

SCORES OF MINERS ARE ENTOMBED

CITY SHOWS INTEREST IN LOCAL FIELD

Investigation to Be Made on Proposition of Leasing Airport

FLYING SCHOOL PRESENTS PLAN

Commissioners Will Look Into Matter and Reach Decision Later, They Announce

The possibility that the city of La Grande may become interested in aviation to lease the government airport, thus converting it into a municipal field, cropped up at last night's city commission meeting.

Although nothing definite has been done toward the end, all three commissioners expressed interest in the proposal and an investigation is to be made into the matter in the immediate future.

Dempsy Explains

The discussion resulted from the appearance of C. L. Dempsy and Myron Huz, who plan to open a flying school and air taxi service here. Mr. Dempsy pointed out that the city could lease the government airport at a small figure—around \$2,000 a year—and then sub-lease certain rights to private concerns, thus paying a large share of the rental. The government is encouraging municipalities to take such steps, Mr. Dempsy said, the only requirements being that the city maintain the field in required condition.

Mr. Dempsy announced that his school would be willing to take a lease from the city for six months or a year, and also provide a maintenance man at the field, thus shouldering the greater part of the city's expense. The firm desires exclusive flying school and air taxi service rights, but the field would be open to all through flights, such as the Varney annual plane, transports, out-of-town taxi planes, and any other machines going through.

Would Open Field

It was pointed out that under government control, the field is merely classed as an emergency airport and that no private concerns can use the field for headquarters or can take possession. Under municipal management, the field would be open to all and this would be a great step toward taking the lead in aviation in Eastern Oregon, Mr. Dempsy said.

Mr. Huz intimated that the Var-

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BAKER EAGLES ARE TO VISIT LOCAL AERIE

A large delegation of Baker Eagles are scheduled to arrive here tonight to take part in the meeting of the La Grande Aerie, No. 255, this evening. The La Grande lodge will hold initiation, dance and banquet as well as various other forms of entertainment.

Last Wednesday evening about 50 from La Grande went to Baker attending a similar meeting there. About 10 were initiated into the Loyal Order of Kanabos, a 4th degree of F. O. E. with the La Grande officers filling the chairs.

Those who went to Baker were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edward, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Busch, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McClain, Mr. and Mrs. Everett E. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Doan, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Halley, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cochran, Miss Lois Barnett, C. E. Happersoll, Elmer Moon, J. A. Lannon, Mrs. Beatrice Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tootoria, O. B. Truesdell, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Huff, Paul Wilson, Mrs. Wallace Cass, Emil Gaertner and Miss Donna Scott.

Miss Scott, violinist for the La Grande lodge, played the violin. The Thursday songs of the Baker musicians will assist in putting on the program for La Grande.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—49 above, Minimum: 22 above, Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 50, minimum 24 above, Condition: rain 1.11 inches.

WEATHER MAR. 21, 1928 Maximum 71, minimum 49 above, Condition: rain .83 of inch.

O. S. C. Operetta Coming Here On Tuesday Evening

"Chimes of Normandy" Features Ted Roy and Flora McCoy; Three La Granders Take Part

The operetta "Chimes of Normandy," given by the Oregon State college glee club, will be presented in the La Grande High school auditorium next Tuesday night, Mar. 26, it is announced today. Tickets are now available at the high school and reservations are to be made on Tuesday at Glass Drugs, it is said.

Three students from La Grande will appear in the operetta. Tom Bruce takes the part of the notary and Frieda Klopstein and Nelson Anderson sing in the chorus.

Ted Roy, of Pilot Rock, and Flora McCoy, of Corvallis, were two of the outstanding characters. "Flora McCoy, one of the charms of Normandy, had already won her right to have a star painted on the door of her dressing room; as Serpolette she had a part that she must have written for her, for she fitted it perfectly, it is said.

"Ted Roy's voice will carry him through almost any kind of a role, though the one as a fisherman is better than usual. His work as a soloist is outstanding, his limp, velvet tones brought encore after encore." Critics say, "Miss McCoy took the part of Josephine and Roy that of Ralph Racketrauw in "Pinafore" which was given in La Grande last year.

