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OREGON: Generally cloudy to night and Wednesday, probably rain northwest, slightly warmer in the east central portion tonight.

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MR. ROESCH
NEW HEAD OF
ORGANIZATION

Chamber of Commerce
Election Today; Annual
Banquet Next Tuesday

DENTISTS GUESTS
AT FORUM LUNCH

H. A. Lindgren, of O. S.
C., Gives Interesting
Summary of Livestock
Conditions

Following the forum luncheon of the Union county chamber of commerce today, 12 newly elected directors met in their first executive session and elected officers for the coming year. Julius Roesch was elected president. A. T. Hill, first vice president, August J. Stange, second vice president and A. W. Nelson, treasurer.

All of the above named officials were elected to the board of directors, the other eight members following: E. B. Appleby, George S. Birnie, Hugh E. Brady, H. E. Coe, Robert E. Eakin, P. A. Ekin, Dr. Ray Murphy and W. C. Jenkins. The directors were elected by a membership vote taken last week.

Members of the Eastern Oregon dental society, now in annual convention here, were guests of the chamber at the luncheon today, headed by Dr. Ray Cate, of Baker, the society's president. Brief talks were made by some of the guests. Dr. W. G. Hughes, of Walla Walla, emphasized the importance of an annual dental examination. Dr. Cate pointed out that good dentistry extended a man's span of life 10 years and that the present goal of dentists is to add another five to this total. Dr. Lester Murphy, of Hood River, who practiced in La Grande 10 years ago, complimented the city upon its astonishing growth.

H. A. Lindgren, livestock field director of Oregon State college, was the main speaker, explaining the present livestock situation as follows:

Beef: Situation encouraging, with numbers of animals reduced, resulting in improved markets, outlook for future promising with per capita consumption of beef holding up. Argentine quarantine against hoof and mouth disease also aid to American cattle men.

Sheep: Future held meager unless flock increases are halted. Swine: On a little better basis than a year ago.

Horses and mules: Future uncertain, due to growing demand for trucks and tractors.

Annual Meeting Next Tuesday
Earlier in the meeting, President Brady announced that the annual chamber of commerce dinner will be held next Tuesday evening at 6:45 o'clock in the Sackajawa Inn with Professor Bratton, of Whitman college, as the main speaker. According to Brady, much has been arranged for the dinner. New officers will be installed and reports for the past year will be presented. Dr. W. P. McAdory is to act as installing officer, it was announced.

Miss Lorraine Graham played two piano numbers which were greatly appreciated. The Rev. L. H. Aves opened the session by returning thanks.

During the meeting it was announced that the second state convention in La Grande this year would be held in hotel when the Royal Arch Masons will meet here.

DEATH TAKES
MRS. FICKLIN
NEAR HILGARD

Ellen Esther Ficklin passed away at the home of her daughter at the Mountain Springs service station this side of Hilgard yesterday. Funeral arrangements will be made later. The body is at the Snodgrass & Zimmerman mortuary.

Mrs. Ficklin was born Feb. 6, 1856 and was 72 years 20 days of age at the time of death.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. G. C. Clark and Mrs. A. C. Glenn; five brothers, David Kuhn, of Paradise; C. E. Kuhn, of Union; J. L. Kuhn, of Alsea; Willard W. Kuhn, of Lodi; and B. E. Kuhn, of La Grande; a sister, Mrs. W. W. Wade, of Enterprise; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—24 above.
Minimum—24 above.
Condition—Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 35, minimum 29 above.
Condition—Rain .03 inch, half inch snow.

WEATHER FEB. 26, 1929

Maximum 42, minimum 27 above.
Condition—Cloudy.

La Grande Will
Play Walla In
Union Thursday

Tigers and Cougars to
Open Evening's Sched-
ule; Drawings Com-
pleted Last Night

Even Lady Luck likes to watch La Grande and Walla, traditional basketball rivals, fight it out to the finish.

Last night, before a group of coaches, educators and interested persons, eight slips were drawn from a hat to determine who plays who in the first round of the district tournament at Union Thursday. Four slips had been drawn by Dr. William Pearce, tournament timer, and then he picked out La Grande. The next slip, with history repeating itself, read "Walla."

The drawings resulted in the following schedule of games:

Thursday Afternoon
3:30 o'clock—Haines vs. Ontario.
4:30 o'clock—Union vs. Baker.

