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OREGON: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday, but cloudy in the northwest portion; cooler in the interior; frosts in the east portion.

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ISLAND CITY
IS HOST TO
LOCAL CLUBChamber of Commerce
Pays Annual Visit to
Nearby TownMRS. G. J. FRANKEL
SPEAKS BRIEFLYMusical Program Present-
ed—Several Announce-
ments Made During the
DinnerThe annual visit of the Union
county chamber of commerce to
Island City today resulted in a
larger crowd than usual, about 75
attending the forum luncheon
which was held in the church, with
the Island City women serving a
delicious dinner.Several guests were in attend-
ance, including the speaker, Mrs.
G. J. Frankel, president of the
Oregon Federation of Women's
clubs and ex-Governor Walter M.
Pierce, and now mentioned as a
democratic candidate for congress.The Rev. Mr. Hansen, of the
Island City Community church, re-
turned thanks and the president of
the club, Ruth E. Brady, an-
nounced that the Demos concert
company would appear in the La
Grande high school auditorium on
the evening of May 11. G. S. Har-
dison announced the La Grande band
benefit concert to be given April 27
and W. C. Perkins supplemented
Mr. Brady's remarks, stating that
this program would undoubtedly be
the best the local band has ever
attempted.A short musical program was
then presented, little Miss Anita
Herman playing a violin solo which
was so vigorously applauded that
she responded with an encore. Miss
Ethel Hansen sang two vocal solos
and was generously applauded.Mrs. Frankel then intro-
duced by Mr. Brady and she spoke
briefly on activities of her organiza-
tion, dwelling particularly upon
the Doernbecher hospital and the
scholarship fund for girls. She
explained that the Oregon club
had agreed to raise \$20,000 for the
hospital, which is located in Port-
land, and said that more than one-
third of this amount has already
been provided.Before adjournment, Mr. Brady
announced that a meeting of the
mid-season jubilee committee
would be held at the city hall at
7:30 o'clock tonight with Mr. Har-
dison, of Seattle, in attendance. Mr.
Hodgins will suggest several ideas
for the local committee to con-
sider and it is urged that all mem-
bers be in attendance.SCOUTS' CAMP
GIVEN PRAISE
BY OFFICIALSThe Eastern Oregon Boy Scout
council has the best prospects of
any council in the state for devel-
oping a permanent camp site, ac-
cording to national and regional
officials who attended the regional
camp conference held at Chautau-
que Inn, near Portland, Thurs-
day, Friday and Saturday of last
week. This is the word brought
back from the camp executive by
E. Russell Scott, scout executive of
the Eastern Oregon council. Sev-
eral national speakers were pres-
ent.Friday of this week the camp
committee of this council will visit
the camp site up Catherine creek
and will outline arrangements for
buildings. Friday evening the
executive board will meet at Hot Lake,
with Dr. W. T. Phyl, president, as
the host, when the camp arrange-
ments will be taken up in detail.
At that meeting Dr. Phyl will tell
about the meeting of the national
council executive board in San
Francisco, which he attended, and
Mr. Scott will report on the camp
conference. On May 3 John H.
Phyl, regional scout executive, will
be in La Grande, and will inspect
the camp site.It is expected that about 250
boys will attend the summer camp
this year and an interesting pro-
gram is being prepared, Mr. Scott
announces.