The characters are: Serpolette, Flora McCoy; Corvallis; Germaine, Helen Wood; Corvallis; Henri, Ted Gilbert; Albany; Jean Greenhous; Ted Roy; Pilot Rock; Gaspard, Jack Hanford; Corvallis; Balli, Fred Bentley; Claremont, Cal.; Registrar, Ralph Callax; Sierra Bonita, Cal.; Assessor, Chet Berry; Portland; Notary, Tom Bruce; La Grande; four village maidens, Martha Jones; Corvallis; Betty Israel, Dayton, Wash.; Jessie Gibbs, Roseburg and Thelma Davis, Salem.

Following presentation of the operetta in Corvallis, the art critic of the Corvallis Gazette Times declared, "It was found to be good, because it had the Paul Petr label, but if numerous encores are any indication, the Chimes of Normandy as presented was more than good, it was excellent."

Spring Meeting Of Grange Here Saturday, Mar. 23

The spring meeting of the Union county Pomona grange will be held Saturday at the Odd Fellows hall in this city, beginning promptly at 12:30 o'clock, with J. A. Nicc, of North Powder, Pomona master, presiding. In addition to grangers from over the county, there are delegations expected from Baker, Umatilla and Wallowa counties. Dinner will be served at noon with the La Grande grange as host and hostesses. The lecturers' hour will come in the afternoon, at one-thirty, supper at six, a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pierce at seven o'clock and the conferring of the fifth, or Pomona degree later in the evening.

The lecturer's program in the afternoon, is the only session open to the public and will consist of musical and literary numbers as well as the introduction of some prominent speakers. County agriculturist, Wray Lawrence, will hold a court for members of agricultural committees from the different subdivisions. Mrs. W. R. Gekeler will have a conference for lecturers and Mrs. L. P. Wright for members of home economics committees. This will be the last meeting before the annual meeting of the state grange and delegates will be chosen and resolutions to be presented to the state body, will be formulated. One important item, also will be the report of the prospects for securing the 1929 session of the state grange.

Select Jurors In Union And Wallowa

When 45 residents of Eastern Oregon were designated yesterday for jury duty in the court of Federal Judge McNary, several people from Union and Wallowa county were included. The court will open Apr. 2 at Pendleton.

Jurors from Union and Wallowa counties follow: D. B. Bennett, farmer, Elgin; Albert Brannon, laborer, North Powder; J. A. Breshers, Elgin; B. W. Bessie, farmer, La Grande; Asa P. Craig, farmer, Enterprise; E. H. DeLong, farmer, La Grande; G. D. Foster, farmer, Union; W. H. Furman, farmer, Imbler; East Hanna, grain buyer, Enterprise.

INSTITUTE IS TO BEGIN AT INN TONIGHT

Two-day Sessions to Be Held for Business Men and Employees

VANCE, BOSWORTH AND CATE HERE

First Meeting to Begin at 7:30 O'clock; Will Devote Friday to Personal Conferences

Professor H. T. Vance, Professor E. E. Bosworth, both of Oregon State college, and O. P. Cate, of Portland, secretary of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association are in La Grande and tonight will be in charge of the Union County Business Men's institute which will consist of two night sessions to be held in the ballroom of the Sarawewa Inn, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Tonight, Professor Vance, who is an acknowledged authority on advertising, window trimming and retail selling, will talk on the subject of personal selling within the store. Prof. Bosworth, certified public accountant with many years experience in that and other business, will talk on the problems of store organization.

Conferences Friday

Friday will be devoted to personal conferences with business men and La Grande merchants desiring them.

The second session will be held

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STAGE OPERETTA "YOKOHAMA MAID"

High School Glee Clubs to Present Show at Auditorium Tonight

Reserved seats are going rapidly and all preparations are completed for the opening performance of "Yokohama Maid," operetta which is being presented at the auditorium by the glee clubs of La Grande High school, beginning at 8:15 o'clock.

With more elaborate costumes and lighting effects than used in previous years and with a cast of characters suited to their parts, La Grande people are looking forward to the performance as being one of the finest yet staged by the local school.

The newly remodeled stage, which in modernity is said to be one of the best in the state, lends itself to the performance perfectly. Supervision and direction of the operetta is in charge of W. W. Nussbaum and Miss Catherine Sartain.

Already a thousand grade school students in La Grande have seen the operetta which was staged on two consecutive afternoons of this week. These preliminary performances caused predictions of very successful presentations tonight and tomorrow night.

