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SCHOOL DAYS
NEARLY OVER
IN LA GRANDEMore Than 90 Seniors to
Graduate at Commence-
ment on May 16CLASS PICNIC AT
RADIUM SPRINGSChampion Tiger Track
and Field Team to Par-
ticipate in State Meet
at Corvallis.

Vacation days for the children of La Grande are not far distant—and for members of the senior class of La Grande High school, the days of student activities are very few.

The coming 10 days are crowded with school-end affairs, ranging from the annual senior picnic today to commencement Wednesday, May 16. Ninety-one seniors expect to receive their diplomas then, and Edwin T. Reed, Oregon State college editor, will deliver the main address of the evening.

The seniors went to Radium Springs today on their final school outing with several members of the faculty in the party.

Baccalaureate May 13

Baccalaureate services will be held May 13 at 8 p. m. in the L. S. tabernacle and the Rev. J. George Watz will preach. The Rev. H. W. Dyer, president of the ministerial association, will preside that evening.

At the commencement exercises Wednesday morning of the downtown in the tabernacle will be reserved for parents of graduates, nuns, faculty, school board members, etc. To get into the reserved section a ticket must be had and these are given only to parents or to members of the immediate families of the graduates. An invitation does not admit to the reserved section.

School proper, however, will be ended for most of the seniors on Friday, May 11. A large percentage of this year's class expects to go to college, according to Principal E. D. Towler.

To Enter State Meet

Couch Ralph W. Christie and 15 track men as yet not definitely chosen, will leave Thursday night by train for Corvallis, where they will take part in the annual state meet. Anson, who broke the Eastern Oregon mile record at Union Saturday, Keffer, Charlton, Taborn and others will be assured of making the team, which will be announced soon. An assembly will be held Thursday as a send-off to the athletes. Mr. Towler will today that the boys will leave on either train No. 23 or No. 25. Tom Bruce will accompany the boys.

Last year La Grande entered the state meet and placed well among the leaders, taking one first.

WILL OBSERVE
HOSPITAL DAY
ON SATURDAY

In accordance with annual custom, the P. E. O. members will be in charge of the observation of national hospital day, Saturday, May 12, in La Grande and have arranged an excellent program for the occasion. An open house from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon is to be given by the committee in charge as the main event of the day and a very interesting program is being lined up.

The committee is urging that anyone in the city having blossoms or flowers that might brighten the rooms of the sick either send or bring them to the hospital during the day.

"We are especially anxious that we have a large response in our request for flowers," said Mrs. J. T. Richardson, chairman of the committee today. "Bonquets, large or small, will be welcomed, for they will show the interest of the community in the day and will help to stimulate the spirit that the day is meant to create," she continued.

With Mrs. Richardson on the committee are the following members of the P. E. O.: Mrs. H. Bohnenkamp, Mrs. Stella Hag, Mrs. George Curry, Mrs. P. J. Lott, Mrs. E. P. Mossman, Mrs. Clyde Seitz, Mrs. Ed Blokland, of Bland City.

Portland Man Is
Slightly Injured

George E. Hughes, of Portland, was slightly injured here yesterday afternoon in a traffic accident, suffering a sprained wrist and minor bruises. A motorcycle he was riding collided with a car driven by Ernest Brannon at 10th and Adams at 5 o'clock. The motorcycle was damaged somewhat but Mr. Brannon's light roadster escaped serious damage, according to a report made to the police.

Defends Freight
Rates in Speech
Before Club MenGeorge O. Brophy, of U.
P. System, Is the Main
Speaker at Chamber of
Commerce Meeting.

George O. Brophy, of Omaha, special representative of the department of public relations of the Union Pacific system, was the speaker at the chamber of commerce luncheon at the La Grande hotel today at noon, defending present freight rates charged by the railroads in an instructive and very interesting talk.

Mr. Brophy prefaced his remarks with a word of praise for La Grande. This is his second visit here in 18 years and he spoke glowingly of the progress made in La Grande.

The speaker pointed out, after an historical review of the railroad's part in the development of the west, that a fair return on the investment is necessary and said that the railroads are not making as much money as either congress or interstate commerce commission intended them to. "We ought to go slow before we demand a reduction in freight rates," Mr. Brophy said. He added that the railroad books are always open to the public if anyone desires to learn in detail about their finances.

Earlier in the hour, G. S. Birnie reported on a trip to Ponderosa last week at which the Grande Rodeo Lumber company was host to both Baker and La Grande men. He urged that some action be taken by the chamber of commerce in connection with the road problem out of Ponderosa and H. E. Brady, president, asked that Charles A. Mulholland, secretary, arrange for Mr. Birnie to speak before the good roads committee.

