problems of the American Legion. He also told of the national convention held in Paris, and his visit to the battlefields and to the graves of the American soldiers in France.

The meeting was said to be the largest legion gathering ever held in Oregon outside of state conventions. Monday noon the La Grande delegation attended a luncheon in Portland honoring the national commander, when he was welcomed by the Portland legion post and Mayor George L. Baker. Other guests included Governor, Patterson, Secretary of State, Kester, and General George A. White.

Commander Spafford is visiting every state in the union and is making the trip in a U. S. army airplane, piloted by an army pilot. The reason that the Oregon meeting was held at Salem is because the legion post there has the largest membership of any town its size in the United States.

HACK WILSON HUET

CINCINNATI, Apr. 12 (AP)—Hack Wilson, slugging outfielder of Chicago Cubs, will be out of the lineup for three weeks as a result of an injury to his ankle suffered in the opening game here yesterday, it was announced today.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE—Philadelphia at Brooklyn, postponed; wet grounds.

Boston at New York, postponed; wet grounds.

New York at Philadelphia, postponed; snow and wet grounds.

MISS WRIGHT WINS

PAKEDENA, Cal., Apr. 12 (AP)—Miss Kathleen Wright, Flintridge, defeated Mrs. Roy Green of the California country club, 1 up, in their semi-final match today in the California women's golf championship at the Flintridge course.

Senate In Home
Stretch on Farm
Relief MeasureHopes held for Final Vote
Before Night—Blaine
Amendment Rejected 20
to 57.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (AP)—The senate rounded into the home stretch of this year's debate on farm relief today when it took up a group of amendments to the McNary-Haugen bill with the hope for a vote on final passage.

Senate leaders confidently expected a final vote would be reached before midnight.

Among the amendments was one by Senator Blaine, republican, Wisconsin, to knock out a provision authorizing the farm board to enter into marketing agreements with other agencies than such cooperative associations as are available. It was rejected 20 to 57. The amendment was opposed by Senator McNary, republican, Oregon author of the bill.

Senator Sackett, republican, Kentucky, moved to strike out the whole section providing for the equalization fee, which, when approved before congress, was declared unconstitutional by Attorney General Sargent.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (AP)—Increase in the enlisted strength of the navy from \$3,550 to \$5,000, would be provided in the navy appropriation bill reported to the senate today by the appropriations committee.

Spotted Fever
Increases Cause
Of Boise Alarm

BOISE, Id., Apr. 12 (AP)—Six new cases of spotted fever have developed here, bringing the present total in the outbreak to seven. It was shown in reports today to the city health authorities, who are combating the disease.

Three of the cases developed within the city, while four were brought in from outlying districts for treatment.

Increasing number cases of the disease, which has caused three deaths within the past week, has alarmed city health officials.

Winter Returns
To Farm Lands
In West Canada

WINNIPEG, Man., Apr. 12 (AP)—Wintry conditions ruled the western Canada prairies today, bringing to a halt early operations on farm lands.

Alberta and Saskatchewan were the brunt of the cold wave, where snowfall was general. Five inches of snow fell in the Red Deer district in Central Alberta; Calgary reported a fall of more than one inch, while it was snowing this morning in Southern Alberta.

Saskatoon, Prince Albert and other portions of Northern Saskatchewan were recovering today from the fury of an April blizzard. Drifts were piled along roadways throughout the rural areas, but city traffic and railroad schedules were not seriously affected.

Men who fly and men who know flying were frightened, for failure to take off meant a crash and almost certain death for the trio engaged in the all metal machine.

At 900 yards the Bremen's wheels left the ground. The undercarriage swung under the tail, whirled around, and the plane, still on the ground, was barely skimming the ground and roaring along at 90 miles an hour toward a stone wall at the end of the airfield.

Under the cool control of Captain Koehl, who had said that the takeoff was one of the most perilous parts of the flight, the plane headed for a breach in the stone wall for the take off. The Bremen shot through safely.

