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NORMAL WALL
WORK NEARS
COMPLETIONExpect to Finish Cement
Work Tomorrow; Rapid
Progress at PresentSUB-FLOORS ARE
IN PLACE, REPORTWorkmen Busy on Heat-
ing System, Wiring and
Plumbing; Building has
Total of 67 Rooms

Big buckets containing a quarter of a cubic yard of cement, which have been hoisted up and up, higher and higher day by day, to build the walls of the Eastern Oregon Normal school building, will have their holding ended tomorrow and will win a rest from the labor which have continued intermittently for the last several months.

The resumption of the cement hoisting will mark the completion of the walls and work will be more than ever concentrated on the many other phases of the construction of the two-story structure which is to open its doors to the students who will enter the normal school for the summer session next June.

Red The Roof.
La Grande people are awaiting with considerable interest the time not so far off when the red tile roof, crowning the cream stucco of the building will make its first appearance on the hill above Condon and will embellish itself from its vantage point to the surrounding country.

The sub-floors in the building are completed. About 80 per cent of the partitions are in. Those in are of concrete and only the wooden ones are yet to be put in place. Practically all of the windows frames have been finished. The inside sections of the outside walls of the building are being coated with a water proof mixture. They are then "furred" which means placing on them strips of wood one and a half inches thick which is followed by lathing and plaster. The outside walls of the building range in depth from one foot to 22 inches. The walls between the outside walls and the center portion of the building to the roof are 22 inches thick and the rest of the outside walls of the two wings of the structure are one foot thick.

Heating System In.
The heating system has been "roughed in" and is now practically ready for the installation of radiators. The heating plant is located in the boiler room in the basement underneath the west wing.

From January 8 until last week no work was in progress on the

SCOUT BOARD
IN MEETING
AT HOT LAKE

An executive council Boy Scout meeting was held at Hot Lake last night with the members of the board guests of Dr. W. T. Phay at dinner.

P. L. Meyers was named chairman of the council and will become chairman of the local council of honor, succeeding the Rev. Oliver Riley, who is leaving La Grande. Mr. Meyers will also become a member of the executive board.

A. W. Nelson gave a report on the progress of the circulating library being conducted by the scouts. Already 300 books have been donated by La Grande people for the library which will be circulated in outlying districts for the use of scouts who are not accessible to libraries. Mr. Nelson said.

The members of the board present at the meeting last night were: F. L. Meyer, H. E. Coolidge, Charles Reynolds, W. C. Perkins, R. V. Conner, Dr. Ray Murphy, Sherwood Williams, A. W. Nelson and Charles Blinger, of La Grande; Dr. C. L. Bakley, Victor Ahrens, John C. Kuhn and A. P. Kerr, of Baker; Sylvester Borleir, of Enterprise; Wade Hall and N. J. Billings, of Wallawa.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—49 above.
Minimum—34 above.
Condition—Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 57, minimum 29 above.
Condition—Clear.

WEATHER MARCH 5, 1929
Maximum 58, minimum 23 above.
Condition—Rain .21 of inch.

Blue Mountain
Baseball Clubs
To Meet Sunday

Walla Walla, Pendleton, La Grande and Baker Representatives to Make 1929 Plans

Representatives of the four clubs of the 1928 Blue Mountain baseball league are to hold a meeting in La Grande Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the city hall for the purpose of attempting to form an organization for the coming season, with Pendleton, Walla Walla, La Grande and Baker to enter teams.

La Grande, 1928 champion, is in a better position to put out an excellent team at less expense this year than ever before, and local fans are enthusiastic as to the outlook for the season.

Pendleton Willing to Play.
Pendleton recently announced her intention of joining a tri-state league but both the Buckaroos and the Walla Walla Bears are willing to join the Blue Mountain league if Baker and La Grande agree, which local men say is practically assured.

Dr. W. T. Phay, of Hot Lake, was president of the 1928 league and the Sunday meeting has been called by him.

It is also announced that a baseball benefit dance will be held here on Mar. 20 in Zuber hall. Tickets will go on sale soon. The Star Novelty orchestra will furnish the music.

Resurfacing Of
Wallowa County
Strip Planned

At the Eastern Oregon state highway offices in La Grande officials are busy working on plans and specifications for the resurfacing of eight miles of the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway between Lostine and Enterprise.

