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WATER COVERS PART OF ALABAMA

2-DAY MEET
WILL CLOSE
LATE TODAYPortland and San Francisco
Visitors Speak at
Presbyterial SessionsDELEGATES FROM
THREE COUNTIESElection of Officers Scheduled
for This Afternoon; Mrs. Hill Presiding
as President

A talk on Persia by Mrs. Charles Williams, of Portland, a talk on "Attainments," by Mrs. D. A. Thompson, of Portland, and a talk by Miss Mary Banks, of San Francisco, on "Orientals in the United States," were central features of the two-day program of the Grande Ronde Presbyterial society which is drawing to a close this afternoon at the Presbyterian church with delegates in attendance from Baker, Union and Walla Walla counties. Election of officers was to take place before adjournment.

A visit in Persia last spring was the lot of Mrs. Williams, of the board of foreign missions, who was one of the two Pacific coast delegates to the International Missionary council convention held in Jerusalem.

Describing her experiences in Persia, Mrs. Williams told of flying by airplane over 600 miles of desert in less than six hours. Airplane travel in common in that region although it is expensive, Mrs. Williams stated. It is the safest mode of travel because of the danger from bandits and because of the difficulty in obtaining proper food. The planes are piloted by German fliers.

Little Education
The city included Persia traveling from west to east, Syria and Mesopotamia. Outstanding unfortunate conditions existing in Persia are the institution of child marriage, the lack of education and the backwardness of industrialism, Mrs. Williams remarked.

Ninety-eight per cent of the women there are of the Moslem faith. One in every thousand is able to read or write. From 10 to 20 men in every thousand is able to do so. Eighty-five out of every 100 babies born there die before they reach the age of two years, she said.

Mrs. Thompson Speaks
The need for sacrificial giving was stressed by Mrs. D. A. Thompson, synodical president of Oregon, in her talk on "Attainments," which is the theme of the convention. "We must be willing to give time, talent and money, and are we giving intelligently?" she queried. "Are we giving up anything for the cause? Do we think of our gifts for appointments or budgets or as the power of God at work in the world?" The latter is as it should be, she continued.

"We must commend Christianity by our lives as well as our lips," Mrs. Thompson asserted. She spoke of the value of prayer in reaching the missionary goal. If the goal for the year have been attained, (Continued on Page 5)

EAST OREGON
BUSINESS HELD
AS VERY GOOD

The March LaSalle map of business conditions, printed in "Business Bulletin," published by the LaSalle Extension university of Chicago, shows all of Northeastern Oregon in the belt which is marked "very good."

Southeastern Oregon and Western Oregon are in the belt marked "good" and none of Oregon is listed as only "fair."

According to observers, this part of the state, which included La Grande, Pendleton, Enterprise and Baker has been in the "very good" belt the greater part of the last few years.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—22 above.
Minimum—25 above.
Condition—Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 55, minimum 27 above.
Condition—Clear.

WEATHER MAR. 15, 1929
Maximum 51, minimum 25 above.
Condition—Rain 12 of inch.

Tax Notices To
Be Distributed
About April 5County Sheriff's Office Is
Very Busy Making Out
Lists; First Half Not
Due Until May 5

Attaches of the county sheriff's office and the county treasurer's office are extremely busy these days making out tax notices, a piece of work which is usually finished before this, but which has been retarded a few weeks by the confusion and generally upset condition of things at the court house. Regular employees are being assisted during the extra rush period by Mrs. Marjorie Francis and Mrs. Myrtle Beatty.

Mrs. Echo Helms reports that the notices will all be ready to be put into the mail by April 5. Even though that is later than tax payers have been accustomed to receiving them, it is pointed out that that date allows 30 days in which taxes may be paid without any penalty attached, since taxes payable at this time do not become delinquent until May 5.

Improvements at the court house as well as reparation of fire damage goes on apace. Plasterers are busy in the halls and lobby. It makes rather an unpleasant place to work for the time being, but court house folks are good natured about it and remind visitors of the days when everything will be fresh and clean and comfortable.

GIRLS END HOOP
PLAY YESTERDAYAll-star First Team of La
Grande High Wins Contest 21 to 11

The all-star first team, by a score of 21 to 11, defeated the all-star second team in a basketball game played yesterday afternoon at La Grande High school. The contest ended the basketball season for girls for this year. Miss Norma Mayer refereed the game. The lineup included the following girls:

First team: Margaret Anthony, jumping center; Margaret Caniffie, center; Charlene Faus, forward; Barbara Guye, forward; Beverly Guye, guard; Ladora Laughlin, guard; Naomi Twidwell, guard substitute; Mary Bantz, side center substitute; Margaret Milne, forward substitute.