A. W. Nelson reported that a meeting of the mid-season committee would be held Friday and urged that all commitments be attended.

Annette Quereau played a violin solo after the singing of "America" by the chamber members and responded to hearty applause with Victor Herbert's "Kiss Me Again."

Peace Officers
Will Meet Next
At Enterprise

About half a hundred law enforcement officials attended the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Oregon Peace Officers' Co-operative association at Ontario yesterday. Included in the 50 were several from Nampa, Weiser, Caldwell, Boise and Payette. Problems in general were discussed. Police Chief Clint Haynes, of La Grande, presided at the meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Enterprise.

Deputy Sheriff Hugo Klinghammer and Policeman John Allen attended from here. Sheriff Jesse Breckner and Policeman Oscar Roe left here but had car trouble and returned to La Grande. Mr. Klinghammer and Mr. Allen going on by train from Durkee.

44 Students To
Be Honored By
Hi-Dads Tonight

Arrangements have been completed for the annual spring Hi-Dad banquet for the Tiger athletes and honor students. The dinner will be held at the La Grande hotel, beginning at 6:30 o'clock this evening, according to Grandad B. P. Hummel.

The Hi-Dads, an organization of fathers and men interested in the schools, each year pays tribute to the football prowess of La Grande high school players in the fall, and then before school is out, honors the basketball and track men and honor students. This year there are 44 athletes and 16 honor students who will be guests.

Impromptu speeches will make up a part of tonight's program, which is expected to be very interesting.

Hickman Appeal
Is Before Court

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 8 (AP)—The case of William Edward Hickman was called in the California supreme court this morning and delayed until the afternoon pending argument in another case.

Jerome T. Walsh, counsel for "the fox" said this morning he will direct his attack upon the California criminal law largely upon its violating the right to trial by jury.

BRAZIL TO STAY OUT
GENEVA, May 8 (AP)—Brazil has declined a recent invitation of the league of nations to cancel her resignation which will shortly go into effect.

WINS PRIZE



Miss Florence Hurley, of Enterprise, a University of Oregon co-ed, was unanimously judged the winner of the Edison-Mars hall annual short story contest on her story, "The Log Line." Twenty-eight manuscripts were entered for the award.

TO PRESENT ACT
OF OPERA TONIGHTCadman's "Shanewis" to
Be Feature at Neighbor-
hood Club Meeting

The presentation of one act of Charles Wakefield Cadman's opera "Shanewis" by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, an event in which keen interest is being displayed in musical and dramatic circles of the city, will take place tonight when the Neighborhood club meets at the La Grande hotel. The business meeting is to start at 7:30 and the opera at 8:15 o'clock.

With outstanding musicians of La Grande participating and with Mrs. Howard P. Miller, dramatic director and Mrs. Harley H. Richardson at the piano, assisting Mrs. Richardson, the presentation of the first act of the American opera, which has had an unique reception in both eastern and western metropolises, promises to be delightful.

The Ladies' Triad choir of the First Presbyterian church with 30 voices, is singing three supplemental numbers.

Federal Farm
Loan Group Has
Sessions Here

The annual district No. 5 meeting of the Federal Farm Loan association of Eastern Oregon was held at the city hall yesterday with representatives from over all Eastern Oregon, including Baker, Union, Walla Walla, Grant, Harney and Umatilla counties and officials of the association from Spokane attending.

Ernest DeLong, president of the county association, presided at the meeting, at which business pertaining to the organization was discussed and talks heard from many of the attendees. A number of stockholders were present, and the president of the Federal Land bank of Spokane, Mr. Earhart, was also here.

Next year the organization will meet at Elgin.

Charles H. Reynolds is secretary of the county association.

Pirates Release
Baker, Knight;
Hire Spillman

Ray Baker, catcher, and Tex Knight, utility man, have been released by the La Grande ball club. It was announced today. The board of directors of the club met last night and decided to release the two men and engage a new catcher with the idea of both cutting total expenses and also securing a receiver as good if not better than Baker.

Ed Spillman, catcher, has been signed up and is reported to be on his way to La Grande to join the local club. He is expected to arrive Thursday.

The La Grande team will play at Pendleton Sunday.

Spring Is Definitely Here — At Last

Now comes the time of the year when the male heart is to be gladdened by a much-needed-forward-to change of headgear. A time when one knows that spring is here for sure, with the summer time just around the corner.

