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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight, Tuesday
fair but becoming unsettled, prob-
ably rain in extreme west portion,
moderate temperature.

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LARGE CROWD
IS ATTENDING
CONFERENCESixth Annual Economic
Session Begins With
Large AttendanceWEATHER PROVES
LITTLE DRAWBACKTalks Made By Professor
Brandt, S. T. Bailey,
Hans Selfors, Wray
Lawrence and Others

The sixth annual Economic conference, conducted under the joint supervision of the Union county chamber of commerce and the extension department of the Oregon state college, opened this morning with a surprisingly large attendance considering the extremely bad weather which is prevailing all over the county today. The interest in the subjects presented and the progressive spirit of the farmers of Union county have been given as the reasons for the comparatively large attendance.

Today was designated as "Dairy day" and topics of interest and importance to those engaged in the dairy industry either in a large or small way had material provided for them on the program. S. T. Bailey, who is secretary of the Union county Dairy Herd Improvement association acted as chairman through the day. Mr. Bailey touched off briefly on the situation as regards dairy herds in the county, pointing out that conditions seemed to be better at the present time than at the same time last year, due, as he believed, to the putting into practical operation of things recommended during the conference last year. The two most important to which he made reference were the cow testing association which has been working for something less than a year and the testing for contagious abortion in herds in the county.

Professor Brandt speaks of livestock judging at Union on various occasions. Mr. Brandt discussed the dairy outlook, meaning by that, the national situation as regards dairy interests and the relation to the present day situation in the world. He based his remarks on the government report for the year 1928 which has just been issued. According to the speaker, 99 per cent of the dairy products consumed in the United States are produced in the country. This

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EPWORTHIAN
JOIN IN MEET
AT HOT LAKE

The Epworth Leagues of the Methodist churches at La Grande and Union put on an excellent and enthusiastic meeting last evening at Hot Lake with a fine company of the young people participating in the program. Each of the leagues held their own meeting in their own church, then adjourned early, drove to the lake and combined in the special meeting.

The leaders for the evening were Miss Inge Harriman and Eugene Cates, of La Grande, the general subject having had to do with "Peace." Four members of La Grande chapter were called on to debate extemporaneously on the question "Resolved: That military training camps should be maintained." The affirmative was upheld by Harold Rogers and Boyd Jackson, while Bethmyr Miller and LaVelle Tichey took the negative side. The debate is reported to have been very warmly contested with the Hot Lake guests applauding enthusiastically throughout. Special musical numbers from both chapters interspersed the program.

Following the debate, Mr. Cates called on all those present to contribute to a symposium on "What the League Means to Me." The local chapter is not only one of the most enthusiastic organizations of the local church, but is also one of the busiest chapters in this conference. There are at present 42 young people who have signed the membership pledge.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—23 above.
Minimum: 25 above.
Condition: cloudy, snowy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 45, minimum 22 above.
Condition: rain .94 of inch, snow traces.

WEATHER FEB. 25, 1928
Maximum 44, minimum 25 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

La Grande High
Wins Right To
Play at UnionVictory Over Imbler Sat-
urday Night Brings Suc-
cessful Sub-tourney to
A Close

HOW THEY FINISHED

	W.	L.	Pct.
Wallawa	2	0	1.000
Enterprise	2	0	1.000
La Grande	3	1	.750
Cove	1	2	.333
Imbler	1	2	.333
Elgin	0	2	.000
Joseph	0	2	.000

—Will play at Union.

La Grande high school's basketball team won its way into the district championship tournament to be played at Union this weekend, by defeating Imbler here in the L. D. S. Recreational hall 77 to 20 Saturday night before a large crowd of fans.

The Saturday night game was the final one of the most successful sub-district tournament ever held in Union and Wallawa counties, with sportsmanship, interest and officiating of a high order. The La Grande high student body played the role of host and the public and school authorities combine in wishing the students for their attention to even the smallest details.

Close Games

Although some of the contests were "walk-overs," several of the games were closely fought and spectators got numerous thrills out of the tournament. Particularly interesting were the La Grande-Wallawa game, the Imbler-Cove, the Cove-Elgin and the Enterprise-Joseph contests. Wallawa noted out the Tigers by one point in the first 11 Saturday morning and later in the day Imbler high eliminated Cove 25 to 24.

