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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Unsettled tonight and
Friday, probably occasional rains
west portion, cooler in the interior
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WATER BREAK
IS DISCOVERED
6 MILES AWAYCrew of Men Under Supt.
Knapp Sent Out Today
to Make RepairsWATER FLOW MAY
RESUME TOMORROWDeep Well No. 2 Supply-
ing La Grande with
Water for the Second
Time Since Completion

The break in the steel pipeline that furnishes La Grande with water from the Beaver creek intake, some 16 miles from here, was discovered yesterday afternoon about six miles from this city, in a hilly section. The location is about two miles this side of the Hartsdale meadows and City Meadows. W. C. Crews reports that it is in an excellent location for the workmen to make repairs.

A crew of three men and Water Superintendent Horace Knapp left here this morning for the break, equipped with materials to make repairs. The break was taking all of the Beaver creek flow, permitting none to get to the Old Town reservoir.

Expert Repairs by Tomorrow
Mr. Crews expects to get the break repaired and water flowing in the reservoir by tomorrow, he said this morning.

The break occurred sometime during Monday night and was not discovered until Tuesday afternoon after four o'clock. At that time the Old Town reservoir, which had an excess of water, gave out, after furnishing the city with water for several hours.

As quick as the break became known the pumps were started at the Second street viaduct deep well system, and the output of artesian well No. 2 was pumped into the mains. Ordinarily water is pumped from the wells into the reservoir when necessary, but because of the emergency water was pumped directly into the mains, giving it little opportunity to cool off. It has not been necessary to turn on well No. 1, as the second well, which has the largest flow, was more than adequate to supply the needs of the city.

Water Pumping Averred
Had it not been for the deep wells, La Grande would have had no water from the city mains for a period of about 72 hours—more than three days. The only means of getting water would have been from the river and from private wells over the town, which would not have provided nearly enough for the city's needs, officials declare.

This is the second time that well No. 2 has supplied the city with water, the first occurring some time ago when it was necessary to shut off the Old Town reservoir supply in order to hook up the 18-inch cast iron main which was recently installed along Second street.

SMALL HOUSE
IS DESTROYED
BY FIRE TODAY

A one-room house, occupied by William Kannard, was burned to the ground shortly after 5 o'clock this morning. The place was located at Lake and Umalla streets, just outside of the city limits.

Mr. Kannard believes that a defective flue caused the fire, as the attic was aflame shortly after the built the fire this morning. The alarm was turned in at 5:15 and the fire department managed to save some of the contents of the place. No insurance was carried on the house and contents.

Traffic Officers
Check on Lights

State traffic officers checked up on 450 cars in La Grande last night in a headlight campaign, and reported today that in most cases the lights were in good shape.

Officers making the inspections included: Lieut. Jay Saltzman, of The Dalles; Sergeant Buck Ideall, of Pendleton; Walter Lagunas, of Baker; Dick Robertson, of La Grande; and W. W. Yancy, of Ontario. From here the officers will go to Baker for a similar campaign.

J. D. Mickel Will
Represent U. S. A.

BAILEM, Ore., Apr. 24 (AP)—J. D. Mickel, state dairy and food commissioner, is the selection of President Coolidge to represent the United States at the world dairy conference which is to be held in London during June and July. No one else has been so designated by the president.

Mr. Mickel will visit Denmark to study dairy conditions and methods and will visit his friend, Dr. Orla Jensen of the Royal Technical college in Copenhagen.

La Grande Man
Seeks \$25,000 in
Suit for Damage

William A. Stansfield Files
Action Against O. W.
Company in the Circuit
Court Here.

William A. Stansfield filed suit in circuit court yesterday afternoon against the Oregon-Washington Railway and Navigation company, in which he seeks \$25,000 damages for injuries he claims to have received two years ago when the truck he was driving was hit by an O. W. train at the Ferry crossing. The complaint is now in the hands of County Clerk C. K. McCormick awaiting further action. Mr. Stansfield is represented by Green & Horn.

