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THE WEATHER OREGON: Clouded tonight and Thursday, probably rain in north, continued cool. Fresh south and southwest winds on coast.

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MASONS WILL GATHER HERE NEXT MONDAY

First of Big State Conventions in La Grande During Year

PREPARE PROGRAM FOR 4-DAY MEET

Grand Commandery Banquet and Dance Wednesday Night; Local Committee Making Ready

La Grande is to be colorful, hospitable, and busy for four days of next week, beginning Monday, Apr. 8, 9, 10 and 11 when the centers of interest and attention will be the 50th annual convocation of the grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons, the 44th annual assembly of the grand council, R. & S. M., and the 43rd annual convocation of the grand commandery, Knights Templar.

The programs are out and reveal eight printed pages, indicating the heavy schedule of entertainment and business planned for the Masons.

Banquet Wednesday

The banquet and dinner of the grand commandery will be held Wednesday, Apr. 10, to which all Masons and their families are invited. The Knights Templar will be in full uniform for the occasion but for others, dress will be informal.

"The coming of conventions such as these puts La Grande on the map as a convention city. Having adequate hotel facilities for the visitors assures the conventions of added success, which would not otherwise be possible. On future occasions there will be no hesitancy on the part of such outside organizations in holding conventions in this city," says George T. Cochran, general chairman of the conventions in La Grande.

Members of Committee

Other members of the general committee are: E. A. McEachran, Robert Eakin, Aug. J. Stange, Don Meyers, Carl Helm, Lot Snodgrass, Joe Richardson, Dr. C. W. Ewing, and Fred E. Kiddle. Mr. Helm is chairman of the hotels committee; H. E. Dixon of the automobiles committee; Fred E. Kiddle, of the grand commandery's reception and banquet; Lot Snodgrass of the luncheon; Milo Smith of paraphernalia, and Robert Eakin of church. Special entertainment will be provided for the women who accompany their husbands to the convention. The committee making arrangements includes Mrs. Hazel Graham, worthy matron of Hope chapter, order of Eastern Star, Mrs. E. A. McEachran and Mrs. George T. Cochran.

AWARD HONOR TO MR. JASPER, OF LA GRANDE

EVANSTON, Ill., Apr. 3 (Special)—Herbert H. Jasper, of La Grande, Ore., was one of 17 scholars to be awarded a fellowship in the graduate school of Northwestern university for 1929-30, it was announced today.

Mr. Jasper graduated at Reed college in 1927 and will have conferred upon him the degree of master of arts from the University of Oregon this June.

His appointment carries with it a fee of \$500 plus graduate tuition. He will work in the department of psychology.

Woman Employes of O.-W. Make Plans

Plans for athletic activities of women employes of the O.-W. in La Grande were made at a luncheon at the La Grande hotel yesterday on the occasion of the visit of Miss Avis Lohde, of Portland, chairman of women's welfare work of the Union Pacific. Women employes of the railroad company were present.

Practice in rifle shooting has already started with six women on the squad and Mae Donovan, chairman of the team.

A little later in the spring a tennis team will be started.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—44 above. Minimum 31 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 65, minimum 39 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER APRIL 3, 1929 Maximum 41, minimum 23 above. Condition: rain 1/2 of inch, snow traces.

Delegation Of Summerville Men Present Petition

County Court Is Asked to Build Road to Sanderson Springs, Distance of Three Miles

A delegation of men from Summerville headed by John Sleppy, presented a petition to the Union county court in session at the court house in La Grande today, asking that a road be built the three mile distance from Summerville to Sanderson Springs.

The morning session of county court today was spent auditing bills. Judge U. G. Couch presided at the meeting and Commissioners W. W. Stevens, of Union, and W. R. Ledbetter, were in attendance. It is expected that the April session will close tomorrow afternoon.

Ask Congress To Act On Bill For Claim of \$7,500

The amount of \$7,500 will be awarded to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ordway, of this city, providing congress passes and the president signs a relief bill which was introduced in congress during the last session by Representative R. H. Butler in the house and Senator Frederick Steiwer in the senate. This bill is sponsored by R. J. Kitchen, La Grande attorney. The money is asked for the parents as the result of the death of their five-year-old son Sept. 1, 1927, when he fell in a reclamation canal in the city of Klamath Falls when the family lived there. Mr. Kitchen has been assured of receiving the support of all of the Oregon congressmen for the bill, he avers. He expects the measure to be taken up at the special session of congress this spring.

