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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and
Thursday, slightly colder in the
east and central portion tonight.
Moderate northwest winds.

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SENATE KILLS ANNEXATION BILL TODAY

LOCAL RADIO
STATION MAY
BE INSTALLEDNot for Entertainment,
However, But for Use
of Airmail LinesWILL OPERATE ON
DIFFERENT BANDLa Grande Station Will
Replace One at Burley,
Charles Wrightson, of
Boise, Reports

La Grande is to have a radio broadcasting station which will be installed and conducted by the department of commerce for the use of airmail lines. It will be ready for operation by next July, according to announcement made today by Charles Wrightson, manager of the Varney Air Lines, who was in La Grande this morning.

La Grande is recognized as an important and strategic location for aviation. Mr. Wrightson says because it is the first landing field this side of the Blue mountains and because of its value as a center from which weather reports can come.

To Broadcast Weather News.
The station will be used to broadcast weather reports to the other stations in the territory between Portland and Salt Lake City. Mr. Wrightson says. At any time during the day or night, aviators or aviation officials can call upon it by telephone or radio for weather conditions.

Two men will be in charge, one during the day and the other at night. The station at La Grande will take the place of the one now located at Burley, Idaho, this city having proved a better point for the service.

Weather reports to be broadcast from the station will come from Pasco, Pendleton, Meacham, Baker, Huntington and Boise twice a day, the manager states.

The installation of the station will require about two weeks time and the cost will be \$5,000, Mr. Wrightson says. At present there are but four such stations for use of the Varney lines. They are at Burley, Strevell, Idaho, Portland and Salt Lake City. All operate on waves outside of the band devoted to entertainment—550 to 1,500 kilocycles and ordinary receiving sets will not receive their signals.

By summer a \$20,000 broadcast-line station at Boise and another at Pasco, are also to be installed. These two with the one at La Grande will complete the system of stations necessary for the lines, Mr. Wrightson says.

The flying conditions are more disadvantageous between Boise and Pasco than they are between Boise and Salt Lake City, he says, which is also a factor in the decision.

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Observer Will
Megaphone Fight
This Evening

A complete blow-by-blow description of the Sharkey-Strilling heavyweight fight in Miami Beach, Fla., will be megaphoned from the Observer office this evening, beginning at 7 o'clock. The part of Adams avenue directly in front of the Observer office will be cleared for the crowd of fight fans and the announcer will give the fight a round at a time.

The Observer's report will be received over the Associated Press automatic printers, which will be connected with ringside, and which will present a word picture of the battle that will be next best to actually seeing the two colorful combatants.

Following the completion of the announcing of the fight, an extra will be distributed, including the complete running story of the Dempsey-staged contest and also other interesting stories concerning the Miami Beach sport event.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—35 above,
Minimum—21 above,
Condition—Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 40, minimum 29 above,
Condition—Rain .87 inch,
snow traces.

WEATHER FEB. 27, 1929
Maximum 43, minimum 31 above,
Condition—Cloudy.

Dentist Session
Next Year Will
Be In Boise, Ida.Convention Here This
Week Declared Most
Successful Ever Held in
This District

That the two-day joint meeting of the Southwestern Idaho and Eastern Oregon District Dental societies which closed yesterday afternoon in La Grande was the most successful of the conventions ever held, was the consensus among the visiting and local dentists who attended.

The program was unusually good, officials point out. The general trend of dentistry as it was reflected in the speeches and many of the demonstrations which were part of the program illustrated the need for preventative treatment. Dr. E. B. Carpenter, of Boise, in his talk, told of the conclusions reached from 10 years of research on the subject of treatment of children's teeth. "It has been proved," Dr. Carpenter said, "that if a child's teeth are carefully cared for from the time his first set comes in and each cavity, no matter how small, is filled that such cavities will not grow larger, but are immediately headed off."

The care of children's teeth during babyhood years also acts as a co-operative bond between the child and the dentist. Dr. Carpenter pointed out. For if the child has only small cavities to be filled, it is not injured and has no fear of visiting the dentist.

The necessity for cleanliness and proper diet for the upbuilding of teeth was also stressed.

Next Meet in Boise.
The visiting dentists from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, left La Grande with expressions of appreciation for the hospitality and cordial treatment tendered them from La Grande people. Dr. Ray Murphy, secretary-treasurer of the association, says. The meeting next year will be held late in February at Boise, it was decided.