Second team: Marva Lyman, jumping center; Margaret Douthan, side center; Helen Newlin, forward; Jacqueline O'Brien, forward; Elva Twidwell, guard; Hester Hopkins, guard; Edna Turner, side center; Guilda Ashby, forward; Dorothy Higgins, guard.

Stake Conference
Saturday, Sunday

A stake conference will be held here tomorrow and Sunday, according to announcement today by Horace J. Nelson, stake clerk. The meetings to be held in the L. D. S. tabernacle. The Saturday evening meeting begins at 7:30 p. m., taking the place of the former morning and afternoon sessions. This meeting is for all ward and stake officers, but the membership of the stake is also invited to attend. A representative from Salt Lake City is to be present.

Puppet Show Delights Audience

"Ladies and gentlemen and children too, who, of course, are little ladies and gentlemen. And for that matter so are we. The voice you suppose to be ours is really our master's voice. Our prayers, our tears. Our heroic bearing we owe to him who pulls the strings."

With that announcement by the first puppet, the show began. It was a show that took the audience back through centuries, for puppet shows are the oldest form of entertainment, according to Danne Bouchard, manager of the "Mantel Marionettes," here last night at La Grande High school as the formal dedicatory of the new auditorium and the last of a series of lectures sponsored by the student body of the school. The show was attended by the largest lecture audience of this year.

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A sketch by Anatole France,

DURANGO IS
TAKEN TODAY
BY FEDERALSAdvance Guard of Calles' Army
Captures City on
Way to TorreonEXPECT BATTLE
IN NACO DISTRICTAmerican State Department
Submits Suggested
Mexican Policy to
President Hoover

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 15 (AP)—Colonel Tapia, chief of the presidential staff, announced at noon today that cavalry constituting the advance guard of General Calles' army occupied Durango this morning.

By the Associated Press
Battle lines between federal and revolutionary forces around the strategic city of Torreon grew closer today as powerful rival armies were reported advancing on one another in an effort to come to grips.

The wide encircling movement of General Calles, federal commander-in-chief, to close in on Torreon and cut off the rebel retreat northward, continued to develop steadily.

General Calles himself was near Durango. He hoped to capture it shortly and then to continue northward along the Mexican National railway to Torreon.

Four other federal armies were also advancing on Torreon, three from the east and one from the south.

The government has expressed fear that the insurgent army will not stand and fight, but will flee northward in an effort to escape. Advice from Juarez, on the contrary, said the rebels were reported on the march south from Torreon to meet the federal forces outside of the city.

Naco, on the border, another battle was imminent between 1,200 federal and 1,000 insurgents. Ever since the return of Naco to the government fold, it has been a thorn in the side of rebels for whom it was an important point both for sending reinforcements

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Flying School
Will Be Opened
In Near Future

A flying school, to be known as the Blue Mountain Flying school, is to be started in La Grande as soon as classes can be organized, according to announcement this morning by C. L. Dempsey, who, with Myron Hug, garage man of Elgin, will be in charge.

Two or three fields are being considered but a definite decision has not been reached. Mr. Dempsey expects to be able to secure one of the most able instructors now available in the Northwest. The plane, a Waco Ten, is already on hand.

Mr. Dempsey was recently with the Walla Walla Flying service and was also with the Rankin school in Portland.

A complete flying and ground school is to be offered.