Rotary Club To Give Trophy To Track Champion

The La Grande Rotary club luncheon today was devoted largely to high school activities. The meeting was held at noon in the La Grande hotel and among other things, the organization voted to donate a cup to the winning team in the Eastern Oregon track and field meet in May.

The La Grande high school band, which will leave here Friday for the state contest in Corvallis, played three or four selections and Glen Moffat, of Nampa, Ind., played two piano selections. The musical numbers on the program were vigorously applauded.

Baseball Plans To Be Made On Thursday Night

A meeting of members of the La Grande baseball club will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in the city hall. Joe Keeney announced today that all interested in both players and fans will be in attendance.

It is expected that plans for the coming Blue Mountain League season will be discussed at the session. Several of the Pirate players worked out last Sunday at the high school grounds and with the opening date the fourth Sunday of this month local officials are anxious that arrangements be made as soon as possible.

Tire Shop Moves To New Location

Ackerman's Tire shop, formerly located next door to The Observer office, is now in a new location, it was announced this morning. The shop is at 1423 Adams avenue with H. W. Leighton. The process of moving has been completed.

Legislators Take "Ma's" Deposition

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 3 (AP)—With her inquiries on their way back to California, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, mother of Alvin Karpis, today turned her thoughts to a rest she says she has merited. William Hornblower and Walter Little, California assemblymen, took Mrs. Kennedy's deposition for use in the important trial of Judge Carlos S. Hardy of Los Angeles, who is now held to account for accepting money from Angelus Temple, operated by Mrs. McPherson.

CHILD DIES OF WOUND

PORTLAND, Apr. 3 (AP)—Norman Froep, 5, died here last night as the result of play with a loaded pistol Monday. The pistol accidentally discharged in his hands and the bullet pierced his head between the left eye.

WET FORCES VICTORIOUS IN WISCONSIN

Anti-prohibitionists Favor Repeal of State Enforcement Act

ALSO OPPOSE ANY HOME BREW LAWS

Vote Yesterday to Determine Sentiment of People May Be Followed by Legislative Action

MILWAUKEE, Apr. 3 (AP)—Anti-prohibitionists scored a victory in the referendum election yesterday when an overwhelming seven-fourths vote repealed the Wisconsin state prohibition enforcement act which was registered. Returns from 1,521 of the state's 2,758 precincts, representing every section of the state, showed 295,812 in favor of repealing the enforcement act and 193,092 opposed to repeal. On the other question of removing the home brew penalty the vote was: yes, 192,065; no, 104,042.

As returns continued to add to the majority in favor of eliminating the prohibition enforcement act from the statute books through legislative action, seats claimed that the margin of victory would exceed 125,000.

"Maudslaw" to Legislature This claim was made by State Senator Thomas M. Duane, socialist author of the referendum, the result of which he maintained would be registered as a mandate to the legislature, at its present session, to carry out the expression of the voters.

Yesterday's vote will have no effect upon the state enforcement laws until the legislature acts; and the vote is not binding upon the lawmakers. The purpose of the referendum was to obtain by a "yes" and "no" vote the sentiment of voters. There appeared no doubt, however, but that the legislature would shape its action by the result of the voting.

Returns compiled by the Associated Press indicated the majority in favor of repeal would be considerably less than was recorded in 1927 when the referendum memorializing congress to modify the Volstead act to permit the manufacture and sale of 2 1/2 beer carried by a margin of 173,000.

Five Counties Switch Most counties ran true to form but five which favored modification two years ago switched to opposition.

SENIORS FIRST IN TRACK MEET Superiority in Races Brings Victory; Juniors a Close Second

The senior class picked up five extra points yesterday afternoon, defeating the juniors 75 1/2 to 69 1/2 for first place in the annual track and field meet. The freshmen placed third with 37 points and the sophomores scored 22 for fourth.

The juniors, however, excelled yesterday in field events, scoring 22 1/2 points to the seniors' 28 1/2. In track totals the seniors made 22 to the juniors' 27.

Albrecht, senior, was high point man with 15 1/2 and Vincent Newlin, also a senior, was second with 12. Other individual scores follow: L. Graham 11 1/2, D. Patton, 11, Paul 10, Roe 9 1/2, Lucher 9 1/2, J. Berry and V. Patton 9, W. A. C. Beery 7, Penington 6 1/2, Bung 6 1/2, and four men, Dixon, McClun, DeLong and E. Thompson tied at 6.