Thursday, May 10, is La Grande's straw hat day.

All dealers are co-operating in staging a community straw hat day this week and everybody is to blossom forth on that occasion—even those who have nerve enough to wear last year's hat will appear with his head covered with the lighter sunshades.

The co-operative observance of straw hat day is to destroy self-consciousness that the average male feels in appearing in a new bonnet unless he knows that numerous others are going to do likewise. They will all be doing it Thursday, however, and dealers say that since every man is bound to have a new straw during the season, the official opening day is the best time to start wearing it.

All stores in La Grande have a complete stock and there will be many models to choose from.

Mrs. Alexander
Is Elected By
P.-T. CouncilAnnual Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon—Results
of School Survey
Are Given.

Mrs. R. C. Alexander was elected president of the City Parent-Teacher council yesterday afternoon when annual election of officers was held during an interesting meeting at the Willow school that included talks by every principal in the city. Mrs. George Chadwick, of the Central school P.-T. A. was chosen vice president, and Mrs. O. B. Maxam, of the Riviera association, secretary-treasurer. E. A. Sayre was chosen chaplain.

Mrs. Alexander is from the Willow P.-T. A. and has been active in work of the organization. She succeeds Mrs. L. Paxm who presided at yesterday's meeting, which opened at 2:45 p. m.

In addition to the important business meeting yesterday, an interesting program that was termed by all who attended as "very worthwhile" was given. County School Superintendent E. A. Sayre led in a short devotional that opened the meeting. Then the pupils of Mrs. Beatrice Young, Willow, presented the "Puppet Show," followed by folk dancing by the sixth grade Willow students.

E. D. Towler, high school principal, Mrs. E. A. McEachran, Central principal, Mrs. Evelyn Bennett, Willow principal, R. A. Wilkerson, Greenwood principal, and Chester Gilbert, Riviera, speaking on the problems and accomplishments of their schools, kept members of the council absorbed as they heard new angles of the elementary school situation. A survey of the school population, now 2,295, with 640 of these high school students, was an interesting part of the principal's talks.

A kindergarten bill will be presented at the next session of legislature, Mr. Sayre told the council members, explaining it in more detail. Mrs. Sadie Lambert, of Riviera, was another speaker, explaining what the passage of a kindergarten bill would mean to younger children.

Miss Wilma Hansell, an eighth grader at Central, read an excellent paper which she prepared earlier this year as part of the affirmative side of a class debate. The subject was "Why La Grande Needs a Junior High School."

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INDIANA AND
ALABAMA ARE
VOTING TODAYStrenuous Battle Between
Hoover and Watson
Centers AttentionSMITH AT STAKE
IN SOUTHERN POLLMaryland Goes on Record
for Secretary of Com-
merce, Giving Him In-
structed Delegates.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8 (AP)—The strenuous battle between Herbert Hoover and Senator James E. Watson for the state's 36 delegates to the Kansas City convention and for the republican presidential preference vote attracted nation-wide interest in the Indiana primary today.

Watson forces predicted victory in every district while Oscar G. Froelinger, state campaign manager for Hoover, issued a statement declaring Hoover would win by a comfortable margin.

The democratic presidential preference will go unopposed to Evans Woollen, Indianapolis banker. Senator Arthur R. Robinson faces a stiff fight in his effort to win the nomination. E. A. Sayre, Indianapolis attorney, and Attorney General L. Gilliam have conducted vigorous campaigns in an effort to win the nomination.

Klan is Factor
Both have denounced the Ku Klux Klan which figured in the charges of political corruption in the senate, and Carter has declared Robinson is backed by the Klan. Robinson has the endorsement of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league.

One of the leading democratic candidates for the nomination for United States senator, Walter Myers, of Indianapolis, has been dropped out of the race. Albert Stump, one of the principal contenders against Myers, has remained neutral on the question.

William W. of Indianapolis, the other democratic candidate for the post, favored the modification of the prohibition law.

SMITH AT STAKE
IN SOUTHERN POLL

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 8 (AP)—Al Smith is the leader before Alabama today as thousands of democratic voters go to the polls to elect delegates to the Houston convention.

Opponents of the New York governor have used prohibition and religion as campaign arguments while these favoring Smith have brought the party mandate of "no delegates pledged to vote against any man" to the fore.

The Ku Klux Klan and prohibition both in the state have supported candidates opposed to Smith.

Walter Moore, national democratic committee man from Alabama, in his fight for re-election is meeting serious opposition in state Senator Watt T. Brown.

