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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Unsettled tonight with rain west, Friday rain warmer, west tonight. Fresh to strong southerly winds on coast.

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N. K. WEST CO. STORE SOLD TO FALK CO.

Change in Ownership Will
Take Place on First
of August

TO OPERATE SAME HIGH CLASS FIRM

Local Department Store
One of Leading Business
Institutions East
Oregon for 30 Years

Sale of N. K. West & Co., La Grande department store, to the Falk Company of Boise, Idaho, was announced today by Herman and William Siegrist and N. K. West, chief owners. The sale will become effective August 1st of this year and Wm. Siegrist who has managed the store the last six years will remain with the new company in that capacity.

Culmination of the deal was directed by Leo J. Falk, president of the Falk company, when he was in La Grande last week and is the result of negotiations carried on during the last three months. The sale means that the West store, which has been one of the leading business institutions in Eastern Oregon for over thirty years, will be merged with the chain of department stores recently acquired by the Falk company.

Some General Policies

The store will be conducted under the present ownership until August 1st and will then be transferred to the Falk company which states that it will continue to operate the same high class establishment conducted by West's. The old firm's credit and service policies will be continued and the present sales force will remain under the new management after August 1st with such additions from time to time as the business warrants. Mr. Herman Siegrist and Mr. West will spend a part of their time at the store in La Grande. Both of these men, who have extensive property interests in La Grande and the valley, will continue to make their homes in this community.

In speaking of the sale Mr. Falk, head of the new company, says that by joining together a larger number of department stores in Eastern Oregon and extending along the Short Line in Southern Idaho he expects his company to be able materially to increase the business of all the stores and to be able to give the public improved service and merchandise values through increased buying power. At the present time the Falk company will operate stores which it has acquired in Boise, Caldwell, Nampa and La Grande, and the Falk-Tingwall Stores, which are part of the group, with stores in Twin Falls, Fairfield, Plover, Wendell, Hagerman, King Hill and Wilder, Idaho. Mr. Falk says the main object of the company is to give these communities the advantage of a large purchasing power.

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MARIONETTES ON PROGRAM THIS EVENING

The concluding number of the fifteen series of 125-225 sponsored by the La Grande High school student body, will be held tonight in the high school auditorium. The number, "Manhattan Marionettes" will also serve to dedicate the remodeled auditorium.

Thirty dolls are in the production and 500 strings are required to operate them.

The program follows:

1. Prologue (The Puppet presents the players).
2. "The Man Who Married a Dough Wife," Anatole France.
3. Madame Hiccofski, soprano; and Signor Ivorino, pianist.
4. Dancing ensemble.
5. "Oliver Twist," by Dickens.
6. "Way Down South," a minstrel number.
7. "Wizard," the man who mystifies.
8. "Androcles and the Lion," by Shaw (the fable of the splinter in a camel's vein).
9. "Circus Days," an act consisting of acrobats, clowns, animals, trapeze-performers, etc.
10. Demonstration, "Behind the Scenes with the Puppets."

WEATHER TODAY
7:29 a. m.—21 above.
Minimum: 27 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 51, minimum 29 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER MAR. 14, 1929
Maximum 45, minimum 27 above.
Condition: clear.

Presbyterial In Two-Day Session In Church Here

Opening Meeting Is Held
This Afternoon; State
and National Officers
Are in Attendance

The Grande Ronde Presbyterial annual meeting formally opened here this afternoon for a two-day session, with many delegates from Baker, Union and Walla Walla counties, and state and national representatives of the church in attendance. The theme of the convention is "Attainment." Meetings are being held at the Presbyterian church.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. A. T. Hill at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Introduction of visitors was in charge of Mrs. E. P. Mowman.

Mrs. D. A. Thompson, of Portland, synodical president of Oregon, extended greetings. Other executives in attendance are Mrs. Charles Williams, of Portland, board of foreign missions, and Miss Mary Banks, of the board of national missions.

A review of the year's work was given by Mrs. William Miller, of La Grande. Recording secretary, Mrs. Walter Cook, of Union, was in charge of the literature display, and Mrs. Ray Murphy, of La Grande, spoke on "Missional Education."

"Attainment" was the title of the afternoon's address given by Mrs. D. A. Thompson.

Miss Gladys Miller entertained with an organ solo. The afternoon

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Walton League To Have Dinner Meeting Mar. 25

The Isaac Walton chapter of La Grande, affiliated with the national organization has announced an open meeting to be held on March 25 in the Seaway Inn, through its president, Roy Farnam. The meeting will begin at 5:45 o'clock with a dinner.

During the meeting discussion of the general needs of the community, erecting of a clubhouse and a general discussion of all that the league stands for is on the program. An entertainment program will also be arranged.

