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Oregon: Rain tonight and Friday, snow in the mountains, moderate temperature.

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ARKANSAS TORNADO DEALS DEATH

MASONS END
4-DAY MEET
IN LA GRANDECorvallis Is Selected as
Convention City for
Next YearBANQUET, DANCE
WEDNESDAY NIGHTVisitors Leaving Today
With Great Praise for
City's Hospitality, Accommodations.

With the finishing steps consisting of the commandery banquet and dance last night at the Sackawanna Inn and the re-convening and installation of officers this morning another stone in the building of the temple of perfection, the Masonic road, was laid, and the Grand commandery, Knights Templar, closed at noon, thus ending the four-day Masonic convalescence which was attended by more than 250 out-of-town delegates and which was generally conceded by the visitors to be the finest ever held.

Expressions of La Grande's hospitality and entertainment were coming from the veterans of many conventions who were vehement in their praise of the convention city and of the committeemen and officers responsible for convention plans.

Select Corvallis
Tonight two special cars will take many of the delegates back to Portland by rail. All during the day delegates left by automobile. Many came last night from Eastern Oregon cities to attend the social functions, leaving the same evening.

The officers who were elected yesterday and who will exemplify the work at the annual convocation in April next year in Corvallis, selected today as the next convention city, are as follows:
George W. Dunn, Ashland, grand commander; Wilson E. Brock, Pendleton, deputy grand commander; Norman L. Crout, grand generalissimo; Edwin L. Wieder, Salem, grand captain-general; John K. Kollock, Portland, senior grand warden; Herbert L. Toney, Minerville, junior grand warden; Lloyd Scott, Portland, grand prelate; John C. Rhodes, Bend, grand standard bearer; Carl W. Everett, Scott, Portland, grand prelate; John C. Rhodes, Bend, grand standard bearer; Carl W. Everett, Marshfield, grand sword bearer; Laurgaard, Portland, grand warden; Edwin O. Porter, Eugene, captain of the guard; John B. Cleland, Portland, grand treasurer; and D. Rufus Cheney, Portland, grand recorder, re-elected.

The building of King Solomon's temple was cited by George T. Cochran, chairman of the evening, and H. G. Chapman of the H. & S. M., at the banquet last night.

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BAND SHOWED
BIGGEST GAIN
AT CORVALLIS

The La Grande High school band, which placed third in the sixth annual state high school contest at Corvallis last Saturday, was considered as having made more advancement over last year's entry in the contest than any other band by Earl Dibble, publicity manager of the Oregon State band, and member of Kappa Kappa Psi, national honorary fraternity which sponsored the contest.

La Grande came within six hundredths of one point of taking second place in the state contest, which is indicative of the excellence of the organization's showing. Some of the members of the band have returned home but five high school student musicians are in Spokane at present, playing with the Northwest symphony orchestra. These five were the only residents picked from Eastern Oregon, indicating the prestige the local high school musicians enjoy. W. W. Nussbaum, formerly of Nampa, is director of music and is largely responsible for the advancement of music in the schools here.

WEATHER TODAY
7:29 a. m.—32 above.
Minimum: 32 above.
Condition: inch of snow.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 45, minimum 29 above.
Condition: partly cloudy, moisture .61 of inch.

WEATHER APR. 11, 1929
Maximum 48, minimum 21 above.
Condition: rain .79 of inch.

Old Quartet On
Rotary Program
At PendletonPaul Knautz Also Takes
Part; La Grande Golfers
Win Prizes in Afternoon
Tournament.

A program, featured by the singing of the old La Grande chamber of commerce quartet, and by vocal selections by Paul Knautz, was enjoyed by the Rotarians of five cities in an interstate meet at Pendleton last night. About 30 people from La Grande were in attendance and the quartet, whose appearance was arranged by George S. Birnie, president of the local club, was a surprise for the La Grande delegation and their singing was received with a great deal of enthusiasm by the 250 people at the dinner given in the Pendleton Elks club. The reunion of the quartet was made possible by G. L. Dutton coming from Portland and Elmer Stoddard from Baker to join Mr. Birnie and Sherwood Williams. Mr. Knautz was heartily applauded and sang three numbers with his usual charm. Mrs. Knautz accompanied him.