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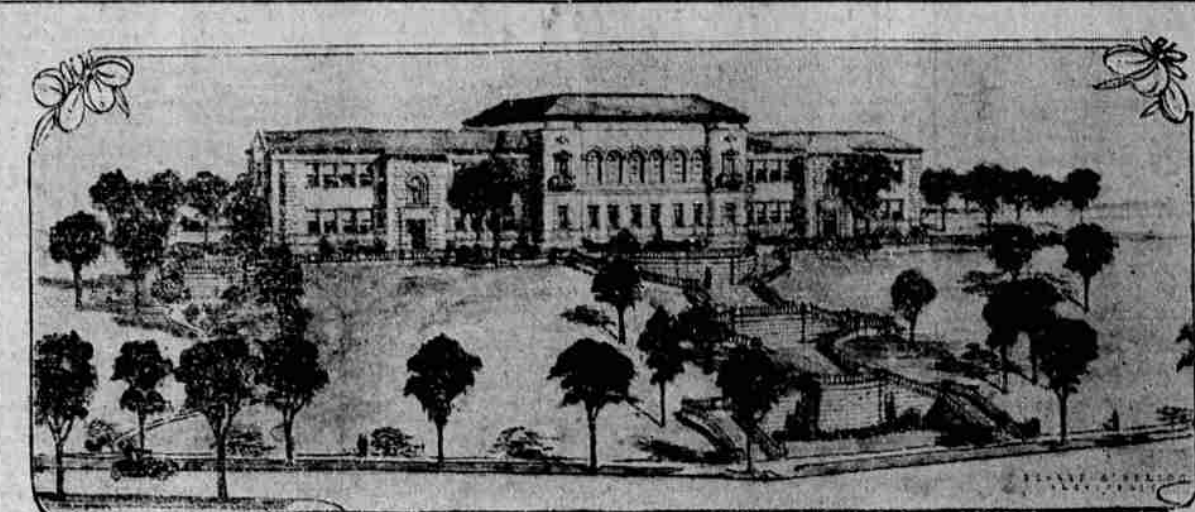
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Eastern Oregon Normal School and President H. E. Inlow



The Eastern Oregon Normal school in La Grande, as pictured by Architects Bonnes & Horzog, of Portland, when completed, is pictured above. This picture shows also the impressive steps which will be built from Ninth street to the campus, 150 feet in length. The main building is 240 feet long, or about the average city block in length. President H. E. Inlow, former superintendent of schools in Pendleton, is pictured at the left. He expects to establish a permanent home here sometime in May and has just returned from a trip to the east.

WALLOWA DOWNS
MYRTLE POINT

Wins First Game in Consolation Round; Cougars Play Mac-Hi Next

TODAY'S GAMES
Medford swamped The Dalles in the second half of their game this morning, winning 37 to 22. The Dalles, now eliminated, led at half time. Win point Medford in Saturday night finals.

Chemawa Indians defeated Eugene 19 to 15 in consolation game.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 15 (AP)—Washington high of Portland took another step toward the big silver trophy, emblematic of state supremacy in interscholastic basketball, Thursday night when they gained an easy victory over the Chemawa Indians. The score was 36 to 18. The Indians were badly off in shooting and although they worked the ball time after time down the floor, their efforts went for naught when the ball would roll around the hoop and then drop back into the hands of a waiting Chemawa. As in the first game, Lewis, center, was the chief scorer for the Portlanders. He garnered 17 points during the evening.

After holding Astoria even during the first half of the game, Eugene failed to keep the pace during the remainder of the contest.

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Tells Of
His First Job

He was seven years old when he got his first job which was working on a threshing machine on a ranch 35 miles east of Yakima, Wash., on the Yakima river, for 50 cents a day which he felt was fairly good. Now that he is older District Attorney Carl Helms, of Union county, gets more than 50 cents a day.

Mr. Helms' first job only lasted three days but he made such a success of it that many years later, when he grew up, he worked again for the same man. The first job consisted in riding a saddle horse to pull the buck pole on a threshing machine. "I don't remember when I didn't ride," Mr. Helms says. "My father was the foreman of a ranch and was a cowboy. I was such a cantankerous kid that I suppose people thought I should be a lawyer," he explained.

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State Board Of
Education Will
Carry On Work

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 15 (AP)—Attorney General Van Winkle has given an official opinion to the board of regents of the University of Oregon, holding that it will be incumbent upon the new state board of higher education, when it begins its duties July 1, to carry into effect contracts for new university buildings made prior to that date by the present university board. The new board will be a consolidation, under the Bell-Schumacher bill, of the three present boards of regents for the university, the state college and the normal schools.

Van Winkle says, however, that the question cannot be answered either affirmatively or negatively without qualification.

The question, which is one of four asked by L. H. Johnson, secretary of the university board, is: "Will the new board be bound by the contracts made by the old board?" By way of illustration, there are contracts which must be made with teachers for the coming year. There are contracts which must be made with architects for new buildings in contemplation, such as the new medical building in Portland, the new art museum and the new infirmary, both on the university campus.

A question as to whether the present board has power to carry on all the business of the university until the new board takes up its work, answered in the affirmative.

Mrs. Robert Clark
Died Early Today

Mrs. Mabel Lucella Clark died at the Grande Ronde hospital this morning following an illness of two days. Death was caused by a paralytic stroke. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at the Snodgrass & Zimmelman mortuary at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Clark, who was born Nov. 7, 1874, was 54 years four months and eight days of age at the time of her passing. Her home was at 181 V avenue.