BABE RUTH HOMES

NEW YORK, Apr. 24 (AP)—
Babe Ruth hit his second home run
of the afternoon and his third of
the season in the seventh inning
of the Yankees-Washington game
here today. The drive put the Babe
one up on Gehrig and gave him a
tie for the home run leadership of
the American league.Whiskery Team
Trowned 9 to 2
By BuccaneersGoleman Hits Homer in
Fourth with Two on—
Harlason Holds Visitors
to Six Bingles.La Grande's crew of Swash-
bucklers again demonstrated their
ability with the old wagon league
yesterday, slugging the Bearded
Beauties into 9 to 2 submission in
a seven-inning exhibition baseball
game.The be-whiskered players from
Benton Harbor, Mich., where King
Benjamin used to rule, have been
turning in plenty of victories in the
Northwest this year but found the
La Grande Blue Mountain league
club too much of a mouthful. Last
Saturday they defeated Walter Wal-
la 11 to 7 but when they came over
the mountains, they found a team
that couldn't be handled so easily.The Beauties were quite late in
arriving—in fact, the game didn't
start until 3:50 o'clock. Just an
hour and 20 minutes late. The
crowd of some 500 persons was
getting restless and to calm the
grounded, one of the bearded
boys sang two songs—and received
much applause.

But to get to the game.

Harlason Allows 6 Hits

Harris' French, manager, used
the same lineup that lambasted
Baker Sunday with the exception
of Harlason, twirler. Incidentally
the relief pitcher turned in an ex-
cellent game, allowing but six hits
and three runs scored. He has
a whole of a curve and air con-
trol. His support was first class,
too, only one hit going for more
than a single.The Beauties failed to score in
the first inning. Smith grounded
out. Ayers drove one into short-
stop's hands. Then Perov con-
nected with a two-bagger and
ended third on a passed ball.
Lizier, cleanup hitter, was given a
base. With two down and two on,
Rose rolled one to Harlason who
threw him out at first. In La
Grande's half of the first, Helms
struck out. Stekko and Goleman
singled, but Robertson popped one

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M. I. A. Program
Of Speaking and
Songs TonightThe La Grande M. I. A. contest
program, to be held tonight at the
L. D. S. Recreational hall begin-
ning at 8 o'clock, has been com-
pleted and promises an interesting
evening of entertainment. No
charge will be made and the pub-
lic is invited to attend. Winners
of tonight's speaking contest will
side with the Baker M. I. A. at
the first week in May.The contest in public speaking
for men and women, to select the
best team, will be the first event
and will be followed by selections
by the young men's quartet and
the young women's chorus.The Green and Gold waltz will
precede a one-act play "The Res-
cue", which will complete the pro-
gram.The lower floor of the Recreational
hall will be used tonight.Barnes-Harris
Injunction Suit
Case Up MondayJudge J. W. Knowles has set
the hearing of the case of Dwight
Barnes vs. F. E. Harris, an injunc-
tion suit to restrain the building
of the Elgin auditorium on the
charges that the recent election was
illegally conducted, for next Mon-
day. It was announced today. A
month or so ago Judge Knowles
granted the plaintiff a temporary
injunction restraining the building
until the case should be heard. The
case is of widespread interest
throughout Elgin, where the build-
ing of such a public hall for bas-
ketball and civic events was au-
thorized by the election, the legality
of which is now in dispute.Plans Practically Completed For
La Grande Band Benefit ConcertPlans are practically complete
for the benefit band concert to be
played by the La Grande municipal
band Friday evening, beginning
at eight o'clock, in the L. D. S.
tabernacle and tickets for the con-
cert are selling rapidly. The La
Grande Rotary club is sponsoring
the concert, which is being given to
purchase equipment for the new
members of the band, the organiza-
tion now having about 40 mem-
bers, in comparison with 20 or 22
in past years. All old instruments
the band also purchases and a part
of the money made will go toward
them.Andrew Loney Jr., director of
the band, announced this morning
that the program is definitely ar-
ranged and will be made public
tomorrow. The principal attrac-
tion will be the appearance of Ted