Meet Lasts Two Days Half of the 14 events were run off Monday afternoon and the remaining half yesterday. The last seven events follow:

180-yard run: V. Newlin (sr), V. Patton (jr), J. Dixon (sr), J. Shephard (jr), Edw. Thompson (jr). Low hurdles: L. Roe (jr), J. Albrecht (sr), M. Gekeler (sr), Jay (sr) and E. Watkins (jr) the boy

HI-DADS WILL AID L. H. S. IN ANNUAL MEET

The Hi-Dads, in the April meeting last night in the city hall, decided to co-operate with the local school in reference to the Eastern Oregon track and field meet, to be held here in May. They will assist in the handling of trophies, remodeling of the track, etc.

HOOVER ENDS FIRST MONTH AS EXECUTIVE

Apparent Nervousness of Strenuous Campaign Days Disappeared

REPLACED WITH REAL CONFIDENCE

Takes Over New Job With Joyful Zest; Likes Radio and Detective Stories in the Evening

Editor's Note—This is the first of two outstanding stories by Rodney Dutcher, Washington correspondent for The Observer and NEA Service, in which he describes the daily life of President Hoover and ex-President Coolidge one month after the inauguration. Today Dutcher writes intimately of Mr. Hoover's daily routine; next, in a special story from Northampton, Mass., he will tell of the daily life of the Coolidges since their return to private life.

By Rodney Dutcher

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2—No American citizen was ever more pleased with a new job than President Hoover. It is just a month since March 4, when he took over his new job and he is working at it with a joyful zest and a serene confidence—as if a man's worries ended, rather than merely began, after his inauguration.

The man in the White House is a Hoover very different from the Candidate Hoover of last fall. Candidate Hoover seemed rather a nervous person. His gaze was shifted and more often than not after the inauguration of his belt. He spoke jerkily and, in the presence of groups, seldom appeared at ease. Many thought he was easily frightened by adverse political developments.

A Changed Man President Hoover isn't like that at all. President Hoover keeps his chin in the air. He speaks easily and smoothly, with a tinge of confident aggressiveness. The old statement that Hoover was "timid" is not heard any more.

That is the noticeable change in Hoover during his first month in office. Otherwise he has not changed at all. His routine and habits of life are almost identical. And he has stepped into the duties—one of his secretaries says—"as if he had been president all his life."

"Hoover Policies" Hoover has probably had his mind indirectly on the presidency for the past eight years. But while he worked and fretted he also planned and studied. He made the department of commerce a vitally important arm of government. And at the same time he kept himself fully informed on the major domestic and international problems with which a president must deal. He was often accused of butting into the affairs of other departments.

Thus a bright new set of "Hoover policies" was ready for prompt application when he became president. The fact that they have been applied to such diverse matters as oil, publicity, income tax returns, yachts, horses, prohibition, etc., is a measure of Hoover's versatility.

Services Will Be Held At Powder Held At Powder

NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (AP)—Colonel Edward M. House, advisor to President Wilson, was resting comfortably today in a private hospital undergoing an operation for the removal of a tumor on his bladder. His condition was described as very good.

The operation, performed at the Harbor Sanitarium, was done with the aid of spinal anesthesia, and Colonel House talked to the surgeons while the tumor was being removed.

Bank Suit Trial Opens In Baker

BAKER, Ore., Apr. 3 (Special)—Suit of the United States bank of La Grande versus A. H. York, the Atlantic Investment company and the Haines Commercial company for approximately \$2000 or possession of land and grain opened in circuit court this morning. The case was expected to be completed this afternoon. Witnesses were C. T. Godwin and A. H. York. The Haines Commercial company, a stakeholder, tendered the grain into court to give Judge McCall an opportunity to decide who should take possession of the property. Colonel R. Eberhard, of La Grande, is attorney for the bank. Phelps and Burdick of Portland represent the Atlantic Investment company and Nicholas, Hallock and Donald represent the Haines Commercial company.

La Grande Fireman Injured In Baker

BAKER, Ore., Apr. 3 (Special)—Edgar Hickox, of La Grande, fireman for the O.-W. railroad, sustained a fractured arm and injuries to his back when he fell from the top of an engine in the local yards Monday. Mr. Hickox is said to have been repairing the bell on the locomotive when the accident occurred. He was taken to St. Elizabeth's hospital.

