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THE WEATHER OREGON: Unsettled tonight with rains west. Thursday rain, warmer tonight. Increasing southerly winds, becoming strong on the coast.

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BRATTON IS SPEAKER AT ANNUAL MEET

Chamber of Commerce Told Normal Opening Is Biggest Event

NEW OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

Accomplishments of Past Year and Plans for the Coming 12 Months Given in Reports

Installation of new officers, presentation of 1928 reports and 1929 program, several entertainment numbers and an address by Professor W. A. Bratton, of Whitman college, marked the annual banquet meeting of the Union county chamber of commerce, held last night in the Saca-jawa Inn ballroom with about 150 in attendance.

Dr. Bratton, of Walla Walla, declared that the opening of the Eastern Oregon Normal school would be the outstanding event in La Grande this year, stating that the presence of such an institution of higher education in the community would bring much of great value. Better homes, better living conditions, more culture and art as well as financial gains were forecast as likely to be among the immediate results. He sounded a warning, however, against isolation of the school from the community which could occur through failure to co-operate with the faculty and students in their various activities and urged that the school have the wholehearted support of the city. He also urged that La Grande exercise more watchfulness of its community life as the students will look toward this city as an example. "This is a great obligation and a wonderful opportunity," he asserted. Dr. Bratton also praised President H. E. Inlow, newly elected head of the institution, who is now in the east recruiting faculty members and studying courses of study.

Regent Merger Held Advance Speaking of the actions of the Oregon legislature, Dr. Bratton expressed the opinion that the passage of the regent consolidation bill would prove a great step in advance if it can do away with jealousities that exist between rival state institutions.

Much of his address was in reference to the failure of congress to reappoint the number of representatives following the 1910 and 1920 federal census. He declared that this was in direct opposition to the provisions of the United States constitution and urged that the chamber of commerce give the matter serious consideration and make recommendations to the Oregon delegation. He explained the situation in detail.

Judge H. E. Brady, president during 1928, presided at the dinner which was opened when the Rev. J. George Walk, Presbyterian pastor, returned thanks.

Install New Officers Dr. W. P. McAulroy inducted the new officers into their positions, his remarks being clever and very well presented. Julius Roesch, the new president, spoke briefly, thanking the members for the honor he has received and asking for their co-operation during his administration.

Other officers installed were: A. T. Hill, first vice president; Aug. (Continued on Page 5)

DISMISS CASE IN CITY COURT LATE TUESDAY

Trial of Raymond Harlow came to an abrupt end in municipal court yesterday afternoon when through an agreement between the prosecution and defense, all charges against the defendant were dismissed. He was accused of drunkenness, disturbing the peace and resisting an officer. The defendant denied all charges and also presented the charge of illegal arrest. The trial, which started Monday evening and was continued until yesterday afternoon, attracted a large number of persons. Henry Hess represented the defendant. City Attorney George T. Cochran presented and Judge C. M. Humphreys presided.

Interclass Girls' Hoop Games Start

The interclass basketball games in progress among the girls' teams of La Grande High school began Monday night and will continue for the next two weeks. The sophomore and junior second teams played a tie game, last night the freshmen and sophomores second teams played with the freshmen victorious. The sophomores defeated the juniors.

North Speaks At Rotary Luncheon

William C. North, secretary of the Baker chamber of commerce, gave a very interesting talk at the meeting of the La Grande Rotary club today at noon. Mr. North spoke of the business outlook for all of Eastern Oregon and predicted an era of good business with the livestock, lumbering and mining industries all entering a better period.

County Court In Monthly Session

The March session of the Union county court began this morning at the court house. The greater part of the day was spent auditing bills.

County Judge U. G. Couch and Commissioners W. W. Stevens and W. E. Ledbetter are all in attendance.

Albert Hunter New Secretary, Commerce Club

Succeeds Charles A. Malboeuf, Retiring Executive; Will Assume Duties April 1

Albert R. Hunter, who has been active in chamber of commerce work for several years and who was a former representative in legislature from this district, was selected yesterday to succeed Charles A. Malboeuf, retiring secretary of the Union county chamber of commerce, who was not an applicant for reappointment.

