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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Thursday, probably showers and west portion normal temperature.

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CHURCH HERE
LARGEST IN
PRESBYTERY

La Grande House of Worship Was Second to Baker Last Year

STATE SYNODICAL
EXECUTIVE SPEAKS

W. B. Pickens, La Grande, Is Elected Delegate to General Assembly in Oklahoma.

The First Presbyterian church of La Grande is the largest church in the Grande Ronde presbytery, reports given at the semi-annual meeting which was held in La Grande yesterday and last evening.

It is the first time since the organization of the presbytery that the La Grande church has been the largest. Last year Baker led by a small margin. At present the local church has a membership of 255 and 417 enrolled in the Sunday school, these figures being much higher than that of any other church in the presbytery.

Reports showed an increase in membership throughout the presbytery, which includes 12 Eastern Oregon churches. Also an increase in Sunday school enrollment and an increase in finances.

The Rev. W. H. Thompson, synodical executive of the Presbyterian church, from Portland, was here for the meeting and spoke on the matter of national missions work in the state of Oregon. He left last night for his home in Portland after attending the meeting.

During the business meeting yesterday afternoon commissioners to the general assembly of the church to be held in Oklahoma City, Okla., May 27, were elected. The Rev. Mr. Pickens, of Baker, was elected session commissioner to the assembly and W. B. Pickens, of La Grande, was elected elder commissioner. The Rev. Weston F. Shields, of Walla Walla, was elected commissioner to the meeting of the Oregon synod in July.

Standing committee chairman

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HIGH SCHOOL
NOMINATIONS
ARE ENTERED

High school politics began to take shape yesterday afternoon when a student body assembly was held and officers for the next year were nominated. Three persons were nominated for each of the three student body offices, and a lively campaign is promised.

Maurice Baker, Lawrence Bay and Harmon Wolfe were nominated for the presidency; Robert Stoddard, Stanley Zundel and Claire Perkins were nominated for the office of vice president; and Miss Margaret Douthan, Miss Ruth Durland and Miss Edna Mae Wilson were nominated for secretary-treasurer.

These names appeared on the report which was submitted by the nominating committee, headed by Vernal Shoemaker, and which was accepted by the student body. Other members of the committee were Miss Lenore Ely, Ren Osterling, Franklin Eberhard and Miss Virginia Warnick.

President Tom Bruce presided over the meeting and called for additional nominations from the floor, but none were made. The election will take place next Tuesday noon. As in previous years, polling places will be arranged at either side of the auditorium.

BAND BENEFIT
CONCERT TOPIC
AT CLUB MEET

Routine business occupied the majority of the time at the Rotary club luncheon in the La Grande hotel today at noon with W. C. Perkins calling particular attention to the municipal band benefit concert to be held a week from Friday night with Ted Row as the featured soloist. Dr. A. L. Richardson, chairman of the special concert committee, and W. W. Nisbaum, and Andy Loney, who was a guest, were all called upon to talk briefly regarding the concert. They promised a program and entertainment better than anything of this kind the community has ever had.

J. T. Longfellow and F. L. Meyers were elected delegates to the first district conference of Rotary clubs to be held in Seattle starting April 22.

Farm Sales On
Increase; Three
More Reported

One 960-Acre Tract Included in Series of Sales—Farm Values on the Increase.

Three Union county farms have changed hands during the last 10 days, according to sales reports made by George H. Curry, local realtor.

Throughout the past few months, farm sales have been quite active, indicating a promising condition in reference to farm values and added agricultural interest, local observers point out.

The sales reported follow:

Fred Grout of this city purchased the 960-acre farm on Clover creek, which is recognized as one of the best stock ranches in that vicinity, about nine miles from North Powder. For many years this farm was owned by E. C. Grout, an uncle of the purchaser. Mr. Grout will take immediate possession.

The W. W. Bennett, 550-acre farm in High Valley was purchased last week by Elmer C. McAlister, of Union, who has taken possession and is preparing to put in his spring crop. Mr. Bennett is now a resident of Encanto, Cal.

W. C. Buntin and Geo. Chapman have purchased the 135-acre farm nine miles north of La Grande and moved onto this week. They will make immediate improvements and in addition to seeding 40 acres of alfalfa will summerfallow about 75 acres.

