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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Saturday, probably rain in west portion, not much change in temperature.

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KIDDLE HOME,
NOT DECIDED
ON CANDIDACY

May Make Decision Within Next Several Days as to Future Plans

DANIEL BOYD IS
ACTIVELY IN RACE

Kozer and Sinnott Exchange Wires—Congressman Seeks Information But Tells Little

WASHINGTON (AP)—N. J. Sinnott's appointment to the court of claims was confirmed by the senate late today.

State Senator Fred E. Kiddle arrived in La Grande this morning on train No. 24 from Portland, for a few days at his Island City home. Mr. Kiddle has been prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Congressman N. J. Sinnott, who has been appointed to the court of claims at present, besides his position as state senator.

Mr. Kiddle is Oregon manager for Herbert Hoover's presidential campaign.

When questioned by an Observer reporter as to whether he would consent to be a candidate for congress, Mr. Kiddle replied that although he is considering the matter, he does not expect to reach a decision for several days.

Mr. Kiddle's decision, his friends believe, will be based on whether he finally decides to seek a political career or to continue in his successful business interests. The two could not be successfully combined, it is said.

Several names have been mentioned by the republicans, including Roy Hiltner, Bruce Bennett, of Klamath Falls; Jay Tipton, of Bend, and others. This morning it was learned that Daniel Boyd, Enterprise newspaper, has informed a Portland newspaper that he will be a candidate to succeed Sinnott. Mr. Boyd is at present a candidate delegate to the republican convention on a platform of "Noledge for president and McNary for vice president." He is widely known in both Union and Wallawa counties as well as over the state.

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 20 (AP)—If it becomes necessary for Representative N. J. Sinnott of the second Oregon congressional district to resign in order to accept appointment as justice of the court of claims, Secretary of State Kozer urges him to do so early enough that Gov. Patterson may call a special election for the selection of his successor on May 18, the date of the primary election. This is urged as a matter of economy.

In a telegram to Kozer last night, Sinnott asks that Kozer confer with the attorney general and then inform him of the last date on which he may withdraw his name from the republican primary nomination ballot. He says nothing about resigning. But Kozer in his reply advises him of what should be done in both cases.

The fact that Sinnott says nothing about resigning may mean, it is believed here, that he will serve his present term. Sinnott has resigned it would be necessary for the congressional committee of the second district to nominate both a candidate to succeed him on the primary ballot and a candidate to complete in a special election with any others nominated to fill out his unexpired term. It would be possible, Secretary Kozer says for the same man to be nominated for both.

In his reply to Sinnott Kozer says that a candidate for nomination for any office may withdraw any time up to the date of the primary election. To simplify matters and make it possible for the congressional committee to name his successor in time to have his name certified to the county clerk and placed on the primary ballot Kozer

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IMBLER MUSIC
PROGRAM WILL
BE TUESDAY

A musical program, the proceeds to go into a benefit fund for Wade hall, will be given at Imbler Tuesday night, April 24, it was announced this morning. Wade hall, which is used by the Imbler schools as a gymnasium, is practically finished, but all of the debts have not yet been paid and a little work remains to be done. It is for this purpose that the program is being given. The building of the hall is sponsored by the Imbler Parent-Teacher association. The M. L. A. of Imbler is sponsoring the program Tuesday night, having been asked by the P-T-A. to assist in raising the balance for the hall.

Talent from various parts of the county will take part in the program, including several persons from La Grande and Imbler and Elgin. The band of Elgin will furnish several numbers.

Cannery May Be
Established In
City Is Report

Charles Malboeuf, Chamber of Commerce Secretary, Makes Announcement Today.