The program was also participated in by members of the Lewiston, Walla Walla, Milton-Freewater and Pendleton clubs. One of the features was a radio broadcast stunt put on by the Walla Walla club.

A dance followed the dinner. In the afternoon the golf tournament was conducted by the Pendleton club. The woman's prize was won by Mrs. Ray Murphy, of La Grande, and the men's prizes by Dr. Ray Murphy, S. D. Crowe and Clyde R. Seitz, of La Grande.

Comedy Enjoyed
By Audience At
Recreation Hall

A medium sized audience enjoyed the second staging of the Second Ward M. I. A. comedy-drama, "Welcome to the Old Home Town," last night at the L. D. S. Recreation hall in spite of the fact that there were conflicting commitments in the city that evening.

The drama, brimming with both comedy and pathos, took the audience from tears to laughter, and there wasn't a dull moment during the entire play.

The interpretation of the roles was especially good, those who saw the play declare. Grant Bump as Con Conover played in a most convincing manner the part of a young man with a secret. Elva Turner as Lora Lovel, made a charming sweetheart for Con. Tave Hendrickson as Sol Popper, was an old timer with plenty of pep. Mrs. Farrell Murray, as Mrs. Courtland Jones, an authority on mineral springs, led the cast in reading and expression. Del Burke, as Tod Whipple, the barber, was very good and Freda Dahlstrom, as Tessa Tibbs, the hotel maid, excelled in her role. Farrell Murray was a hard-boiled country-banker and Edwin Briggs played the part of the banker's concealed son to perfection.

Will Broadcast
Spokane Orchestra

Word was received here today from La Grande High school student musicians, now playing with a 29-piece symphony orchestra in Spokane, that the orchestra would broadcast a concert over the Spokane station tonight at 8:15 o'clock. It was not learned whether the broadcast is to take place over KHX or KGA. KHX broadcasts on 520 kilocycles and KGA on 1470 kilocycles.

Inch of Wet Snow
Falls Here Today

Following a partly clear day, with the mercury one point short of 50 above, La Grande was swept by another snowstorm this morning, between 7 and 9 o'clock, which covered the ground with about an inch of wet, large flakes.

Some people were of the opinion that the snow this morning was as advantageous as a good rain, as far as moistening the ground was concerned.

The weather forecast for tonight and Friday is for rain and snow in the mountains with moderate temperatures.

Motorists who drove over the Blue Mountains to La Grande today also reported heavy snow in the mountains.

Seven Japanese
Killed by Blast

TOKYO, Japan, Apr. 11 (AP)—A mine exploded aboard a Japanese mine layer at the naval base at Yokosuka today during practice and killed seven naval students. Thirty were injured.

MOVEMENT TO
LEASE FIELD
IS ENDORSEDAmerican Legion Post
Urges City Commission
to Open NegotiationsTO PLACE GUARD
RAILS ON HILLSCommission Grants
Le-
gion Request for Carni-
val License to Aid in
Sending Corps to Salem

The movement for the city to lease the government emergency airfield two miles east of La Grande on the Old Oregon Trail, was endorsed by the American Legion post at the meeting of the city commission last night and resolutions were passed, urging that the city lose no time in entering negotiations with the government.

The legion presented two endorsements, one from the post and one from the legion aviation committee. In the endorsements the state legion attitude an aviation was included.

C. L. Dempsey presented a letter to the commissioners from airway officials in Washington, D. C., accompanied by a blank application for lease. It was not clear to the commission whether the city would have the right to sub-lease portions of the field, as the application stated that the city must agree to permit all government and public planes to make emergency landings without charge. Dr. R. G. McCall, of the legion, said he had been assured by government men that sub-leasing is permissible.