Union Pacific
Trains to Cut
Schedule May 6

Effective May 6th the Portland Limited and the Portland Limited will reduce their running time between Portland and Chicago two hours, instituting a 68-hour service. The new leaving time from Portland will be 11:05 a. m. for the Portland Limited instead of 9:25 a. m. Westbound its arrival at Portland will be at 4:00 p. m. instead of 6:15 p. m. The Portland Limited will leave Portland at 6:05 p. m. instead of 4:00 p. m. Westbound it will arrive at Portland at 8:50 a. m. instead of 10:20 a. m.

Local departures will be changed in a similar manner but cannot yet be announced as the schedules have not been completed covering all intermediate points, according to word received locally from Portland, Ore.

Imbler Seniors
To Graduate On
Thursday, May 10

IMBLER, Apr. 18 (Special)—The date for the commencement exercises at the Imbler high school, this is a change from the original date of May 11. Edwin Reed, of the Oregon State college, has been chosen as the commencement speaker.

Baccalaureate services, which will be held on the Sunday preceding, will be addressed by the Rev. J. George Watz, pastor of the Presbyterian church in La Grande.

Members of the graduating class have chosen as their motto, "Tonight we launch, which shall anchor 7 and that runs on the sea." The roll of the class is as follows: Frances McKennon, Merle Prizell, Mildred Brown, Ione Perry, Ellen Arnold, Marie West, Wilma Billings, Lynn Woodell, Ernest Pugh, Harold Oliver, Jack McNeil and Clifford Westenskow.

BUTCHER FLIER SAFE

PORTLAND, Apr. 18 (AP)—Sir Alton Graham, noted British flier who was reported missing somewhere along the gold coast on his 20,000-mile flight around Africa, was stated to be safe in a message received this afternoon from Accra.

Plane trouble developed on his way to Sierra Leone, and the return to Abidjan on the Ivory coast when he had started.

Special \$440,000 County Road
Bond Issue To Go On The Ballot

The special road bond issue, amounting to \$440,000 and calling for the improvement of 12 roads in the county, will be put to the vote of the people of Union county at the primary election May 13. Petitions asking that the measure be placed on the ballot were presented to the county court for the second time yesterday. The names of more than 800 signers appeared on the petitions, the required number to put the issue to the vote of the people.

The petitions were first presented to the court Saturday, and at that time a check of the names showed that there was not enough petitioners.

If the issue passes at the primary election next month the good roads program would be started immediately, which would mean the advancement of the present market road program about five years.

IDAHO TAKES
QUARANTINE
FROM SHEEP

Measure Affecting Oregon Flocks Is to Be Removed on April 25

FREE OF DISEASE,
INSPECTION SHOWS

Sheep May Now Enter Idaho Boundaries from Oregon on Basis of a Health Certificate.

BOISE, Ida., Apr. 18 (AP)—The Idaho scab quarantine against Oregon sheep has been removed, effective April 25, it was announced today by Dr. J. S. Dade, inspector in charge of the state sheep commission.

The quarantine, which has been in effect since 1922, following the appearance of scabies among sheep shipped from Oregon to Idaho, was removed after tests showed Oregon sheep had been freed of the disease during the past 28 months.

Approximately 250,000 sh. 2 are moved annually from Oregon to Idaho, principally for summer grazing. Under the quarantine they had to be dipped under federal or state inspection. Under the new regulations, the sheep may enter this state upon presentation of a certificate showing them to be free of infectious diseases.

OPERETTA TO BE
GIVEN TOMORROW

"Bells of Beaujolais" Will Be Presented in High School Auditorium

Final rehearsal of the La Grande high school's annual musical comedy were being conducted today and tomorrow night, the operetta, "Bells of Beaujolais," will be presented to the public for the first time. The initial performance will be a matinee for the grade school children of the city and will be held this afternoon. Tomorrow night the production will be presented in the high school auditorium.

High school students have been selling tickets and this afternoon at 2 o'clock the reserved seat sale started at the Glass drug store. Yesterday members of the operetta cast visited the grade schools of the city giving sketches of the operetta and advertising the matinee which is being held this afternoon.

55 In Operetta

There are 55 students in the cast and supporting them is a mixed chorus of about 10 voices. The high school orchestra will furnish the accompaniment throughout the presentation.

The operetta will be given both Thursday and Friday nights and a large attendance is anticipated. The high school choir, under the direction of W. W. Nisbaum, music director of the La Grande schools, have been working on the production for the past several weeks and now have it perfected.