MRS. FRANKEL

Mrs. G. J. Frankel, president of
the Oregon Federation of Women's
clubs, is in La Grande today
on an official visit to affiliated
organizations in this part of
Eastern Oregon. She spoke be-
fore the Inland Woman's club
yesterday afternoon, at the
Washington club here last night,
at the chamber of commerce
luncheon at Island City today
and is a guest of the Neighbor-
hood club this afternoon.BAKER ELECTED
L. H. S. PRESIDENTWins in Annual Election
by Big Majority—Other
Officials Are NamedMaurice Baker was elected pres-
ident of the high school student
body for 1928-1929 today by a large
majority, vanquishing his two rivals
for the office by a large lead.
Robert Stoddard was elected vice
president and Margaret Doherty,
secretary-treasurer, both defeating
rivals by majority votes.The sweeping victory of all three
candidates was generally regarded
as surprising at the high school,
where close contests usually occur
at the annual electoral events, and
was an "upset" inasmuch as it did
away with the second election
which would have occurred for any
office had not a majority vote been
practically conceded this morning
when a "campaign speech" assembly
was held at the high school. Here,
the greatest evidence of campaign
spirit was demonstrated by the
students, who gave each candi-
date a rousing applause on his
or her appearance. Candidates for
office made clever talks and each
promised "the best" for the good
of the student body.

No Campaigning Allowed

No campaigning at the polls is
allowed, and the election took its
course between 12:30 and 1 o'clock
afternoon with the students calm
and suppressed excitement. As
usual, the wait during the fourth
period was a tense one for students
who rushed, at 2 o'clock, to the
main bulletin board to determine
the results of the annual election.The outcome of the election fol-
lows: For president, Maurice Baker,
227; Lawrence Day, 70; Har-
mon Wolfe, 59. For vice presi-
dent, Robert Stoddard, 266; Charles
Perkins, 116; Stanley Zundel, 55.
For secretary-treasurer, Margaret
Doherty, 283; Ruth Durland, 122;
Edna Mae Wilson, 49.

DAUGHTER GETS ESTATE

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 24 (AP)—
For the second time the supreme
court today held that Mrs. Mercedes
E. Wadsworth of The Dalles is the
sole heir to the valuable estate of
John E. Brigham, consisting of
Portland business property valued
at from \$50,000 to \$75,000.Mrs. Wadsworth is the daughter
of Brigham by a common law mar-
riage, and his only child. His will
did not mention her and attempted
to leave the estate to other relatives.

WARM IN PENDLETON

PENDLETON, Ore., Apr. 24 (AP)—
Real summer weather visited Pen-
dleton yesterday, the mercury
climbing to 81 degrees, six degrees
higher than at any other time so
far this year.

Planning for K. P.

Plans were discussed for a meet-
ing to be held in the near future
when the Rev. H. C. Lee, of Union,
will be the speaker, last evening
when the regular meeting of the
Knights of Pythias was held at the
lodge hall. The date for the meet-
ing was not definitely decided upon.
After the lodge session the even-
ing was spent practicing for the
district convention of the K. P.
judge, which will be held at Elgin
next month.FLOOD BILL
GIVEN HOUSE
OKEH TODAYSenate Control Measure Is
Passed by a Vote
of 254 to 91G. O. P. MAY REVISE
TAX CUT PROGRAMReduction Agreed Upon
by Majority of Commit-
tee Members Less by
\$80,000,000.WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (AP)—
The senate flood control bill was
passed today by the house. The
vote on passage was 254 to 91.Before it can be sent to Presi-
dent Coolidge it must be considered
in conference between house and
senate in order that the two bodies
may be brought into agreement on
several amendments added to the
measure by the house. The bill
was passed after one of the sharp-
fights in the house this session.
There is little doubt that the senate
will soon agree to house propo-
sals but there is considerable
confusion among members as to
whether the bill has been revised
sufficiently to meet objections of
Mr. Coolidge.

MAY REVISE TAX CUT

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (AP)—
Revision downward of the house
\$200,000,000 tax reduction bill to
\$210,000,000 was decided upon to-
day by the republican majority of
the senate finance committee.The \$210,000,000 program was
laid before the committee by Chair-
man Smoot on behalf of the repub-
licans who have a majority of 11
to 9 on the committee. The dem-
ocrats who are urging a \$300,000,000
reduction, took it under considera-
tion and another meeting will be
held Thursday when the majority
group expects to revise the bill as
proposed today.