Seek More Details
To observe it appeared that the commissioners are eager to lease the field if sub-leasing privileges are allowed. The city managers.

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DUFF TO PITCH
FOR LA GRANDEFormer Coast Leaguer Is
Signed—La Grande to
Play Bucks Sunday

Cecil Duff, former Pacific Coast league pitcher, will do the twirling for the La Grande Pirates this year in the Blue Mountain league. This was announced today by Gil Stokke, manager, who has just signed Duff.

The pitcher, who is large and who relies mainly on a curve ball, will make his first appearance here Sunday, weather permitting, when the Pirates will play the Pendleton Buckaroos an exhibition game at the ball park beginning at 2:30 o'clock. A nominal price will be charged for the game.

Duff is a veteran whose worth has been tried. During recent years he has played with Portland and Oakland in the coast league, went up to the White Sox and was farmed to the Western league, and last year pitched Boise to a pennant in the Utah-Idaho class D league. As the Utah-Idaho league was not continued this year, Duff, like many other good players, said.

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Process of Pumping May Solve
Alkali Problem In Baker Valley

The problem of growing crops on Baker county soil which has been made infertile by alkali, is shown definite promise of soon being solved, says Dr. W. L. Powers, head of the soils and soil waters department of Oregon State college. Dr. Powers is attending the KKKnight Templar convocation in La Grande. He is in past eminent commander of the commandery at Corvallis.

For a considerable period experts from the college have been working on the problem of alkali in the soil in Baker county. The results of the survey have just been released and reveal that there is a very definite possibility of curing the difficulty by a process of pumping.

By this method, water from the water table in the earth would be pumped out. The table would thus be lowered and the alkali would sink to a greater depth from the surface of the land. Then with deep drainage and a good quality of irrigation water, crops could be raised where formerly they refused to grow, Dr. Powers explains.

Heavy Demand for Men
Problems of that nature and many others confront Dr. Powers.

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Other Changes
Are Expected In
Diplomatic CorpsAppointment of Dawes Is
Seen as First Step in
Hoover's Realignment
of American Service.

By Richard L. Turner
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
WASHINGTON, Apr. 11 (AP)—The appointment of Charles Gates Dawes as ambassador to the Court of St. James is President Hoover's first step in a realignment of the American diplomatic service through which he hopes to bring its efficiency to the highest possible point.

To reach this objective, the president proposes to choose only men of recognized and proved ability to represent the United States in foreign lands, a policy that he has followed both in and out of public office in the selection of those to whom difficult work is to be entrusted.

But, as with appointments to his law enforcement study commission, Mr. Hoover is moving slowly and carefully in making changes in the foreign service. New appointments and changes in the assignments of present personnel are to come one at a time and may be strung out over several months as the chief executive combs the field for available and suitable material.

With the London post provided for, he is now confronted with the necessity of finding a man to fill the important and responsible post at Paris, made vacant by the death of Myron T. Herrick. Prominent among the names that have been proposed is that of General John J. Pershing. Well known throughout the world.

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No Fishing Sunday
Commissioner Says

GENEVA, Ill., Apr. 11 (AP)—Mrs. Sophia Maria, who had stolen \$27 to provide for her seven children, and who had been caught, offered her youngest—a little brown-eyed girl—in payment of her fine yesterday.

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Justice Keiser spoke sternly: "Go home—and take your baby with you."

1,500 Soldiers
Ordered To Two
Border Positions

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Apr. 11 (AP)—Approximately 1,500 United States soldiers were ready today to proceed to Arizona and New Mexico border points within a short distance of Sonora, Mexico, where a major battle between opposing forces in the Mexican revolution appeared imminent.

The troops from Fort D. A. Russell will go to Babae, Ariz., and those from Fort Bliss will augment the 200 cavalrymen dispatched to Hachita, N. M., several days ago.

Eighteen United States army planes already are patrolling the border under orders to shoot down any Mexican planes flying north of the international line.