The state highway commission is to meet in Portland Mar. 8 and at that time will discuss the improvement project for the highway in Wallowa county and for another eight-mile strip between Huntington and Ontario.

If the commission so decrees the bids for work on the Wallowa highway may be opened and the contract let at the end of this month, according to H. G. Smith, division superintendent.

The eight-mile stretch of highway between Lostine and Enterprise is especially subject to the weathering of the elements during spring weather not the least of the causes being frost. Two layers of crushed rock will be put on the road and it will stay on all winter, settling and mixing with moisture, preparatory to oiling next year.

The proposed project in the other county is nine miles east of Huntington along the Snake river. It, too, will be resurfaced.

Advertisements are now appearing for sealed bids to be opened Friday, Mar. 8, at 10 a. m. for construction of a maintenance building on property of the highway commission at the corner of Adams and Willow, in La Grande.

Masons To Meet
At Cove Tomorrow

A number of members of the Masonic lodge in La Grande and Union county are planning to attend the district meeting to be held at Cove tomorrow night.

The evening will begin with a dinner at 7 o'clock in the Masonic hall and will be followed by a lodge session.

Harlow Trial Is
Continued Today

Raymond Harlow, charged with resisting an officer, drunkenness and disturbing the peace, went on trial in municipal court last night with Judge C. M. Humphreys presiding. The defendant was represented by Henry Hess and the prosecution was conducted by City Attorney George T. Cochran. Several witnesses presented testimony and late in the evening the trial was adjourned to 2 o'clock this afternoon. A large crowd was in attendance at the trial. The defense charged that the officers used unnecessary force in making the arrest, court observers report.

Seattle Man Speaks
At League Meeting

With the largest attendance since organization, the Union County Development league held an interesting meeting at the Sackajawa Inn last night. J. Frank Anderson, of Seattle, was the main speaker and gave a very interesting talk.

According to S. L. Thompson, manager, Mr. Anderson handled his subject in a new way. Mr. Thompson reports a growing interest in the league work.

15 DIE FROM
POISON DRINK
IN MID-WEST

Dozens Seriously Ill and
Four Probably Perma-
nently Blinded

TWO WOMEN ARE
IN THE MORGUE

Three Men Arrested and
One Admits Importing
50 Gallons of Alcohol
from Chicago

PEORIA, Ill., Mar. 5 (AP)—Sickness, blindness and death from poison liquor in and near Peoria struck a new high today. Fifteen were dead, dozens were seriously ill, and four were probably permanently blinded.

The death list has grown steadily since the first three fatalities occurred Saturday night. There were seven dead yesterday morning, and eight more deaths were reported during the day and night. The coroner's investigation has been held up because of the possibility of more fatalities. Coroner William Elliott said the final death list might contain 20 or more names.

Ben Teel, 69, and Lance Hiltz, 55, died last night. Teel at Peoria and Hiltz at his home in Vermont, Ill.

Other Cities Affected.
Alarm was felt in other Illinois cities, principally Galesburg and Decatur, where police fear shipments from the same batch of poison alcohol may have been sent. Maurice Mannfeldt, one of the

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EXPECT DEBATE
TO DRAW CROWD

Legionnaires Believe At-
tendance at Lindsey-
Riley Event Heavy

As the date for the debate between the Rev. Oliver Riley, La Grande Episcopal minister, and Judge Ben Lindsey, famous former juvenile court judge, nears, final preparations are being made. Dr. Riley is continuing his preparation for the event, which is expected to prove of interest to a large number of La Grande and Union county people, according to legionnaires.

Hugh E. Brady, of this city, has consented to act as chairman for the evening. The program will begin at 8 o'clock the evening of Monday Mar. 11. Tickets are now on sale at the Glass Drug company.

"I heard Judge Lindsey speak four years ago in South Dakota. At that time he spoke on juvenile court problems. He has a fine record and is a good speaker," asserted Dr. Riley this morning.

Judge Lindsey will take the affirmative in the debate which will be centered about companionate marriage and birth control as the jurist presents it. Dr. Riley will oppose his arguments. The debate is to be held under the auspices of the American Legion post of this city.

New Mistress Reigns In The White
House--Rests After Strenuous Day

By Martha Dattymple.
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (AP)—A new mistress reigned in the white house today when she woke from a day of public official duties to a day filled with the private problems of a housewife.

