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PIRATES WIN
FROM BAKER
IN SLUGFESTFour Home Runs Mark
Opening Game Of Blue
Mountain SeasonCROWD OF 2,000
WATCHES CONTESTPendleton Trims Walla
Walla, 6 to 2; La Grande
Plays Bearded Beauties
This Afternoon

Blue Mountain League Standings	W. L. Pct.
La Grande	1 0 1.000
Pendleton	1 0 1.000
Baker	0 1 .000
Walla Walla	0 1 .000

Yesterday's scores:
At La Grande: Baker 6, La Grande 14.
At Pendleton: Walla Walla 2, Pendleton 6.

Two thousand baseball fans, probably the largest group to ever witness an athletic event in La Grande, watched the Pirates launch the offerings of two Baker pitchers yesterday afternoon to win the first game of the Blue Mountain season by the comfortable margin of 14 to 6.

For the fan who delights in watching slugfests get their stuff, Sunday's contest could not have been better.

Here is the story: Four home runs, one three-run and three two-run hits were included in the 23 safe smashes both clubs turned in. All four homers went over the right field fence. Truly the pitchers had a bad day, especially Erickson. Although the southwesterly wind that used to burn "em up down around Ontario, had a little the edge on Baker in actual twirling, nevertheless, superior Pirate support made Baker hit his 10 for much less than La Grande's.

Perfect Weather
The day was perfect for a home game. Warm weather, but cloudy enough to give one a respite from the heat every now and then, greeted the two ball clubs.

After some hand muscle down town and a number of selections in the crowded grandstand, E. E. Ringo, local attorney, introduced Dr. W. T. Phay, president of the Blue Mountain League. Dr. Phay, in a short talk, asked for support of the league games this year, assuring the crowds that the circuit would enjoy the fastest baseball in its history. Afterwards he introduced the members of both clubs.

Empire pitcher announced the batteries, the local players trotted onto the field, and City Manager W. C. Crows pitched the first ball across the plate.

Pirates Take 3-Run Lead
Baker came to bat and went down in the most approved fashion—one, two, three. Kennedy was thrown out at first by the pitcher. Pilette fired one into short patch for a second out, and Brentano let third baseman make an assist on his thrower.

But the last half of the first was different. Helms flied out to left field and Stokke started the fireworks with a single between center and right fields. Goleman fouled out to the catcher and Robertson drove a hit back of the pitcher. Tony LaSalle came up swinging some heavy bats and connected with a single to left field. He brought the first score in La Grande. Davis got to first on Laymon's error and Robertson came home. Then Marlow, husky fielder, leaned on one of Erickson's bats and put the pill over right field fence scoring two ahead of him. Baker struck out but those five runs gave La Grande a sufficient lead.

Sowers Hits Homer
The second inning went quickly, neither team accounting for any hits. In the third Sowers, Baker catcher, found one of Buckner's deliveries for a home run over right field fence.

The fourth frame saw another La Grande run, the result of a single by Buckner, sacrifice hits by Marlow and Buckner, and an error.

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BUSINESS MEN
TO LUNCH AT
ISLAND CITY

Tomorrow's chamber of commerce luncheon will be held at the Island City Community church, and will be served by the women of the church. Mrs. G. J. Frankel, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs will be a guest and will speak during the luncheon hour. Other program features will be furnished by the people of Island City.

Dr. Milliken and
Miss L. Hunderup
To Direct ClassReligious Leadership
Training Begins Thurs-
day; Sunday Services
Well Attended

Beginning Thursday of this week inspirational classes for religious leadership training will be held in the First Baptist church here, with Dr. W. T. Milliken, state director of religious education for the Baptist church, and Miss Louise Hunderup, director of children's work and state secretary of the World Wide Guild, as instructors.

The institute will open Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock with a prayer meeting and conference, when Miss Hunderup will talk on "Organization." Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Miss Hunderup will conduct a primary conference, and Saturday at noon will meet with the World Wide Guild for luncheon at the home of Mrs. W. P. McAdory.

Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock the study classes will begin. Miss Hunderup will talk at this time on "Church Work with Juniors" and Dr. Milliken on "Teaching in Church School." Sunday, April 29, Miss Hunderup will meet with the primary department in the morning at 9:45 o'clock and will conduct a model primary class. Dr. Milliken will speak during the morning church services at 11 o'clock in the morning, and both Miss Hunderup and Dr. Milliken will meet with the Baptist Young People's Union at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

Classes Next Week
Thursday, May 3, the classes will again be taken up and in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Miss Hunderup will hold a junior conference and will be present for the prayer meeting at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Friday both state workers will meet with the Women's Society of the church, and Saturday, May 5, at one o'clock they will

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Children's Room
Fund Presented
With Gift of \$150

What is considered to be one of the largest and most helpful civic donations for local purposes to be made in La Grande in some time took place today when the Business Woman's club of La Grande gave \$150 to the city library for the financing of the new children's room. The money was turned over to Miss Grace Allen, president of the club, and Miss Mae Stearns, secretary to Miss Mabel Duty, librarian. Miss Duty and the library staff were delighted today and expressed their sincere gratitude. This substantial donation clears up one half of the expenses for the equipping of the children's room, which was begun two or three weeks ago. For work, in building, the installing of shelves and painting is now underway and, upon its completion, the floor covering will be laid and furniture and books moved in. The library staff hopes that this may be completed before the end of May. Then, the children's department, in the basement of the library, towards which the staff has been striving all year, will be fully realized. It is regarded as the largest step in the growth of the library to be made in years. The entire main floor will then be devoted to adult books and the management will be greatly improved.

Benefit Party Planned
A benefit bridge party is to be given Saturday, April 28, at the home of Mrs. A. J. Stange. Mrs. Ann Lloyd was born in South Wales on Feb. 14, 1852 and came to America with her parents at the age of 14, settling with them in Oshkosh, Wis. In 1875 she was married to Robert W. Ellis, who died in 1887. Mrs. Ellis is survived by two children, a son, E. W. Ellis, president and general manager of the Wisconsin-Milwaukee Lumber company of Eagle River, Wis., and a daughter, Priscilla Ann, wife of A. J. Stange, president of the Mt. Emily Lumber company of La Grande. The only other surviving

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City Court To Be
In Session Tonight

Several trials are scheduled to be held in municipal court this evening. Saturday night police searched for a black cat at 1292 Monroe street and arrested White Anderson and G. H. Shannon, on charges of interfering with an officer. Shannon gave \$25 bonds, the police report.

POPULATION
OF PEN NOW
NEARLY 700State Prison Only Has
Normal Accommodations
For Half ThousandDISORDER HAZARD
SAID TO INCREASESuperintendent Of Peni-
tentiary Hard-Pressed To
Find Room In Which
Convicts May Sleep

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 23 (AP)—With a population today of 696 inmates, a new high record, the situation at the Oregon state penitentiary, with normal accommodations for scarcely more than 500 prisoners, has become seriously acute, according to Superintendent H. W. Meyers.

Not only is it impossible to properly care for the health and comfort of the convicts, but the congestion greatly increases the hazard of disorder and attempted escapes the superintendent points out.

One Problem Solved
Development and extension of the prison industries to keep all of the men employed and improvement of the physical plant through the construction of stockades and strengthening of the safeguards against breaks have solved the problem of caring for the inmates during the day.

The prison has 27 single and 209 double cells, but this does not provide cell facilities for 627 prisoners as might be imagined. A considerable percentage of the convicts cannot safely be allowed to share cells with the others, and this has made it necessary to convert other parts of the prison into sleeping quarters for more trusted inmates. To meet the situation now existing some of the convicts are sleeping in the hospital ward, a dormitory has been established in the basement beneath the recreation office and cots have been installed in the commissary department and in the print shop.

Everlasting Caution
Recognizing that trouble from and among convicts brewed chiefly during the hours when they are idle the prison officials are taking every precaution in the organization of those who occupy improvised sleeping quarters but that often it is impossible to detect the "wolves" who mark themselves in lamb clothing until the opportunity they seek presents itself. This wide distribution of the sleeping quarters also raises added problems of guarding and increases expenses in this respect to an extent which alone would justify the expenditure of considerable more money than would be required to provide proper housing facilities, Superintendent Meyers contends.

MRS ELLIS DIES;
SERVICES TONIGHTMother Of Mrs. Stange
Will Be Buried Friday
In Oshkosh, Wis.

Mary Ann Ellis passed away last evening at 6:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Stange. Mrs. Ann Lloyd was born in South Wales on Feb. 14, 1852 and came to America with her parents at the age of 14, settling with them in Oshkosh, Wis. In 1875 she was married to Robert W. Ellis, who died in 1887. Mrs. Ellis is survived by two children, a son, E. W. Ellis, president and general manager of the Wisconsin-Milwaukee Lumber company of Eagle River, Wis., and a daughter, Priscilla Ann, wife of A. J. Stange, president of the Mt. Emily Lumber company of La Grande. The only other surviving

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Enlistment Time
Is Growing Short

Orders have been received by Capt. W. A. Bean, of the local national guard company, that no recruits can be taken in for the annual encampment after May 15. All those who want to go to camp with the company are urged to get their applications in as the time is getting short. The order is from Gen. George A. White.