Thursday Evening
8 o'clock—La Grande vs. Walla.

9 o'clock—Mount Vernon vs. Enterprise.

Friday Morning
9:30 o'clock—Losers of Haines-Ontario and Union-Baker games.

10:30 o'clock—Losers of La Grande-Walla and Mount Vernon-Enterprise games. Loser to be eliminated.

Friday Afternoon
2:30 o'clock—Winners of Haines-Ontario and Union-Baker games.

3:30 o'clock—Winners of La Grande-Walla and Mount Vernon-Enterprise games.

Three games will be played Friday evening, making up the third round of the tournament, with two more teams to be eliminated, leaving four quintets to go into action Saturday afternoon. Two more may be eliminated Saturday afternoon, narrowing it to two for the evening championship game. However, in double elimination tournaments of this nature, there is always a chance that three teams may go into the final round, or an undefeated team may lose in the final tie. In such an event an extra game will be played. This has resulted before and in nearly every case, the extra game is scheduled for the following Monday.

Strong Teams
Observers are anticipating an exceptionally close tournament, with many thrilling contests.

Ontario is sending nearly the same team that came last year and made such a favorable showing. This year the southerners cleaned up everything in their part of Oregon and also stepped over into Idaho to crush Nampa. Haines is also strong, it taking Baker two over-

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Pendleton Nine
Joins Tri-State
Baseball League

PENDLETON, Feb. 26 (AP)—The Pendleton Buckaroos of the Blue Mountain baseball league last night voted to enter the six-team tri-state circuit consisting of Walla Walla and Pomeroy, in Washington; Lewiston and the Clearwater Lumber company in Idaho, and the Union Pacific system with headquarters in Walla Walla.

Charlie Hoskins, veteran catcher, will manage the Pendleton team.

News of Pendleton's action in voting to enter the tri-state baseball league was received with surprise and regret in La Grande this morning. Plans had been under way to go on with the Blue Mountain league, consisting of Pendleton, Baker, La Grande and Walla Walla, this year and La Grande was preparing to enter a strong team in the circuit. Some time ago Pendleton intimated that she had been approached by the tri-state league but would not join. La Grande and Baker, saying that the Buckaroos preferred to play the Blue Mountain team.

As a result of the Pendleton move, local baseball took on a new uncertainty today. Some opinions were expressed that an Oregon-Idaho league might be formulated but nothing definite has been done.

See Wildcat On
Road Near Here

Two balls of fire, blackness, and then a streak with a short bushy tail on the end of it hurtling away speedily, was the sight which appeared before the eyes of two La Grande folks and one pilgrim from Yakima, bound for La Grande from Hot Lake last night about 9 o'clock.

Mrs. J. E. Phyl, Richard Dykhus, and W. J. Staphesh, of Yakima, Wash., were in the automobile when what they thought was a "monstrous rabbit," darted in front of the car and ran to the right of the highway. Then it jumped through the fence and they identified it as a wild cat because of its tail.

DR. BROWNTON
ELEVATED TO
PRESIDENCY

Dr. Ray Murphy, of La
Grande, Re-elected Sec-
retary-treasurer

2-DAY CONVENTION
ENDS LATE TODAY

Annual Banquet Is Held
Last Night at Sacaja-
wa Inn; Clinic Held by
Portland Dentist

Dr. H. S. Brownton of La Grande, was elected president of the Southwestern Idaho and Eastern Oregon district dental societies at the afternoon session today. Dr. Ray Murphy, of La Grande, was re-elected to the position of secretary-treasurer and vice presidents elected were: first vice president, Dr. T. M. Hixson, of Milwaukie; second vice president, Dr. Young, of Baker; third vice president, Dr. R. B. Stone of Enterprise.

The two-day convention in progress in La Grande closed this afternoon with a table clinic on porcelaine.

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WOMEN DISCUSS
MANY QUESTIONS

Homemakers' Conference
Hears Talks by Mrs. Mc-
Comb and Miss Glassow

Can the woman on the home, to compete with the home standard of the woman in town? Has she a right to spend a comparable amount on her wardrobe? May she work toward an ideal that will put her on a basis of leisure, that of the woman in town? These were some of the questions which were discussed at the Homemakers' conference Monday afternoon and today. And they are still open questions when the conference closed this afternoon without defining a standard farm home for Oregon.