The G. O. P. Program

The republican program follows:
Reduction of the corporation tax
from 13 1/2 to 12 1/2 per cent, loss in
revenue \$82,000,000. Repeal of the
automobile tax, loss \$46,000,000.
Repeal of the estate tax, loss \$7-
000,000.Revision of the surtax rates on
incomes between \$180,000 and \$70-
000, loss \$25,000,000.
Increase in the exemption al-
lowed corporations from \$2000 to
\$3000, loss \$12,000,000.Increase in the exemption under
the admission tax from 75c to \$3,
loss \$17,000,000.Repeal of the taxes on wine and
cereal beverages, loss \$1,120,000.WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (AP)—
President Coolidge was charged by
Senator Bill, democrat, Washing-
ton today with violating the spirit
of the constitution in retaining
Commissioner Eech on the I. C. C.
through a recess appointment de-
spite his rejection by the senate.WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (AP)—
H. Theodore Tate of Tennessee was
nominated treasurer of the United
States by President Coolidge today.WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (AP)—
James B. Beverley, of Texas, was
nominated today by President Cool-
idge as attorney general of Porto
Rico.Mrs. Frankel Is
Main Speaker At
Washington ClubAn interesting meeting of the
Washington club of St. Peter's
Episcopal church was held last eve-
ning at Honan hall with Mrs. G. J.
Frankel, president of the Oregon
Federation of Women's clubs, as
the speaker. About 35 members
were in attendance and an excel-
lent chicken dinner was served at
6:15 o'clock by the women of St.
Peter's Episcopal Guild.George T. Cochran presided over
the meeting and introduced Mrs.
Frankel, who gave an interesting
talk on "Narcotics," telling her own
experiences in the eradication of
narcotics.The tables were decorated with
bouquets of carnations furnished
by Bohan's Flower shop.
This afternoon Mrs. Frankel is
attending a meeting of the La
Grande Neighborhood club and to-
morrow she will go to Ontario to
attend a club institute to be held
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judge, which will be held at Elgin
next month.Stewart Reveals
Profit Given Him
By ContinentalAgrees to Reply to All
Questions Asked by the
Teapot Dome Commit-
tee—Received \$759,000WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (AP)—
Robert W. Stewart, chairman of
the board of the Standard Oil com-
pany of Indiana, testified before
the Senate Teapot Dome commit-
tee that he was awarded a one-
fourth share of the profits of the
Continental Trading company of
Canada, even though he had pro-
tested that he did not want the
money.Stewart said H. S. Osler, presi-
dent of the Continental, handed
him packages of Liberty bonds at
various times totaling \$759,500.
Previously he had decided to set up
a trust fund and place one half
of the securities due to the credit
of the Sinclair Crude Oil company,
and the Standard of Indiana.The oil man, who is under indict-
ment for once having refused to
answer committee questions,
agreed at the outset to reply to any
queries directed at him.The witness said he turned over
the bonds to Roy J. Barnett, a tax
expert for the Standard, who was
to act as trustee for the fund.
"Those bonds remained in the
vaults of the Standard Oil com-
pany of Indiana until last Satur-
day," Stewart continued."When I got to Chicago that day
from Washington, I called in the
directors of the company and Mr.
Barnett and had the bonds opened.""I explained the whole transac-
tion to the directors and they de-
cided that the bonds should be
turned over to the Sinclair Crude
Oil Purchasing company."The purchasing company is
owned jointly by the Standard of
Indiana and the Sinclair Consoli-
dated Oil company. It bought half
of the oil the Continental obtained
from the late A. E. Humphreys of
Denver. This oil was later turned
back to the Sinclair and Standard
companies at a profit of 25 cents
a barrel, although Stewart guar-
anteed the Continental's contract,
along with Sinclair and others.Continuing his recital, Stewart
said that as the company told him
Barnett shipped the bonds and he
washed them, turning over to Bar-
nett an equal amount of other lib-
erty bonds.Rotarians Elect
Walla Walla ManSEATTLE, Apr. 24 (AP)—John
Casper, Walla Walla farmer, today
was unanimously chosen governor
of the first district of Rotary In-
ternational, holding its 13th annual
conference here. His selection will
be formally confirmed at the in-
ternational convention in Minneap-
olis in June.Washington Boys
Burned to DeathFOOTH BEND, Wash., Apr. 24
(AP)—Trapped in their beds,
Louis, 6, and Lewis, 3, sons of
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wallberg of
South Bend, were burned to death
here today when fire destroyed
their home. The parents had built
a fire in the kitchen range and
gone to milk the cows. They left
the boys sleeping upstairs. The fire
was first discovered by a neighbor,
who turned in a fire alarm, but the
flames had gained so much head-
way that the boys could not be
rescued. The house, valued at
\$2000, was destroyed.

