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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair tonight and
Wednesday becoming cloudy in
west Wednesday. Freezing tem-
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CONVENTIONS
WILL BEGIN
NEXT MONTHKnights Templar, Royal
Arch Masons and Coun-
cil Meet in AprilMEDICAL SOCIETY
HERE DURING MAYOregon Bankers Associa-
tion Will Hold Annual
Meeting in This City
on June 17 and 18

During the months of April, May and June La Grande will be host to state, national and international men of renown, who will be here representing the Oregon State Medical society, the Oregon State Bankers association and the Masonic orders. During the three months several hundred delegations to the conventions are to be entertained.

The first of the conventions is to be in April when the Knights Templar, the Royal Arch Masons and the Council, three Masonic organizations of Oregon will hold their annual conventions in La Grande. Altogether it is expected that 150 will come here for these meetings. A special train will run from Portland to La Grande. A band, drill team and drum corps may be here for the occasion. The committee in charge of the Royal Arch Masons convention includes George T. Cochran, Lyle Kiddle and Carl Helms.

A banquet and a Masonic hall will be social features.

H. B. Dixon is excellent high priest of the Royal Arch Masons in La Grande. There is no Council organization here, but there is one at Union. These conventions are held once a year and last year Portland was the convention city.

Medics Coming in May
May 16, 17 and 18 are the dates set for the convention of the Oregon Medical association in La Grande. Speakers of international fame will be on the program. Plans are in charge of Dr. Leo Bouvy, of La Grande, president of the association.

The Oregon Bankers association will meet in La Grande April 17 and 18. A total of at least 250 bankers is expected to attend. Already reservation of 50 rooms in local hotels has been made.

First Time in East Oregon
This will be the first time the convention has met in Eastern Oregon, says T. J. Seroggin, who last year attended the convention when it was held on the coast and was attended by 350 delegates.

The convention will bring bankers from all over the state and United States to La Grande including representatives of all the big Eastern banks. They will have a chance to become acquainted with the conditions in Eastern Oregon. Many of them don't know what it is, says Mr. Seroggin.

The program is in charge of the association which include President John F. Daley, Portland; Vice President L. Barnum, of the First National bank of the Dalles; Treasurer F. E. Collier, of Albany; of the First National Bank; and Secretary T. P. Craner Jr., of Portland.

STARTS TRIP
TO GERMANY
LAST EVENING

Last night Alfred Roesch took his suitcase and baggage and left La Grande. Soon he will be in Philadelphia with his uncle Lewis Roesch, and then he will get on a steamer and sail for Germany, back to his home in the town of Stuttgart, state of Wurttemberg in Southern Germany.

There Mr. Roesch has built bonbons and candy rabbits for Easter and Santa Claus for Christmas and other candies for other holidays.

One year ago Mr. Roesch came from Germany to try his luck in America, that land of golden opportunity as it seems to foreigners, but he didn't like it, although he doesn't tell why. He doesn't tell anyone why, not even his brother Herman Roesch, for whom he has been working.

Mr. Roesch has a wife and two children in Germany, little Alfred, age six and a four-year-old daughter, Emma.

WEATHER TODAY

7:20 a. m.—35 above.
Minimum 27 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 57, minimum 27
above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER MAIL, 19, 1928

Maximum 72, minimum 32
above.
Condition: clear.Gasoline Price
Up Six Cents In
La Grande TodayRetail Quotations Are 27
Cents After 2 p. m.—
Portland Gas Up to 22½
cents an Hour Earlier

For an hour this afternoon, gasoline could be purchased cheaper in La Grande than in Portland—one and a half cents cheaper.

At 1 p. m. today Portland retail gasoline dealers, through their association, raised the retail gasoline price to 22½ cents a gallon. In La Grande, the retail price remained at 21 cents until 2 o'clock this afternoon, when it moved up to 27 cents.

Increase Is General.
The jump in prices is general and resulted from developments in California, where the recent raw weather. During the last few weeks, motorists have been enjoying exceptionally low gasoline prices over the entire Pacific coast area.

PORTLAND, Mar. 19 (AP)—The Portland retail gasoline dealers' association announced today that effective at 1 p. m. today the retail gasoline price in Portland will be 22½ cents a gallon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 19 (AP)—Gasoline prices which dropped as low as eight cents per gallon at the service station pump during the past month, went back to the old basic price level today with the announcement by the Standard Oil company that wholesale prices here would be 16 cents per gallon. Other large companies followed the lead of the Standard and the service stations prepared to calculate their profits from the 16-cent price.