Mrs. McComb, Miss Glassow Here
The same situation has prevailed everywhere that the project has been presented, according to Mrs. J. D. McComb, state leader, home economics extension, of Oregon State college, who invited the discussion. Eventually she and other members of the extension department hope to establish a standard of farm living that will be as potent as has been the similar standards for laboring men that the American Federation of Labor has succeeded in raising.

Foot troubles, posture and questions of personal hygiene, with Miss Ruth Glassow, physical education director for women at Corvallis, as speaker, divided the program with the farm standards discussions. Miss Glassow injected games and stunts into her talks to create an informal atmosphere.

Some popular food fallacies were presented in a talk by Dr. W. T. Phyl, of the state board of health, who appealed to the women to adopt no one's pet theory unless it was specifically prescribed for their individual cases.

While mud, ice and blizzard conspired to dishearten the conference goers, and many tales of difficulties in getting over the by-roads were related, the Homemakers' conference was at least as enthusiastic, if not well attended, as has been in the three former years of its existence.

By afternoon, the damage was fixed and the furnace was again functioning properly.

Furnace Room At
School Flooded

Heavy snows may be a blessing to mountain streams and Eastern Oregon scenery for next summer, but right now it is pouring its hardships in a number of ways, and yesterday it had its effects on the high school and the Central grade school buildings.

The snow melting entered the heating plant for the two schools Sunday and flooded the furnace so that for a few hours yesterday morning there was no heat. School was dismissed during that time at Central grade school and classes vacated the chilly high school building and inhabited the L. D. S. Recreation hall.

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50 La Grande High Students Will
Take Part in Operetta in March

Fifty La Grande high school students, members of the boys' and girls' glee clubs, will take part in the operetta, "Yokohama Maid," which will be presented in the auditorium of the high school about March 29. The personnel of the cast of performers was announced by W. W. Nussbaum, instructor of music of the La Grande schools.

The operetta will, it is expected, prove popular with La Grande townspeople. The "Yokohama Maid" is Japanese in scene and story and is based on the "Mikado." Last year an operetta of different type, "Bells of Beaulieu," was given. It was French in theme.

Mr. Nussbaum will have charge of the musical drama and Miss Catherine Sartain, dramatic instructor, will direct the dramatists. The exact date for the presentation will be announced soon.

Try-outs for parts in the operetta

HOME MARKET
REPORT WILL
BE FEATURE

Business Men Urged to
Attend Conference on
Thursday, Friday

DAIRY INDUSTRY
IS CONSIDERED

Many Interesting and In-
structive Discussions—
Oregon State Experts
on Program

Business men of La Grande and all the towns in the county are urged to attend the sessions of the Economic Conference Thursday and Friday afternoons when L. R. Breithaupt, specialist from the state college, will be present with the report on the Home Market survey, made in this county last year by Robert M. Bailey, Mr. Bailey spent several months gathering the data which has now been assembled in workable form and which, it is said, contains a wealth of practical material. Mr. Breithaupt, who is an economics expert, was Mr. Bailey's supervisor all during the making of the survey and he will be able to present the matter in an interesting fashion. Wray Lawrence, county agriculturist, is urging upon the business men that they make the attendance as large as possible.

The sessions begin at 2 o'clock.

The attendance of the conference today, while not up to that of yesterday, has been considered as very creditable for the condition of the weather and the roads. The subject under discussion yesterday, that of the dairy industry, was also of interest to a greater number of farmers who had access to possible roads.

Program Rearranged
The lateness of the trains this morning caused a rearrangement of the morning's program, but the two speakers present were able to fill the entire time with scheduled topics which were very opportune and which brought out questions and discussions considered to be immensely worthwhile.

Wray Lawrence continued his discussion of the subject of pasture grasses and hay, giving many practical suggestions, the result of years of investigation and experimenting here conducted by his predecessors in office, as well as gathered by Mr. Lawrence in his own work. Perhaps his special emphasis this morning had to do with sweet clover, which many in the county have found to be quite profitable. Mr. Lawrence pointed out that in addition to being a good, sweet clover made a quick growth and also returned much valuable material to the soil, building it up, a thing which he stated was needed in this county. He gave sug-

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DISCOVERS NEW
ANESTHETIC

Miguel Garcia of Mexico City discovered a new anesthetic in the form of ethyl alcohol which he injected in the veins, made him feel as if he were dead, but he did not die. He is said to have refused a fortune for his formula and wants the glory of the discovery to belong to Mexico. Medical organizations in Mexico claim his anesthetic is better than chloroform or ether.