She is survived by her husband, Robert W. Clark, three daughters, Mrs. May Fowler, of La Grande; Mrs. Sylvia Cool, of Dunsmuir, Cal.; Mrs. Harry Rippey, of La Grande, a son, Robert, of La Grande, a brother in Minnesota besides other relatives.

Marshal Foch Very
Tired, Medics Say

PARIS, March 15 (AP)—Physicians of Marshal Foch found him "very tired in heart, body and mind" when they visited him this morning. They said, however, he had passed a quiet night and had obtained some sleep.

His temperature was 98.6 and his pulse 72. The marshal's temperature yesterday remained below normal most of the day.

Today he used for the first time the American invalid bed which permits him to sit up without actually being moved.

"EXPERT" ARRESTED
LOS ANGELES, Mar. 15 (AP)—Edward H. Hayden, "income tax counselor," who operated in the Hollywood film colony, today was indicted by a federal grand jury for violation of the revenue act. Miss Marjorie Berger previously had been indicted on a similar charge.

RATE DEMAND IS
PRESENTED TODAYSeattle, Tacoma, and San Francisco
Representatives Hear Request

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 15 (AP)—Representatives of Seattle, Tacoma, San Francisco, and other points today heard a demand by Pacific northwest shippers that freight rates to interior points in that section be equalized to the extent that they will compare favorably with the through rail-and-water rates from San Francisco to points east of Portland. The meeting was held here before R. N. Flynn, examiner for the interstate commerce commission. A complaint had been filed by W. A. Curtin, secretary of Portland traffic and transportation association.

Curtin today presented an exhibit designed to show the difference existing between freight rates of fifth-class commodities on the combined water and rail route from San Francisco, and on rates on like freight from North Pacific cities.

Curtin said manufactured goods, canned goods, sugar and other products in the fifth class can be shipped by a water-and-rail through rate from any San Francisco Bay point to Spokane, 1070 miles, for \$8.4 cents per hundred, while the rate from Portland to Spokane, 370 miles, is 70 cents a hundred.

Another example was that of Cascade Tunnel, Wash., 324 miles from San Francisco by water-and-rail, and 292 miles by rail from Portland. The combination freight rate from the Golden Gate is 67 cents a hundred, and the rail rate from Portland, 65 cents a hundred.

The interstate commerce commission is asked to fix rate so freight may be sent from San Francisco to Portland, then re-shipped from here at a rate as low as the through water-and-rail rate.

"Treasure" Found
In Grapefruit Tin

SUBURBAN, Cal., Mar. 15 (AP)—Ah, there, Florida, you win! California can boast of nothing like that Yozo Ikegawa found when he opened a tin labelled Florida grapefruit and found therein a woman's handkerchief, with \$13.55 cash carefully noted in a corner.

TO REVIEW PERMITS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15 (AP)—The interior department not only will discontinue the issuance of permits for drilling on public lands, but Secretary Wilbur proposes to review all present outstanding permits for prospecting.

Charles Evans Hughes, "Unofficial
Advisor," Confers With President

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15 (AP)—Charles Evans Hughes for many years an associate of President Hoover in the Harding and Coolidge cabinets, and more recently "the figure in his political campaign, was an overnight guest of the executive at the white house.

Since the campaign, Mr. Hughes has come to be regarded as a close "unofficial advisor" of the Hoover administration, and it is assumed that his visit gave the president opportunity to talk over with him several subjects which have occupied a considerable amount of his attention since his inauguration.

60-Hour Search
For Boy, 6, Ends
Without Success

GORDON, Neb., Mar. 15 (AP)—The snow-swept and hills hold the fate of little Melvin Reeves.

The 60-hour search for the boy, last seen pursuing a hoop into a canyon on his father's ranch, was ended last night. Mr. Reeves and Mrs. William Reeves, the child's parents, were near collapse as they called off the search. When the snow melts, another posse will seek the boy's body.

An army of searchers, including 200 Indians from the Pine Ridge reservation and Kyle, S. D., found themselves snowed out early today, unable to push through the snowdrifts which in many places were eight feet deep.

The Indians joined the hunt yesterday, coming in wagons, trucks and by horseback. Familiar with this country as no white man is, they were unable to make any progress through the huge drifts north of the Reeves ranch. A few of them plowed their way through for about five miles but were forced to return.

Melvin, six years old, and his brother, Dwight, two years older, went to the pasture Tuesday morning hunting a lost mitten. The last Dwight saw of his brother was when the smaller boy chased his hoop down a canyon.