A committee was appointed to make recommendations as to the appointment of a new secretary and at the same time to make any recommendations it deemed advisable after a survey as to the methods of management. The committee recommended Mr. Hunter and the board unanimously endorsed the choice. Mr. Hunter will assume the duties of secretary on April 1.

May Be Changed Some changes in the method of management may be made, with possibly an assistant secretary, it is said. There will be no change in the location of the chamber offices.

Committee appointments for the coming year have not been made as yet, but will be in the near future. The forum program will be worked out by Mr. Hunter.

The board urges the cooperation of the people of La Grande with Mr. Hunter to the end that his work will be of a broader scope and more will be accomplished. He is well known to the people and (Continued on Page 5)

C. E. Secretary To Attend Meet Here Tomorrow

If advance information is any indication, there will be a capacity crowd at the banquet tomorrow night in the basement of the First Presbyterian church in honor of the visit of Paul C. Brown, Pacific Coast secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Word has been received here by local officials of the organization that there will be about 50 delegates from nearby towns, beside the members of the local organizations in the Presbyterian and Christian churches.

It is announced that there will be a short musical program, as well as group singing during the banquet hour, after which the members will have the opportunity of hearing the Rev. Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown, whose home is in Los Angeles, spoke at Bend last night and will be the honor guest at a banquet to be held in the Presbyterian church at Pendleton this evening. He will arrive here tomorrow morning and immediately after the meeting will return to Portland, where he is to be a speaker on the program of the annual convention of the Portland district C. E. to be held this weekend.

The committee in charge urges that those who plan to attend call Mrs. A. S. Anderson or Mrs. I. C. Bower immediately.

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REBELS GAIN HEADWAY IN MEXICAN WAR

Unofficial Reports Say Chihuahua Has Been Captured by Enemy

REVOLUTIONISTS HEAD FOR JUAREZ

More Than 50 Americans Express Desire to Return Home; May Arrange Special Train

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 6 (AP)—An official bulletin announces that Monterrey has been recaptured by federal troops who have driven out the rebel forces of General Escobar. Officials express the belief that Vera Cruz will be recaptured by federal forces within three days. Cordoba in the state of Vera Cruz has been retaken after defeat of Rebel General Aguirre's forces, the bulletin adds.

By the Associated Press Military action on an extended scale marked the progress of the Mexican revolution today, both the government and rebels beginning troop movements in the north and south with heavy fighting in prospect.

Disturbed by the capture of Monterrey, important strategic railway center, federal forces were marching from five directions on the capital of Nuevo Leon to drive out General Escobar, powerful rebel leader in control there.

For the moment the government appeared to be concentrating on Monterrey being content merely to bottle up the city of Vera Cruz which has been cut off from the rest of the country while loyal federals were marching on Nogales.

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GOVERNOR SIGNS SEVERAL BILLS

Authorizes Issuance Of Bonds for Construction of Dormitories

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 6 (AP)—Governor Patterson today signed Senator Upton's bill which withdraws from appropriation the waters of Diamond lake. This body of water is much visited by tourists and is considered the best rainbow trout fishing place in the west.

Other bills signed by the governor today included: S. B. 142, by Eberhard—Providing that in criminal cases jurors shall be examined first by the defense and then by the state.

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Calvin Coolidge Plans To Dodge Public Attention

Has No Definite Plans for Future Except to Write Series of Magazine Articles.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Mar. 6 (AP)—In the first interview he has given since he left the white house, Calvin Coolidge today indicated that he had not been a private citizen long enough to tell how it seemed.

Surrounded by a dozen newspaper men and women in the office where he practiced law before he went into the public service, he was plying with questions about future plans and his feelings now that he is free from the burden of governmental cares.

Won't be Quoted The former president submitted to the interview only with the understanding that it would be governed by the same conditions which prevailed at his meetings with the correspondents at the white house—that he was not to be quoted. During the interview Mr. Coolidge was seated at his old desk in his office in the Masonic building and smoked a cigar held in an ivory holder.