Radio To Enter
The News Field
On Large Scale

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—The National Radio Press Association, Inc., with headquarters at New York, today applied for the 20 channels set aside by the radio commission for the use of the press. The association said it wanted to organize a press service for use of radio broadcasting stations.

The application was accompanied by a request for construction permits for stations at or near New York, Washington, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, O., Cincinnati, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, New Orleans, Atlanta, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Philadelphia, Dallas, and Minneapolis. The application asked for permission to lease a minimum of 5,000 watts and a maximum of 50,000 watts.

Attorneys for the organization said the association was composed of a number of radio broadcasters who had agreed to underwrite the proposition for one million dollars. The application said that the organization was an outgrowth of a refusal by Cleveland papers to give news to radio stations.

The application further set out that since radio "is now a direct competitor of newspapers" it felt that some of the short waves or all of the short wave frequencies set aside for the use of newspapers should be given to the broadcasting stations.

H. H. Snelling, attorney for the organization, said that it was the purpose of the organization to form a news gathering as well as a news disseminating group. He said that it was the intention of the association to follow the lines of the Associated Press in the general organization of the new concern.

Place Film Star
In City Hospital

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26 (AP)—Alma Rubens, film star, was committed to the city psychopathic hospital at an early hour this morning by Superior Judge M. F. McComb in the actress' latest effort to combat the narcotic habit, it was learned today from court records.

Judge McComb's order was clothed in secrecy and it did not become known until late this morning that Miss Rubens had been removed from a downtown hospital to the mental ward.

Farm Aid Hearings
Next On Program

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Farm relief hearings before the house agriculture committee will be begun about three weeks before the convening of the special session of congress in April, under plans made public today by Chairman Hagen of the committee. The committee is to meet Friday to finally determine on the course of procedure.

Halfway Man Hurt,
Perhaps Fatally

BAKER, Feb. 26 (AP)—Hansford Tarter, 59, of Halfway, was injured, perhaps fatally when he was thrown under the runners of his sled and tramped upon by two teams of horses on the road between Halfway and Carson late yesterday. The accident occurred when a span of run-away colts crashed into the sled and of his sled.

STORMS KILL
29 IN SOUTH;
DAMAGE HIGH

Tornadoes Make Early
Spring Visit to Three
States Monday

MISSISSIPPI TOWN
DEATH LIST IS 14

Village of Duncan Left in
Wreckage; Twister Hit
With Practically No
Warning

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 26 (AP)—Search of the ruins in Duncan, Miss., today revealed the bodies of seven additional victims of yesterday's tornadoes and increased the storm total in the states of Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas to 29.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 26 (AP)—Tornadoes making an early spring visit to three states yesterday left a trail today of 22 dead, scores injured, a wrecked village and property damage exceeding \$500,000.

At intervals of a few hours the wind storms dipped down into Northeast Texas, Northwest Mississippi and Southeast Arkansas, striking with greatest fury at Duncan, Miss., where 14 of the 456 population were killed and the village left in wreckage.

The dead are:

Texas—Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Jones, who lost their lives in the collapse of their home at Cooper, and two negroes killed at Grand Prairie.

Mississippi—J. T. Johnson, tenant farmer; Kate Mack, 2, and Eddie Mack, 6, her brother; a Chinese family of five, and six negroes crushed to death in the collapse of buildings at Duncan and two negroes killed on a plantation 11 miles northwest of Marks.

Arkansas—Mrs. C. I. Nicholson and her 15-year-old daughter, who met death in the destruction of their farm home near Dewitt.

Practically no warning almost without warning the Hamlet of Duncan was demolished about 2:30 p. m. yesterday when a twister swept diagonally across the business section. Fourteen stores, a two-story brick hotel, eight residences and a number of negro cabins were leveled. Few structures escaped unscathed.

All power in Duncan was cut off and while rescue workers

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CONDITION OF
FOCH HOPELESS

77-year-old Generalissimo
of Allied Armies Has
Only Few Days Left

PARIS, Feb. 26 (AP)—The Associated Press was informed authoritatively today that the condition of Marshal Ferdinand Foch is considered hopeless and that his death appears only a question of days—one week or ten days at the most.