The accident occurred April 26, 1926, the complaint alleges, when Mr. Stansfield was crossing from the southeast direction. He alleges that a large pile of ties, which he says were carelessly placed near the crossing by the company, so that they obstructed the view of an approaching train, were in large part responsible for the accident. He also claims that the train did not make proper warning and that this is all the more necessary at Perry due to the roar of the falls and the noises from the saw-mill, then in operation.

Mr. Stansfield claims that his truck was badly damaged and that he was permanently injured and crippled. His age at the time of the accident was 32. Mr. Stansfield's home is on Y avenue.

Temporary Bus
Permit Is Given
To Local Hotel

A quiet meeting of the city commission occurred last night at the city hall with little but routine matters coming up for discussion. All commissioners were present.

A temporary permit was given to the Nacawewa Inn, providing for a loading zone and also allowing passenger buses to spend 10 minutes time in loading and unloading passengers in the zone. Only one bus, however, will be allowed in the zone at one time. The permit was made of a temporary nature because later it is expected that other arrangements will be made to provide for such service.

The question of grading Cedar street from E to M was discussed, but no decision was reached. Commissioner H. H. Corey reported that E. P. system had ordered the cleaning up of the right of way along the branchline tracks and also the grading of the "Y". Thomas Kinney objects to installation of a billboard on city property at Sixth and L streets and the city also denied an application to install billboards on city property at Fourth and K streets.

Nellie T. Ross
Is To Speak In
La Grande May 5

According to word received here today from the Smith-Presidential association headquarters in Portland, Nellie Taylor Ross, ex-governor of Wyoming and the first woman to be inaugurated as elected governor in the United States, will carry the presidential campaign into La Grande the evening of Saturday, May 5. She will address an Al Smith-for-President gathering in the city hall. Arrangements for the meeting here are in the hands of the local democratic committee.

Mrs. Ross has been touring Oklahoma and California in the interests of Smith's candidacy and will open her Oregon campaign in Portland April 30. She will also speak in Eugene May 1. The Dallas May 3, and Pendleton, May 4. Mrs. Ross is known to be an eloquent speaker with a thorough grasp of important public questions. She is a progressive and was in the front of the fight for the direct primary, woman's suffrage, the 15th amendment and other similar movements.

Hoover Gets 31
Ohio Delegates

COLUMBUS, O., Apr. 25 (AP)—Though Herbert Hoover is assured the support of 31 of Ohio's 51 delegates to the national republican convention as a result of Tuesday's primary, just where the other 20, who were pledged to the late Senator Frank D. Willis, will swing their support is unknown. Since the death of their leader, which occurred Mar. 29, while he was campaigning for the presidential nomination, the Willis state of delegates has advocated candidates of several other possibilities. Among the list are Vice President Dawes, a native Ohioan; Leoden, Curtis, Hughes and Kiplinger. During the convention it is not unlikely the Willis state will split its strength.

GOOD ROADS
MEETING AT
SUMMERVILLE

Elgin, Imbler, Pleasant
Grove and Other Com-
munities Represented

\$440,000 COUNTY
ISSUE IS FAVORED

Much Enthusiasm Dis-
played During Discus-
sion—Chicken Dinner
Served by Rebekahs.

An enthusiastic good roads meeting was held at Summerville last night with representatives from Elgin, Pleasant Grove, Summerville, Dry Creek, Imbler and Pampinville among those in attendance from out of town. The entire meeting went on record as favoring the \$440,000 county road bond issue, which will be voted upon at the coming general election.

In addition to the discussion of the \$440,000 bond issue, the community road program was taken up. There is no definite program as yet but a plan of co-operation is to be undertaken to secure better roads in that district.

The Elgin Community club attended the meeting on mass, accompanied by the Elgin band of 16 pieces, which played a concert after the gathering.

Serve Chicken Dinner

The Rebekahs of Summerville served a delicious chicken dinner in the Masonic hall during the evening.

Speakers included H. H. Westphalen, Arthur Hallgren and C. L. Hazen, of Elgin; LeMar Westenskow, of Imbler; W. P. Brock and John Slippy, of Dry Creek.