Regular drill will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A large turnout is expected, as preparations for camp will be started. The schedule for drill includes close order drill of platoons and company, instruction in military courtesy, instruction in care, use and nomenclature of the rifle and instruction in rifle marksmanship. Target practice on the indoor range will be held under the direction of the non-commissioned officers.

Officers school will be held under the direction of Maj. R. R. Hurox and Capt. E. W. Ely.

Greece Rocked
By Earthquake;
Corinth DamagedThirty Deaths Reported
With Heavy Property
Loss—Population Is
Panic Stricken

ATHENS, Greece, Apr. 23 (AP)—At least 30 persons were killed and heavy material damage caused in a series of earthquakes which have been shaking central Greece during the last 24 hours, the heaviest damage being in the towns of Corinth and Lutraki.

More than 20 separate shocks, varying in strength were felt over the Peloponnesus.

Reports from Corinth stated the population, in terror, spent the whole night in the open. The local power house was destroyed and the town was in darkness. There was possibility of further deaths as a complete checkup was virtually impossible in the confusion.

At least 80 per cent of the houses in Corinth were destroyed and many of the remaining buildings were in a dangerous condition. The prison collapsed.

Members of the American school who have been executing the city of old Corinth, which was destroyed by an earthquake in 1858 and lies three miles from the new city, are reported safe. Old Corinth was a historic city of ancient Greece.

In Lutraki, a neighboring watering place from Corinth, ten persons were known to have perished. All the hotels were damaged.

PASSES AWAY
AT HOSPITAL
THIS MORNING

Henrietta Blum Marx, daughter of Mrs. Lena Blum and grand-daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sommer, who was among the first settlers in the Grande Ronde valley, passed away this morning at the Grande Ronde hospital, following an operation Saturday morning. With her at the time of her death were her aunt, Miss Fannie Sommer, and her cousin, Miss Evelyn Rosenthal, whom she had come to visit from New York. Mrs. Marx had made her home in New York city for the past 10 years. She had come to Oregon for a visit and while in La Grande was taken suddenly ill. Miss Sommer and Miss Rosenthal arrived on train No. 24 Sunday from the coast.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph Marx, and two daughters, Betty, 18, and Carolyn, 15, all of whom are in New York City. Her mother, Mrs. Lena Blum, of New York City and another sister, Mrs. Sydney Wertheimer and a host of friends also survive.

Mrs. Marx was well known throughout the state of Oregon, having many friends in Portland, where she made her home for a number of years, and also in La Grande, where she spent her girlhood days and attended school.

Henrietta Blum was born in La Grande June 5, 1889.

No services will be held here. Leon Behrman, of Portland, a friend of the family, will accompany the body to New York City on train No. 18.

The body will be in state here tomorrow. Snodgrass & Zimmerman are in charge.

The Sommer family name is associated with pioneer history of La Grande. Aaron Sommer, having come here in the early '90s, and been one of the first business men in this city. The Sommer hotel and the Sommer building both bear the family name.

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Story of Dash Over Polar Regions
Reveals Difficulties and Thrills

SPITZBERGEN BY WAY OF COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Apr. 23 (By the Exchange Telegraph, Scandinavian Rights Reserved)—Captain George H. Wilkins started from Point Barrow, Alaska on Sunday, April 15 at 10 o'clock in the morning, Alaskan time.

The starting place had to be altered as the runway proved too short for the heavily loaded machine whose weight was 2622 pounds and whose cargo was about 4650 pounds, thus requiring a runway of at least a mile and a quarter. The machine needed a speed of 20 miles an hour before it was able to rise. A new runway was carved with loose snow and this was trodden down for a width of only five feet so that exact steering was necessary to avoid a crash. The ice also had to be leveled.

Saw Peary Ground
Captain Wilkins, during his flight, passed places where Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary had been. He sighted Grantland and passed about 200 English miles east of the north pole. The weather was fine with little fog.

Throughout the trip he maintained an average altitude of 1000 feet but at times it was necessary to ascend to 2500 feet in order to get above the banks of clouds. He sighted no land that had not been discovered previously and there were no signs of animal life on the ice.

Captain Wilkins succeeded in taking observations 200 miles from

WHERE THE HARDINGS REST



Side by side within this half-million dollar memorial at Marion, O., the bodies of President and Mrs. Harding have been placed in a marble vault. The building is to be dedicated during the summer, with President Coolidge as the probable speaker.

