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THE WEATHER OREGON: Unsettled with probably snow, east, snow and rain tonight and Tuesday. Freezing temperature in interior tonight.

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MASONS OPEN FOUR-DAY MEETING HERE

150 MASONS ARRIVE FOR CONVENTION

69th Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, R. A. M. Under Way

ELECT OFFICERS THIS AFTERNOON

Luncheon Served to Delegates at Noon by Hope Chapter, Order of Eastern Star

Herbert L. Toney, of McMinnville, was elected to the position of most exalted grand high priest. Officers re-elected were: George T. Cochran, No. 9, La Grande, R. E. grand king; Milton L. Meyers, No. 1, Salem, B. E. grand scribe; Frank J. Miller, No. 8, Albany, R. E. grand treasurer; D. Hubbs Cheney, No. 37, Portland, R. E. grand secretary; D. Bruce Stuart, No. 5, Corvallis, R. E. grand captain of the host. It was voted that the office of R. E. deputy grand high priest be eliminated.

Alphonses, trains and automobiles were the mode of travel used by the delegates to the 69th annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, who come to La Grande yesterday for the opening of grand chapter at 10 a. m. today. In all, there are approximately 150 delegates from other cities.

With Thomas Sims, of Woodburn, M. E. grand high priest, presiding, the grand chapter opened. Behind closed doors, in secret session, the matters of business of the state chapter were discussed. The reception of grand representatives and distinguished visitors took place and was followed by the address of the grand high priest and the reports of grand officers and of the credentials committee. At 11:30 o'clock the Rev. William Wallace Youngson, grand orator, addressed the assembly.

Election This Afternoon Election of grand officers for the coming year and their installation were the two most important features scheduled for this afternoon.

At noon today a large number of delegates and local members of the Masonic lodge attended the luncheon given by Hope chapter, Order of Eastern Star, at the Masonic hall with Mrs. Charles Tash, chairman, in charge.

At 7:30 o'clock tonight Tash council, Order of High Priesthood, will convene and confer the degree on all high priests and past high priests eligible to join.

Women Entertained At noon today the women who are with their husbands in La

SETTLEMENT PROBLEM TO BE TAKEN UP

Representatives from many agricultural sections of Union county will be guests of the Union county chamber of commerce tomorrow at noon at the forum luncheon at the Sackagawa Inn, when the chamber will hear and act on a report from the committee appointed three weeks ago to confer with a like committee from Wallowa county on the problem of land settlement for the two counties.

Two formal meetings of the joint committee have been held and as a result Enterprise has already adopted the program. Joseph and Wallowa are acting on it this week. Chamber officials point out that it is now up to Union county to accept or reject the joint scheme and this will be done tomorrow during the luncheon. With the county delegates present, it is believed that whatever action is taken will be representative. Special efforts are being made to get a large number of business and professional men to attend the luncheon.

Benefit Dance To Be Given on May 1

The James E. Page camp, Spanish American war veterans of La Grande, will hold a benefit dance May 1 at Zuber hall. It is announced today. The affair, to raise money to purchase a set of colors for the camp, will be in the form of a military ball. The Star Novelty orchestra will play.

C. B. Marquis Hurt In Sunday Accident

C. B. Marquis suffered a head laceration and shock when his foot slipped and he fell 18 feet from a bank at the rock crusher at the Concrete Pipe company of Island City Sunday noon. It is reported.

He was taken to the Dr. Wunderlick hospital and was able to leave for his home the same evening.

West Continues Chilly But East Has Warm Wave

Mercury Down to 23 Above Here; 28 Lives Lost in Storms in Mid-West and Canada

Weather in the Grande Ronde valley remained unsettled over the weekend, with occasional light flurries of snow Sunday in spite of a maximum temperature of 45 above. During last night, however, the mercury took a 25-degree nose dive, winding up at 23 above, the coldest weather in the last few weeks. A 7:30 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 27 above with the mercury climbing steadily.