He intends to keep himself as far removed from the public attention as possible. He has no definite plans for the future, except for the writing of a series of magazine articles for which he is now under contract.

Attached to Home For the present, at least, he will remain in Northampton, although he has not decided whether he will make his permanent home here. He does not plan to re-engage in the practice of law. As long as he does live here he will continue to occupy the modest home in Massachusetts street. He is greatly attached to that home, because it was there that his sons were born.

One of the greatest regrets Mr. Coolidge has looked forward to becoming a plain citizen is to get away from speech making. Another allurement that private life has for him is that he no longer will find it necessary to get up early in the morning to begin dictation.

Travel No Attraction Travel holds no attraction for the former president at present, not even to the extent of a visit to his birthplace at Plymouth, Vermont.

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Clint Van Fleet Sells Business To Mr. Trotter

Sale of Clints Clothing to the John A. Trotter company of Baker, was announced by Clint Van Fleet today, and comes as the culmination of a quiet-business sale inaugurated by Mr. Van Fleet several months ago. Mr. Trotter, who has a store in Baker, was in that city today and further details of the transaction were not available but will appear later.

Band Concert On St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's day, Sunday, Mar. 17, has been chosen for the presentation of the first of a series of concerts given by the La Grande municipal band, Andrew Loney Jr., director, announced today.

The program will be held at the Arcade theater and will feature Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller, soloist. Another number which is heralded as an unusually good one is the clarinet solo to be given by Roy Mattoon who will play an aria in variations from "Sommnambula" by Bellini, a very difficult selection, according to Mr. Loney.

A saxophone quartet has also been scheduled and will include Sheldon Brown-ton, Kenneth Geckler, Stanley Zandol and Roy Connell.

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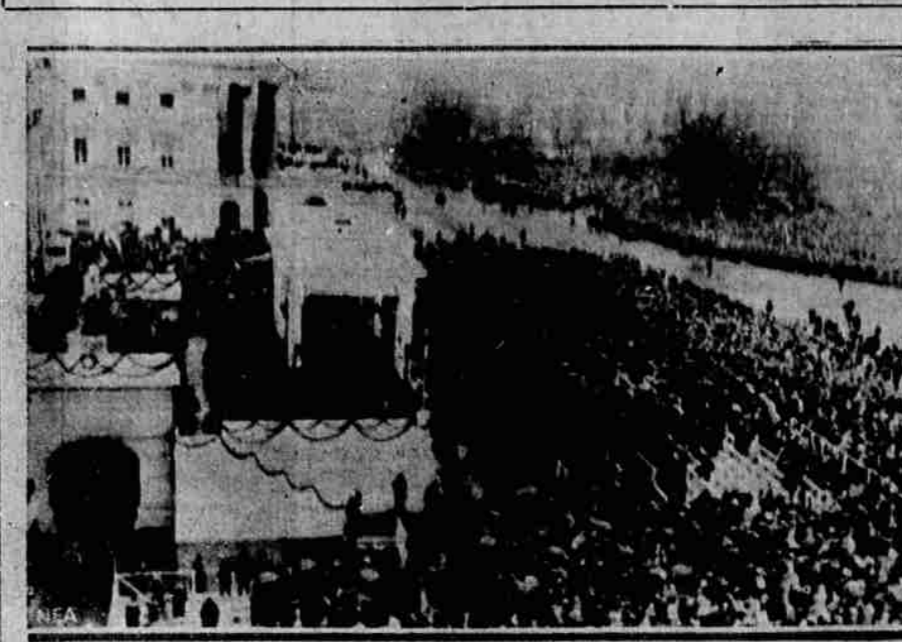
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A BIRDS-EYE VIEW OF INAUGURATION



Day before yesterday Herbert Hoover was inaugurated president of the United States in Washington, D. C., about 2,000 miles in a direct line from La Grande. This morning the above and other pictures of the inaugural arrival in The Observer office, making record-breaking time. The photographs were rushed by telephoto from Washington to San Francisco then sent to Portland by airmail in time to catch last night's train into La Grande. The above picture was taken from the roof of the capitol, showing the crowds gathered around the inaugural stand.