The chamber of commerce, through Charles A. Malboeuf, executive secretary, announced today that outside capital is prepared to erect in La Grande, and operate a thoroughly up-to-date, well-equipped fruit cannery—subject to a survey in the various districts of Union county, determining that sufficient acreage in small fruits, especially strawberries, blackberries, raspberries and loganberries, is assured to the promoters of the enterprise, as well as an adequate tonnage of apples, pears and cherries guaranteed. Should the survey, which will be started at once, through the new industrial and home market committees of the chamber, disclose that it is too late this season to set out the requisite acreage in berries, it is uncertain whether the plant would be built and start operations until next season, providing adequate acreage is guaranteed for that time, according to Mr. Malboeuf.

The well equipped fruit cannery would be of incalculable value to the various communities of this county," Mr. Malboeuf says. "It would be, as a means for attracting additional settlement here, a powerful factor, and call for the employment of a large number of people annually; it would become the nucleus for other lines of fruit processing, particularly jam-making, and would be a source of income as well as a continuously increasing demand, as well as marketing cherries, in the final analysis it would be the stimulus for a big increased production of fruits of all kinds."

"The Pacific Northwest within the past eight years has become the most important factor in the United States in growing berries, apples and pears, all of which are in strong and growing favor, not only in our domestic markets, but overseas markets as well—notably Great Britain. During the period mentioned, the output in Oregon, Washington and Idaho increased approximately four million cases, and the 1926 pack represented a valuation of close to thirteen million dollars. Oregon and Washington, particularly, are the only states in the Union today capable of producing loganberries to the best advantage, especially for canning, while strawberry production for this purpose, outstrips all other states. It is possible that the survey may indicate that sweet corn, of equal or better quality to that of Iowa or Maine, can be grown here, and be produced in sufficient quantity to make some major part of the canning operations," Mr. Malboeuf concluded.

Snowstorm Hits
La Grande Area
During Evening

Winter made another brief visit to the Grande Ronde valley during the night, turning loose a snowstorm and wind that covered the ground to a depth of half an inch. Early this morning, however, the snow was melted rapidly.

The minimum temperature last night was 21 above.

Spring has been longer in coming to La Grande this year than for a number of seasons. Ordinarily the fruit trees are in full bloom at this time, with the earlier varieties blossoming out about the middle of April. From present indications, it will be several days before the orchards turn white and pink.

Had weather—rain, snow and cold—is also holding up farm work over the valley, as well as in Wallawa county.

The lateness of the spring is general in Eastern Oregon and Idaho, although in Washington and Western Oregon conditions are not quite so backward, it is reported.

So far this month the maximum temperatures have been quite a bit below the above-70 weather that was experienced during the middle of March.

County Road Bond
Issue Is Discussed

The regular meeting of the La Grande Realty board was held today noon at the Foley hotel with several visitors present. Walter H. Guild, superintendent of the O-W, John Wells, H. E. Dixon and J. J. Kitchen were guests.

During the meeting, which was presided over by George Curry, the special county road bond issue was the principal matter discussed. The majority of those who spoke expressed themselves as opposed to the bond issue.

STILL BLAST CAUSES FIRE

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 20 (AP)—Explosion of a moonshine still in a house in a starting district this afternoon, started a fire which caused \$1,000 damage. Deputy Fire Marshal McFarland and Moore reported. Seven persons, four of them small children, fled from the house in a light coupe. Neighbors turned in an alarm.

HOME-COMING
APPROVED BY
BUSINESS MEN

To Begin Preliminary Arrangements for the Jubilee Immediately

C. A. MALBOEUF TO
BE IN CHARGE

Discuss Plans for Elaborate Two- or Three-Day Program, Possibly in July

Business and professional men of La Grande gave, without a dissenting vote last night, their approval to the chamber of commerce plan for a home-coming jubilee, to be held probably in July. The meeting was called by Clint Van Fleet, chairman of the special merchants committee of the chamber of commerce, and A. W. Nelson, general chairman of the home-coming committee, occupied the chair during the discussion.