The weather has moderated in Western Oregon, according to reports, but the eastern half of the state remains in the grip of the unseasonal cold snap. Baker had a minimum of 17 above Saturday morning, according to reports here. There seems no immediate relief in sight, with today's weather forecast predicting snows in Eastern Oregon and freezing temperatures tonight.

STORM FATAL TO 20 MINNEAPOLIS, April 8 (AP)—Rehabilitation activities were started today in communities in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, struck by Friday night's tornado, which took 29 lives and did damage estimated at \$1,500,000.

EIGHT KILLED IN CANADA TORONTO, Ont., April 8 (AP)—Eight persons were killed and damage estimated in excess of \$1,000,000 was done by storms sweeping across Ontario during the weekend.

WARM WAVE IN EAST NEW YORK, April 8 (AP)—The unseasonable warm wave which

Vitaphone Will Be In Use Here Sunday, Apr. 14

Vitaphone is about to begin here and soon La Grande will be numbered among 2,800 cities in the United States who possess this instrument which records voice and sound in motion pictures. Next Saturday afternoon the matinee performance of Al Johnson in the "Jazz Singer" will inaugurate vitaphone at the Arcade theater, announced E. D. Meyers, one of the two joint owners of La Grande Theaters, Inc.

H. A. Smith and G. L. Allen, both of Los Angeles, began work here this morning on the installation of the Vitaphone and Movietone and announce that they will have them ready by Sunday. They have just come from The Dalles, where they made a similar installation.

The installation includes a Movietone which produces the sound from the film, and the Vitaphone which produces it from the disk. The results being the same in both. One or the other of the machines is used, according to the company which produced the picture to be played. The instruments are of Western Electric Equipment make. Mr. Smith and Mr. Allen are representatives of Electrical Research Products, Inc.

The "Home Towners," another Vitaphone picture, will be here April 21. The "Home Towners" is a comedy. Mr. Allen says.

One of the convenient features of the new equipment will be the service which goes with it. Every week a service man will come to La Grande to examine the machines to see that all is well.

La Grande is very fortunate in getting the Vitaphone as early as this for orders are still booked for the machines for many other towns as far as six months ahead, Mr. Allen states.

L. H. S. BAND PLACES HIGH IN CONTEST

Local Organization Wins Third, a Hair-breadth Behind Corvallis

JEFFERSON HIGH IS VICTORIOUS

Five Local Student Musicians in Spokane to Take Part in 200-piece Symphony Orchestra

The La Grande High school band of 25 pieces, directed by W. W. Nussbaum, won third place in the state high school contest at Corvallis Saturday, making such an excellent showing that the crowd gathered in the Oregon State college armory gave the Eastern Oregon musicians long applause.

This was La Grande high's second time to compete in the state contest. In 1928 the band, in its initial trip to Corvallis, placed fifth. Since then great progress has been made as may be indicated by the fact that La Grande, in third place this year, was judged better than the Medford band, which won the contests in 1927 and 1928. Corvallis, with 91.44 points, was second to Jefferson high of Portland, which took first honors with a score of 92.61. La Grande made 89.25 points. Medford's loss prevented them from taking permanent possession of the trophy, three consecutive victories being necessary.

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TRACK MEET WILL BE STAGED MAY 4

La Grande to Be Host to Eastern Oregon High School Athletes

The Eastern Oregon track and field meet, annual high school classic, will be held in La Grande on May 4. This was determined over the weekend when announcements came from Oregon State college that the annual track and field meet will be staged there on May 11.

At the recent meeting of Eastern Oregon superintendents and principals in La Grande it was decided to hold the district meet here and, as the state meet date had not been announced, it was agreed to hold the Eastern Oregon meet one week before the Oregon interscholastic event.

La Grande track team will participate in triangular and quadrangular meets on April 29 and 27, respectively, at Baker and the other at Pendleton, then coming home to make an attempt to win the fifth consecutive Eastern Oregon championship. The Tiger string of track and field victories began in 1924 and since then the blue and white colors have glittered from the top of the mast each spring, although Milton Freewater almost nosed the La Grande team out last spring at Union.