Commits Suicide With Dynamite; Son's Death Cause

COLFAX, Wash., Mar. 6 (AP)—Brooding over the death last summer of his young son, who died in his arms fearing a whipping, and his wife's divorce complaint, George Holmer, 48, blew himself into eternity by igniting a bundle of dynamite he held in his arms. Bits of the man's body were strewn more than a quarter of a mile and at the spot where he was standing when the charge exploded.

In a letter Holmer stated his belief responsible for their child's death. Mrs. Holmer had withdrawn her divorce complaint.

The boy's sudden death last summer at Colfax had attracted wide attention when a coroner's jury found the lad had died after his father, with a stick in his hand, had chided the youngster for chopping down a neighbor's trees. The boy dashed under a bed. When his father dragged him out, he went into convulsions and died immediately. The coroner's jury found the lad died of thymus gland trouble and absolved Holmer of blame.

NEW INSURANCE OFFICE OPENS IN LA GRANDE

Raymond Williams Insurance, in the name of the new office which was opened in La Grande today by one of the widely known citizens, Raymond Williams, who until recently was cashier of the Equitable Savings Bank.

Mr. Williams will handle all kinds of insurance, including life, fire, automobile, crop, accident and health and has made connections with leading insurance companies. The office is at 108 Elm street in the former location of the La Grande District News.

For four years Mr. Williams was head of the insurance department of the La Grande Investment company before assuming his responsibilities at the bank.

He was also engaged in business for six years in Portland, with the American Express company, the Pacific Telegraph and Telephone company and with the water department of Portland.

Man Executed For Murder of Woman

BOSTON, Mar. 6 (AP)—George E. H. Taylor, 47-year-old Riner-ant barber, street dancer, coal miner and former convict, was executed early today at Charlestown state prison for the murder in June 1927, of Stella Pomikala, 21-year-old Lawrence girl.

The killing was on Salisbury beach, a summer resort. Taylor obtained a job in a barber shop a day before the girl was found strangled to death after an attempted assault, and he disappeared next day.

At his trial Taylor alleged he had been drinking heavily the day and night of the crime and could not recall what he had done. Miss Pomikala had been employed at the bench as a photographer's assistant.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 6 (AP)—The resignation of L. M. Gilbert, superintendent of the state training school for boys, was today received by the state board of control. He will be succeeded by W. H. Hinkle of Gresham. The change is effective Mar. 15, after which Gilbert will be given a 30-day vacation on pay.

POISON LIQUOR TOLL UP TO 17

PEORIA, Ill., Mar. 6 (AP)—More names appeared on the poison liquor death list today, and the total stood at 17.

Two men and their wives are held for murder. It is charged they furnished the poison drink. Another man is charged with manslaughter.

There were three deaths in Galesburg which officials were certain were due to poison liquor, but because the bodies had been embalmed before an examination could be made, the coroner was unwilling to include them among the victims.

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The murder charges against Mansfield, his wife, and G. O. Guffin and his wife were based on only one death, that of Clarence Hoppe, Saturday night.

John Cox of Vermont, Ill., is held on the manslaughter charge. It was he, the charges state, who sold liquor which is blamed for three deaths.

George H. Hurlbut, acting prohibition administrator in Chicago, believes unadulterated wood alcohol may have been used in at least some of the liquor.

"There is only one government formula, containing more than 10 per cent of wood alcohol poisoning," he said, "and it becomes our problem to find out whether this formula is involved."

Knox county officials at Galesburg have undertaken an investigation of the liquor situation there. An inquest probably will be held into the death of J. J. Trout, 28 years old, which occurred yesterday following a party. Two other men, blinded presumably by poison liquor, are to be questioned by Galesburg police.