B. C. T. HEARING
CONDUCTED HERE

H. H. Corey and Edward
O. Ostrander Take Testi-
mony on Rail Request

A hearing upon the application of the Big Creek and Tolocast Railroad company to make the road a common carrier was held this morning by the public service commission of Oregon at the county court house here before two of the commissioners, H. H. Corey, Eastern Oregon representative, and Edward O. Ostrander. The hearing was held upon the request of the Interstate Commerce commission, after the application had been made claiming the road a public necessity and convenience.

The hearing was of the same character as one recently held at Union upon application of the Union Railroad of Oregon, and which was granted by the commission, subject to the present operators retaining possession of the road in the courts. The reason that the Interstate Commerce commission has jurisdiction over these railroads is that it is possible to make shipments of freight from such roads to another state.

This morning's hearing was for the purpose of taking testimony, and to give the state of Oregon and the Union Pacific railroad, with which the Big Creek-Tolocast road connects at Tolocast, an opportunity to object. No objections were filed and the public service commission will submit its report to the Interstate Commerce commission, which will take action on.

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New Fielder, Buddy Silcott, Coming
To La Grande Club From Southwest

Jerry Goleman's expert gardening and slugging will no longer grace the lineup of the La Grande Pirates. The popular center fielder, who opened the Blue Mountain season with the local club, has turned his back on baseball in favor of business. Goleman packed his grip and left La Grande a day or so ago, headed east, stating that he wanted to see the king of sports would know him no more.

In Goleman's place, however, Harris P. French, La Grande manager, has secured a man who promises to be even better. Buddy Silcott, who hit around .400 in organized baseball a year or so ago, and who has an enviable record in the Southwestern states, around Colorado and Arizona, is now on his way to La Grande and expects to arrive here today or tomorrow. He is driving, which makes his arrival a little bit uncertain. However, he will be on hand for the game with Baker at Baker Sunday.

Thousand Grade
School Students
Are To Compete

Third Annual Track and
Field Meet Will Be Held
in La Grande on Friday,
May 4.

What is undoubtedly the outstanding day in the school year for every La Grande grade school youngster is just eight days in the future. That momentous event is the third annual grade school track and field day, in which, altogether, nearly 1000 will compete in individual and group competition for the prize banner.

A parade in which every school child in the city from six year olds on up will participate is to begin the big afternoon at 1 o'clock, half an hour before the contests start. W. M. Pearce will be the chief official for the afternoon.

Incidentally, conducting a meet on such a mammoth scale as this presents, is no small job, and school officials, meeting with City Superintendent J. T. Longfellow, have carefully prepared the schedule and regulations. They are anxious that anyone having a truck in which the primary students can be carried in the parade get in touch with one of the high school principals as soon as possible.

Four Schools Entered
All four schools, Riviera, Greenwood, Central and Willow, will be supported by peppy young rooters, at the contest, judging from the enthusiasm already shown.

Most of the city coaches are agreed that Green's chances for laurels are brightest, mainly because she has huskier and more experienced competitors. The competition in all events this year is divided into three classes according to age, and to show the comparative inexperience of Central and Riviera, the coaches point out that they will have to substitute men from class two (over 12 and under 15) in their third class events.

Principal C. F. Gilbert, Riviera coach, expressed the opinion today that the outcome of mass competition will be a major influence in the outcome of the meet. All three teams have been working hard this week.

"This business of dodging clouds has made it hard to accomplish any real practice this spring," was the lament of Coach H. M. Phinney, of Central. Events will include broad jump, high jump, dashes and relay events in single competition. Mass competition will include the tug of war, mass games such as the over-the-top race, foot-dribble, put-and-throw and in-and-out race. Both boys and girls participate.

Ticket Sale For
Benefit Concert
Is Encouraging

Tickets are selling rapidly and a record-breaking crowd is expected to attend the benefit concert, which will be played tomorrow evening by the La Grande municipal band, under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr., at the latter day Saints tabernacle. There will be no reserved seats. The program will begin at 8 o'clock.

Ted Roy, Phil Rock tenor, will be the assisting soloist. This will be his second appearance in La Grande, and is an especially attractive feature of the concert program.