Cigarette Price
War Breaks Out
In Gotham Today

NEW YORK, Apr. 23 (AP)—A cigarette price war, having as its first effect reduction of the retail prices of three leading brands to the level of two packages for 25c started today. Wholesale prices to dealers were reduced to \$6 a thousand from about \$6.40 by three of the largest companies.

Prices of tobacco company stocks broke \$2 to \$12 a share on the New York stock exchange with American Tobacco "up" leading the decline.

Kidnaping Plot
Against Screen
Star Revealed

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 23 (AP)—The Examiner today says Dolores Del Rio, Mexican film star, has been marked as the victim of a \$100,000 kidnaping plot. For the last two months and that two men and a woman are under arrest. Details were disclosed by Captain of Detectives Homer Cross. One of three under arrest is Rosa Ayala, 34, a former maid employed by the actress and whom the officers say was discharged by Miss Del Rio after a \$15,000 diamond ring had disappeared. One of the men is Gustavo Carillo, 27, Mexican university graduate. The name of the second man was withheld. Three other men, two Mexicans and an Italian are being sought.

The kidnaping scheme, police said, was hatched by the Italian, a sweet heart of the maid. She was to have taken a fur coat belonging to the actress to be cleaned and Carillo was to return it in order to get past the front door, and make his way to Miss Del Rio's apartment. There he said he was to force the actress to accompany him either by use of threats or drugs. She was to be taken to a house in Sonora town, the Mexican quarter, and if necessary held below the border while the demand for \$100,000 ransom was made on her father, J. L. Amundolo, wealthy Mexico City banker, and the motion picture producers.

The plot was considered so serious by the officers that Police Lieutenant Trooper accompanied Miss Del Rio recently when she went to Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, to file a suit for divorce from Jamie Del Rio.

A violent storm was facing at the time and Captain Wilkins had to make a hurried attempt to land. This was made exceedingly difficult and dangerous by sudden gusts of wind. But a landing eventually was made near a boat in the neighborhood of Dead Man's Island. The airplane came to a standstill after a run of about 30 feet in loose snow.

The airman had been flying 21 hours at a speed of more than 100 miles an hour. For steering purposes Captain Wilkins found the ordinary magnetic compass very useful and in addition used a sun compass. He had been supplied with a special map of the polar region by the American geographical society, but was able only to get a rough map of Spitzbergen. Consequently the navigation of the plane was remarkable in view of its landing in Spitzbergen only about five miles south of Kings Bay, the place originally decided upon and where Captain Wilkins expected to meet the Italian explorer General Umberto Nobile. The captain had planned to inform General Nobile, who intends to fly his dirigible Italia over the north pole, of his expedition.

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Wilkins To Fly
On To England
In a Few DaysPolar Wastes Conqueror
Planning To Drive Air-
Plane Across the Ant-
arctic, Word

LONDON, Apr. 23 (AP)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen today said it was understood that Captain George H. Wilkins will leave Green Harbor, Spitzbergen where he landed from Point Barrow, Alaska, within the next few days. He is expected to reach Oslo in about a week's time.

His machine was damaged in landing, but it is now reported that the damage was only slight and can be repaired easily.

The New York Times today printed a dispatch from Captain Wilkins in which he said no sign of an island was seen where Peary, Stefansson and MacMillan had thought there might be land. It was too dangerous to descend and take soundings.

Start April 15
The start was made from Point Barrow on April 15. The weather was good and the visibility excellent, the dispatch said. This condition prevailed for 500 miles. Nine hundred miles out of Spitzbergen stormy winds were encountered. These, however, were in the flier's favor.

A single mountain peak was sighted in Greenland in the far distance and the fliers descended to a lower altitude.

Captain Wilkins then ran into heavy clouds over a turbulent ocean stirred by a violent gale which rocked the plane to a perilous degree. At this time the fliers passed an island containing an apparently smooth spot. They were running short of gasoline so their only recourse was to turn back.

They made a safe landing on this island, which proved later to be Dead Man's Island, more than 50 miles from Green Harbor. They were held there for five days during the worst Arctic weather Captain Wilkins has ever experienced. Then the gale blew itself out.

Trouble In Take Off
Much difficulty was experienced, however, in hopping off again. Captain Wilkins being left on the ice twice when the plane rose. Finally the plane was in the air and flew to Green Harbor within an hour.

The take-off from Point Barrow failed three times before the heavily loaded plane could be raised in the air, despite the help of a large band of Eskimo snow shovellers. The metal skids with which the plane was equipped broke each time.

To Fly To Antarctic
The Los Angeles Examiner in a copyrighted article today said that Captain Wilkins' next great flight would be over the uncharted wastes.