WILL BE QUEEN OF MAY



Miss Audrey Johnson, of Frennsboro, N. C., has been elected May Queen by Duke university coeds and will be crowned May 4 in the annual campus festival. Miss Johnson is blonde, a senior and a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. As a sophomore she was voted the most beautiful girl in the class. Besides all that she has made an excellent scholastic record.

Six Burned To Death In Fires; Father Heroic

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Apr. 3 (AP)—Eugene Leonard, 25, his daughter Lavina, 15, and his son, Eugene Jr., 4, were burned to death when fire destroyed their home at Chick Station, near here.

The mother, Mrs. Jennie Leonard, 25, and Glad, 12-year-old daughter, were seriously injured when they jumped from an upper floor.

Leonard was in the barn when the fire, the cause of which was undetermined, broke out. He rushed to the house to find the first floor ablaze. Mrs. Leonard and her daughter jumped before they could be persuaded to use a ladder which a neighbor had erected.

Despite warnings that rescue was impossible Leonard dashed up the ladder and entered a second story window. He did not appear again.

SALUTE STE MARIE, Ont., April 3 (AP)—Two men and one woman are believed to have lost their lives when fire destroyed the home of Robert Robertson at Goulais Bay, 20 miles from here, late last night.

Robertson, his wife and the former's father were in the building when the blaze broke out and have not been seen since.

Colonel House Operated Today

NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (AP)—The department of commerce was informed today by its trade commissioner at Sydney, N. S. W., that Australian growers are seeking to increase the tariff on imported prunes.

The foreign growers contend, the report states, that American prunes are selling in Australia, July paid, at less than the cost of production in that country.

Pigeons Have Part In Blackmail Plot

NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (AP)—A blackmail plot in which pigeons were to be used has been revealed by the police after failure of an elaborate attempt to trace the birds to their owner.

Several weeks ago Dr. Louis Alton, of West 28th street, received an express package containing two pigeons. Tied to the neck of one was a silk bag in which was a note threatening him with death unless he placed \$15,000 in the bag and released the birds.

Adams Express Co. Buys American

NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (AP)—Adams Express company has purchased the holdings of the American Express company in the American Railway Express company. It was announced today.

Federals Take Jimenez; Rebels Are In Retreat

General Calles Reports That "Extermination" of Insurgents Is Only Question of Hours

By the Associated Press Trapped within the city of Jimenez, rebel troops under General Escobar, today were reported desperately seeking a way of retreat to the north while powerful federal forces steadily closed in on them.

Bridges leading out of Jimenez were burned by the federals several days ago and a retreat by rail appeared almost impossible; federal planes bombed the rebels incessantly.

Definite and clear-cut victory in the two days of violent fighting for possession of Jimenez was claimed by the government which has hoped that the federal victory presages the collapse of the rebel movement in Chihuahua.

Calles Reports Victory General Calles, reporting the victory, said that "extermination" of the rebels was only a question of hours.

Rebel losses have been placed at about 400; federal losses have been announced, although General Ortiz, commander of the federal cavalry, is known to have lost 25 dead in a battle with 1,300 rebel cavalrymen who sought to cut a way through his ranks.

Naco, Sonora, was on edge today in anticipation of further rebel air raids.

The insurgents have given assurance that no more bombs will fall on the American side of the border. One American was injured yesterday when two missiles fell in Naco, Ariz.

NACO, Sonora, April 3 (AP)—The first skirmish of the impending battle of Naco was over shortly before noon today.

REBELS IN RETREAT

MEXICO CITY, Apr. 3 12:30 P. M. (AP)—Reports reaching the government from the front near Jimenez today stated that the rebels were in full retreat by train, truck and horseback toward Platan Rosalia, about half way between Jimenez and Bachajon Pass.

REBELS' VERSION SANTA ROSALIA, Chih., Apr. 3 (Delayed)—(AP)—Mexican revolutionary leaders today admitted that at 6 a. m. Monday the government forces had obtained possession of Jimenez. A rebel counter attack late today, however, resulted in hundreds of federal soldiers being driven into the hills, the insurgents claimed.

In three days of continuous fighting the rebel claim to have killed and injured "unknown hundreds" of the enemy. Gen. Jose Gonzalez Escobar, the insurgent commander in chief, claimed he had intended to let the federal forces surround him so as to weaken the main line of the government attack. He reported his plan worked perfectly.