Ice Chains About
Shipping Broken

SAULTE STE. MARIE, Mich., Apr. 24 (AP)—The ice chains which have bound 22 grain laden steamers to the St. Mary's river throughout the winter have been partially broken.

Bird Houses Built
By Second Graders

Birds which plan to spend the summer in La Grande should not have difficulty in finding a home—and of the color and type desired—judging from an exhibit of bird houses which is now on display at the public library. These bird houses, 22 in number, were made by the second grade pupils of Miss Inogen Russell's room of the Central school, and ideas and plans for the houses were obtained from a library book entitled "Permanent Bird Houses."

Included in the display are bird houses in all sizes and shapes, and in red, blue, green and a variety of colors.

QUAKES RUIN
ADRIANOPOLE
AND VARNA

Two More Cities Wrecked
by Tremors, Storms and
Giant Tidal Wave

BALKAN PENINSULA
VIOLENTLY SHAKEN

Varna Disaster Is Worse
Than That Which Dam-
aged Philippopolis—Relief
Workers Active.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (AP)—A contribution of \$15,000 toward the relief of earthquake sufferers in Greece and Bulgaria was made today by the American Red Cross through the state department.

TWO CITIES WRECKED
VIENNA, Apr. 26 (AP)—The whole of the Balkan peninsula, shaken by a series of devastating earthquakes in the past week, is still being swept by violent tremors. Latest cities to fall in the wake of the earth's terrific movement are the ancient city of Adrianople, in European Turkey and the large Bulgarian city of Varna, on the Black Sea, while the successive upheavals have completed the destruction of the classical Greek city of Corinth and several additional towns in Bulgaria.

Giant Tidal Wave
The Varna earthquake which took place last night, is described as worse than that which caused great damage in the populous city of Philippopolis several days ago. It was accompanied by a giant tidal wave which inundated the city and swept everything in the harbor.

The far famed islands of Mytilene and Syra in the Aegean sea, immortalized by Byron, and places where the American Far East relief is caring for 10,000 Greek and Armenian orphans also were swept by a cyclone which unroofed hundreds of houses, damaged crops and spread panic throughout the population.

Narrow Escapes
Many American nurses and relief workers in Corinth had a narrow escape from death in one of the shocks as the temporary relief station in which they were aiding the injured, collapsed.

Three of their number, Edna Bassett, of Los Angeles, Grace Harris, of New York and Emma Bushman, of Boston, rendered heroic service in rescuing victims buried in the ruins caused by the quakes.

Juniors Defeat
Seniors In Tug
Of War Contest

The traditional junior-senior contest was held at the high school grounds last night. The juniors, under the leadership of Coach H. M. Phinney, defeated the seniors in a tug of war match. The seniors, under the leadership of Coach H. M. Phinney, were defeated in a tug of war match. The juniors, under the leadership of Coach H. M. Phinney, defeated the seniors in a tug of war match.

THREE KILLED
IN DONORA, PA.
FAMILY FRAY

DONORA, Pa., Apr. 25 (AP)—Three persons were dead and a fourth was reported in a critical condition today as a result of a husband's attempt to catch up a marital difference with his wife, Andrew Lacus, 55, was shot to death yesterday by his son-in-law, John Fancall, 25, in the former's home at Monacaola city.

Fancall wounded his mother-in-law and his estranged wife and then shot himself. The mother-in-law and Fancall died later. Mrs. Fancall's condition was described as serious.

The shooting followed an argument growing out of Fancall's efforts to have his wife return to him.

Scouts Will View
Forest Pictures

In observance of national forest week a mass meeting of all boy scouts of La Grande will be held in the basement of the First Methodist Episcopal church here this evening at 7:30 o'clock, when a motion picture film entitled "Good Turn to Our Forests" will be shown. The film will be shown by A. G. Angel, of the Whitman national forest, and Gerald Tucker, forest ranger here. All scouts are urged to attend.

In addition to the motion picture Dr. W. T. Phy, president of the Eastern Oregon Boy Scout council, will speak briefly on the meeting of the national executive board, which he attended in San Francisco.