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Identify Body Of
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ELIZABETH, N. J., April 11 (AP)—The body of the murdered woman, found February 23 on a Cranford roadside with a bullet wound in the head and seared by flames, was identified today by two women acquaintances as that of Mrs. Richard M. Campbell, of Greenville, Pa.

Mrs. Campbell had been missing since February 1.

Search is now being made for the woman's husband. She married Campbell last August, in Elkton, Md.

FOUR BADLY HURT
FOR DU LAC, Wis., Apr. 11 (AP)—Four persons were seriously injured and four suffered less severe hurts when a bus of the Liberty Club Association of Chicago, en route from that city to Minneapolis, went into a ditch 15 miles south of here during a heavy rain storm today.

60 Per Cent Return to Farms
Sixty per cent of those who graduate at agricultural colleges return to the farms, Dr. Powers finds.

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FIVE BILLION-DOLLAR EXECUTIVES



Millions of dollars don't mean so much to these men. Each of the above is head of a billion-dollar corporation, five of the outstanding financial leaders of the entire world. Automobiles put two of them in the \$1,000,000,000 class—Henry Ford and Alfred P. Sloan Jr., the latter of General Motors. Owen D. Young is chairman of the General Electric company and the Radio Corporation of America. James A. Farrell is president of the United States Steel Corporation and Charles E. Mitchell, a president of the National City bank. These and five other men, not pictured above, control businesses worth \$20,000,000,000.

Offers Child
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BUTCHER SOUGHT
IN MURDER CASERobert Bernard Connect-
ed with Finding of
Woman's Torso

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 11 (AP)—A nation-wide search was underway today for Robert Bernard, alias Leonard, 26-year-old butcher apprentice, wanted for questioning in connection with the finding of a woman's torso near Compton, Cal., last Thursday, which sheriff's officers believe is part of the body of Miss Laura Bell Davis, of Denver, Colo., 25, missing here since April 1.

More than a thousand photographs of Bernard, alias Leonard, with his finger print classification have been sent out by the police. He has twice been convicted on Wright act charges, police records show, and recently escaped from the city jail.

William L. Clark, a seaman on the U. S. S. California, whose photograph and numerous letters were found in the missing girl's belongings, told sheriff's officers that he had not seen Davis since some time in March. He said he called at her rooming house on East 83rd street, March 23, and found her missing.

Took Radio With Them
According to Mrs. Mae Holman, the roominghouse landlady, Miss Davis took a radio with her when she left.

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SELL LIQUOR
ON LEVIATHAN,
EX-PROHI SHIP

NEW YORK, Apr. 11 (AP)—The Leviathan, queen of the American merchant marine and for six years a prohibition ship, was en route to Europe today with liquor for sale.

The liner was making her maiden voyage under private American ownership as the flagship of the newly organized United States Lines, Inc., and the medical liquor stores were available for beverage purposes. On the return trip and future voyages a less limited supply than that contained in the medical stores will be for sale. The liner will stock up abroad.

Joseph E. Sheedy, executive vice president of the line, said there would be no public bar in the ship but that liquors and wines would be served to passengers in their cabins and in the dining rooms and smoking rooms. Drinks will be served at meals. It will be unnecessary to purchase whole bottles.

All other American lines whose vessels touch foreign ports, except the Dollar line, sell liquor.

PAROLE DENIED BANKER
PORTLAND, Apr. 11 (AP)—Parole from sentence of seven years in state prison was denied J. V. Burke, former president of the defunct bank of Kenton, when his petition was argued in circuit court here yesterday.

EXHIBITION GAME
AT WASHINGTON—R. H. E. New York (N) 1 2 0
Washington (A) 2 3 0
Batteries: Mays, Genshew and Hogan; Lism, Brown and Ruel, Tate.

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Trial Repartee
Causes Federal
Judge to Scowl

NEW YORK, Apr. 11 (AP)—Texas gunman was acquitted by a federal court jury late today.