Before the triangular and quadrangular events, Union and La Grande teams will participate in a dual relay meet, continuing two days, with each team entertaining at home one afternoon.

La Grande is expecting to enter several men in the Corvallis meet on May 11. Requirements this year remain the same as last year. In 1927 Steve, of La Grande, won the 440-yard dash at Corvallis, setting a state record of 62.4. This was tied last year by Blaco, of Salem. This is the only state record that a La Grande man holds at present.

Experts Trying To Solve Problem Of Reparations To Speed Up Work

PARIE, April 8 (AP)—The experts trying to solve the reparations problem have become tired of the long drawn out negotiations. It is now proposed that hereafter the committee go ahead at full steam, taking no more weekend holidays until a decision is reached on which a report can be drawn. The whole committee agrees that the work must lag no longer.

Reports that the Germans alone were responsible for previous delays are denied by other committee members. There are good reasons to suppose that the German experts became eager to talk business ten days ago after Owen D. Young, the chairman, laid down the principles for action.

I'm Alone Case Representations Reach Capital

Canadian Delegation in Washington Receives Instructions from Ottawa Government

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (AP)—Formal representations on the sinking of the rum runner I'm Alone by a coast guard patrol boat in the Gulf of Mexico have been received from Ottawa by the Canadian legation for presentation to the state department.

Except for the brief announcement by the Canadian prime minister, MacKenzie King, that the sinking of the vessel, which was of Canadian registry, would be the subject of formal discussions between the American and Canadian governments, both Ottawa and the legation have been very reticent regarding the content of the note.

Unofficial Views

Unofficial views of the matter, however, are to the effect that the Canadians are more interested in the points at issue between the two governments over the anti-rum smuggling treaty of 1924 between the United States and Great Britain—which binds Canada as a dominion of the British common-

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LARGE CROWDS AT SERVICES HERE SUNDAY

Churches throughout La Grande were well attended yesterday with many very interesting services. Although the weather was unsettled and chilly, practically every church reports a large congregation.

Several new members were received and a number of adults baptized at the morning service at the First Presbyterian church. Holy communion was observed, incidentally. It is announced that the name of Mrs. T. A. McKinstry should have appeared as superintendent of the cradle roll in the list of officers elected at the Presbyterian meeting last week. At present 41 names are on the roll and the attendance is constantly on the increase.

A new committee has been appointed to plan for future activities consisting of Robert S. Eskin, Mrs. S. H. Cleaver and Miss Hulda Anderson.

The Salvation Army announces that Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. Capt. Paek will conduct special services in memory of William Booth, the founder and first general of the Salvation Army. This is the centennial year of the founder's birth. The public is invited to attend the meeting, which is to be held in the Salvation Army hall.

Airplane Brings Mason To City

It was plenty cold, but not so cold as the morning of April 7, 1928. That morning about 10:30 o'clock, Lieutenant Leo Allen merely smiled. He had just landed in La Grande at the emergency landing airport after a 55-minute airplane trip from Walla Walla, Wash. Lieut. Allen is president of the Walla Walla Airways company and Mr. Roche is manager.

The definite purpose of the trip was to bring Mr. Roche to La Grande to attend the Masonic convention. He is high priest of Pennington hall in Portland.

To avoid storms they came through the air by way of Elgin which added several miles to their course. They flew during the trip at an altitude of about 6,000 feet.

That a straight line is the shortest distance between two points is always proved in air travel. Coming directly from Walla Walla to La Grande they covered a distance of 52 miles while by road the distance is about two times that much.

TO MARRY BUDDY ROGERS?



We don't know just why the jeweled interrogation mark is adorning Mary Brian's new bonnet, but just hazard a guess that it's because all of the questions that have been asked this petite Illinoiser as to whether or not she is engaged to Buddy Rogers.