Various angles were presented by the different men, and an elaborate two- or three-day program was urged by many of the speakers as means of attracting crowds to La Grande and entertaining them. The details will be worked out by the various committees, but various street attractions are assured, together with a big fireworks event and probably a big parade. The question of having a big merchandise event the first day of the jubilee was discussed, and Charles Roehm was named head of a committee to recommend action on this subject.

About 40 business and professional men of the city attended the meeting, which was held at the city hall.

At last Tuesday's chamber of commerce meeting it was announced that if the merchants and professional men approved the home-coming, preliminary work would start immediately.

MRS. FRANKEL TO
VISIT LA GRANDE

President of Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs Due Monday

Club women of Union, Wallawa, Umatilla and Malheur counties are anticipating with much pleasure a visit of their state president, Mrs. G. J. Frankel, who will arrive here Monday for a 10-day stay that will include interesting afternoon meetings, dinners and luncheons in several towns and an all-day institute of the four counties at Ontario next Wednesday.

On three different occasions Mrs. Frankel will be guest of honor and principal speaker at La Grande meetings. Next Monday evening she will be entertained at the monthly meeting of the Washington club when she will speak on "The Effect of Narcotics." Among her many activities, Mrs. Frankel is a member of the narcotics commission and has devoted years of intensive work to the narcotics problem. Members of the Washington club are anticipating her address as one of the highlights of an interesting series of monthly meetings this year. George T. Cochran, president of the club, will preside at the banquet, which begins at

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Baseball Fans Praying For Sunny
Weather—League Opener Sunday

If La Grande has no more bad rains between now and Sunday, the opening baseball game of the season—between La Grande and Baker—will be played as scheduled at 2:30 p. m. in the high school field.

But, if a bad rain occurs before the game, there is a possibility that it will have to be postponed.

Today the field was too moist to permit a regular workout, although the Pirate crew, including Tony LaSalle, new field captain and second-sacker, enjoyed an excellent period of practice yesterday afternoon. Fans who have seen the La Grande players in action are optimistic of a championship team.

Baker Team Strong Baker's lineup is a strong one. Two good pitchers are signed up, one of them E. Erickson, who set the Idaho league after a season or two ago with numerous 10 to 20 strikeout games. Sowers is known to be an aggressive, accurate catcher and Bill Denny shortstop or third baseman, is another player with the Queen City crew that is going to be

L. H. S. Operetta
Is Presented To
Large Audience

Music of "Bells of Beaujolais" Tuneful—Parts Handled in Very Capable Manner

The annual high school operetta, "The Bells of Beaujolais," was presented last night in the high school auditorium before a large audience, and was acclaimed a success by those who saw it. The music of the operetta is tuneful, and was presented by the large cast and chorus in a very capable manner, under the direction of W. W. Nussbaum.

Outstanding musical numbers were a duet by Juanita Spencer, as Yvonne, the flower girl, and Wilfred Stoddard, as Larry, a young American, and a solo by Robert Stoddard, one of the chorus which opened the second act, accompanied by the boys' chorus. This number was particularly pleasing. Martina Sims, as Gaudine, the maid to the countess, was excellent in her role and furnished several entertaining musical numbers. Assisted by Wayne Nussbaum, as Harbins, the English valet, who was also very good, she furnished much of the comedy of the operetta.

Miss Ruth Smalley as Countess Marie, who was betrothed to the duke, sang a solo in the second act which was very good, and Miss Virginia Warnick, as Belle, American girl, sang a number accompanied by the girls' chorus, which was very effective.

Tom Bruce, as John Bender, a wealthy American widower, Robert Guild as Augustus, Duke of Beaujolais, Miss Jane Stange, as Myrtle, Bender's daughter and Miss Rachel Trill, as Aunt Sarah Jessup, Bender's sister, were all excellent in their parts and each furnished delightful musical numbers. Miss Lewanna Graham as Susette, a candy girl, Henry Culp, as Tony, a young American, Virgil Kocken-sperger, as Pierre, a juggler and Cleland Wallinger as Chief, a woodsman, handled their parts in a capable manner. Chorus numbers and dances were very good, and showed much training. The story of the play was an interesting one and supplied many laughs during the two acts. The high school orchestra furnished accompaniment throughout the operetta, and did very well.