Charley Birger
To Hang Tomorrow

BENTON, Ill., April 18 (AP)—Deserted even by his attorneys, Charley Birger, condemned leader of a southern Illinois gang that terrorized the countryside for several years, dies on the gallows here tomorrow.

Robert E. Smith, his attorney who has fought with every legal resource at his command to save Birger, said: "This is the end of the road—nothing further will be done for him," when a circuit court jury yesterday found the gangster's name and his hanging was set for 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Tiffany, Williams
Await Grand Jury

Clifford Tiffany and Otto Williams appeared before Judge Hugh E. Brady in the justice of the peace court yesterday, and both waived preliminary hearing and were bound over to the grand jury.

Tiffany was charged with larceny in a dwelling, and is in the county jail. Lawrence is the charge placed against Williams.

Baseball Season
Will Open Here
On Next Sunday

Parade to Precede Game with Baker—French Expects Pirates to Win League Pennant

Plans have been completed for the opening of the 1928 Blue Mountain league baseball season here Sunday, when La Grande and Baker tangle on the high school athletic field at 2:30 o'clock.

A parade, led by the La Grande municipal band, and including both baseball teams and other features, will form in the business district at 1:15 o'clock and march to the field.

Then, to open the game, A. T. Hill, president of the city commission, will pitch the first ball and Dr. W. T. Phy, president of the Blue Mountain league, will catch it. Dr. Phy is also to make a brief talk to the spectators before the opening of the game.

The Batteries
Both La Grande and Baker have completed their lineups. La Grande's battery will be Nolan Buckner, pitcher, and Ray Baker, catcher. Baker will either start Erickson or Russell on the mound with Sowers behind the bat.

The remainder of the Baker outfit follows: Dr. R. G. Marshall, manager; Roy Laymon, Leroy Sipes, Al Bertano, Stan Pillette, Sid Bertan, M. J. Denney and Spike Kennedy. Kennedy played first base with Bond last year.

The La Grande lineup will include: Gil Stokke, first base; Tony LaSalle, second; Spud Helms, short; Ned Davis, third; Jerry Goleman, left field; Graham

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TODAY IS LAST
FOR CANDIDATE
TO FILE NAME

Today is the last day for candidates desiring their names on the ballot at the May primary election to file, and up until nearly two o'clock this afternoon there had been no additional declarations except four candidates for precinct committeemen. They were G. S. South, of Medical Springs, the Big Creek precinct; G. E. Haller, of Telocast, Antelope precinct; John Hazelwood, of Elgin; and S. E. Harris, of Elgin.

There are 37 precincts in the county and the other precinct committeemen may file before five o'clock this evening.

Unless there are additional filings before five o'clock this evening for the county officers, the only contest will be for the county treasurer's office, two women, both democrats, filing for that office yesterday. Up until two o'clock this afternoon other officers, including sheriff, county school superintendent, county coroner, county assessor, county clerk and county commissioner, were unopposed.

Man Confesses To
Hall-Mills Killings

EL RENO, Okla., Apr. 18 (AP)—A purported confession to the famous Hall-Mills murders in New Jersey in 1922 has been obtained from Elwin E. Allen, held here on a burglary charge. It was announced yesterday by T. C. Shacklett, sheriff of Canadian county, Oklahoma. Sheriff Shacklett said he could not tell whether Allen was sincere in making the confession.

In his confession, Allen said he was paid \$5,000 and given an automobile for the crimes. He refused to name the person who he said employed him.

Armour's Debts
Will Be Paid Up

CHICAGO, Apr. 18 (AP)—The Chicago Daily News today says the widow and daughter of J. Ogden Armour voluntarily will pay \$10,000,000 of the personal fortunes to settle the debts of the packer.

At his death, Armour owed \$18,000,000 to Armour and company, of whose board he was chairman, and had assumed liability for payment of \$7,000,000 worth of bonds of the Sutter Basin company, a California land enterprise.

Berry Ideal Crop In This Valley;
Canning Plant Is Needed—Stackland

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The letter in full follows:

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IRISH FLIER
DESCENDS AT
MURRAY BAY

Major Fitzmaurice Will Go from There to New York, Thence Home

GERMANS REMAIN
ON GREENLY ISLE

Perfect Flying Weather Makes 300-Mile Hop Possible—Baron's Plans Not Certain.