Robbery Of Bank At Milton Fails; Man Is Arrested

PENDLETON, Ore., April 8 (AP)—An attempt to break into the vault of the First National bank at Milton this morning was frustrated when Walter Woodward, night officer at Milton, discovered a man working on the vault. The man, who said he was S. L. Fisher, 59, attempted to escape by dropping from the second story window of the bank building. He was stunned by the fall and captured.

Four-Year-Old Boy Shoots His Brother, Nine

LAKEVIEW, Ore., April 8 (AP)—Leo Albertson, four years old, shot and instantly killed his brother, Charles, nine years old, Saturday night when he lifted a 30 caliber carbine from its place in a corner and pulled the trigger. The bullet entered Charles' left breast, piercing the heart.

The boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Albertson of Yeum Valley. With another brother, Leo and Charles had gone to the house to build a fire. While the two older boys were busy at the stove Leo took the rifle from its place and pointed around the room. As Charles came within range of the sights the child pressed the trigger.

Make Decision On Immigration Laws

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—The supreme court today ruled that naturalized Canadians and other alien immigrants were prohibited from crossing the border to work or search for employment without presentation of unexpired consular immigration visas.

Naturalized Canadians were declared not entitled under the Jay treaty of 1794 to cross the border freely regardless of immigration.

KANSAS CHIEF TO "CLEAN UP" MOVIE HOUSES

PARSONS, Kan., Apr. 8 (AP)—Seven sheriffs and about as many county attorneys in Kansas will face onerous proceedings if they "do not mend their ways," Governor Clyde Reed has announced.

The governor issued his threat during an address last night in the First Methodist church here. It was the first speech he had delivered in Parsons, his home, since assuming office. He reiterated his desire to "clean up" Kansas movie houses and his declaration for law enforcement.

Referring to a show he saw recently in Topeka, the governor said he "was tired of the cheap trash and fifth in motion pictures of today."

Hoover Facing Busiest Period Since March 4

Preparing Message to Deliver to Special Session of Congress; Capital Is Speculating

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—President Hoover today faced one of the busiest weeks he has encountered since his inauguration. He entered it, however, considerably refreshed by his outing Saturday, which took him 50 miles away to his cool mountain retreat on the Rapidan river in Virginia and enabled him to escape part of the record-breaking heat wave endured by the capital over the weekend.

With only a week remaining before the new congress is convened in special session, one of the principal tasks confronting the president was the completion of his message. He finished the first draft several days ago and immediately began the work of revision. The message is expected to be in its final form in a few days, but the chances are that it will not be transmitted to congress until April 16, leaving next Monday free for the senate and house to organize.

Speculate on Message

Now that the farm relief hearings are out of the way and the senate and house agriculture committees have turned to the task of writing their bills, many members have been given time to speculate on the recommendations which the message will contain. Some are familiar with its outlines in a broad way, but all are eager to find out the details.

That will deal primarily with the problem of assisting agriculture through revision of tariff rates on commodities competing with its products and by getting up a federal farm board and subsidiary agencies with broad powers is taken for granted, since that is what congress was called to consider. Whether it will contain other recommendations, including postponement or repeal of the national origins provision of the immigration law, has not been disclosed, although the president's opposition to it was made known.

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Harry Sinclair Conviction Gets Court Approval

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (AP)—The conviction of Harry E. Sinclair for contempt for refusing to answer questions during the Teapot Dome investigation by the senate oil committee was approved today by the supreme court.

Under the decision the oil operator must serve three months in jail and pay a fine of \$500.

Justice Butler, who some months ago delivered the opinion cancelling the naval oil reserve leases, spoke for the court, emphasizing the importance of protecting the individual from unreasonable and arbitrary disclosure of his private affairs. He said that questions put to Sinclair were not of that character.

The fact that the information sought by the committee might be of importance in a suit pending against Sinclair did not excuse him from answering, the justice stated, because the information was properly within the inquiry of the committee and the questions were pertinent.

Justice Butler stated that the court in its decision in the Mal S. Daugherty case had laid down the rights of the two houses of congress to conduct investigations necessary to aid legislation but that neither house had the right to invade into the private affairs by requiring disclosures not in aid of legislation.