Dwight reached home, and his father soon grew alarmed over Melvin's absence. It had begun melting, and the mist was turning to snow as the father telephoned neighbors to help him seek the child.

Before the searching party could arrive a blinding snowstorm raged. By nightfall a posse of 500 men were looking for the boy.

Hoover Selects
Newton As His
Secretary Today

WASHINGTON, Mar. 15 (AP)—Representative Walter H. Newton of Minnesota, today was appointed third secretary to President Hoover.

Mr. Newton will be liaison officer between the chief executive and the heads of the various independent agencies of the government such as the veterans bureau and the shipping board. He will resign from Congress and will enter upon his new duties in the near future.

Newton was one of those most active in the management of the pre-convention campaign of President Hoover and during the campaign for the presidency, was in charge of the western speakers' bureau.

One of these problems, the study of federal law enforcement and court procedure which Mr. Hoover emphasized in his campaign, has to do with a field in which Mr. Hughes has long been a prominent figure as jurist and lawyer.

This is a subject which is being more and more attention by the president as he approaches the task of selecting his law enforcement commission. He has not yet offered a place on this commission to anyone, but he is known to be casting about for individuals who will make his findings as authoritative and unbiased as possible.

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EAST OREGON MINERS MEET, DISCUSS PLAN:

BAKER, Ore., Mar. 15 (AP)—Directors of the Eastern Oregon Mining association last night discussed plans for the United States geological survey operations which will be carried out in Oregon as a result of a \$30,000 appropriation made by the 1928 legislature.

Frank C. McElloch was recommended unanimously to Gov. J. J. Patterson as the Eastern Oregon member of the newly created state mining board, appointed to administer the funds.

P. W. Roney and R. B. McGinnis were appointed to membership on the board of directors of the mining association to fill the unexpired terms of Robert Betts and Jack O'Keefe.

THE WEATHER
OREGON: Generally fair tonight and Saturday but cloudy in west, freezing temperatures east tonight.

4000 PEOPLE
MARCOONED BY
ELBA FLOODNational Guardsmen Succeed
in Rescuing 92
from DistrictOTHER TOWNS IN
AREA INUNDATEDCitizens Perched on Tops
of Houses With Water
Lapping at Eaves; Refugee Tells of Condition

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 15 (AP)—A radio message from the naval reserve station at Pensacola, Fla., late today said that Flomaton, and Brewton, Ala., "were marooned by high water and 10,000 persons were in danger with no food supplies."

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Mar. 15 (AP)—National Guard Lt. Col. Kelson, in charge of a rescue detachment, reported to Gov. Graves today that the tide has turned and that the water is beginning to fall in the vicinity of Elba, Ala., where 4,000 residents have been marooned since yesterday.

The officer reported that he was in a position from which he could see Elba citizens on the house tops and that the water, after rising for a time, had fallen about ten inches. His detachment, he said, picked up 12 persons. Taken with earlier reports, this makes a total of 92 reported rescued.

DESCRIBES FLOOD
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Mar. 15 (AP)—Conditions in flood stricken Elba were described in a telephone interview with the Birmingham Age-Herald by Miss Alice Hughes, Coffee county home demonstration agent, one of five known refugees who have escaped.

"Water submerging the tops of automobiles flowing through the court house square," Miss Hughes said.

Hundreds of families had sought refuge in the court house when the muddy waters first began to lap at their homes, and at 5 p. m. hundreds of other families were marooned on the roofs of their homes or had sought safety in the more substantially built business houses.

"We are used to floods in Elba, and when this one struck we paid little attention at first."

Schools Dismissed
"The water had started rising early Thursday morning and by 9:30 a. m. had risen to a height to cause school authorities to dismiss their pupils."

"By 12:30 p. m. the water was well into the residential district and families were moving to higher ground. In another hour the water poured down the business streets and continued rising rapidly, soon submerging the automobiles left parked at the curb."

"Our rescue was affected by two men who passed our home in a canoe."

"The water was so swift we thought several times we would be capsized in the brief half mile we were forced to ride through the whirling currents."

"I have walked the distance that they took us in the canoe dozens of times. It is a brief five-minute walk."

"Tonight it took us more than an hour to negotiate the distance and every second was tense with the thought that one misstep and we would all be hurled into the raging stream."

"The negro section of the city was first hit. Within a short time, however, the rising flood had reached the higher sections."

"Within view of our home we could not see whether any homes had been washed away but the water, ever rising, and ever flowing."

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