This evening the operetta will be presented for a second time, and another large crowd is anticipated.

Track Meet Is
Called Off Due
To Bad Weather

The annual Pendleton-La Grande track and field meet, scheduled for tomorrow, was cancelled this morning at the request of Pendleton because of weather conditions. The condition of the track here is bad, E. D. Towler, high school principal reports. The local team has only had six or seven good workouts since the season opened about a month or more ago.

The next meet will be at Union Apr. 28 when Baker, Union and La Grande compete in a triangular contest.

10 Candidates In
M. W. A. Initiation

Ten candidates were initiated last night when the Modern Woodmen met at the K. P. hall with about 50 members in attendance. Those present included about 15 visitors from Cove, Union and Elgin and an interesting evening was spent. The initiatory work, which included the first and second degrees, was put on by the local drill team, headed by E. A. Carter.

After lodge a social was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Reginald Smith
Dies of Injuries

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 20 (AP)—Reginald Smith, 22, University of Oregon student, and student floor at the Eugene airport, died yesterday afternoon of injuries sustained in an airplane crash Wednesday evening.

LINDBERGH HOPE OFF

DETROIT, Apr. 20 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh took off from Selfridge field in his new Ryan monoplane at 1:30 p. m. today for an unannounced destination. He was accompanied by Phil Love, a friend and another man reported to be a relative.

ALICE CONGRATULATES



Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, widow of a former Illinois senator and daughter of Mark Hanna, won the republican nomination in Illinois for congresswoman-at-large, and is shown receiving the congratulations of Mrs. Alice Longworth, daughter of Theodore Roosevelt. Mrs. Longworth is the wife of Nick Longworth, speaker of the house of representatives. Mrs. McCormick is shown at the left, with her daughter, Kathlyn, in the center.

Westenhaver To
Move Store To
New Location

Westenhaver, Inc. announced today a removal sale as the first step in changing the location of the store to the former Oregon Hardware building, which is being remodeled and made ready for the clothing store.

Mr. Westenhaver says that the move is made because it will give him a better location, more adequate room and permit a more attractive display. He says he will be able to have a more up-to-date store and equipment. He will be in the new location about May 1.

Bodies Of Five
Are Taken From
Airplane Plant

DENVER, Colo., Apr. 20 (AP)—The bodies of five victims—three men and two women—were recovered early this afternoon from the ruins of a burned section of the plant of Alexander Industries wrecked by an explosion shortly before noon. The women were identified as Effie Harkin and Mrs. John T. White, employees of the airplane manufacturing plant. The others could not be identified.

Four women trapped in the building were reported to have perished but this could not be confirmed. Several were unaccounted for.

Court Turns Down
Fish Wheel Appeal

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20 (AP)—Oregon was successful in the supreme court today when the court refused to take jurisdiction of the appeal of P. J. McGowan and Sons, Inc., brought to test the constitutionality of the state law prohibiting the operation of fish wheels and drag seines in the Columbia river, adjacent to its shores.

CLARK TO DIE
FOR POISONING
OF A. BIDWELL

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Apr. 20 (AP)—Preston Ray Clark was sentenced in superior court here today to die on the gallows at the state penitentiary Friday June 8 for his part in the fatal poisoning of Alpheus Bidwell here last December 20.

Sentence was passed by Superior Judge John L. Srapstein, after he had denied a motion for a new trial. The sentence was in accordance with the recommendation of a jury which convicted Clark and Mrs. Besse Mae Bidwell widow of the slain man.

She was found guilty of second degree murder and sentenced to 10 to 20 years in the penitentiary.