Rings Worth \$1700
Stolen by Employee

PENDLETON, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP)—Two diamond rings valued at \$1700, a garnet pin, two strings of pearls and a number of other valuable articles and jewelry were stolen from the home of Charles Bond, local merchant, yesterday by a woman who entered the home for the first time yesterday morning as a maid. The theft occurred about 11 o'clock in the morning and it is thought the woman disappeared immediately afterward in a light car toward the south on the Pendleton-Walla Walla highway.

Levens Would Be
Attorney General

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP)—"Qualified for the position, want the wages and will do the work," is the slogan of William S. Levens, who today filed with the secretary of state as a candidate for the democratic nomination for attorney general. Levens was formerly state prohibition commissioner.

Cancel Marriage
Because of Faith

LONDON, Apr. 12 (AP)—Evening News says that the marriage of Prince Charles, Duke de Nemours, son of the Duchess of Vendome, to Marguerite Watson, of Washington and Newport, had been set for today but that arrangements were cancelled at the last moment.

The reason, the paper says, was the absence of ecclesiastical dispensation, for which the prince had applied to enable him to marry a protestant.

2 Children Burned
To Death in South

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Apr. 12 (AP)—Two Bickerton children believed to be those of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil D. Agen and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stearns, respectively, were burned to death last night and Agen and Mrs. Stearns were severely burned that they may die, when their car exploded and was destroyed east of Bakersfield.

A service station operator, whose name could not be learned was attempting to fill the car with gasoline by the light of a lantern when the explosion came, investigating officers learned.

BREMEN HOPS
OFF ON WAY
TO AMERICAHopes of Ireland and Ger-
many Follow Course of
Trans-Ocean Plane

The daylight hours passed steadily by today without word from the monoplane Bremen which left Ireland in early morning for New York. It was last seen over the west coast of Ireland at 7:05 a. m. No anxiety was felt because of the lack of further reports, as it was recalled that other trans-Atlantic planes had been sighted by very few steamers. The Bremen was expected to reach Newfoundland about midnight and New York about tomorrow noon.

BALDONNEL AIRDROME Irish
Free State, Apr. 12 (AP)—Bearing the aspirations of two nations for trans-Atlantic flying honors, the silver grey German monoplane Bremen sped westward today on what was hoped to be the first spinning of the Atlantic from east to west by airplane.

Ensnaring the same feat seven aviators have lost their lives since last May.

Terror-struck spectators watched the heavily laden plane speeding along the runway but failing to rise at first. After running 900 yards the plane took the air at 5:34 a. m. 12:55 eastern standard time. The flight of some 3000 miles if successful is expected to terminate at Mitchell Field, New York, early tomorrow afternoon.

It was perfect flying weather here when the Bremen got away. A ten-mile wind helped her into the air and a dim sun shone on her silver wings. In the western sky cloud banks lay but obscured the blue Irish sky. Weather reports told of almost perfect weather prevailing to the mid-Atlantic.

Spectators, including President Cosgrave and other Free State nobles had a moment of heart-breaking agony as the Bremen made its first mad rush along the runway. The machine was shrouded in a cloud of dust, swirling from the road behind the starting point. Up the slope it raced to the crest at the 600-yard mark where it was calculated that it should take the air. Then the plane started careening down the slope on the other side and disappeared from the view of watchers at the starting point.

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After seconds that seemed like hours the silver wings appeared above the horizon and men, women and soldiers, knowing the Bremen was in the air cheered wildly.

The plane rose sluggishly beyond the limits of the airfield. At the height of 200 feet it turned gradually.

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WILLOS, KELLY
TO BE HANGED
EARLY FRIDAY

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP)—For the second time a specially appointed sanity commission has pronounced James Willos legally sane. About the same time that a report on his condition reached Gov. Patterson's office yesterday another petition was filed in the circuit court by Mrs. L. V. Good of Portland for the appointment of a third commission to pass on his sanity.

Willos and Ellsworth Kelley are scheduled to be hanged early tomorrow morning.

There is to be the fate of being the only two of four conspirators who killed John L. Sweeney and J. M. Holman, guards in shooting their way out of the prison on the evening of August 12, 1925, to pay the formal penalty exacted by the state. Of their companions, Reft Oregon Jones was killed as he dropped over the walls, and Tom Murray hanged himself in his cell following recapture, conviction and sentencing to execution.