The Tigers showed much improvement during the tournament, according to spectators, who were surprised and pleased at the excellent showing made against the strong Wallawa team, district champion of 1928 and favored to repeat this year. In the last two games, the Tigers smothered Joseph 59 to 23 and Imbler 77 to 20, giving the blue and white five a record of 210 points scored against opponents' 80 in four games, or an average of nearly two points a minute.

Tiger Guards Strong

A feature of La Grande's play was the strong guarding, which, coupled with a triple scoring threat in Wolfe and the Newlin twins, held opponents to 28 field baskets, of which the Wallawa Cougars scored 12. In the Wallawa-La Grande game the guarding was so strong that neither team scored until the half had been in play five minutes and 20 seconds.

Captain Wolfe, of La Grande, was high scorer of the tournament with 72 points. Paul Newlin was second with 58 and held the record for the most in any one game.

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No Verdict In
Busch Trial In
Circuit Court

In the case of the state vs. E. H. J. Busch, tried in circuit court Saturday, the jury disagreed and was discharged without rendering a verdict. It is understood that the vote of the jurors was nine to three. The jury was out from 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon until after midnight.

The defendant was being tried on a charge of receiving stolen property.

With the close of the trial Saturday the February session of circuit court adjourned.

Bakery Entered
By Thieves On
Saturday Night

Sometime between 8 and 8:30 o'clock Saturday night some one entered the K. J. McWilliams bakery and took 12 bakery bread pans, some 20-pound rolls of candied cherries and a carton of 10,000 paper cups. Mr. McWilliams reported to the police Sunday.

Return Prisoner
To La Grande

Eural Sandifer, wanted in La Grande on a charge of passing bad checks, was arrested last weekend at Pasco, Wash., and yesterday Police Chief Clint Haynes drove to Pasco to return the prisoner to this city, arriving back home in the afternoon.

The case will be turned over to the district attorney.

Mr. Haynes reports that there is no snow on the ground in the Pasco country and that the weather is warm and springlike.

40 DENTISTS
ARRIVE HERE
FOR MEETINGProfessional Men of Three
States Represented in
GatheringCONVENTION WILL
LAST TWO DAYSOpening Session Is Held
This Morning With Dr.
Cate, President of So-
ciety, in Charge

Dentists from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, met this morning for the opening of the joint meeting of the Southwestern Idaho and Eastern Oregon district dental societies convention to be in session at the Sacajawea Inn here today and tomorrow. By noon today about 40 dentists had registered.

Tonight at 6:30 o'clock, the professional men will gather at the Sacajawea Inn for a banquet at which Dr. R. E. Cate, of Baker, will be toastmaster. Talks will be given by other members of the society.

Dr. Cate Presiding

The convention was opened this morning by Dr. Cate who is president of the society. At 10 o'clock Dr. Dave Chase, of Portland, gave a talk on "Partial Dentures," and Dr. C. A. Philpott, of Boise, showed slides and spoke on "Porcelain Jacket Crowns for General Practice."

The meeting began this afternoon with a talk by Dr. Edith L. Frank, of Salem, on "The Modern County Dental Unit," and was followed with a lecture by Dr. William G. Hughes, of Walla Walla, on "Vibrant Angina."

At 2:30 o'clock Dr. Lester Murphy, of Hood River, was scheduled to speak on "Cast Gold Inlay Technique." The chamber of commerce will have the dentists as guests at the regular forum luncheon in the Sacajawea Inn tomorrow at noon, according to announcement this afternoon by Secretary Charles A. Malenfant. Details of the program have not yet been worked out, although it is expected that two or three talks will be featured. Every business man is invited to attend.

U. P. MEN GIVEN
WAGE INCREASELa Grande's Payroll Will
Be Increased Approx-
imately \$25,000, Report

OMAHA, Feb. 25 (AP)—Eleven thousand employees of the Union Pacific System have been awarded wage increases of two to five cents an hour, railroad officials announced today. The award followed a week's conference with 100 representatives of the shop employees' union on the four units of the road.

The advance, it was said, would mean an annual payroll increase of a million dollars.

The increase affects mechanical department employees in all of the 15 states served by the U. P. system. It was learned in La Grande today.