GEN. HINES IN SALEM

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 24 (AP)—
Major General John L. Hines, com-
mander of the Ninth corps area of
the United States army with head-
quarters at San Francisco, and one
of the most distinguished officers
of the army, was a caller today at
the office of Gov. Patterson. He
was accompanied by Colonel Alan
Singleton, of his staff, General
James A. Reeves, commander of
Vancouver barracks, and Captain
E. C. Atkins, of Vancouver.

City of Corinth Nothing But Ruins;

Earthquakes Continue to Rock Area

ATHENS, Apr. 24 (AP)—The
devastated city of Corinth was
rocked by two more earth shocks
this morning and Corinthians must
seek homes elsewhere.Four Greek ministers who went
to the stricken district, returned to-
day and said they considered the
city ruined beyond repair. Re-
construction on the same site is
considered impracticable, especial-
ly since this was the second time
in 70 years that Corinth had been
destroyed.The damage was estimated at
\$50,000,000 drachmas (\$7,500,000).
The death toll was set at 12.The government sent food, tents
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OF POLITICAL
WORLD TODAYVote Will Have Bearing
on Secretary Hoover's
Presidential ChancesREED WILL FILE
IN WEST VIRGINIAAlaska, Pennsylvania and
Massachusetts Also Vot-
ing Today, But Few
Contests Exist.

By the Associated Press

With presidential primaries on
today's political calendar in three
states and the territory of Alaska,
the fight in Ohio for delegates to
the republican convention held
chief interest, largely because of
its bearing on Herbert Hoover's
candidacy. Due to a lack of con-
tests, the balloting in Pennsylvania
and Massachusetts attracted less
attention.In Ohio one state of 51 dele-
gates is pledged to the commerce
secretary; the other, since the
death of Senator Willis, has shown
leanings toward a half dozen re-
publican presidential possibilities,
including Lowden and Dawes.The democratic organization
of 48 delegates in Ohio is
committed to former Senator Al-
lee Pomeroy for first choice. It
had opposition in only two dis-
tricts.Pennsylvania will have unin-
structed delegations of 79 delegates
at Kansas City and 76 at Houston,
while the republican delegates
from Massachusetts will number 39
and the democrats 36. Only a few
contests were to be settled today at
the polls in either state.

Alaska to Vote

Although Alaska will have no
vote for president in November,
(Continued on Page 5)FLIERS TO TAKE
BOAT TO NORWAYWilkins Already Making
Plans for An Antarctic
Flight This AutumnOSLO, Apr. 24 (AP)—The
steamer Mina, owned by the North-
ern Exploration company and at
present at Hordingsvaag, Finnmark,
Norway, has received a telegraphic
order to proceed as near Green
Harbor, Spitzbergen, as possible to
take Captain George H. Wilkins
and Lieut. Carl H. Ekelson and their
airplane to Norway.The Mina left today and may
reach the mouth of the ice fjord
about Saturday. The fliers are ex-
pected to reach Tromsø, Norway,
early next week.Captain Wilkins was quoted in
a message from Green Harbor, to
the Dagbladet today as stating that
he and Lieut. Carl H. Ekelson will
fly to the south pole this autumn.