FIRST TIME



NEA Washington Bureau

For the first time in District of Columbia supreme court history, a girl, Mary Margaret Halligan, 20, was chosen the other day for a jury that was to be locked up during a trial. The jury was to be housed in a hotel during the trial of an alleged run runner for manslaughter. A special woman bailiff was appointed for Miss Halligan.

HICKMAN NOT TO
HANG TOMORROW

Supreme Court Hasn't
Had Time to Review His
Appeal, Officials Say

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Apr. 25 (AP)—William Edward Hickman, sentenced to death for the murder in Los Angeles of 12-year-old Marian Parker, whose he kidnapped and mutilated, today learned the decision of tomorrow, with much more comfort than he did a month ago.

When Hickman was convicted in superior court he was sentenced to die on the gallows at San Quentin prison on April 27. Since sentence was imposed, his case has been appealed to the state supreme court, one of the grounds being the claim that the law under which he was convicted is unconstitutional. This law provides for a plea of "not guilty and not guilty by reason of insanity."

Because the state supreme court could not hear arguments in the case by April 27, Hickman's execution was automatically stayed. The postponement is to have an indefinite date. Members of the supreme court have said they would get to the Hickman case as soon as possible legally.

Meanwhile the notorious young kidnaper has been absorbed into the prison population and routine and attracts little attention. He has been described as "popular and well behaved."

Hickman also is serving a life sentence for participation in the hold-up and shooting of Ray Toka, a druggist, near Los Angeles. The Parker girl was the daughter of Perry M. Parker, Los Angeles banker. Her mutilated body was returned to the father when he handed Hickman \$1500 in \$20 bank notes. She was kidnapped December 15, last. Hickman was captured later in Oregon.

Klamath Indian Is
Guilty of Murder

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—Orville Davis, 22, Klamath Indian, was found guilty late yesterday by a jury in federal court of first degree murder. He was convicted of killing Lawrence Water, another Klamath Indian, at Beatty, on the Klamath reservation, the morning of Jan. 2. Davis' attorney was given 20 days in which to move for new trial. The verdict carries the death penalty. No date was set for passing sentence.

Man Drowned In
Willamette River

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—Plunged into the Willamette river near Jennings Lodge late yesterday when a rowboat filled with water, Earl Simons, 40, was drowned. Ray York was rescued. The prow of the boat was pulled under water as the men, who were fishing, tried to pull in a heavy anchor. York was saved by two other fishermen.

Legislators Are
Given Blame For
Laxness of Laws

President of American
Law Institute Says that
Laity Is More to Blame
Than Lawyers.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (AP)—Direct responsibility for the delays and shocking malpractices of justice, which he said characterized American criminal laws, was laid at the door of congress and the state legislatures today by George W. Wickham, president of the American law institute at the opening of its convention here.

The faults are "notably lacking in other English speaking countries," he said. He blamed the law making agencies for failure to build up a courageous judiciary "as is necessary to withstand the popular clamor of the moment, and maintain such a vigorous and impartial enforcement of the criminal law as will make justice both sure and swift."

Community at Fault
"The administration of criminal justice in this country for some time has been a matter of reproach to thoughtful men. Why? Primarily because of the failure of the community at large to recognize the absolute need of a learned, impartial and powerful judiciary."

"While associations such as ours are endeavoring to reform the statutory rules of procedure in criminal cases some members of congress are at work trying to reduce powers of a judge in the trial of cases to the impotence of a moderator at a town meeting despite the example furnished in many states of the sad results of a poorly paid judiciary."

"It is an easy method of criticism to charge to lawyers the responsibility."

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U. S. Missionary
Held Captive In
Central China

KANSAS CITY, Apr. 26 (AP)—Word of the capture of L. C. Osborn, Nazarene missionary, by Chinese soldiers was received at the Nazarene mission headquarters here yesterday. The information was contained in an unsigned cablegram from Tientsin, China, which said:

"Military holding L. C. Osborn interior. Consul has referred to Peking. Awaiting results. Do not anticipate any danger."

It was assumed the message was from O. E. Deale, Nazarene missionary at Tientsin.