Filipino Plot Is Nipped By Police

MANILA, Apr. 8 (AP)—Sixteen Filipinos were under arrest today charged with planning a "grand revolutionary army" to overthrow the present government and substitute an independent administration.

Police, however, say the scheme was not serious in its intent and that it probably would have gone little further than the swindling of a number of natives into purchasing "revolutionary" commissions in the "revolution."

U. S. PLANES PATROLLING THE BORDER

Ready to Shoot Down Any Rebel That Flies Over American Soil

EXPECT BOMBING ATTACKS TO END

General Topete Says He Doesn't Want to Fight Uncle Sam or Endanger Lives of Americans

NACO, Ariz., April 8 (AP)—American army fliers with eighteen fighting planes were at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, near here today, with orders to patrol the border and shoot down any Mexican plane that ventures north of the international line.

This was the American answer to the continued dropping of bombs on Arizona soil Saturday after they had been repeatedly warned not to do so.

Assembled yesterday. The eighteen fighting planes and their personnel were assembled at Fort Huachuca yesterday, some of the fliers having come from Fort Crockett, Tex., during the afternoon. Seven officers and 44 men of the third attack group are on the way to reinforce the American fliers, having left Fort Crockett yesterday.

A sudden end to the Rebel airplane bombing attacks which harassed the Loyal garrison at Naco, Sonora, across the line from here, was expected to result. General Lucias Gonzalez, commander of the Mexican garrison, was advised to keep his planes on the ground, because the American fliers would not be able to distinguish them from Rebel planes.

General Faustino Topete, commander of the Rebel forces whose planes have dropped several bombs on the American side in their attacks upon the garrison, announced his aviators would use only machine guns in the event they fly over the Sonora town again. Whether another attack would be staged by Topete's planes soon remained in doubt, however, as he declared last night he was awaiting orders from General J. Gonzalo Escobar, Rebel commander in chief, before taking action.

EXPLAINS ACTIONS

NACO, Sonora, April 8 (AP)—Mexican Rebel forces which Saturday waged an unsuccessful assault upon Naco, entrenched Federal stronghold, today were bivouaced in the hills three to five miles beyond the reach of punishing Federal rifles and machine guns. General Faustino Topete, Rebel commander, moved his troop train headquarters behind the safety of San Juan mountain for a Sunday's rest and quiet.

After claiming to have suffered two dead and 15 wounded soldiers Topete today had issued a declaration that his Saturday retreat was not because of defeat but because of the vicious fire of the entrenched Naco Federales. He declared it was because American army officers made forceful objections to the dropping of aerial bombs and rifle bullets in Naco, Ariz., were wounding American citizens, he said.

"I cannot fight the American army nor do I wish to damage American lives. I have taken every precaution against these things because of the Rebel cause cannot prevail."

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FORMER LION TAMER SLUGS SCHOOL MA'AM

KANSAS CITY, April 8 (AP)—Mrs. Charles Woodside, small but belligerent former lion tamer, today told a judge she was glad she administered a beating to Miss Ives Mackinnon.

Miss Mackinnon, a Kansas City, Kans., school teacher, was said by Mrs. Woodside to have influenced Lorenz Woodside, 15, against her when the girl, a few months ago, complained her ex-lion tamer mother had beaten her with a coat hanger.

"Judge I hit that woman on the nose, I am glad I did it, and I am ready to plead guilty," Mrs. Woodside said. The judge, smiling, "I'll give your anger a chance to cool off," he replied. Miss Mackinnon was not in court Mrs. Woodside attacked I teacher when she met her on downtown street Saturday. Lorenz whose charge against her mother was dismissed when they became reconciled, is attending a school Texas.

WEATHER TODAY 7-39 a. m.—27 above. Minimum—23 above. Condition—Cloudy. WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 45, minimum 27 above. Condition—Moisture .62 of inch, traces of snow. WEATHER APR. 8, 1928 Maximum 56, minimum 25 above. Condition—Clear.