For Mrs. Hoover, the first lady of the land, is still the head of an important family, and the responsible hostess to the sons, daughters-in-law, aunts, sisters, and grandchildren who have come long distances to participate in the inaugural ceremonies. She must put the big white mansion on Pennsylvania avenue in order to make the few remaining days of their visit comfortable.

As she left the reviewing stand in front of the white house porch late yesterday, where she and the president had watched the two-hour inaugural parade, she stepped quietly from the public eye into such privacy as the nation's executive mansion affords.

No Guests Today
With their two sons, Herbert Jr., and Allan, a student at Stanford University, their two grandchildren, Mrs. Hoover's sister, Mrs. J. H. Large, and other more distant relatives, the Hoovers arose today after a quiet evening alone. There had been no guests and no formalities.

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First Bloodshed
In Revolution
Reported Today

Rebellion in Mexico Set-
tled Down to Bitter Life
and Death Struggle for
Supremacy

By the Associated Press.
First bloodshed in the Mexican revolution was reported today in five different states as the government and revolutionists settled down to what appeared a life and death struggle for supremacy. Capture of Monterey, strategic railway center in the state of Nuevo Leon, was claimed by the revolutionary leaders after battle in which there were heavy casualties.

Monterey Captured.
The capture of Monterey puts the revolutionists another step forward in their circling of Mexico City. If the fall of the state capital is followed by capitulation of the state of Nuevo Leon in general to the revolutionary forces, only Baja California, Chihuahua and Tamaulipas of the northern border states will remain untaken.

Another dispatch received by General Borquez told of the routing of federal forces under General Jaime Carrillo near Mazatlan in the state of Sinaloa.

Loyal federal troops clashed with rebels in the state of Vera Cruz and claimed victory.

Coahuila, Sonora and Sinaloa also reported fighting.

Action on Two Fronts.
The central government made wide plans for action on two fronts, the north and south.

Former President Calles, as commander-in-chief of all government troops will conduct the campaign in Sonora, while General Adolfo Almazan will concentrate the south. Already \$500 of his troops are on the march to Vera Cruz.

Opposing these two leaders will be General Gonzalo Escobar of the state of Coahuila who has been made commander-in-chief of the insurgent forces.

For the first time, the long religious question made its appearance with the promulgation of a manifesto of Governor Fausto Topete of Sonora proclaiming religious freedom. This was followed by proclamation of open Catholicism in Sonora closed since 1926.

Topete's manifest included a call to arms in defense of the revolutionary movement.

Heavy Troop Movements.
Heavy troop movements were reported out of Mexico City where perfect order was reported.

Three important figures, Pascual Ortiz Rubio, Aaron Saaenz and (Continued on Page 5)

FIRE LOSS AT
NORTH POWDER
ABOUT \$2,000

By Mrs. Ethel Forsstrom
(Observer Correspondent)
NORTH POWDER, Mar. 5 (Special)—Fire gutted the building which is owned and occupied by Judge J. E. Sencerbox this morning about 1:30 o'clock. It is believed that the fire was caused by a defective fuse.

Estimated damage on the building is said to be about \$2000 which is covered by insurance. Most of the damage was in the interior and documents were damaged from the water.

Mr. Sencerbox expects to repair the building as soon as an adjuster arrives to settle for the insurance.

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LEGISLATORS
CLOSE DESKS
AND GO HOME

50-day Session of Senate
and House of Represen-
tatives Is Ended

MANY IMPORTANT
MEASURES PASSED

Consolidation of Regents,
Reduction of Auto Li-
cense Fees and Other
Laws Are Enacted

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 5 (AP)—The 55th legislative assembly is now history, written into the records and fled away in the archives.

In the closing remarks for harmony and deliberation, the clocks in the two houses stopped at 10 o'clock Monday evening. Since the adjournment came in the senate at 10:05 and in the house at 10:10. There was a conspicuous absence all through Monday of the confusion usually attendant upon the final day of a session.

While the senate ground away on bill after bill in an endeavor to catch up with its calendar and clear its desks, the house very deliberately set about to thresh out a few matters that had not previously been settled to the satisfaction of all. Chief among the disputed actions of the house up for reconsideration was that by which the income tax bill had been enacted without provision for submitting it to the people.