Dinner tickets, to cost 75 cents, will be on sale shortly. Mr. Farnam urges all who are interested in game life and its conservation to attend. He points out that one of the main purposes of the league is to conserve game life for future generations. At recent congressional sessions, large appropriations for conservation nationally have been obtained.

There is need of more co-operation and assistance from every one in the community. Mr. Farnam points out, to assist the league in bringing its program to a successful end.

The main points that the league

M. I. A. Members Stage Operetta Here Last Night

"Once in a Blue Moon," an operetta, was enjoyed by more than 200 persons last night, when it was given by 40 members of the M. I. A. in the L. D. S. Recreation hall. Mrs. A. L. Stoddard was in charge.

Leading parts in the performance were taken by Elwood Hiatt and Maxine McNell.

Friday night the players will appear again in the operetta at Inhaber and on Monday night they will give it at Union.

Pearl Webb was in charge of costumes and Blida Williams, of dancing. Josephine Anderson was accompanist and Jasper Perry was business manager.

D. A. R. Sponsoring Essay Contest

The local chapter of the D. A. R. is sponsoring an essay contest which is open to all students of La Grande High school, according to announcement today.

The essays must be written on the subject of "The Significance of the Century of Nineteen in the Northwest" which bears upon the Lewis and Clark expedition. A first prize of \$5 and second of \$2 will be awarded the winners.

Inspect Railroad Shops, Equipment

To inspect the railroad shops, cars and locomotives of the second division of the O.-W. R. & N. railroad in La Grande, C. E. Peck superintendent of motive power, of Portland, is here today.

Mr. Peck finds railroad conditions in La Grande good, as they are all over the O.-W., he says.

Tonight Mr. Peck will leave for Spokane, later going to Walla Walla and Wallace, Ida., before returning to Portland.

FACULTY OF ABOUT 20 TO TEACH HERE

President H. E. Inlow, of
East Oregon Normal
School, in La Grande

IS NOW PLANNING COURSE OF STUDY

Construction Superintendent Assures Him That
Building Will Be Completed by June 1

A faculty of 18 to 20 instructors will be gathered here for the initial nucleus of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, according to President H. E. Inlow, who is here today to inspect the school and to address a meeting of classroom teachers this afternoon.

Mr. Inlow has just returned from a trip to the east to study teacher training methods and locate suitable faculty members. He returned by way of California, visited Stanford university, the University of California and spent a few days at Eugene and Corvallis on his way home.

He is now engaged in planning a curriculum and will issue a bulletin in the near future to go to high school students of Eastern Oregon which will describe this school, its courses and facilities.

Experts Strong Organization Although the budget is somewhat limited for the first biennium, Mr. Inlow is confident he will be able to build a strong organization. He is well pleased with the progress made with the building and was assured by the construction superintendent that it would be ready at least by the first of June.

Mr. Inlow, accompanied by his wife, came to La Grande this morning. They expect to establish a permanent home here some time in May.

ARTESIAN WELLS AID IN FEBRUARY

Total of 31,632,000 Gallons of Water Furnished
City During Last Month

During the month of February the city of La Grande pumped from the deep wells near the Second street viaduct, approximately 31,632,000 gallons of water, or an average of 1,318,000 each 24 hours. The pumps were in action every day during February, from nine to 20 hours. City Manager W. C. Crews reported at last night's commission meeting. The cost of the pumping, including labor, was .919 of a cent per 1,000 gallons. During February the Beaver creek line furnished about 900,000 gallons per day and the city is using about 1,750,000 gallons per day at present. The Beaver creek flow is increasing gradually, with the snow melting some in the hills.

Raymond Williams submitted a bid in the amount of \$125 to audit the city's books and the commissioners accepted his offer. Bills for February, in the amount of \$4,617.82, were ordered paid.

710 IN STATE PEN

SALEM, Ore., March 14 (AP)—Once more a new high record was established in the population of the state penitentiary today when the prison record showed 710 inmates.

Wallowa Loses To Washington In First Game

1928 State Champions
Nose Out Rangy Cougars 32 to 25 in Oregon
Basketball Tournament

TODAY'S GAMES
The Dalles 46, Tillamook 29 (Tillamook eliminated).
Medford 36, Mac-Hill 24 (Milton-Freewater eliminated).
Medford and The Dalles play at 9:30 Friday morning.
Washington high vs. Chemawa and Eugene vs. Astoria tonight.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 14 (AP)—Tillamook and The Dalles high school basketball teams meet in the first game of the second day's play in the state interscholastic tournament here this morning at 9:30 o'clock, with Medford, last year's runner-up, and McLoughlin of Milton-Freewater, putting on the second show at 10:30.

The first game promises to be fought out on even terms as the teams are believed easily matched. While Medford is slated to have an easy time with the Eastern Oregonians.