The number of men affected in La Grande is approximately 225. The total increase in La Grande's payroll is approximately \$25,000, it was stated in a communication received from the U. P. offices in Portland, Ore.

Boy Scouts Conduct Services At
First M. E. Church Last Evening

A group of La Grande boy scouts who have been appearing at different places during the last few weeks put on their ninth and last service last evening at the Methodist church, a program which was enjoyed by a very good crowd. The purpose of these meetings, it has been explained, has been an endeavor to develop a "scout spirit" in this community, and the work has been done through the fraternal and civic organizations as well as the churches. It was pointed out by the chairman last evening that with the exception of a few boy scout organizations and similar groups for the girls, practically nothing is done for the boys and girls of La Grande outside of school hours, and there is no place in the city provided for the girl and boy to play indoors. It was to inform the general public of the work being done by the scouts and the need for an enlargement of the program, that the meetings have been held, it is asserted.

A. W. Nelson presided over the meeting last evening and made the introductory remarks. He was followed by a group of the scouts who explained the work by different steps. Those speaking were, Royce Reynolds a tenderfoot, Max Rooder, second class, Roland Rooder, first class, Howard Lyman, stars, Chas. Thomas, life, and Virgil Knickerbocker, each scout.

Dr. W. T. Pugh was the last speaker. He emphasized the fact that the churches could rightfully take a greater interest in scout work, since, as an organization it was religious and in the scouts themselves was a possible source for future church membership.

TWO POWERS
DENY SECRET
AGREEMENTFrance and Belgium Both
Declare Alleged Treaty
Story Not TrueHOLLAND PAPER
PRINTS DOCUMENTProvides for Joining of
Forces in Case of War
With Germany or Other
Nations

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Feb. 25 (AP)—Publication of alleged provisions of a secret Franco-Belgian military treaty excited considerable discussion in Holland today.

According to Utrecht Tagblad, leading provincial paper, the convention came into its hands by "fortuitous circumstances" and publication was withheld until satisfactory guarantees of its authenticity were secured. The treaty was negotiated in 1920 at Brussels, the paper says.

By the terms of the treaty the two countries would make common cause in the event either is at war with Germany or any power assisted by Germany, each placing all its available forces at the disposal of the other.

Mobilization shall be instantaneous and spontaneous without prior consultation immediately after a cause involving the treaty has been established.

Minimum of 1,800,000 Men
Belgium is set a minimum of 600,000 men for mobilization while France's minimum is placed at 1,200,000 men. One article provides that each shall undertake simultaneously a vigorous offensive, compelling Germany to fight at once both north and south of the common front.

The duration of the agreement is set at 25 years, each contracting party being entitled to abrogate it with one year's notice.

Among its provisions is one declaring against a separate peace in the event both are at war with the same nation.

FRANCE ISSUES DENIAL

PARIS, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Havas News agency today published a semi-official note denying that any secret military treaty has been signed between Belgium and France as has been claimed by a Dutch newspaper.

The note says that the two countries signed an accord in 1920 implying an entente between the two general staffs, but that this accord was not secret, was registered with the League of Nations and was published by the league two years ago.

BELGIUM SAYS "FORGERY"

BRUSSELS, Feb. 25 (AP)—The term "gross forgery" was used today in a semi-official statement issued here today regarding publication in Amsterdam of an alleged Franco-Belgian military agreement. The statement said that a glance at the purported text was sufficient to brand the document as false.

The statement emphasizes that

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Jones Bill Wins
Committee's O. K.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—The Jones bill to increase penalties for prohibition law violation was approved without amendment today by the house judiciary committee.

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TEACHERS CAN WEAR 'EM SHORT



The Cleveland superintendent of schools wants his teachers to be modish, so Cecelia Sholle (right) and Jean Burroughs (left) show that they are. H. G. Jones, superintendent, believes that health and poise are important, second only to training and education. Pupils must be at ease to get the most out of their classwork, he believes, and the best way to bring that about is to give them an attractive, well-dressed, poised and capable teacher. "We want our teachers to keep abreast of the times," Jones said. "If a teacher can wear short skirts becomingly, she should wear them. And nobody, least of all myself, will complain if there is rouge and lipstick in her purse."