Referendum Battle.
Early in the morning Representative Kuhl had a bill drafted providing that the income tax be referred to the people at the general election in November, 1930.

AA introduced the bill carried the names of 22 representatives, including that of Carlin, chairman of the property tax relief commission and commander of the forces who fought the tax program through the legislature. The bill was rushed through its preliminary stages, sent to committee and came back with a divided report, the minority favorable.

The battle came upon the attempt to substitute the minority report for the majority report, and centered around whether or not the legislature should attempt to enact a form of taxation nine times rejected by the voters without submitting it to a vote of the people. Thirty-two votes sustained the majority report and killed the bill.

House Fights Injunction.
Except for routine action in concurrence with the senate as the latter ground out the last of the bills, the greater part of Monday was given over to the house to consideration of ways and means of fighting the court injunction brought by W. A. Jones, master

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Finger Nails
Tinted To
Match Gowns

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP)—Finger nails tinted to match gowns! Such is a mode shown at a convention of beauty shop owners. Shades of purple, green and deep red are most popular.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 5 (AP)—Men's suits should harmonize with their hair, it is decreed by experts at the convention of the National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers.

Blondes or men whose hair has turned gray should wear gray, blue and green; dark-haired men tan, blue, brown or gray.

CANNER, France, March 5 (AP)—Trousers for women, kimonos for men! On the beach between women of all ages play basketball and run hurdle races. Well dressed men must wear Trousian burnous before and after bathing.

Gets California Flag.
Before the group arrived, another Californian, Representative Free, gave the president a state flag sent to him by the Native Sons.

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Place Bibles In
Hotel Rooms Here

Bibles will be placed in each room in the La Grande hotel and the Sackajawa Inn, according to announcement today by the Rev. J. George Wals, Presbyterian minister, who has received a letter to that effect. W. E. Garnett, a commercial man and a Quaker, is to be in La Grande this week and 105 Bibles for the La Grande and 55 for the Sackajawa have been shipped.

Wednesday evening, about 7:30 o'clock, Mr. Garnett plans to hold a dedicatory service in the lobby of each hotel.

The Gideon society's main purpose is to see that every hotel room is supplied with a Bible and the organization has placed hundreds of thousands of Bibles in hotel rooms over the nation.

ADAMS TAKES
WILBUR'S JOB

Charles Francis Adams, Jr., of Boston, was Hoover's choice for the post of secretary of the navy in the new cabinet.

HOOVER AT WORK
AHEAD OF STAFF

President Spending First
Day in Office Receiv-
ing Visitors

By JAMES L. WEST.
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—President Hoover made an early start on his first full day as chief executive, arriving at his office at 8:55 a. m., ahead of nearly all of the members of his staff and the White House force.

He switched on the electric lights to banish the murky gloom caused by lowering clouds outside and plunged immediately into his work. His morning was free of formal engagements so that he might be uninterfered as he examined a mass of data which had been prepared for him.

Breakfast and Eggs.
Mr. Hoover arose at his usual hour, 7 a. m., and had breakfast with Mrs. Hoover and members of the family. The menu consisted of grapefruit, bacon and eggs, toast and coffee, which is standard with the president.

The chief executive and the first day are occupying the presidential suite used by Presidents Coolidge, Harding, Wilson, Taft and Roosevelt. It consists of two large bedrooms with a dressing room and sitting room and is located in the southwest corner of the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover Jr., and their children, Peggy Ann and Herbert III, have their suite in the northwest corner of the mansion. They will remain at the White House only a few weeks, returning then to their home in California.

Mrs. Mary Leavitt, of Long Beach, Cal., sister of Mr. Hoover, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Regan, of San Francisco, are guests at the White House for a week or more. Mrs. Jean H. Large, of Palo Alto, California, sister of Mrs. Hoover, and W. D. Henry, of North Dakota, uncle of the first lady, remained overnight at the 8 street house, which will be occupied by Senator Walcott of Connecticut about April 1.

Receiving Visitors.
The president decided to give over most of his afternoon to receiving visitors. It was announced that at 2:30 p. m. he would meet with the republican national committee in session here.

Among the delegations that are to visit the White House are the Hamilton club of Chicago, visitors from Palo Alto and other California points to present several gifts and a delegation from Wisconsin.