TWO SCORE SEEK
PRECINCT POSTS

County Clerk Received Declarations of All Candidates Wednesday

More than 40 candidates have filed with the county clerk for district committee posts from the 27 precincts of the county, and their names will appear on the ballots for their respective precincts at the primary election May 18, Wednesday was the last day in which to file, and resulted in a rush at the county clerk's office Wednesday afternoon. Thirty-two of the candidates who filed gave their political affiliations and nine were democrats.

Candidates representing both the democratic and republican parties filed from eight of the precincts. They are the Albee precinct, Imbler precinct, Big Creek precinct, Elgin precinct No. 1, Elgin No. 2, Elgin No. 3, Elgin No. 4 and North Powder No. 2.

All Filed Wednesday All of the candidates filed Wednesday afternoon except four, who filed Wednesday morning. They were: G. R. South, Medical Springs, Big Creek precinct; G. F. Haller, of Tolocant, Antelope precinct; John Hazelwood, of Elgin and S. E. Harris, of Elgin, all republicans.

Others who filed are as follows: Democratic: W. J. Case, Albee; Albee precinct; H. McGoldrick, Imbler, Imbler precinct; P. J. Powers, Medical Springs, Big Creek precinct; H. G. Munsteron, Elgin, Elgin precinct No. 1; Paul R. Sadler, Elgin, Elgin precinct No. 2; E. E. Harman, Elgin, Elgin precinct No. 3; D. E. Myers, Elgin, Elgin precinct No. 4; John Shaw, North Powder, North Powder precinct No. 1; Chris Johnson, North Powder, North Powder precinct No. 2.

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Bremen May Fly
Back to Europe,
Flier Declares

Would Be First Round Trip over Atlantic—Relief Plane En Route to Greenly Isle.

By James Stanton (Canadian Press Correspondent) LAKE STE. AGNES, Murray Bay, Que., Apr. 20. (Canadian Press)—The German-irish crew of the transatlantic monoplane Bremen hope to fly their plane back to Germany after it is repaired. Captain Hermann Koechl told the first regular reporter to reach Greenly Island.

This reporter, who flew to the island with the first news reel cameraman to make the journey last Wednesday, returned here today.

"As soon as our machine is repaired," Captain Koechl told the reporter, "we will fly to New York as first intended. En route we shall very likely call at Murray Bay and at Montreal. After that we hope to be able to arrange a flight from New York to our homeland."

The reporter, James Stanton, of the Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph who was loaned to the Canadian Press for the assignment, and Ray Fernstrom, of New York, Paramount News and Associated Press cameraman, landed in a Canadian airplane piloted by Romeo Vaehon on the ice close to Greenly Island.

Warm Greeting Captain Koechl and Barol Ehrenfried von Huenefeld were delighted to see them and walked down to the shore to greet them.

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\$3 License Bill
Worries Highway
Commissioners

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 20 (AP)—"If the \$3 auto license measure carries, the state highway commission is through," declared Chairman H. B. Van Duzer at today's meeting of the body.

He was addressing county delegations asking that additional road improvement projects be put on this year's building program. Only projects that were promised last year are considered, and all of them are not put down.

But the commission decided to improve the Fremont highway in Lake county on the Summer Lake district from Hunter's Hill to the foot of the hill at the south end of Picture Rock pass, distance about 10 miles.

County Judge Kelly and Commissioners P. R. Fisher and W. S. Smith, of Lake county, stated that this work had been promised a year ago, that the county has money to cooperate and that the work is very necessary.

It was stated that the road fund can be increased somewhat by reducing maintenance costs and spreading less oil this summer.

Bids for counties included:

Bridge over Umatilla river at Yokum, Umatilla county, four bids.

Furnishing steel for bridge over Catherine creek, near Hot Lake, Union county three bids.

Unemployment On Decrease In United States WASHINGTON, Apr. 20 (AP)—The advent of spring has produced an upward trend to employment totals over the country generally. The United States employment service in its March survey today made the declaration added the prediction that "the volume of employment throughout the country will continue to grow."