Wallowa Eliminated

Washington High of Portland eliminated Wallowa from further competition in the championship flight Wednesday night when they defeated the rangy players from the "Switzerland of America" 32 to 25. Wallowa threw a scare into last year's champions, however, and had a three point lead during the third quarter. Consistent playing of the Colonials, aided by the remarkable shooting of their tall center, Lewis, enabled them to pull out safely.

Chemawa's tight defense was too much for the Myrtle Point players, and the Coos county lads lost the second game of the evening 23 to 17. The Indians showed the same dash and speed they did when they ousted Salem from the district.

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Tells Of His First Job

"Cockleburrs—if you've ever hoed them out of corn you'll never forget it," asserts H. E. Dixon, La Grande attorney. "That was my first job. I was nine or ten years old. My brother and I got paid 25 cents a day for hoeing cockleburrs on our cousin's farm, and believe me when you do that you're working!" he said vehemently.

Something especially nice is to be making busy in the fall of the year when she has her tail attached to a lot of cockleburrs and she switches it around so it is wrapped around your ear. "Then you know what cockleburrs are," Mr. Dixon explained.

Mr. Dixon also remembers the time he was fired. It was for tramping down the beets. "Twelve of us were weeding sugar beets and we all got fired because our boss said we tramped them down. We all got our pay, though, and went down town and spent it for ice cream sodas."

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LOYALS MAKE SOME GAINS: TAKE 4,000

Federal Army Wins Battle
Today at Encantada
on Way to Torreon

AMERICANS HEAD FOR THE BORDER

Mexican Refugees Join in
Influx Into El Paso; Insurgents
on West Coast at Standstill

By the Associated Press
As powerful federal armies continued to close in on the rebel stronghold at Torreon, the revolutionary ranks along the northern border today gave signs of beginning to falter.

A battle in which 30 rebels were killed and 80 captured at Encantada in the state of Coahuila was reported in a government bulletin this afternoon which added that three federal columns were converging for a general offensive on Torreon.

The clash was between a federal column under command of General Cedillo which has been advancing beyond Saltillo keeping pace with columns led by Generals Almazan and Cardenas. The columns are converging on Viesca, 20 miles east of the rebel stronghold at Torreon.

Naco's Status Uncertain
Coming closely on the heels of

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Division B To Stage Musical Event Tomorrow

Made, speaking and a playlet will be features of the program to be given tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock at the Christian church under the auspices of Division B of the Loyal Sisters aid and under the chairmanship of Mrs. C. E. McPherson. Proceeds from the evening will go into the church building fund.

The beginning number will be a piano solo, "The Sun Dance," played by Ola Mae Hough. "I Want to Be a Junior's Child," and "What the Boy Said," will be piano numbers by Mildred Spencer.

"Good Night Serenade," and "Daisies," will be sung by Mrs. Alex Robertson and will be followed by a skit, "The Minister's Mistake," in which Evelyn Campbell, Hazel McPherson and William Conroy will take part.

A violin quartet, composed of Mrs. Leo Miller, Mrs. Audner Payle, Mrs. Roy Farnam and Mrs. Bickmore and accompanied by Mrs. George Burns, will play "Andantino," by Lomarre and "Ala Gavotte," by Kalinoss.

Mrs. Walter Price and Mrs. McPherson will sing a duet, "We Would Not Talk of Our Neighbor."

A play, "The Trouble at Satter-

field," will be participated in by Mrs. Elmer Miller, Mrs. Lloyd Purdy, Mrs. Henry Winburn, Mrs. C. E. Cameron, Mrs. C. E. Bragg, Mrs. McPherson and Mrs. A. P. Nelson.

The building was completely destroyed in the fire which followed the explosion. Police believed it was caused by a bomb and were working on the theory that a liquor war was responsible.

Nine Persons Killed In Tornado In South Carolina; Midwest Is Facing Severe Flood as Snow Melts

GREENVILLE, S. C., Mar. 14 (AP)—Nine persons are dead, two are thought to be dying, and five or ten others are injured, the victims of a tornado which bore swiftly last night into Six Mile community, a small settlement 27 miles from here.

Although the community has a population of only 200, the tornado was confined to such a narrow zone and came and went so suddenly that nearby residents took the roar for thunder, and were not aware of its true nature until they heard the cries of the injured and dying.

All Deaths in Two Homes
Four homes, a cotton gin, a church and a building of Six Mile academy, a Baptist preparatory school, were in the zone of destruction. Medical aid was rushed to the community from Pickens and Liberty, nearby, to care for the injured.

All nine of the deaths reported here were caused by the collapse of two of the four homes which were struck. They included G. Nease Garrett, a deputy sheriff, his wife and three children, and Mrs. Tillman Garrett and three daughters. An infant of the Tillman Garrett family was blown 300 yards by the wind, but was not seriously injured.