APPROVE HOOVER

BALTIMORE, May 8 (AP)—A preference for Herbert Hoover, expressed by Maryland voters in the primary election yesterday, was a vote of Senator William Cabell Bruce, democrat, and former Governor Philip Lee Goldsborough, republican as party candidates for United States senate and renomination of all present members of the house of representatives, were demonstrated in the count of the primary vote.

Mr. Hoover was the only candidate on the presidential ticket to receive republican voters casting ballots either for him or for an unaffiliated delegation. Returns from

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DeMOSS CO. TO
GIVE CONCERT
HERE FRIDAY

The unique record of 55 years on concert stage work is held by the DeMoss Concert company, a family of entertainers who started at Cove, Ore., more than half a century ago and have since traveled around the world and visited every state of the United States. They have appeared in La Grande on several occasions, and have a number of friends here. The DeMoss entertainers, particularly Mr. and Mrs. George DeMoss, the oldest members, take a special interest in visiting the Grande Rodeo valley as it was the home of the pioneer DeMoss family before the company was organized.

The company will appear here Friday at the high school auditorium, under the auspices of the Central Church of Christ. Preparations for the event, including the ticket sale, are progressing very successfully. The company includes Homer DeMoss, flute soloist, and a pupil of the Leopold Auer school, Miss Smith, graduate of the American Conservatory of Music, and Mr. and Mrs. George DeMoss.

A CONSIDERABLE SUM OF MONEY

OREGON WASHINGTON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION COMPANY No. 278633

Notice is hereby given that the Oregon Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the sum of \$73,542.71 as the first half of the Union Pacific system's taxes, which was mailed from Portland Thursday and received here Friday. This is one of the largest single sums of money ever paid to the local tax department.

Taxation	Tax
Portland-Huntington	\$8,807,261.
Seattle-Portland	1,006,021.
Portland-Huntington (2nd Track)	4,900,000.
First Half Total	\$14,713,282.

ENGLAND ASKS
CAROL TO LEAVEFormer Crown Prince of
Rumania No Longer
Welcome in London

LONDON, May 8 (AP)—Sir William Joynson-Hicks, secretary of home affairs, told the house of commons today that he had caused Prince Carol to be informed that his presence in England was no longer welcome and that he should terminate his visit without delay. The home secretary said that he had taken this step after consultation with Sir Austen Chamberlain, the foreign secretary.

The home office, informally announcing its action, said the matter had been placed in the hands of suitable authorities to see that the order was carried out, but gave no reason for the order.

It was understood that Carol will be given "a reasonable time" to arrange for his departure.

RUMANIA EXCITED

BUCHAREST, May 8 (AP)—All Rumania was filled with political excitement today as Julia Maniu, the "peasant" leader, prepared to present to the regency the peasant ultimatum for the immediate overthrow of the Bratianu government.

If the regency refuses to act, as seems now foregone, Maniu is expected to continue to rouse the peasantry in order to exert the necessary pressure.

Serenely confident that sooner or later the regency will be compelled to bow before the rising tide of dissatisfaction among the rural population who constitute three-fourths of Rumania, Maniu already has formulated a cabinet with himself at its head.

To prevent the peasant unrest from spreading, the government

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Tax Cut Menaced
By Money Bills,
President SaysCantaloupe Crop
Is Threatened

WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP)—The possibility of additional taxes rather than a tax reduction is seen by President Coolidge if congress approves the numerous proposals before it calling for funds from the treasury.

The president regards the number of such proposals before congress and the amount they involve as appalling. He hopes, however, that congress will decline to act upon these and remove the threat to the treasury that he feels they involve.

In Mr. Coolidge's opinion two such proposals when considered together are the postal rate reduction bill and the proposal to increase the pay of postal employees. He feels the two together would cost the treasury \$58,000,000 which in his judgment is excessive in view of the fact that the postoffice department already is operating with a deficit.

Dirigible Italia Is
Undergoing Repairs

COPENHAGEN, May 8 (AP)—The dirigible Italia was undergoing repairs at its hangar at Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, today as General Umberto Nobile completed preparations to leave for the north pole within a week.

One engine needed repairs as did the envelope which was torn at the bow when landing at Vadsoe, Norway.

Henry Ford Has
Optimistic View
Of U. S. Business

NEW YORK, May 8 (AP)—Henry Ford returned from Europe on the Majestic today with optimistic predictions on business conditions.

"I am confident," he said, "that current prosperity in the United States will continue. The business outlook is good and there is no factor in sight to disturb its future."