MURRAY BAY, Quebec, April 18 (By the Canadian Press)—Major James Fitzmaurice of the Bremen crew landed here at 2:37 o'clock in the Canadian Airways plane piloted by C. A. Schiller.

QUEBEC, April 18 (By the Canadian Press)—Major James Fitzmaurice, Irish member of the crew of the monoplane Bremen hopped off from Clarke City for Murray Bay at 1 o'clock this afternoon according to a report received from Seven Islands the air base near Clarke City.

Fitzmaurice was flying in a Canadian Airways plane piloted by C. A. (Duke) Schiller. The distance from Seven Islands to Murray Bay is approximately 300 miles. Perfect flying weather was reported at Murray Bay.

ANXIOUS TO GET HOME
SEVEN ISLANDS, Quebec, April 18 (By the Canadian Press)—

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One Stage Line
Sues Other For
Sum of \$150,000

BAKER, Ore., Apr. 18—E. W. Venable and George A. Porter, doing business under the name of the Oregon Trail stages, recently filed suit against W. I. Coldiron, Emma Coldiron and the Blue Mountain Transportation company for \$115,000 damages, alleged to have been incurred by a breach of contract by the defendants. The complaint charges the defendants formed a company and operated stages in competition with the Oregon Trail stages contrary to the contract entered into by E. W. Venable and W. I. Coldiron. Smith & Grant are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Both the above mentioned stage lines operate in and through La Grande.

Russian Easter
Death Total Up
To 21 In Moscow

MOSCOW, Apr. 18 (AP)—Twenty-one deaths, 15 of them from vodka, were reported in Moscow over the Easter celebration. Six of the dead were killed by violence or accident while many persons were wounded with pistols and knives in drunken brawls. More than 1500 arrests were made.

Moscowites consumed about four and a half million bottles of vodka, two million bottles of wine and 23 million eggs during the holiday. On the first day ambulances were unable to cope with the calls. With brains befogged by vodka, men fell under automobiles, buses and trams, while others even drank kerosene and fought with fists, knives and other weapons. At Easter celebration parties, hoodlums started smashing shop windows but the militia soon put a stop to this.

Athena Bank Takes
Over Western Bank

PENIDLETON, Apr. 18 (AP)—The Farmers bank of Weston has been taken over by the First National bank of Athena. Lack of support in one cause for the transaction, although some heavy losses have been sustained in past years, Eastern business are fighting the transaction which will take the institution away from their city to Athena, three miles distant.

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LEGION FLIER



Here is Edward E. Spafford, national commander of the American Legion, who is completing a state-by-state western tour by airplane. He recently visited Salem and Portland and several La Grande legionnaires went to the capital city to hear Mr. Spafford speak.

U. S. WINS POINT
OVER SINCLAIR

Prevents Edwin Denby, Former Navy Secretary, From Testifying

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (AP)—The government won an important point in the trial of Harry F. Sinclair today when Edwin Denby, former secretary of the navy was prevented from testifying as a witness for the defense.

The defense wanted to show that the plan to lease Teapot Dome was initiated by the navy department and that therefore Sinclair and Albert B. Fall were innocent of the conspiracy charges now hanging over them.

Owen J. Roberts, government prosecutor, objected to Denby's testimony on the ground that nothing he had said or done had taken place in the presence of Fall and the objection was sustained. The former naval secretary was on the stand only a few minutes.

The defense, however, has placed in the record the testimony of Captain J. K. Robinson, who as chief engineer of the navy, handled the lease negotiations for his department. He told the jury that Denby had directed the oil reserves to be leased as a unit. Robinson on cross examination, however, said that the actual lease negotiations had been carried out altogether by Fall.

When Denby was called today he said he appointed Robinson as engineer in chief of the navy in 1921 and that Robinson handled the naval reserve in conjunction with the interior department. After that he was blocked by objections.

Seven Children
Burned To Death
In 2 Home Fires

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Apr. 18 (AP)—Four children were burned to death last night when fire destroyed their home on McElroy creek, 15 miles from here.

The dead, all children of Mr. and Mrs. Denton Tennant, are Vonda, 8; Brooks, 10; Garnet, 7; and Betty Lee, 5.

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Unsigned Note
Creates Uproar
In D. A. R. Meet

Anonymous Attack Upon Detroit Woman Results in Sharp Challenge from President.