In some quarters the move of the Standard company was seen as a step towards the end of competition between wholesalers.

S. C. Kingsley
Called Beyond;
Ill Three Weeks

Shirley Clark Kingsley, owner and proprietor of a shoe repair shop in La Grande, died at the Grande Ronde hospital about 8:30 o'clock last night after an illness of three weeks. He was one of the remaining members of the shoe repairers who learned their trade before 20th century inventions brought their changes.

Mr. Kingsley was well known in this city and his death was a sad shock to his many friends. He is survived by a brother, in La Grande, and was the uncle of Lester and Clarence Kingsley. He also leaves several other relatives.

He was born in Indiana Feb. 25, 1871 and came to La Grande about 23 years ago. He was 58 years and 21 days of age at the time of death.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary. Burial will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Rector And Wife
Leave Today For
Nebraska Parish

The Rev. and Mrs. Oliver Riley are leaving La Grande today. Mr. Riley, who has been rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church for the last three and a quarter years, will soon become rector of the church at South Bluff, Neb.

Many vacancies in La Grande, fraternally, civilly and religiously speaking, will be left due to Dr. Riley's departure. He was secretary of the Rotary club, adjutant of the American Legion, president of the Ministerial association, president of the Knights Templar, member of the executive committee of the boy scouts, chairman of the board of honor and a member of the chamber of commerce.

Mrs. Riley was active in all church organizations and in the American Legion auxiliary, the Neighborhood Aid club and in the Neighborhood club.

"We have enjoyed our stay in La Grande and are sorry to leave our friends," Dr. Riley said this morning.

Dr. Riley has been in many places on the wide, wide world—in France, Germany, England, Central America, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, and of them all he likes the Irish best because they are gentle, friendly and hold no grudges. An Irishman loves to fight but he goes and takes a drink with his

War Veterans To
Visit Pendleton

About 25 members of the Spanish-American War veterans camp and the Ladies' auxiliary in La Grande expect to go to Pendleton Saturday for the purpose of reorganizing the Pendleton camp. It was announced this morning.

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By JAMES L. WEST
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (AP)—President Hoover has no idea of any drastic, dramatic prohibition drives as a means of bringing about the general law enforcement for which he declared in his inaugural address.

The purpose of the chief executive is to build up the enforcement of the laws generally by tightening up the federal organizations and the reorganization of the federal judicial system.

Mr. Hoover is undertaking to reduce crime in the United States and in doing so he expects the support of the press and every good citizen of the country.

Moving With Caution.
The president is moving with caution in the difficult task of picking those who are to compose his law enforcement commission, and the best information available is that he has not yet definitely decided on a single member.

Scores of names have been presented for his consideration, but many of these already have been eliminated. One reason or another and he now is described as literally scouring the country in the effort to find suitable men who will be willing to undertake so dramatic a task.

The personnel of this commission probably will be more carefully scrutinized by the country than any that has been named, ever.

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S. L. BROOKS 83
YEARS OF AGE

La Grande Resident Celebrating His Birthday Anniversary Today

Eighty-three years old and "feeling like 25" is the experience of S. L. Brooks, of La Grande, who is today celebrating his 83rd birthday anniversary. Since 1873 he has lived in the Grande Ronde valley on his prosperous farm at Imbler until the last year.

His interesting story begins Mar. 19, 1846, in Pike county, Ohio, 50 miles from Columbus where he was born. When he was 10 years old, Mr. Brooks moved to Iowa and in 1872 came to Oregon.

"My wife and I didn't have a cent when we came here and started our farm at Imbler," Mr. Brooks recounts. And now the Brooks farm properties include a thousand acres of pasture land, 500 acres of wheat land and 100 of logged off land, a fine farm house and other items which go with a real farm.

The farm at Imbler was noted for the fine horses—"there were no finer war horses in the country," Mr. Brooks says.

Gives Health Recipe
All his life Mr. Brooks has worked and lived on a farm. Healthy work and healthy habits of eating and not smoking, Mr. Brooks believes accounts for his good health. When asked if he ate push-

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter White Spend
Golden Wedding With 70 Friends

Seventy people—friends and neighbors—had a part in a very wonderful surprise party last evening given for Mr. and Mrs. Walter White in honor of their golden wedding anniversary. It was indeed a lovely party, according to all reports and in the large company there were none who appreciated it all so thoroughly as did Mr. and Mrs. White, themselves. Invited to spend the evening with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain, and finding there a house full of happy people, all of one mind and with one purpose—"I am just a little bit nervous about it all, for this is the first golden wedding we have ever had," said Mrs. White. "Besides it is the first golden wedding I had ever seen of attended—our very own. There was something so sacred and beautiful about it, and we appreciate it very much."