Dr. C. P. Cherrier, of Boise, spoke at the session yesterday on "Preventive Dentistry for Bridge Work." Dr. M. A. Gould, of Nampa, and Paul Jones, of the dental laboratories of Portland, also took part on the program.

Marion County
Health Plan Is
Explained Here

A report of the ravages of diphtheria which for years had taken its toll of human life in Marion county, Oregon, sounds almost unbelievable and even more so when it is stated something like this: "Four years ago in Marion county we had 19 deaths from diphtheria and last year there were no deaths from the disease." The statement is made by Dr. Estell L. Brunk, who was in La Grande attending and taking part in the dental convention.

Dr. Brunk is manager of the Marion county health unit and the work of the unit consists of stamping out disease in that county. The work was considered so outstanding by the program makers for the convention here that Dr. Brunk was brought from Salem to tell the dentists about it.

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Music Activities
Showing Progress

Activities in music at La Grande High school, under the direction of W. W. Nussbaum, supervisor of music, are continuing this semester with emphasis placed on practice for contests and public appearances.

The high school band is preparing for the state band contest which will be held at Corvallis in April. Ten members had been added to the band during this semester and the personnel now totals 42. Sectional band practice is held each morning at 8 o'clock in the music room.

New members also have been added to the glee clubs, 25 to the girls' organization and 19 to the boys' club.

Practice for the operetta to be given next month is the main work at present for the glee clubs.

Banquet Tickets
On Sale Tomorrow

Tickets for the annual Union county chamber of commerce banquet to be held next Tuesday evening at the Salsjeva Inn will be on sale tomorrow at the Inn and at the chamber of commerce offices. It is announced. The banquet will begin at 6:30 o'clock.

INTEREST IN
CONFERENCE
ENCOURAGINGLargest Crowd So Far
This Week at Meetings
Held Here TodayHYSLOP, COUNTY
AGENT SPEAKERSTomorrow Will Be Devoted
to Horticulture—
Home Market Survey
Report to Be Feature

With the largest crowd present for the week, thus far, the Economic conference, is continuing today, problems connected with the farm crop situation, Prof. G. H. Hyslop, well known over the county being the specialist present. J. A. Gaskill of near Imbler is presiding officer today. Both Prof. Hyslop and acting county agent, Wray Lawrence are this afternoon's speakers, with the farmers present entering into lively discussions on timely topics.

Another crowd of good proportions is anticipated for tomorrow, horticulture day. One of the most prominent features and one which, it is hoped, business men from La Grande and all over the county will hear presented in the report from the Union county "Home Market Survey." This will be reported around two o'clock by L. H. Breithaupt, specialist in economics from the state college extension service.

Yesterday Afternoon
H. A. Lindgren spent the day at the conference yesterday, his subject for yesterday afternoon having to do with the cost of sheep production in this locality. Mr. Lindgren is a local resident.

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LINDSEY-RILEY
DEBATE MAR. 11Question of Companion-
age Marriage to Be
Topic in La Grande

"Youth simply refuses to conform to the confusion, hypocrisies and rigidities of our present day marriage and divorce code," says Judge Ben Lindsey, famous juvenile judge, writer and sociologist, who is to debate with the Rev. Oliver Riley, of La Grande, Monday, Mar. 11, at the L. D. S. tabernacle.

"Youth is making its own standard. Youth is not immoral. It is simply more honest," the judge continues.

The question has been asked, "Is the eminent Denver jurist correct in thinking that 'companionate marriage' is the solution of this perplexing social problem?" That question has been asked by thinking people the world over and Judge Lindsey answers, "Yes," and Dr. Riley answers, "No."

The audience is to be the jury in the debate, which is sponsored by the American Legion. Judge Lindsey aroused the enthusiasm of the audience.

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Wallowa Favored to Win Tourney
But Other Teams May Upset Dope

Who will win the basketball championship at Union? That is a problem that is causing considerable doping among sport fans. Although most of them in Union and Wallowa counties are selecting Wallowa, there are many declare that La Grande, Baker, Haines, Union and Ontario all have a good chance for the championship honors.

Wallowa won the title in 1924, representing this district at the state tournament in Salem, and has the best record of any of the teams so far this year.