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290,000 Voters
Are Registered,
Kozer Reports

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 23 (AP)—Republican campaign pamphlets for the primary election of May 18 will be mailed by Secretary of State Kozer to over 290,000 voters, and democratic pamphlets to over 80,000.

Of the 273 republican candidates 91 have elected to have statements in the pamphlets, and only nine of the 81 democratic candidates. For this privilege they have paid the secretary of state fees totaling \$415. Filing fees of candidates aggregate \$422. The postage cost of mailing the pamphlets will be over \$4000.

The pamphlets must be distributed by the secretary of state not less than eight days before the election, and Secretary Kozer thinks the task will be completed by May 6 or 7.

The certification of candidates made by the secretary of state Sunday contains the names of 272 republican and 81 democratic candidates one having been deducted from the original number of republicans because of the withdrawal of representative Sinnott.

Farmer Makes Two
Sons Pull Plow

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 23 (AP)—Police were notified today that a farmer in an outlying district was plowing a field with his two young sons hitched to the plow. When Patrolman J. F. Meyer went to the scene he stopped the work and ordered the boys unhitched. The farmer, a foreigner, was warned against continuing the method, but no arrest was made, as the boys appeared unharmed.

Mayor Walker To
Nominate Al Smith

NEW YORK, Apr. 23 (AP)—The New York Times said today that Mayor Walker had been tentatively selected to nominate Governor Smith for the presidency at the democratic national convention.

Friends of the governor have been convinced that Walker is so popular with the democrats of the nation that his selection to make the nomination speech would be wise.

THE WEATHER
OREGON: Occasional rains to-
night and Tuesday, moderate tem-
perature; fresh south to west
winds on the coast.FARM RELIEF
BILL FACING
A SURE VETOSo Says Representative
Fort After Conversa-
tion With CoolidgeEQUILIZATION FEE
IS BIG OBSTACLENew Jersey Congressman
Believes Bill Is Uncon-
stitutional; Designed To
Aid Packers

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP)—After a visit to the White House today, Representative Fort, republican, New Jersey, said a certain veto faces the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill if it reached the White House without removal of the equalization fee.

Mr. Fort, who is a member of the house agriculture committee, said that in his view the bill as reported to the house was unconstitutional. He added that the measure was largely a device for aiding packers, and that for the sake of politics it had been extended to all agricultural commodities.

WOULD REVISE CONSTITUTION
WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP)—Declaring the 19 "patches" put on the American constitution since its adoption have failed to make it "suitable to modern conditions," Representative Berger, socialist, Wisconsin, proposed a resolution today calling for a revision of this historic instrument.

Under the proposal, which was in the form of an amendment to the constitution itself, congress would be enabled to call a convention to consider its revision, the necessity for which, Berger said, "must appeal to all who can visualize the tremendous changes political, economic and social, which have come over the nation since present constitution was adopted."

FLOOD CONTROL PARLEY
WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP)—Summonsed to the White House for another conference on Mississippi flood control, Chairman Madden of the house appropriations committee declared today upon leaving that the tremendous changes political, economic and social, which have come over the nation since present constitution was adopted.

OREGON FISH
WHEEL RULING
IS SUSTAINED

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP)—The appeal of J. McGowan and Sons, Inc., challenging the validity of the Oregon law prohibiting the operation of fish wheels and drag seines on the Oregon side of the Columbia river was dismissed today by the supreme court.

The court affirmed the decision of the lower courts sustaining the law.

The company sought to challenge the constitutionality of the law, contending that it was in violation of the compact entered into by Washington and Oregon for the control of fishing in the Columbia river under an act of congress.

The alien land law of Washington was sustained as constitutional by the supreme court today in a case brought by the White River Gardens, Inc., when it affirmed the decision of the lower court.

Senator Gillett
Greatly Improved

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP)—Senator Gillett, republican, Massachusetts, who has been ill for the last two weeks, today was reported as greatly improved. At his office, it was said, his condition was such that only the inclement weather was keeping him away from the senate.

RESUMES TRIP
LISHON, Portugal, Apr. 23

(AP)—Captain Franz Romer, who is attempting to row a 20-foot boat across the Atlantic to New York, resumed his voyage today.

Captain Romer, a 29-year-old German steamship officer, left Lisbon on March 29, but bad weather forced him to halt at Sagres, the most southerly point of Europe. His craft is canvas and rubber covered and he carried about 500 pounds of tinned food and 55 gallons of water. He intended to stop at days and row 37 miles each night.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston at Philadelphia, postponed, rain and cold weather.
Washington at New York, postponed, rain.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
New York at Boston, postponed, cold, wet grounds.