FAMOUS PIONEER DIES

SPokane, Wash., Mar. 6 (AP)—Henry Clay Johnson, 87, western pioneer who crossed the plains two years before Ezra Meeker, died here today at the home of his daughter.

One of the earliest settlers of the northwestern country, Johnson came west in 1850 with his parents at the age of nine, his mother and sister dying before the covered wagon cracked across the prairies in their journey of several months.

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David D. Buick Dies of Cancer In Detroit, Mich.

DETROIT, Mich., Mar. 6 (AP)—David D. Buick, founder of the Buick Automobile company, now a unit of the General Motors corporation, died of cancer here last night. He was 74 years old.

Mr. Buick, who was known as one of the pioneers of the automobile industry, died in comparative poverty. For the past two years he had held an instructorship in the Detroit school of trades.

In 1901 Mr. Buick was a wealthy man, a manufacturer of plumbing fixtures who had just sold his plant for \$100,000 to indulge in his dream of a "horseless carriage." He had been experimenting with automobiles for several years.

During the next two years he used his entire fortune in a series of "horseless carriages," none of which was a success. He was in debt when he finally developed a car he was convinced was practicable. By driving it from Detroit to Flint, 68 miles, he convinced J. H. Whiting, president of the Flint Wagon Works, of the motor car's possibilities and Whiting became his financial backer and partner.

They made 23 cars the first year but none was extraordinarily successful. After making changes in design, they produced a car that would sell but by that time the Buick company, the Flint Wagon Works and several Flint banks were so deeply involved they asked W. C. Durant of the Durant-Dort Carriage company of Flint, to take over the tottering Buick company.

Durant did so. He sold \$500,000 worth of stock in the enterprise and later organized the General Motors corporation, which he in turn lost to the Duponts and other capitalists.

Mr. Buick later engaged in other enterprises, none of which brought him success.

Pendleton Will Play In League With La Grande

PENDLETON, Ore., Mar. 6 (AP)—Pendleton reversed its decision to enter the Pendleton Buckaroo baseball team in an Oregon-Washington-Idaho league last night, and voted instead to join with the cities of Baker and La Grande in the old Blue Mountain organization.

Another club is necessary to replace Walla Walla which went into the tri-state circuit.

A meeting of the Blue Mountain league will be held in La Grande Sunday, Mar. 10, at 2 p. m., to consider plans for the 1929 season.

Thomas Taggart Dies This Morning

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Mar. 6 (AP)—Thomas Taggart, veteran Indiana democratic leader, died at his home here this morning following an illness of several months. He was 72 years old.

Born in Ireland, Nov. 17, 1856, Mr. Taggart came to America to begin a career that carried him into the United States senate, into state leadership and national prominence in politics, and into ownership of a health resort at French Lick, Ind., which he developed into a mecca for leaders of both political parties.

EXPECT NEW CONGRESS TO MEET APR. 15

No Date Set As Yet But Reports Indicate Hoover Favors That Monday

WORK ON FARM AID, TARIFF REVISION

President's Cabinet Is Sworn In With Exception of Stimson, Who Is En-route to U. S.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6 (AP)—On the second full day of his administration, Herbert Hoover's mind turned to the special session of congress which he has promised to call to deal with the farm relief problem and the tariff. He talked the question over with Representative Tilton of Connecticut, the republican leader of the house, and other members of congress, but reached no final decision as to the date.

Representative Tilton recommended that the call be issued either for April 10 or April 15 and the probabilities are that Mr. Hoover will select the latter date, since it falls on a Monday.

Farm relief will be taken up first by the house while the ways and means committee is perfecting the tariff revision amendment to the existing law. The senate in the meantime will perfect its organization and give attention to nominations, many of which failed with the last congress.

The chief executive had many callers during the forenoon and received two recommendations for the office of solicitor general of the United States, Herbert J. M. Chilton, national commission chairman and R. W. Hunter, republican state chairman of Kentucky.

Another caller was Senator Borah, of Idaho, who said he congratulated the president on his inaugural address and especially that part of it dealing with general law enforcement.

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