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain was filled with the company last evening who were sharing in a plan which had for its sole purpose the honoring of these pioneers of the homing of these pioneers of

1160 Seats Are
Available For
'Yokohama Maid'High School Operetta Will
Be Staged Thursday and
Friday; Matinee Under
Way Today

First presentation of the high school operetta, "The Yokohama Maid," which is being staged by the glee clubs, is being held this afternoon in the high school auditorium for the Central and Willow grade school children. Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock a similar matinee will be held for Greenwood and Riveria pupils.

The first public showing will take place Thursday night and the second and final one on Friday night. Tickets may be reserved at Glass Drugs Thursday.

All Seats to Be Reserved
It is announced that every seat in the house will be reserved. In remodeling the auditorium, about 200 extra seats were installed and every seat has been tested as to position and all have been found good for both hearing and seeing whatever takes place on the stage. The auditorium now has 530 good seats, making it possible to present the operetta to 1160 people in two nights, providing all seats are sold. The new seating arrangement provides for about 400 more seats for a two-night performance with seats in the balcony as good as those downstairs.

Hold Dress Rehearsal

The dress rehearsal was held yesterday and was very satisfactory. Those who have been present at rehearsals say that the work of both the chorus and the principals is better than usual and predict a very successful presentation. The costumes are more gorgeous than any that have been used in previous shows. It is reported.

Opens Hospital
Unit In Second
Street Dwelling

Dr. J. A. Wonderlick announces today that he has converted the upper floors of the residence at 470 Second street into a small, modern hospital unit. The front entrance to the building has been partitioned off to give access without interfering with the privacy of the living rooms on the lower floor, which will continue to serve as a residence.

The beds are of the latest adjustable type. Dr. Wonderlick says, and the surgery is equipped with the essentials for modern, safe, anesthetic work. Mrs. Wonderlick, who has had extensive experience in medical and surgical work, will have direct charge and additional help will be secured as needed.

Tells Of
His First Job

R. J. Kitchen, La Grande attorney, years ago before he studied law, taught a little school in the sand dunes on the shores of Lake Michigan, and there he would watch out the window at the perilous and uncertain antics of embryo airplanes. He watched the Wright brothers make their experiments. "Nature in that shore region were afraid of the great white birds which many thought were giant pelicans. For teaching school and watching the beginnings of aviation Mr. Kitchen got \$30 a month. His very first job he had when he was a very, very small boy. It consisted of brushing potatoes to keep off potato plants into a pan on his father's farm at Valparaiso, Ind. "We didn't have any parsnips at that time," Mr. Kitchen remarks. If his contract called for pay, Mr. Kitchen doesn't remember of receiving it. By the time he was 10 years old he had gotten into the habit of putting six or seven cents before breakfast and at sundown before he went to bed. Later he worked his way through law school.

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Lawrence Admits
Milton Robbery

PENDLETON, Ore., Mar. 19 (AP)—Police here have announced that they have a written confession from Jack Lawrence, captured at Albany, that he stole and robbed a small safe at Milton two months ago. Wayne Walker, said to have been involved with Lawrence, is being held in Salem.

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Alabama River Above
Record of 1886

ATLANTA, Ga., March 19 (AP)—Battle against possible epidemics in the South's flood ridden area, the gathering together of funds for general use in relieving flood sufferers occupied southern states today. Last night in Alabama a movement was started for a special session of the legislature to appropriate funds for rehabilitation.

This morning Mobile had raised \$27,000 of a proposed \$75,000 fund. Montgomery had raised \$26,000; the Atlanta City council started a \$50,000 fund with a donation of \$5,000. Two newspapers and a radio station at Tampa are actively engaged in raising money. In every instance the Red Cross has charge of the campaign for relief funds.

Sending Anti-Toxins.

Anti-toxins of all descriptions are arriving on every carrier into the stricken area in the battle against disease. William Dekle, national medical director for the Red Cross, is in active charge of distribution and use of preventives. He is directing all sanitary measures in relief camps.

The Salvation Army has issued an appeal extending throughout the South for clothing for flood refugees.