Cougars Undefeated

The Cougars haven't lost a game in Eastern Oregon, defeating La Grande three times, Enterprise and Joseph twice, and also winning from Cove, Union and Baker. In Captain Glen Crawford, center, and Cecil Posey and Glen Serrett, guards, the Cougars have three veterans from the 1928 team. With Crawford, Posey and Serrett as a nucleus, Coach Dawson has developed two speedy forwards in Clark and Pine. Clark, Crawford and Serrett are the basket men, with the latter two the most dangerous because of their ability to sink shots from mid-floor.

Posey has often been classed as the best standing guard in this

MITCHELL IS
GIVEN SEAT
IN CABINETSolicitor General Selected
by Hoover to Be Attorney
GeneralJAMES W. GOOD TO
BE WAR SECRETARYAnnouncement of the Ap-
pointment of Iowan Fol-
lows Conference with
William J. Donovan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—James W. Good, of Iowa, is to be secretary of war in the Hoover cabinet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—William D. Mitchell, solicitor general of the United States, has been selected by President-elect Hoover to be attorney general in his cabinet, and simultaneously with this development today friends of William J. Donovan said he would not occupy any federal office after March 4.

Mr. Donovan, who is assistant to the attorney general, conferred briefly with Mr. Hoover this morning and was understood to have informed the president-elect of his unwillingness to accept the post of secretary of war or the governor-generalship of the Philippines. He was said to have told Mr. Hoover that he considered himself suited only for certain federal positions and that the secretaryship of war was not among them.

Merely Friendship
The assistant attorney general was said to have pointed out that he did not consider Mr. Hoover as under obligations to offer him a post in his administration. He supported Hoover in the last campaign out of friendship for the republican candidate and because he believed in the James M. Hoover favored, it was explained.

With the selection of an attorney general decided upon, Mr. Hoover was said to be in a position to complete his cabinet within a very short time. Although Mr. Mitchell is a democrat, he was represented as having voted for Charles Hughes

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Pastor Surprised
By Bible Class

The Rev. R. L. Putnam, pastor of the Christian church of La Grande, was surprised last night by members of the men's class of the church who gave a party at his home in his honor.

During the evening speeches were made by the members and officers of the class. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Putnam assisted by Harold Rogers, Mr. Mias, Mr. Rohlan and P. L. Miller. "The waiter was better than girl waitresses," says Leslie White, "the cause we didn't have to tip them."

20 BELIEVED KILLED

ATHENS, Greece, Feb. 27 (AP)—Twenty persons were believed to have been killed today in the collapse of an upper floor of the Panellion Cafe on a University street. Many were injured and a number were still buried in the ruins late this afternoon.

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Stoddards Bid For
White Pine Company

BAKER, Ore., Feb. 27 (AP)—The Stoddard Lumber company has offered \$125,000 cash for the property of the Baker White Pine Lumber company and Judge C. H. McCulloch has named March 11 as the time at which objections, if there are any, must be filed in the circuit. If there are no objections for others interested in the White Pine it is possible the sale will be confirmed March 11. If there are objections a decision would probably be deferred for study of the points raised. Judge McCulloch has overruled this afternoon.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 27 (AP)—James Bingham, of Pendleton, was sentenced to two years at McNall Island federal prison today in federal court when he pleaded guilty to a charge of passing three \$50 checks obtained by fraud from the mails.

Health and ship officers hunted yesterday without success. Meanwhile a storm of protest arose for letting the ship dock and unload its first and second class passengers without inoculation.

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CAN'T TURN BACK ON CAREER



Margaret Shotwell, the only woman pianist ever to play in the Paris National Opera house, is a musician of genuine distinction. But when a celebrated artist attended one of her recitals and declared her back to be the most beautiful he'd ever seen, her reputation as a beauty began to dim her artistic triumphs. She sought to wear high-necked gowns, but her manager protested, insisting that her contract calls for formal, low-cut evening gowns. The 18-year-old American beauty says she much rather would be plain, "for then my career wouldn't be marred by talk about my back or good looks."

"Pa" Uppercuts
Sharkey Manager,
Then Fists Fly

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 27 (AP)—Jack Sharkey, the slugging Boston sailor and pre-battle favorite, will have a weight advantage of ten pounds over his southern rival, Young Strilling, when they step into the ring for their second round fight at Flamingo Park tonight. Sharkey scaled 182 and Strilling 182 at the official weighing in this afternoon.

The weighing in at the Kennel club was marked by a sharp verbal exchange between the fighters themselves, was followed by a free for all row between adherents of the two camps.