Kiddle In Race
For Presidency
Of Senate, 1931

According to a story printed in yesterday's issue of the Oregonian, Senator Fred E. Kiddle, of La Grande, may become president of the senate at the next meeting of the legislature. The article lists Frank J. Longenecker, Mr. Kiddle, K. Kuhl, B. L. Eddy, Willard L. Marks and Colon B. Eberhard, also of La Grande, as possibilities.

Speaking of Mr. Kiddle, the special dispatch says: "Some of his friends have been grooming him for the presidency four years or more now but the Longenecker movement in the house is so strong that they have concluded not to wait, but to enter him for the 1931 presidency."

Presides Temporarily
While Kiddle voted for Norblad, he was not in on the dickering and he has steered a course which has not aroused antagonisms. His advisers assert that he has more potential support at this time than has Eddy. A screen test was given Kiddle a few days ago when Norblad had him preside temporarily. The backers of Kiddle sat in and watched him, to see how he performed, and their verdict was favorable.

The article also states that Senator Eberhard would join the Kiddle camp if the latter made a better showing, although he is at present listed as a possibility for the position.

Senator Kiddle was manager of the Hoover campaign in Oregon last year and was also mentioned as a candidate to succeed Congressman N. J. Sinnott, when the latter was elevated to the court of claims, but Mr. Kiddle did not enter the race.

Lindy May Wed
Miss Morrow In
Mexico, Is Rumor

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 25 (AP)—While those who knew kept silent, those who did not know wondered today if Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and his fiancée, Miss Anne Morrow, would not be married while he is in Mexico, and fly back together to the United States.

Arrival of the tall young aviator here yesterday at sundown, and his precipitate departure for the Morrow country home at Cuernavaca was in motion a veritable flood of speculation.

Some said that Cuernavaca, set in idyllic fashion in the mountains 40 miles from Mexico City, having served as scene of the courtship of the two, was to be also their wedding place.

If there was no positive information that such was the intentions of the betrothed pair neither were there denials.

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Organization To
Promote Water
TransportationWheat Growers of East-
ern Oregon Join With
Others Living Along the
Columbia River.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 25 (AP)—Designed to link the common interests of cities tributary to the Columbia river, the Columbia Valley association met here today with more than 150 representatives attending. The meeting today was called to set in operation an organization to promote water transportation on the upper river and to consider other matters in which the district is involved.

The association considered of prime importance the proposed barge line by which produce would be transported at low cost to Portland and there re-shipped for export.

Shippers, chamber of commerce officials and Eastern Oregon wheat growers, had a large representation at today's meeting. H. H. Richards of The Dalles is chairman.

Baker Sees Long Fight
"It will be a long pull," said Mayor George L. Baker of Portland in opening the meeting. "We must not expect it to go over in a flash. A good organization is what we must prepare at this time."

The problem before the group was compared to that met by the Mississippi valley cities, by Hoyt Hinner of Henderson.

"Eastern Oregon associates the help given by Portland in aiding our river transportation," Ritter said. "Cascade Locks, though not used much recently, have kept down freight rates materially. Wheat growers of Eastern Oregon are eager to get their grain to tide-water as cheaply and as quickly as possible. We will appeal to the government for the same aid given the grain growers of the Mississippi district."

W. W. Harcan, Pendleton wheat grower, said the charge of 13 1/2 cents a bushel to ship wheat from Pendleton to Portland is three times the amount charged for shipping wheat from St. Louis to New Orleans, three times the distance.

Upes Using River
"We have gone to sleep on the job," he declared. "We should use the river and thus force down freight rates. Portland should help the upper Columbia as much as it does the lower Columbia."

A committee on committees was appointed to form the sub-committee that will work out plans for the permanent organization. This committee consists of H. B. Aldrich, publisher of the Pendleton East Oregonian; M. J. Grubb, Lewiston, Idaho; T. J. Elippen Jr., Eugene; F. R. Brown, Vancouver, Wash., and Frank L. Shull.

Tornado Causes
Deaths, Injuries
In Cooper, Texas

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 25 (AP)—Four persons were killed and seven seriously injured in severe wind storms which swept down on two Northwest Texas communities today.

At Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Jones were killed when a tornado, which swept through a path less than 200 feet wide and about half a mile long, crashed their house to the ground. Troy Young, 21, Mrs. William Duncan, 60, and an unidentified woman, were injured seriously. Mrs. Duncan's husband was slightly hurt when their home was destroyed.