The informant, in a grief-stricken tone and with tears in his eyes, reluctantly admitted that the 77-year-old generalissimo of the Allied armies, who had been struggling against a complication of diseases for the past month, probably has fought his last fight.

Witnesses Alarming
The marshal's temperature rose to 101.6 at noon today and his weakness is becoming alarming, each pulmonary attack bringing the famous soldier lower and lower.

In addition to combating uremia, the marshal's physicians must fight delirium, but in other authoritative quarters this optimism is feared unwarranted.

"I fear not. We must not forget that the soldier is nearing 78." Officially hope has not been abandoned for the famous soldier and at least one of his doctors is still optimistic that the marshal may pull through, but in other authoritative quarters this optimism is feared unwarranted.

The 17 who are sought are: Claude Maddox, arrested a short time ago when a machine gun was found at "The Circus" cafe of which he was part owner.

Tony Capozza (Tough Tony) known as a sluffer, implicated in a murder two years ago, and partner of Maddox.

John McGurn, a machine gun expert and a lieutenant of Al Capone.

Joseph Lelardo, John Schultz, Danny Valle, gang leader; Rocco Enell, under indictment with vote frauds in the "Bloody Twentieth" ward; Tony Barone, Rocco Bellocchio, who description corresponds with that witnesses have given of the man who drove the death car for the Valentine's day killers.

Frank Diamond, known as a maker of stills; Rocco Grillo, Samuel and Joseph Aiello, brothers and friends of George (Bugs) Moran; William (Box Car) Hole; Charles Kakei; Frank Milici and George King.

Hoover Anxious
To Complete His
Cabinet, Report

Confers Today With Wil-
liam Donovan, Promi-
nently Mentioned for
Secretary of War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—Anxious to complete the selection of his cabinet, President-elect Hoover conferred over the breakfast table today with William J. Donovan, assistant to the attorney general, who is prominently mentioned for secretary of war.

After the conference, Mr. Donovan who took a leading part in the Hoover campaign, declined to discuss the trend of his conversation with Mr. Hoover. After the election, speculation as to Mr. Donovan's status placed him in the attorney generalship. Now, however, the name of William D. Mitchell, of Minnesota, solicitor general of the United States, has taken a leading place in the speculation over the post-election opinions of political cabinet-makers have given Silas Strawn, of Chicago, the best chance for it. Mr. Mitchell is listed as a democrat, but he has had support from several strong republicans.

There were only a few other callers at the Hoover home today. Senator Hastings and Senator-elect Townsend, of Delaware, presented their respects. Senator Moses of New Hampshire called to introduce a constituent. Associated Justice Stone of the supreme court and Ralph Arnold, a republican leader of Los Angeles, were other visitors.

COOLIDGE RELIEVED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP)—As the time approaches for President Coolidge to relinquish his office, he has a feeling of regret at the necessity of interrupting to many pleasant personal associations, but at the same time he feels relieved that the end of his responsibilities

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146 Quarantined
In Seattle Due
To Meningitis

SEATTLE, Feb. 26 (AP)—One hundred forty-six steerage passengers and seamen were quarantined here when the American mail liner President Lincoln docked with twelve virulent cases of spinal meningitis.

The eleven stricken men and one woman, all steerage passengers were carried by a lone city ambulance to the city hospital after other ambulance services declined to aid.

The fact that twelve of the passengers were stricken with the disease was kept so well hidden that other passengers went ashore without the slightest idea of how close they came to being quarantined. Many of the ship's officers were apparently unaware of the sickness in the steerage.

Dr. Paul York, ship's doctor, said the first case appeared when the ship was four days out from the Orient. The passenger, a Filipino, was immediately quarantined and other steerage passengers inoculated with serum, he said. As other cases appeared they were isolated.

Health officers were preparing to take over a hospital in which to quarantine the 144 presumably well steerage passengers. They were still being held aboard the ship. The majority of the quarantined persons are Filipinos, while most of the others are Japanese and Russians.

SEEK 17 MEN
IN MASSACRE
CASE, CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Feb. 26 (AP)—An order for the arrest of 17 men was issued by Deputy Police Commissioner John Steg today in the gang massacre investigation.

Several of the men in his last bid, may have been the actual killers. Others are believed to have definite and important knowledge concerning the seven-fold murder.

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