Plan Antarctic Trip

Plans for the expedition are vir-
tually complete, but Captain Wil-
kins would make no further state-
ment on the project for the present.
The newspaper also said that Com-
mander Richard E. Byrd, who is
now preparing his own expedition
to the Antarctic, offered to buy
the airplane in which Captain Wil-Jimmy Angel At
Empalme, MexicoNOGALES, Ariz., Apr. 24 (AP)—
Jimmy Angel and his two flying
companions arrived at Empalme,
the aerial airport for Guaymas, So-
nora, Mexico, at 9:45 this morning
after making the flight from Her-
mosillo. The information was wire-
d to the Herald from Guaymas
upon the arrival of the airmen.

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Organic Life Of
Proterozoic AgeScience Probes Back into
Past 600,000,000 Years
Animal Life Traces Not
Proven.WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (AP)—
Discovery of traces of organic life
possibly millions of years older
than any hitherto found, was an-
nounced before the national acad-
emy of sciences by Dr. Davis White
of the United States geological sur-
vey.Evidence taken from rocks formed
in the proterozoic period at least
600,000,000 years ago, was obtain-
ed near the mouth of the Bright
Angel creek, in the Grand Canyon,
about 5000 feet lower than traces
discovered by the late Dr. Charles
D. Walcott of the Smithsonian in-
stitution, which have stood for
many years as the oldest known
records of life in Southwestern
North America. Although he has
not completed his study of the new
evidence, Dr. White, who is home
secretary of the academy, is con-
vinced that much of it is the prod-
uct of rock forming processes still
in progress, as described yesterday
by Dr. Marshall A. Howe, of the
New York Botanical Garden. These
processes involve the action of al-
gal, or microscopic weed, in draw-
ing carbonic acid from surround-
ing zones of water and thereby
causing the crystallization about
themselves of lime held in solu-
tion by that chemical element.

Most Traces Erased

So many periods of extreme pres-
sure have buckled and crushed the
various strata of the earth's crust
since the proterozoic period ended
about 425,000,000 years ago that
most of the rocks formed at that
time have probably been erased.
The Grand Canyon is one of the
few places discovered where they
have been preserved by nature in
a condition making it relatively
easy to recognize traces of such or-
ganisms.Whether any of the rock forma-
tions in the base limestone investi-
gated by Dr. White carry traces
of animal life has not been deter-
mined, but he said he had found
"reeds unmistakably of algal de-
posit and several other types of
deposit very probably of algal or-
igin," while molds "mainly of
animal but surely of organic ori-
gin" were discovered about the
same time in a layer of shale just
above the lime stock by G. E.
Sturdevant, Grand Canyon national
park naturalist.

Billion Years Old

It is in this region, where some
of the rock formations are esti-
mated to date back 1,400,000,000
years, that the academy with the fi-
nancial support of the Carnegie
corporation through the Carnegie
institution of Washington, is estab-
lishing a permanent exhibit of evi-
dence of prehistoric life in their
natural environment. These ex-
hibits already cover a span of about
200,000,000 years.Writing In Only
Way to Select
Party ChoicesSALEM, Ore., Apr. 24 (AP)—
Willis Moore, assistant attorney
general, today advised the secretary
of state that the only manner in
which candidates for the nomina-
tion for congressman in the second
Oregon district can be made at the
coming primary election is by writ-
ing in the names on the ballot.The Moore letter mentions the
three methods of placing names on
the ballot at primary elections, by
petition, by statement and the fil-
ing of a fee and by the writing in
of names. The two former are of
course now impossible.