Ten miles from Dallas, at Grand Prairie, another high wind took the lives of two negroes, Alfred Gibson, 46, and his wife, 32. Four persons were seriously injured.

The storm seemed to have been a part of a general disturbance over Northeast Texas. A heavy rain, with large hail stones, fell in Dallas and adjoining communities last night.

New Refrigeration
Process Invented

TORONTO, Feb. 25 (AP)—A new process for the refrigeration of fish by which it is reduced to very low temperatures rapidly and retains the characteristics of the fresh product has been developed by the biological board of Canada.

Further experiments are being made to extend use of the refrigeration method to beef and poultry. By employment of the new method, the experimenters said, it would be possible to preserve beef for a year.

11th Bomb of Year
Explodes in Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 25 (AP)—Twenty-five occupants of a south side apartment building ran to the street early today when a bomb exploded in the doorway of a restaurant on the ground floor. Windows were shattered in nearby buildings and damage exceeds \$25,000.

The restaurant owner, Mrs. Margaret Shepard, could advance no motive for the attack. It was the 11th bombing of the year.

ANNEXATION
BILL PASSES
LOWER HOUSEOpposition to Measure
Loses Fight By One
Vote, Telegram SaysEXPECTS "DEATH"
IN THE SENATEStock Show Appropri-
ation Bill Passed by the
House Late Saturday;
Also Portrait Measure

Stock Show Appropriation Bill

House bill 280, providing for appropriations of \$20,000 for payment of awards at the Eastern Oregon livestock show at Union, over a period of two years, was passed by the house Saturday afternoon before adjournment. House bill No. 474, appropriating \$800 for the painting of a portrait of Walter M. Pierce, ex-governor, was also passed.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25 (AP)—

Approximately two townships of territory now lying in Union county will be transferred to Baker county if H. B. 512, which passed the lower house Monday morning, receives the same kindly treatment from the senate and the governor. Swift of Baker county, who introduced the bill, claims that the territory which seeks to be annexed is isolated from La Grande, the Union county seat, all but five months of the year and that this only all-year road into the district is the Baker-Medical Springs highway. A spur of the Wallawa mountains separates the district from Union county proper. Baker is the logical commercial, social, and economic center for the district, it is claimed.

A fight against the annexation to Baker county "was made by Weatherston of Union, and Johnson of Union and Wallawa. They claim that it is only since a lumber company has opened up the territory lying beyond Medical Springs and made the district valuable has Baker become interested in its ownership. They claim that Union county has already expended \$45,000 in building roads to the locality and two roads have been placed on the county road program with substantial improvements planned for the next year. They claim further that any change in the county lines would cause a serious loss to the Union county road program.

SEEN DEATH OF BILL

Representative H. H. Weatherston wired to Judge H. B. Brady, president of the chamber of commerce, today that the Baker annexation bill carried in the house by one vote, his telegram following: "We lost Baker annexation bill by one vote. Have assurance it will be killed in the senate committee."

REGENT BILL ADVANCED

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 25 (AP)—By evening, according to Senators Baker and Schuchman, representative MacPherson and others intimately connected with the movement, there will have been enacted by both houses of the legislature and sent to the governor for his approval or rejection one measure of vital importance to the people of Oregon.

It is senate bill 152, by Bell and Schuchman, abolishing the boards of regents of the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College and the state normal schools, which comes up in the house for final consideration as a special order of business at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It passed the senate with only five negative votes and 22

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LEGIONNAIRE
ASKS RELEASE
OF EIGHT MEN

SPokane, Wash., Feb. 25 (AP)—An audience numbering more than 100 packed the Carpenters hall last night to hear "The Centurion case," presented from the point of view of two speakers, C. D. Ellis, editor of a Seattle labor paper, and Captain Edward P. Cell, former officer of Hequiam post number 1 American Legion, and a former captain in the American expeditionary force from October 1918 to July 1919.

Following the two addresses resolution was adopted unanimously, prohibiting Governor Roland H. Hartley immediately to release the eight men imprisoned.

He told, now, after months of investigating he had found absolute proof that the eight men now serving time in the penitentiary at Walla Walla are innocent, "and that, hard as it is for me to say it, my comrades of the American Legion who marched in the parade that eventful Armistice day in Centralia were the aggressors."

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