The ill-feeling manifested among rival camp followers, flamed at first by the late arrival of the Strilling party at the Kennel club, grew to riotous proportions after the principals had finally shaken hands and left the building. The fistfight began when Tony Palozzo, Sharkey's manager, offered to bet "Pa" Strilling \$500 that Sharkey would win by a knockout. "Pa's" reply to this was a punch that landed flush on Tony's chin and sent him backward. Before Tony could retaliate the Strilling defenses formed quickly around the chunky father of the southern fighter.

In the free for all that developed, nearly everyone claiming adherence to either party, joined. By the time the police had arrived to restore order, the Sharkey party evidently was in complete command. "Pa" Strilling and other members of the party retired before the battle reached its full height and the others of the Strilling camp were outnumbered and routed. Except for a few bruised noses and eyes and some torn clothing, the damage appeared not to be serious.

**BURST OF SPEED
ON SUPPLY BILLS**
House Passes Measures
Calling for \$6,481,265.59
in 45 Minutes

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 27 (AP)—Six and half million dollars spent in less than 45 minutes. Members of the lower house established a new record for speed Tuesday afternoon when they passed 29 bills, appropriating a total of \$6,481,265.59, in less than three quarters of an hour.

The bills, the first of the grist of ways and means appropriation bills, were passed without contest and without question in rapid fire order.

The ways and means bills which slid through Tuesday afternoon were as follows:

HB 548, appropriating \$55,741 for the child welfare commission.

HB 549, appropriating \$30,424.62 for the state board of health.

HB 550, appropriating \$89,390.21 for the state board of forestry and \$19,245.51 for the state board of horticulture.

HB 551, appropriating \$173,952 for the payment of interest on bonds issued by the state of Oregon in payment of interest on irrigation district bonds.

HB 552, appropriating \$379,009 for circuit judges, district attorneys, etc.

HB 553, appropriating \$66,494.20 for the transportation of insane persons to state hospitals and convicts to state prison, etc.

HB 554, appropriating \$84,564.17 for the transportation of insane persons to state hospitals and convicts to state prison, etc.

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NO HOME YET
FOR 132 HELD
IN QUARANTINE

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 27 (AP)—Unwanted, 132 steerage passengers who have been exposed to spinal meningitis were still in their quarters aboard the American mail liner President Lincoln here today. One of their former companions has died of the disease, while 11 others are ill, three of them in a critical condition.

When the ship docked Monday night, the first and second class passengers departed, unaware of the disease that threatened the Orientals and Russians below. The 12 persons who were ill were taken to a special hospital ward while in which was started for a place in which to quarantine the 122 others.

Health and ship officers hunted yesterday without success. Meanwhile a storm of protest arose for letting the ship dock and unload its first and second class passengers without inoculation.

Flood, Ice Jams
Cause Property
Damage, MidwestFamilies Are Driven from
Homes in Michigan—
Rivers in East Are Also
at Flood Stage

MONROE, Mich., Feb. 27 (AP)—Monroe today faced serious flood damage from the overflowing of the River Raisin, due to the piling up of ice in the stream following moderate temperatures of the last few days.

Two hundred families have been driven from their homes. Business houses along Front and Elm streets have been seriously affected and the owners have begun moving their stocks from their basements. The Monroe hospital, which has a capacity of 25 beds, has been completely isolated. Approximately one-third of the area of the town has been affected.

An area 10 blocks long between the Macomb and Winchester bridges is the most seriously blocked, with the jagged ice cakes piled high, allowing the water to back up behind it. The water in the affected streets ranges in depth from six inches to two feet.

RIVERS THREATENING
PITTSBURGH, Feb. 27 (AP)—The Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers were at flood stage—25 feet—here today and indications were they would continue to rise.

Merchants in the lower districts were removing merchandise, some of which had already been damaged by water. Scores of basements in the downtown district were flooded. A number of streets were partially inundated.

ICE JAM DESTRUCTIVE
CHANDLERVILLE, Ill., Feb. 27 (AP)—One of the worst ice jams in recent years on the Sangamon river has torn away the 200-foot steel bridge which spans the river at this point, connecting Cass and Mason counties.

Squads of men had worked for two days in an effort to save the bridge, dynamiting the ice in all directions to relieve the pressure. The Jacksonville and Havana railroad bridge, one mile east of the bridge which was destroyed, today was found to be two feet out of line and a score of men were working to save it.