SCANDINAVIAN ROYALTY WED



Illuminated ice obelisks decorated the main thoroughfare of Oslo, Norway today, when Crown Prince Olav, of Norway, and Princess Martha, of Sweden (pictured above), were married. The whole country participated in the collection of gifts for the royal couple and the ceremony was broadcast over the radio.

Rain And Wind Hit La Grande In Early Hours

Precipitation More Than Inch; Phone and Power Poles Blown Down; Elgin Storm Severe

La Grande and the surrounding territory experienced one of the heaviest rains in years last night, with the official measurement for 24 hours at one and eleven-hundredths inches. It is very unusual, observers say, for more than an inch of rain to fall here in one day. Accompanying the rain was a heavy wind storm.

The rain, cutting into snow in the hills, resulted in a heavy increase in the volume of water in rivers and creeks in this locality. The Grande Ronde river was running high today, and last night water out of Deal's canyon over-ran at First and K avenue, although little damage resulted. Most of the overflow raced on down the hill to be taken care of in storm sewers.

The fall was heavy enough to cause the water to back up at several of the storm sewer entrances for a period of time.

Wires were down between La Grande and Walla Walla this morning for several hours. It is reported, and the light and power service in La Grande was out for awhile during the night.

Poles Blown Down

The interruption in service, which continued for 24 minutes, was caused by three poles giving way before the wind on the Cane ranch south of Allec. A crew was sent out from here immediately, but because of mud, which slowed up the progress to the break, was unable to make connections again until nearly half an hour had passed. A few light poles were also blown down at Elgin.

The wind hit a high rate of speed over the valley in the early morning hours, also leveling a telephone company pole near Union and near Minam, ending the service but doing little serious damage.

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Tells Of His First Job

"My first job? Well, the hardest one I ever had was in '64 when I rode a bob tailed pony across the Blue Mountains from Walla Walla when we came to La Grande to make our home." J. D. Slater, attorney of this city, laughed as he recalled the incident. "Then I drove hogs for \$1.50 a day from La Grande to El Dorado in what is now Malheur county. We drove at night because it wasn't so hot. It took about six days to make the trip. We could hardly get the hogs to cross Dooley mountain on the other side of Baker. If they once got headed towards home even at that distance away, it was almost impossible to stop them."

"I guess my first job though, was raising a garden when I was about eight years old. We got our spending money and money for clothes that way. Thomas Williamson and A. Gangloff were the only other people at that time who raised vegetables to sell. We sold to teamsters and others. Sam Root, Joe Root and A. J. Gordon were among our customers."

The first garden in La Grande was in the year 1862, Mr. Slater says.

FARM RELIEF PLANS TO BE CONSIDERED

Brookhart's \$1,250,000,000 Program Will Be Submitted

WOULD GUARANTEE 5 PER CENT GAIN

Clark Scheme Is Given to Hoover Today; Provisions Include Creation of a Farm Board

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21 (AP)—The \$1,250,000,000 farm relief program of Senator Brookhart, republican, Iowa, is going to be one of the many proposals put before the senate agriculture committee when it starts work on a 1929 agricultural relief measure next week.

Brookhart failed to get any support on this proposal at the last session. He is not assured of any now, but he was one of president Hoover's heartiest campaigners and he is confident the new chief executive will give his plan favorable consideration, at least.

Guarantee Five Per Cent

The town, in his elaborate proposition, aims to guarantee to the farmer a return of five per cent on his capital investment. He would set up a farmers' national export cooperative, financed by the government, with power to buy and withhold surplus crops from the market. If any losses were sustained in this operation, and he doesn't believe there would be heavy ones, he would have the United States treasury meet these up to \$500,000,000.

That figure, he estimates, is the amount of the "subsidy" paid the railroads by the government after they were returned to private ownership and the amount of profits made by the government in the grain corporation during the war.

Under his plan, the department of agriculture would be called upon to ascertain the average cost of production to farmers of each agricultural commodity having an exportable surplus and also the financial investment of the farmers, for use by the farmers' cooperatives.

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Allied Experts Make Offer On Germany's Debt

PARIS, Mar. 21 (AP)—Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the reichsbank, will take with him to Berlin tonight, it is learned, the offer of the allied experts on reparations to accept 1,750,000,000 marks (about \$420,000,000) as the figure for the German reparations annuities.