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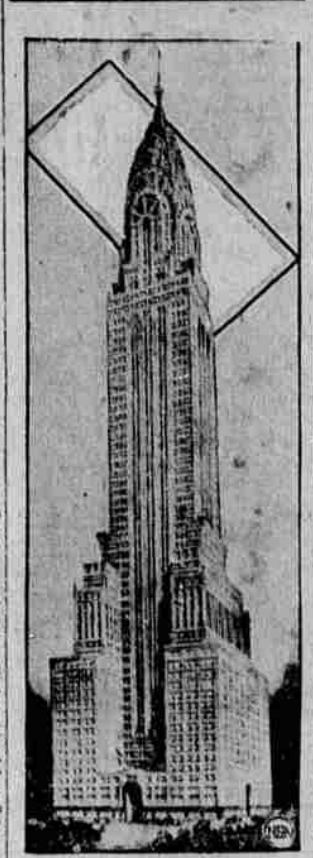
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TALLEST



When more skies are scraped, this skyscraper will scrape them. For the new 65-story Chrysler building, soon to tower on the New York skyline, will be the very tallest in the world—809 feet high and 17 feet higher than the famous Woolworth building. It will cost \$15,000,000 to build it.

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Witchcraft Will
Be Investigated
In East, SouthMurder of Witch Doctor
in Georgia and Death of
Woman in Pennsylvania
Causes Decision

ROME, Ga., Mar. 19 (AP)—Death of an 80-year-old "witch doctor" who had become a legend among superstitious negroes in this vicinity where she had piled her trade many years was as much a mystery today as ever. A coroner's jury had failed to cast light on how or why Miss Martha Russell was cut and beat to death.

J. Humphrey, a mechanic, who discovered the woman's body when he called upon her for "treatment for poison in my system" failed to tell the jury anything other than that she was giving him medicine made from roots, peach buds and that dead spiders, war medals, knives and many trinkets played their part in her treatment.

Investigate Pow-wowism

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Mar. 19 (AP)—A second alleged pow-wow doctor was sought by investigators today in connection with the death by poison Friday of Miss Verna Octavia Delp. With the search for this man under way, it was indicated that an investigation would be made of the whole practice of pow-wowism in the country.

Deciphering of one of the mysterious missives found tied over the dead girl's breast when her body was found Saturday in a field near the Catawissa gun club range, indicated to the investigators that she had feared death or violence. Decoding of the symbol was contained in a letter received by Chief of Police Bernhard from an unnamed person in Philadelphia, and turned over to Coroner Hauch.

The letters "N I R" which appeared on one of the missives, and which were repeated and set down in the form of a cross, are said to constitute a charm against robbers and murderers in the "Hex Ritual." None of those versed in pow-wow practice would have been able to give it to her, it was said.

Believe Murder Theory

Coroner Hauch and District Attorney Garhart still hold to the theory that Miss Delp was murdered, and that the practice of "Hex" was a factor in her death.

Dr. John J. Wenner, pathologist at the Allentown hospital, has not yet identified the poisons which caused the young woman's death.

Grave Financial
Crisis Seen As
Menacing World

MANCHESTER, Eng., Mar. 19 (AP)—The gravest financial crisis in the world's history was described by Sir George Paish, economist, as threatening modern business. Sir George started his auditors at the national free trade conference here with his prediction.

"I speak with the highest authority, and I challenge any one to deny it, when I say we are threatened with the gravest financial crisis the world has ever seen because the governments of the world have followed the policy of trade restriction, preventing debtors from paying their debts," Sir George declared.

"We are faced to face with this crisis. The greatest authorities in this country and in the United States expect it to come this spring and unless this policy of safeguarding or protection is checked it means disaster to the world."

"I am not exaggerating," Sir George concluded.

Miss Normand,
Former Star,
Facing Death

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 19 (AP)—Maile Normand, former movie star, is suffering from advanced tuberculosis, Dr. E. C. Phillips has physically attending her, said today.

"Miss Normand is very sick," Dr. Phillips said, "and her condition is unchanged." The physician explained that while death was not imminent unless sudden hemorrhages occurred, the actress had very little opportunity of recovering.

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SMITH, WALKER
FIGHT LOOMS
IN TAMMANY

NEW YORK, March 19 (AP)—The prospect of a contest between Alfred E. Smith and Mayor Walker in the naming of a new Tammany chief added lively interest to the return of the former governor to the city today.

The resignation of George W. Oliver, which was submitted to the executive committee last week and comes up for final action next Friday has put Tammany to the necessity of choosing a new leader on the eve of municipal election.

Mayor Walker yesterday after interviewing a dozen district leaders announced he had no candidate for Oliver's successor.

His activity, however, was interpreted by democratic newspapers as being inspired at least in part by a desire to "get the jump" on the Smith faction of Tammany in the choice of a new leader.

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