Aerial warfare has been waged successfully by the rebel forces, it was claimed.

Medford Votes \$120,000 Bonds For New Airport

MEDFORD, Ore., April 3 (AP)—Medford yesterday voted by an overwhelming majority for the issuance of \$120,000 bonds for the establishment of a class A airport. The official count was for the bonds, 2,243; against the bonds 382.

Work will start at once on the construction of a 5000-foot runway.

High Speed Court Policy Followed

SALISBURY, Ore., April 3 (AP)—As soon as it has heard 45 cases now pending the Oregon supreme court will be further advanced with its work than it has been in 20 years. About two years ago the court adopted a new speed-up policy which has proved effective.

Many cases have been filed for the October term, but the docket in which the court is now working covers every case that was at issue by March 1. The court is attempting to have opinions completed before the summer vacation begins in all cases on the present docket, and to start the fall work with a clean slate.

France To Honor U. S. Ambassador

PARIS, April 3 (AP)—Not in the history of France has a foreigner been honored in death as France tomorrow will honor United States Ambassador Myron Tamm Herrick. Every French regulation has been stretched to the utmost to make the last rites for the dead American an impressive memorial to Franco-American friendship.

BASEBALL TODAY'S COAST LEAGUE GAMES

AT LOS ANGELES: Dodgers at Hollywood 8:00. Los Angeles 8:00. Batteries: Kinney and Rosser; Pitt and Sandberg.

AT SAN FRANCISCO: Mission Seals postponed, wet grounds. Seattle-Oakland game postponed, rain.

HYDE GIVES FARM RELIEF VIEWS TODAY

Favors Passage McNary Bill at Special Session of Congress

HAS CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT

Secretary, However, Tells Committee Men That He Is Speaking for "Himself Alone"

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—A promise of democratic support in congress for the Hoover farm policies was made today at a home agriculture conference, headed by Representative Arnold of Louisiana, the senior minority member on the committee.

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—Secretary Hyde told the senate agriculture committee today that the immediate need for assisting agriculture is to pass the McNary bill at the special session.

The secretary read his views from a prepared statement. Although he had a long conference with President Hoover last evening, he emphasized that he was "speaking for myself alone."

Revision of the tariff on farm products, reduction of transportation costs by the development of inland waterways and federal assistance in marketing through a farm board were recommended to the senate agriculture committee today by Secretary Hyde as the basis for a sound agricultural relief policy.

"I wish to state," he said, "that in discussing the subject, I am speaking for myself alone. I have not within less than a month, had the opportunity to consider the problem in detail and I shall not attempt to present any detailed piece of legislation. You gentlemen are very much more fitted for that task than I."

"I have long been interested in the ends to be accomplished by relief rather than by the legislative method, while I make no pretense of being an expert, I do claim the same earnestness of purpose which dominates your body in its quest for solution of this vexing problem."

Platform Outline Plan Declaring that the republican platform clearly outlined the plan to be followed, Secretary Hyde gave three objectives to achieve for "first," he said, "the revision of the tariff for better and greater protection of American agriculture. That subject is being dealt with elsewhere.

"Second, reduction of transportation costs by development of inland waterways and highways. The advancement of this likewise lies in another quarter.

"Third, the assistance of the federal government in reorganization of marketing systems through which the farmer may obtain a more economical and more stable outlet to the consumer. There are some other fields of assistance in agriculture which I shall mention, which also bear upon the problem.

"In assisting reorganization of marketing system we have all of us conceived the creation of a great instrumentality which we have named the Federal Farm Board, with advisory committees, which shall be given authority and resources with which to deal with

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BEN GETZOFF TELLS ABOUT BERGMAN GIFTS

LOS ANGELES, April 3 (AP)—Ben Getzoff, killer, who was convicted with E. K. Rosenburg and former district attorney Asa Kere for bribery conspiracy, issued a statement here last night charging that Kere had engineered a plan to obtain "gifts" from Jacob Bergman during the Julian Petroleum corporation case trial.

Keyes' life story is being published by E. K. Rosenburg and Getzoff said he was arrested, what he claims were false statements made by Keyes. Getzoff said he will "tell the whole story from the witness stand if he recovers from his illness. I will prove my statement that Asa Kere received \$12,000 cash from me which was given me by Jacob Bergman for him."

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