The allies' offer carried with it various other conditions which were not revealed.

Dr. Schacht has given no indication that the German government will accept the allies' offer. He has telegraphed Dr. Rudolf Hilferding, minister of finance, to call a meeting at Berlin of the great provincial industrialists and heads of the German institutions so that he may explain the present situation of the reparations negotiations.

The German banker asked this meeting deliberately, it was understood, so that responsibility for acceptance or conditional refusal would be widely shared, not only by the government but by the great leaders of German industry and finance.

The figure of 1,750,000,000 marks is understood to represent reparations payments of all categories. This would entail a reduction of the present annuities under the Dawes plan of between seven and eight hundred million gold marks.

3,000 Students Ask Repeal of Ouster

COLUMBIA, Mo., Mar. 21 (AP)—Nearly three thousand students at a mass meeting last night decided to appeal to the board of curators from the decision of the board's executive group ousting three faculty members of the University of Missouri. The board's action was predicted on circulation among students of a sex questionnaire which was held to be highly improper.

Intervention of two professors, both under fire of the board, averted possible violence at the meeting. One was Dr. Harmon O. Degraff, dismissed by the board, effective March 22. The other was Prof. Jesse Wrench, who was reprimanded by the board.

FOCH DIES



Marshal Foch, who led the allied armies to victory over Germany in 1918, died in his home in Paris, France, late yesterday. Foch, regarded as the greatest strategist in the world war, will receive a national funeral, France's highest honor for heroes.

OKLAHOMA HAS NEW EXECUTIVE

W. J. Holloway Takes the Governorship Following Johnston's Ouster

OKLAHOMA CITY, Mar. 21 (A. P.)—W. J. Holloway, fourth governor in six years today following the removal from that office of Henry S. Johnston by a senate court on a charge of incompetency, Holloway, lieutenant governor under Johnston, had been acting chief executive since the latter was suspended pending trial.

Johnston was the second successive elected governor of the state to be removed from office. J. C. Walton, his predecessor, was ousted in 1923. Governor Holloway is the fourth to hold office since then although the constitution provides a four year term.

"I have lost the office of governor, I have retained my honor and integrity," was Johnston's only statement after the verdict.

Dramatic Climax

Johnston's removal came as a dramatic climax to more than two years of political turbulence. In December 1927, when hostile legislators

S. P. Men Will Ask For Wage Increase

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 21 (AP)—Southern Pacific labor leaders have been called to meet in San Francisco March 25 to draft a request for wage increases, it was indicated in Sacramento last night.

More than 2,000 machinists, boilermakers, sheet metal workers and car men in Sacramento will be affected. They are now getting a basic wage of 75 cents an hour.

Real Estate Man, Worth \$500,000, Admits Murder to Chicago Police

CHICAGO, Mar. 21 (AP)—John MacKenzie has come back, his battered telescope bulging with bonds and mortgages worth \$500,000 and with a confession that he killed a man last October.

MacKenzie said his conscience had troubled him ever since October 24 when, as he phrased it, he was "provoked" to the point of shooting Arthur Glanke after long years of wrangling, legal and physical, over a "spite wall."

More surprising than his confession was the discovery of his wealth. Always he had lived frugally. He was known as a real estate operator, but police had no knowledge that his operations were sufficient to produce nearly half a million dollars.

Marshal Foch To Be Laid To Rest On Next Tuesday

All of France in Mourning; King Albert, of Belgium, Arrives in Paris to Pay Respects

PARIS, Mar. 21 (AP)—The funeral of Marshal Foch has been set for Tuesday next. The body is to lie in state under the Arch De Triomphe for 24 hours previously. It has not yet been decided whether the religious ceremony shall be held in Notre Dame Cathedral or in the Chapel of The Invalides. Premier Poincare will be the speaker.

Representing all of France in his sorrowful mission, Gaston Doumergue, president of the republic, was one of the card callers. He was escorted to the bed where the marshal rested and then expressed to the marshal's widow the grief of the whole nation to whose glory Foch so greatly added.