FLOODS IN MID-WEST

CHICAGO, Mar. 14 (AP)—Two days of spring had created flood havoc in Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska today.

Many hundred acres of farm land were flooded; streets and buildings in some places were filled with water; rail and highway traffic was disrupted; and bridges were torn away.

Washington, Mar. 14 (AP)—

SHAKE-UP DUE IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS

Sweeping Changes Expected Following Sec.
Stimson's Arrival

By JAMES L. WEST
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 14 (AP)—Sweeping changes in the diplomatic corps and a slight shakeup of state department officials are to follow the arrival here of Henry L. Stimson, newly appointed secretary of state, who is due home from the Philippines the last part of this month.

President Hoover now holds the resignations of all of the American diplomatic representatives and high officers of the department, but he is withholding action upon them until after he can hold a series of conferences.

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BLAST WRECKS BUILDING AND INJURES WOMAN

MADISON, Wis., Mar. 14 (AP)—A blast, as though of dynamite, wrecked Madison's Italian section today, and started a fire in which Natalia Trola, was seriously injured.

The building was completely destroyed in the fire which followed the explosion. Police believed it was caused by a bomb and were working on the theory that a liquor war was responsible.

Washington, Mar. 14 (AP)—

President Hoover gave further consideration today to the general law enforcement inquiry to be made by his national commission, conferring with Robert M. Hutchins dean of the Yale law school, and Prof. Charles E. Clark, of the same school.

Washington, Mar. 14 (AP)—

Freight rates to central and eastern Oregon and Washington will be discussed here tomorrow before representatives of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Examiner, Flynn of the commission will have charge of the meeting, which will be held at the courthouse. Portland shippers say San Francisco has a very cheap rail-water rate to Eastern Oregon, Central Oregon and Washington points, and that Portland rates should be adjusted.

W. A. Curtis, manager of the Portland traffic and transportation association, said today that good can be shipped by water and rail from San Francisco to Wenatche, Wash., cheaper than from Wenatche to Portland by rail.

Washington, Mar. 14 (AP)—

Ten shoe factory workers were dead today, their bodies burned to a crisp, as a result of a factory fire.

Montevideo, Uruguay, Mar. 14 (AP)—

Ten persons attempted to commit suicide here yesterday because of poverty, unemployment or blighted love. Nine succeeded. The others are in a critical condition.

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PROJECT AT VALE TO BE DONE BY 1930

Completion of \$3,000,000
Dam Decided on at Conference Today

NEED YEAR MORE TO FINISH WORK

Will Put Into Intensive
Production Some of the
Best Land in the Snake
River Valley

DENVER, Mar. 14 (AP)—Completion of the \$3,000,000 reclamation project known as the Vale Project in Oregon, near the Idaho state line, so the farmers of the district will have water for 25,000 acres for their 1929 crop was definitely decided upon today at a conference of 12 reclamation engineers with Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of irrigation.

The engineers, who will consider preliminary engineering work on the Boulder Dam along with other reclamation projects under their jurisdiction received a report on the Vale project from W. H. Bespore, engineer in charge of the work. He outlined the work that has already been done and stressed the necessity for completing the dam and water tunnel which comprise the project.

Sufficient money, possibly \$1,000,000 will be set aside from the appropriation this year to push the work to completion within the next 12 months, it was decided.

Temporarily setting aside consideration of the Boulder Dam project, the conference today entered into sectional discussions of several projects nearing completion. Legal papers were read by F. W. Deist, chief counsel of the service and by H. E. Stoughton, counsel in Oregon field; W. F. Ribick, counsel in the Washington field, and others.

Analyses Projects.

Chief Engineer R. E. Walter, chief engineer of the Denver bureau, who will have charge of construction work on the Boulder Dam, read a paper analyzing the projects completed since the last biennial conference. These included the American Falls reservoir, the McKay reservoir, the Guernsey reservoir and power plant and the Stony Gorge reservoir.

The estimated cost on these four works was \$14,100,000, he said, but the actual cost of the department was \$13,000,000.

Need Another Year.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 14 (AP)—The decision reached at Denver today at a conference between Dr. Elwood Mead, irrigation commissioner, and a group of reclamation engineers indicates, in the opinion of C. E. Stricklin, deputy state engineer, that the government is going to rush the Vale project to completion. Stricklin recalls that engineers have estimated that it can be completed in a year, and he agrees that this is possible.

"The project will put into intensive production some of the best land in the Snake river valley," Stricklin said. "The growing season is long and the land will produce most of the agricultural crops."

Much of the land is already in private ownership, Stricklin said.

Freight Rate Discussion Is To Be Friday

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