Mr. Osborn, whose home is in Olmsted Falls, Ohio, has been in China since 1916, when he went there with the Houlding independent mission. He has been a missionary of the church of the Nazarenes since 1916.

Dempsey Given
Nod Over Kearns
In \$700,000 Suit

NEW YORK, Apr. 26 (AP)—Jack Dempsey had another knock-out to his credit today. His one time manager, Jack Kearns, went down for the count in the federal district court, losing a suit for \$700,000.

Last night, after allowing a jury to find only on two questions of fact, Judge John C. Knox delivered the final blow to Kearns' claim by directing a verdict for Dempsey after four days of interesting testimony to flaccid railroads.

The jury decided that Dempsey had entered a valid three-year contract with Kearns in August, 1923, while the former's championship was training for his title defense against Luis Firpo, and that this contract was terminated in 1925 by mutual consent in Los Angeles, when the pair of Jacks, after months of bickering and publicity, split their joint property holdings of over \$500,000.

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NEW TAX CUT
SENATE BILL
IS AGREED ON

Measure, Calling for \$203-
000,000 Reduction, Sat-
isfies Mr. Mellon

FARM RELIEF IS
TOPIC IN HOUSE

Haugen Plan, Differing
in Some Respects From
McNary Scheme, Goes
on Trial Today.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (AP)—A \$203,000,000 tax reduction bill was agreed to today by the senate finance committee as a substitute for the \$290,000,000 measure voted by the house.

The republican majority on the committee wrote into the bill the new rate schedule over the program of the democrats for a \$115,000,000 reduction.

The formal report of the bill to the senate was held up until tomorrow when some administrative provisions will be settled.

This proposal, if given final congressional approval, would be acceptable to the treasury since Secretary Mellon announced today that a tax reduction of as high as \$210,000,000 would receive his sanction.

The \$225,000,000 reduction program includes:

Reduction of the corporation tax from 13 1/2 to 12 1/2 per cent.

Repeal of the 3 per cent automobile tax.

An increase in exemptions allowed corporations from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

Downward revision of the rates applying on the intermediate surtax brackets.

Increase in exemptions on the admissions tax from 75c to \$3.

MILLION SATISFIED
WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (AP)—Secretary Mellon today said that addition by congress of the republican tax plan calling for a \$115,000,000 reduction would be satisfactory to the treasury.

The democrats on the senate finance committee want a \$225,000,000 reduction. Secretary Mellon, with the support of President Coolidge, had previously recommended a reduction of \$200,000,000 between \$180,000,000 and \$210,000,000.

The \$210,000,000 reduction was regarded by treasury officials as the limit that would be sanctioned by the administration.

HOUSE TAKES UP FARM BILL

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (AP)—The new McNary-Kearns plan for farm relief, revised in many instances since last year to conform to White House views, but still proposing the equalization fee machinery objected to by President Coolidge, goes on trial for the first time this session today in the house.

The subject was made the order of business late yesterday when, after an hour's debate, a resolution was adopted unanimously to give it the right of way.

The bill actually up for discussion was the Haugen measure proposing the same general plan for farm relief as the McNary bill recently approved by the senate, but differing to some extent in regard to specific provisions.

The Haugen bill would apply to all agricultural products while the McNary measure would exempt forest vegetables, fruits, beef and beef products.

The Haugen bill would give the proposed federal farm board authority to select the seven members of the advisory council, to be created to handle specific commodities from lists of names submitted by farm organizations. McNary's would provide for their selection directly by the farm organization.

The Haugen bill would give the

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SCIENCE CAN
TAKE PHOTOS
OF THE SONG

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (AP)—A demonstration that the singing as well as the singer can be photographed and measured with scientific precision was given last night by Dr. Carl E. Seashore, of the University of Iowa, in the concluding lecture of the annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences.

In photographing the song or instrumental music, Dr. Seashore explained, a beam of light is reflected into the camera, from a sensitive membrane which vibrates as the sound waves strike it. The light, moving back and forth across the moving film, produces a zigzag record which shows every variation within one thousandth of a second. By analyzing these variations and plotting them on a sharp representing the musical scales, it is possible to present a graphic and readily understandable record of what actually happened.