J. P. Morgan Calls

J. P. Morgan called this afternoon to speak a few words of condolence to Mme. Foch. He signed the visitor's register.

Marshal Joffre and Ambassador Herrick both called about noon. General Pershing, attired in black cutaway coat and black tie, seemed embarrassed by the throng at the gates. He hurried inside but remained only a few minutes. As he was leaving he was joined by Marshal Lyautey who had also paid his respects to the dead leader. They met Marshal Petain at the gateway as they left.

Cleanceau, "The Tiger," sat alone in the big important looking car which brought him to the Foch home. He left it at the gate and walked alone to the doorway where General Weygand spied him. Then with General Weygand on one arm and Doctor Heils-Beyer on the other he mounted immediately to the room where the marshal lay. He spent ten minutes in the chamber and then after a brief embrace

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Herrick's Post May Be Taken By Alvan T. Fuller

BOSTON, Mar. 21 (AP)—The Boston Herald says today in a copyrighted story that its Washington correspondent has learned that Alvan T. Fuller, former governor of Massachusetts, has been tentatively picked to succeed Myron T. Herrick as this country's ambassador to France.

Fuller, long regarded as a possible choice for the post, will arrive in Washington Saturday afternoon and the Herald adds it is "hardly by accident" that his arrival will coincide with that of Henry L. Stimson, the new secretary of state. The former governor has been in Palm Beach and is motoring north.

Apparently the only question unsettled is whether Stimson will approve Fuller's choice for the Paris post, the story says.

O. S. C. Debaters Defeat Arizona

CORVALLIS, Ore., Mar. 21 (AP)—Oregon State college debaters won the first of two interstate meets to be held this week by defeating the University of Arizona negative team here last night 3-0. Tomorrow night the University of California at Los Angeles will debate the same question here. The question involved the elimination of the temporary insanity plea as a crime defense.

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170 ESCAPE AFTER BLAST IN WORKINGS

More Than 40 Are Unaccounted for Many Hours Later

LITTLE HOPE IS HELD FOR RESCUE

Tragedy Occurs Today at Parnassus, Pa. — Two Brothers Found Dead in Shaft

PARNASSUS, Pa., Mar. 21 (AP)—Entombed by an explosion, between 30 and 50 miners were unaccounted for today in the Kinloch mine of the Valley Camp Coal company. One hundred and seventy men came up out of the pit in small groups, while rescue crews were endeavoring to learn the fate of the entombed.

Two bodies were reported seen by rescue men who pushed into the mine as soon as entry was possible. Flames raged about the Kinloch entry into the main heading and dangerous gas and after-damp was reported in the pit.

Mine officials could not say definitely how many men were at work in the mine. The day shift had gone into the workings but a few hours before the blast and under normal conditions 300 men were employed there. However, estimates of the number at work this morning ranged between 275 and 300 men.

Hard to Enter Workings

All of the miners who escaped came out at a point about five miles from the Kinloch entry, about which the explosion centered. Rescue men found it difficult to enter the workings from the Kinloch opening and it was believed that the miners at work near there had no chance to escape.

Two rescue teams of six men each went down the Kinloch slope, but all but three returned. They reported that conditions were bad, due to gas. According to reports, the bodies of a second brother, William and Charles Oliver, brothers. They were in the slope at the Kinloch entry.

Countrywide Shaken

The entire countryside was shaken by the blast. Ambulances rushed to the scene and the United States bureau of mines dispatched rescue men from Pittsburgh.

The explosion occurred shortly after 7 a. m. The day shift of workmen had entered the mine no long before. Some said there were two blasts, one immediately following the other.

A sheet of flame shot 300 feet in the air, witnesses said, from the main tittle at Kinloch. Six men at work near the tittle were injured.

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SURVIVORS OF WRECK WATCH MANY PERISH

PARIS SOUND, Ont., Mar. 21 (AP)—Survivors of the wreck of two Canadian National express trains near here told today how they were forced to stand helplessly by while men, women and children burned to death.

Nineteen dead were accounted for and a score or more were injured. Wrecking crews were searching the debris for other bodies. The wreck occurred when train number three, eastbound and number four, west bound, collided head on near Droocourt, a siding 46 miles northwest of here shortly before dawn yesterday. It was not until late in the day that the extent of the disaster was known because of the poor facilities.

The greatest loss of life was in colonists' coach near the head of the west bound train, which caught fire immediately after it crashed. The flames held rescuees at bay while passengers trapped in the wreckage of the car perished.