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—An anonymous attack upon Mrs. Henry B. Joy, of Detroit, one of the candidates for vice president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, prompted a sharp challenge today from Mrs. Alfred J. Brosseau, head of the organization which is in biennial convention here.

The unsigned note as made public by Mrs. Brosseau said: "Will your conscience allow you to vote for a woman whose husband did this?" and was attached to a two-year-old newspaper clipping which, contended Mrs. Joy's husband had objected to the Volstead act.

"If the wielder of the poisoned pen is afraid to fight in the open," Mrs. Brosseau challenged, "we are not afraid to take the field in defense of the one attacked, or to trace the source of the article and discredit the offender."

Every Woman Under 'Cloud'

"By that anonymous act," said Mrs. Brosseau, "every woman in this organization is automatically laid open to suspicion. I cannot believe that any loyal and sincere members have been guilty of anything so cowardly and reprehensible. If there are such disloyal members within our ranks or if outside forces are responsible, I wish to state unequivocally that the national society will not countenance methods of this sort."

Support of the national officers' blacklist and national defense policy was voiced from Arizona and California in reports read to the convention by state regents.

"Objectable speakers have been prevented from appearing on our platforms," said Mrs. William F. Hammett, state regent of Arizona.

"We believe in the wisdom and patriotism of the members of the national board," Mrs. W. S. Shreve, state regent of California, declared.

An instance of the national disavowal of anti-puff material recently criticized by Mrs. H. T. Ballie, of Boston, was cited by Mrs. Charles W. Ross, state regent for Indiana.

"Socialistic tendencies in education, by Captain Dart, and the threat of communism and the answer by the American Legion, were set for January and February study," she reported.

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IN HOUSE TO
BE GIVEN UP

Congressman, Now in 8th Terms, Will Succeed Judge J. W. Booth

SUCCESSOR MUST
BE VOTED UPON

Sinnot Was Unopposed in Primaries with No Democratic Candidate in the Field.

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Fenton W. Booth of Illinois was nominated today by President Coolidge to be chief justice of the claims, succeeding Judge Edward K. Campbell, who resigned earlier in the day.

Representative Nicholas J. Sinnot, republican of Oregon, was appointed to the court to succeed Judge Booth.

Mr. Sinnot for a number of years has served as chairman of the house public land committee.

The prospective replacement would leave Representative Smith of Idaho, in line to succeed him, but inasmuch as Smith already is chairman of the irrigation committee, it is problematical whether he would retire from his present chairmanship.

Representative Colton, of Utah, would be next republican in line for the public lands chairmanship. Justice Campbell resigned because he had reached retirement age.

IN EIGHTH TERM

PORTLAND, April 18 (AP)—Nicholas J. Sinnot, representative in congress from this second Oregon district which embraces the eastern part of the state, is now serving his eighth term in the house. His home city is The Dalles, where he was born, Dec. 6, 1870. He had filed as a candidate on the republican ticket in the Oregon primary and was unopposed for nomination and no democratic candidate was filed in his district.

His successor must be chosen at an election.

PIERCE IS URGED

The appointment of Congressman Sinnot has been forecast in this state for some time and friends of ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce, democrat, have urged him to make the race for seat in the house of representatives.

Mr. Pierce could not be reached this afternoon by The Observer but his supporters expect that he will be a candidate for the nomination for congressman from this district.

The nomination will be made by writing names in on the primary election ballot, or by convention, or some other similar means.

AMENDMENT APPROVED

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Amendment of the house postal bill to cut the rates on second class matter to the scale in effect in 1925 was approved today by the senate postoffice committee in reporting out the measure.

FOREST BILL IN

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Appropriations totaling almost \$2,000,000 would be authorized for research and experimentation work in reforestation and timber growing under a bill by Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, passed yesterday by the senate and sent to the house.

MAY APPOINT
JOHN DAILEY
U. S. SENATOR

CHICAGO, April 18 (AP)—The Chicago Daily Herald and Examiner said today that Gov. Small probably would appoint John Dailey, of Peoria, to the seat in the United States senate, which twice was refused a former appointee, Frank L. Smith.

Smith sought re-nomination in the primary election last week, but was defeated by Olin F. Glen, candidate of the Lowden-Bentley faction of the republican party, running for nomination attorney general at the Thom Small state, was defeated by E. Carlsborn, incumbent.

The paper said that consideration has been given to the fact that the "will announce his departure from the republican party as a publican party candidate." He is ally and is on the United States senate.