**Lindy And Anne
In Accident But
Escape Unhurt**

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 27—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and his fiancée, Miss Anne Morrow, escaped injury today when the Colonel's plane turned over in a spectacular accident just after it had landed from a flight of several hours.

It was learned that the Colonel and his fiancée had landed at an unrevealed destination while they were on their pleasure flight, losing the right wheel of the plane in that landing. Consequently the noted aviator had to attempt the difficult feat of bringing his fiancée safely to earth while the machine was minus one wheel.

Mother Never Knew
Her Son Was Slain

PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 27 (AP)—A ten year task of benevolent deceit was ended today with the arrival from Brooklyn of the body of Mrs. Mina Preiskal for funeral services today. Robert, one of Mrs. Preiskal's seven children died in France in March, 1919, while a member of the American expeditionary forces. She never knew because since that time her children in the United States have been writing letters, imitating an well as they could, Robert's handwriting and signing his name to them. The missives were mailed to France and remained in Brooklyn. They told that Robert was sick and postponed his return from time to time.

**Home Made Chair
Electrocutes Him**

LONG BEACH, Cal., Feb. 27 (AP)—Facing trial on an assault charge, George Mayo, 45-year-old cafeteria chef, waited himself in an "electric chair" of his own devising. He was dead when police found him. Two electrodes, attached to a wall plug by an electric light cord were clamped against Mayo's head by a tightly pulled down hat.

Police said death probably was instantaneous.

BAKER WON'T
GET PART OF
THIS COUNTYNews of Action Received
Today from Senators
Kiddle and EberhardNO NEW ARMORY
BILLS APPROVEDGovernor Patterson Vetoes
Another Salary
Bill; Building and Loan
Men Oppose Plan

The Baker annexation measure, designed to transfer Medical Springs and Pindosa to Baker county, was killed in the senate today, according to a telegram received by The Observer from Senators Fred E. Kiddle and Colon R. Eberhard.

The measure passed the house by one vote and at that time, Representative H. H. Weatherup said that he had assurance that the bill would never survive the senate.

It was also learned today that the joint ways and means committee voted unfavorable recommendations on the Cottage Grove and La Grande armory bills and on a bill to increase the salary of the land commissioner from \$3000 to \$3600. No new armory bills have been successful this session of the legislature.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 27 (AP)—Building and loan men put up a strenuous fight against senate bill 71 at a meeting of the house banking committee early Wednesday morning. Opposing the building and loan men and speaking in support of the bill were A. A. Selkman, state superintendent of banks, and Ted Cramer, secretary of the state bankers' association. The committee has not taken action on the bill.

In effect S. B. 71 would repeal section 57 of the building and loan code and would permit intervention by the banking department when building and loan companies use the word "savings" in their business.

The building and loan men, through their spokesman, Ben Hansen, of Portland, claimed that the repeal of 57 would give the "bankers" a corner on the use of the words, savings, deposits, and pass books, which they claim as their inalienable right. "This bill has only one object," said Hansen, "and that is to restrict the proper growth of building and loan associations in the state."

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 27 (AP)—Governor Patterson's veto hatchet fell on another salary bill late yesterday when he sent to the house a message of disapproval on the measure increasing the salaries of the three state industrial accident commissioners from \$3600 to \$4800 a year.

The governor also vetoed house bill 121. This measure would change the date on which the county treasurer would certify the amount in the general school library fund subject to appropriation from the first Monday in July to the first Monday in April.

CRAZED MAN
WOUNDS FOUR
IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—A madman who fell upon a rush hour crowd in Times Square subway station with a knife, slaying four persons was under restraint in a hospital today.

The station was packed with a mass of humanity moving slowly toward homeward-bound trains shortly before 5 p. m. last night when the man, who stood six feet and two inches and built in proportion, suddenly drew a long knife and began slashing right and left.

Before they could escape, Le Lavey, 21; Nathan Friedman, 1; Paul M. Thale, 35, and Reba Entrop, 27, had been cut. Lavey was the most seriously injured with deep cuts in the chest and back.

Pork Consumption
In America Heavy

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 (AP)—All records for consumption of pork and lard in the United States were broken last year, while the consumption of lard was the lowest on record, the Institute of American Meat Packers announced.

Ten and one-half billion pounds as compared with 19,240,000,000 pounds in 1924, the year of greatest previous consumption, the statement said.