Last General Of
Confederacy Dies

WACO, Tex., Apr. 20 (AP)—Felix Robertson, last surviving general of the confederacy died at his home here today.

Headquarters For
Smith Will Open

NEW YORK, Apr. 19 (AP)—Headquarters to direct the pre-convention presidential campaign of Governor Smith will be opened at the hotel Biltmore next week by the democratic state committee.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Apr. 20 (AP)—Illinois' 18 delegates to the national democratic convention at Houston, Texas, was instructed to cast their ballot for Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York by the state democratic convention in session here today.

KELLEY AND
WILLOS PAY
THE PENALTY

Murderers Put to Death in Salem This Morning by Double Hanging

KELLEY FIRST IN
DEATH CHAMBER

Fellow Conspirator Assumed Nonchalant Air, Hoped That "You Will All Be Satisfied"

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 20 (AP)—The lives of Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos are ended, and the entire record of the two conspirators which has been on the legal stage of Oregon for nearly three years is closed.

Society, this morning, executed three remaining members of a quartet of convicts who shot their way out of the Oregon state penitentiary August 12, 1925, killing two guards.

Kelley was the first to enter the gray walls of the death chamber. He dropped through the trap at 8:31 o'clock, and was pronounced dead by Dr. R. L. Edwards, prison physician, at 8:43 a. m.

Ten minutes later at 8:53 Willos was executed and pronounced dead at 9:05.

Both Claim Innocence Shortly before the execution took place, both men told newspapermen that they were innocent of the crime of murder. Willos was visibly nervous, but Kelley apparently unmoved at his impending fate.

Kelley walked up the thirteen steps by the side of Father Thomas V. Keenan unassisted. Two guards followed. He said nothing, but gripped the leather strap on his hands tightly as the black cap was thrown over his head and the noose adjusted.

Willos Nonchalant His fellow conspirator, Willos, assumed a nonchalant air and mounted the steps with a cigarette in his mouth. A guard walked at his side. Father Keenan and all other guards followed.

Just before the hood was placed on his head, Willos spat out his cigarette, surveyed the faces staring up at him and said, dramatically: "Well, I hope you will all be satisfied."

The double hanging was accomplished in 35 minutes.

When newspapermen were received in the death chamber anteroom, Kelley declared he had nothing of particular to say, but would answer any questions.

Just before the interview ended, however, he volunteered the statement, that, in his opinion, he had not committed murder, and that never in his life had he been guilty of any major crime.

He wore a well dressed in a gray suit with blue line stripes and a natty blue and red tie. He was clean shaven, his eyes were clear, and he seemed to be in perfect control of himself.

Willos Shaky Willos, however, in his death cell was prepared with a rambling discourse on the facts of the crime and the reasons for legal steps taken in connection with it.

"I'm as good a citizen, and as innocent a man as ever walked on to the scaffold," he said in a shaky voice.

"I did not have a fair trial. There has been a great misunderstanding in my way of looking at it."

He looked into the future people will hope that these affairs were closely and honestly investigated, the real cause of men being in this place.

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FOREST, GRASS
FIRES SWEEP
EAST STATES

NEW YORK, Apr. 20 (AP)—The toll of forest and grass fires today reached two lives, thousands of acres of woodlands and close to a hundred homes in Central New York, Long Island, Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey and Northern Delaware. The flames were spread by winds, which at times attained a velocity of 60 miles an hour.

The deaths occurred in fighting the fire about Barnesburg, N. J. Frank Baynes of Waretown, was burned to death when his home was destroyed, and Vincent Clayton, a member of the United States coast guard at Spring Lake, was fatally injured when he fell from a fire truck.

The most serious fires in Pennsylvania were in the Lehigh mountains near Allentown, where scores of homes were abandoned to the flames. Other fires occurred in the timberlands in Chester county and near Havertown, Pa., a 10-mile strip being burned over at the latter place.

On Long Island's north shore, the pine forest belt of approximately 20 square miles of timber was burned over.