The California delegation, more than 100 strong, was headed by Mrs. Regan and Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, who was active during the campaign in behalf of Mr. Hoover.

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Watson Takes Post Held by Curtis
Until He Became Vice President

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (AP)—James E. Watson, of Indiana, was chosen republican leader of the senate today at a party conference. He took the post held by Senator Curtis until he became vice president.

Senate republicans also re-nominated their officers for the senate, including Senator Moses, of New Hampshire, to be president pro tem; Edwin P. Thayer, of Indiana, to be secretary; Davis B. Barry, of Rhode Island, to be sergeant at arms; and the Rev. E. H. Phillips to be chaplain. These officers must be confirmed by the senate.

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Coolidges Are
Welcomed Home
By Northampton

Two-thousand Meet Them
at Train in Spite of
Rain; Former President
Is Cheerful

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Mar. 5 (AP)—Northampton gave a wholehearted welcome to Calvin Coolidge, thirtieth president of the United States, and to Mrs. Coolidge on their return to private life today.

The celebration of their homecoming was a quiet one in keeping with the simplicity that has characterized the life of the former president and in keeping with his expressed desire to avoid a noisy greeting because of the illness of Mrs. Lemira Goodhue, mother of Mrs. Coolidge.

Reception This Morning.
The city's official welcome was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge at 1:35 a. m. when a reception committee, headed by Mayor Jesse A. C. Andre, filed through the Coolidge's private car, on which they had made the trip home from Washington, each member of the committee shook hands with the former president and his wife.

"How do you do, mayor. Glad to see you," said Mr. Coolidge as he shook hands with Mayor Andre.

"We are happy to have you here," Mayor Andre said. "In behalf of the people of Northampton, I welcome you."

"That is very nice of you, mayor," said Mrs. Coolidge.

2,000 Applaud Coolidges.
After receiving the greetings of the reception committee, Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge stepped to the rear platform of their private car and received the applause of more than 2,000 citizens who had been standing in the rain for almost an hour awaiting their appearance.

Mr. Coolidge was wearing a silk hat and a black overcoat with fur collar. His wife was becomingly dressed in tan. With her was her chow dog, one of the White House pets which she brought from Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge smiled as they stood on the platform to receive the greetings of the crowd and to permit camera men to make pictures.

As they stepped to the station platform, the American Legion post band played "Home, Sweet Home."

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Snow Avalanche
Cuts Train In
Two, Kills Three

SPOKANE, Wash., Mar. 5 (AP)—Wreckers and train crews this morning were clearing away the damage caused by an avalanche of snow which wrecked a mail train, killed three men, injured four and paralyzed all traffic over the Singletree, Mont., division.

The Great Northern railroad's mail train No. 27 was cut in half and the last six cars hurled over a 200-foot embankment yesterday morning by the slide at a tunnel near Singletree.

The dead men, all employees of the Great Northern, were: Benjamin Stumpf, of Spokane, a mail clerk; Gus Maass, section foreman at Singletree, and Phil Tanaka, a trackwalker, also of Singletree.

The injured were: J. Elmer Hittmiller, of Edmund, J. Corridan, Wheeler, G. Hand and John L. Rately, all of Spokane. All the men were mail clerks, and were badly shaken and bruised.

According to advices received here, the train had previously battled its way through a smaller slide which struck it just as it was leaving a snowshed near the mouth of the tunnel.

Bennett Will Be
Candidate in 1930

SALEM, Ore., March 5 (AP)—Before leaving today for his home in Portland, Senator J. E. Bennett announced that having no personal contingencies he will be a candidate for the republican nomination for governor at the next primary election.

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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Unsettled tonight and
Wednesday with rains north and
west portions tonight, moderate
temperature.CABINET IS
APPROVED BY
THE SENATE

Little Time Needed to
Confirm Hoover's Eight
New Appointments

HENRY STIMSON
EN ROUTE TO U. S.

Secretary of State Leaves
Yokohama on Board
Steamship, No Comment
on Foreign Policy

INVESTIGATE MELLON

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (AP)—The senate today ordered an investigation of the right of Andrew Mellon to continue as secretary of treasury and of his right to hold office under the law forbidding the treasury head to be interested in business.