NEW YORK, Apr. 11 (AP)—Federal Judge Edwin S. Thomas of Connecticut threatened to expel spectators from the courtroom today as the repartee of Texas gunman, night club hostess on trial charged with maintaining a nuisance, drew continued laughter from the crowded benches.

Miss Guinan, heavily jeweled as during the first two days of her trial, resumed the witness chair for continued cross examination while men and women fought with court attendants to gain entrance to the room.

Special Attorney General Norman Morrison asked the defendant witness if her contract with Salvo Royale guaranteeing her a minimum of \$1000 a week had not been drawn to her advantage and she replied it had not.

"Did the lawyer draw this up out of the blue sky?" Morrison asked.

"No, he drew it up in his office," Miss Guinan replied, and the crowd considering this a humorous "come-back," roared with laughter.

Miss Guinan, who "made an awful lot of money" as hostess in a Broadway night club, yesterday declared she "never had a drink in my whole life."

Says Woman With
Ormiston Was Aimee

SACRAMENTO, April 11 (AP)—Wallace Moore, newspaperman, declared on the witness stand of the Judge Carlos S. Hardy impeachment trial today that he is convinced the woman he saw with Kenneth Ormiston in Santa Barbara during the disappearance of Aimee Semple McPherson was none other than the evangelist herself.

ROME, Apr. 11 (AP)—Four men were killed today in a crash of two airplanes maneuvering near the Augusta seaplane drom.

BASEBALL
PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
GAMES TODAY

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46 PERSONS
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ARE MISSINGAlmost One Hundred In-
jured in North Central
Part of StateMORE THAN SCORE
DEAD AT SWIFTONRescue Parties Rushing to
Devastated Areas—82
Caskets Sent from Little
Rock Today.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Apr. 11 (AP)—Forty-six persons were killed, several are missing and believed dead and almost one hundred were injured in a tornado which swept through sections of north central Arkansas last night.

Twenty-one persons were dead at Swifton, 20 miles north of Newport, and five at Gulon. The latter town was reported to have been blown completely away. All the victims were white. Twelve negroes were reported killed in the vicinity of Parkin.

List of Dead
The list of dead included the following:

Swifton community: Charles Defries, 45, his daughter, Grace, 4; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bullard and their daughter, Leona; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Butler and their daughter, Zela, 9; Mrs. Ed Riley and three children, Buster, Ruth, and an infant; Mrs. Esther Riley, mother-in-law of Mrs. Ed Riley; Howard, 6; Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Nicholson; Mrs. A. J. Rowlett; John Loy; Mrs. Russell Long and daughter, Viney, 17, and L. E. Hudgens.

At Gulon: Miss Thelma Heger, 30; Miss Tina Thayer, Claude Campbell and a mother and child. The missing list included two children of Charles Defries at Swifton, Jack and Ruth Defries; and a son of T. C. Bullard.

At the village of Lorado, ten miles north of Jonesboro, six persons were killed.

Henry Lowman, his wife and three children met death in the collapse of their home and Tom Adams was killed when his home was destroyed.

Churches Labeled
The Baptist and Methodist churches and the school house

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WOMAN FLIER
DIES IN LONG
BEACH CRASH

LONG BEACH, Cal., Apr. 11 (AP)—Mrs. C. C. McWhinney, society leader and prominent in aviation, was killed this morning when the airplane in which she and her husband were riding crashed at the municipal airport. Mr. McWhinney, a prominent lawyer, was slightly injured.

Mrs. McWhinney was one of 34 women aviation pilots licensed by the aeronautics branch of the federal department of commerce. As such she was granted a private license to fly anywhere she chose alone or with passengers. The late Earl S. Daugherty was her instructor. Daugherty was killed in a triple airplane fatality on December 8 last.

Mrs. McWhinney had more than 250 hours flying to her credit. She piloted her plane to the Stanford-California football game, taking her family as passengers.

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