TRANS-ATLANTIC TALK
DETROIT, May 8 (AP)—Reports that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh plans another trans-Atlantic flight, this time over the northern air route to England, the project to be backed by Henry Ford, were revived today with the arrival of the famous flier, ostensibly for conference with Ford officials.

Lindbergh, accompanied by Lieut. Commander P. V. H. Weems, U. S. N., and Capt. James G. H. Smith, U. S. N., arrived here last night and immediately went into conference with William H. Mayo, chief engineer of the Ford Motor company.

Neither Colonel Lindbergh nor Mr. Mayo would comment regarding the purpose of the visit. The general interpretation in flying circles, however, was that it concerned the reported trans-Atlantic project which first came to light when Lindbergh sent friends to the navy department to inquire regarding availability of data pertaining to the northern route. The route, only partially charted, provides landing places at Harbor Grace, Newfoundland; Greenland; Iceland and Crofton field, England.

Although rumor had linked Ford as sponsor for the reported flight, verification has not been forthcoming from company officials.

Rand Report Is
Still Incomplete

PORTLAND, May 8 (AP)—After working several hours upon its report, the committee of lawyers appointed to investigate the charges against the integrity of the supreme court in an open letter to Chief Justice John L. Rand, adjourned at 6 p. m. to meet again today.

The committee planned to reassemble in the office of J. L. Veeney and is expected to give out the report if it is finished today.

Police Murder Is
Apparently Solved

CHICAGO, May 8 (AP)—The slaying of Policeman Arthur Esau shot dead without warning when he walked unaware into a drug store holdup April 27—appeared solved today.

Two youths, barely 20, calmly discussed the shooting following their arrests last night and they embellished their story with accounts of more than a score of robberies committed during the past two months—the loot of diamonds and silks which they lavished upon two girls they had met in a dance hall.

Charles Watz said he had been a "cop hater" since a policeman shot and killed his brother, William two years ago. William, according to the story, was defending foot Charles had stolen when cornered and slain by the officer.

Denmark Buying Fruit
COPENHAGEN (AP)—Denmark has taken to heart that Mrs. Manu about an apple day and is buying more American apples. Purchases have tripled in five years. Most barreled imports come from Virginia, but California and other states also ship the fruit. Smaller quantities are obtained from Australia, Italy and the Tyrol.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

R. H. E.
Cleveland 3 10 1
New York 0 4 1
Batteries: Uhlis and L. Sewell; Penneck and Collins.

R. H. E.
St. Louis 3 11 0
Philadelphia 4 11 1
Batteries: Ogden and Schang; Rammel and Cochrane.

R. H. E.
Chicago 1 4 1
Boston 5 11 2
Batteries: Connally, Adkins and McCurdy; Morris and Heving.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

R. H. E.
New York 5 11 4
Pittsburgh 6 11 3
Batteries: Henry and Hogan; Grimes and Gooch.

R. H. E.
Brooklyn 3 10 1
Chicago 4 12 0
Batteries: Petty and Henline; Jones and Gonzales.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy on the coast and fair in the interior tonight and Wednesday; normal temperature; fresh northerly winds.

ACTUAL WAR
IS INDICATED
IN ORIENTJapanese and Nationalist
China Armies Engage
in Several Battles.CONCERN IS FELT
FOR AMERICANSReport of Missionary's
Death Not Verified—
Heavy Fighting in the
Tsinan District.

PEKING, May 8 (AP)—A state of actual warfare in Shantung is indicated by official Japanese reports to have been entered by Japanese and nationalist China.

Latest word from Tsinan, capital of Shantung, states that heavy fighting ensued at 8 a. m. today when a contingent of the 13th Japanese regiment reconnoitering in a Northern Tsinan suburb along the railway was fired upon by nationalists.

The Japanese are taking measures to enforce the proclamation of a neutral zone seven miles on either side of the railway where nationalists were last reported attacking in great bodies.

Chinese Make Demand
Today's fighting followed the issuing of an order by the Japanese general in command at Tsinan directing the nationalist troops to withdraw outside the neutral zone. The Chinese refused and began to adopt offensive measures resulting in publication by the Japanese of a proclamation announcing recourse to active measures to enforce their demands.

Latest advice indicates that the nationalists are gathering strength and are preparing to attack the Japanese from the northwest. Japanese reinforcements from Tientsin were rushed to the defense line today immediately after destruction.

TOKYO, May 8 (AP)—Premier Tanaka today invited the heads of the diplomatic missions of Great