

Oregon: Fair and cloudy west tonight and Wednesday, continued mild. Gentle variable winds.

NIGHT FLYING TO BEGIN ON JUNE FIRST

Charles Wrightson, Boise, Announces Varney Plans Today

TEST TRIP MADE ON LAST SUNDAY

Passenger Service, in Huge Fokker Cabin Planes, Scheduled to Be Launched on Aug. 1.

Night flying over the Pasco-Salt Lake City line will be inaugurated on June 1 and passenger service, in huge Fokker cabin planes, will start on Aug. 1.

The night service will stretch from Portland on the west coast to New York on the east, the Varney plane going over this city between 10 and 10:30 p. m. for Salt Lake, where the mail will be taken on a transcontinental plane.

The purpose of this night service is to speed up the airmail and it will mean that a letter mailed in the northwest will reach the east coast one full business day sooner.

The passenger service, to be started on Aug. 1, will be carried in huge Fokker F-10 tri-motored 16-passenger ships, of the most modern type and equipped for high speed cruising.

During his talk, Mr. Wrightson pointed out the importance of city airports. "No city should feel any hesitancy about providing an airport," he declared.

WOMEN WILL DECIDE GOLF SEASON PLANS

The annual meeting of women golfers who play on the La Grande country club course, will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the chamber of commerce quarters.

In connection with the call for tomorrow's meeting, the 1928 tournament committee has announced a flag tournament for next Sunday, and the new organization will take charge of tournaments after the Sunday event.

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Home Beautiful Poster Winners Are Determined

Judges Reach Decision in Local Event Sponsored by La Grande Neighborhood Club.

The names of the pupils in the La Grande grade schools who will receive prizes for the best "Home Beautiful" week posters and those receiving honorable mention, were announced today by the committee in charge of the event which is sponsored by the La Grande Neighborhood Club.

The winners follow: (for essays on trees) Sacred Heart academy; first, John Galvin; second, Marguerite Towbridge; third, Marjan Chausse.

Poster prizes in seventh and eighth grades: First: Fern Broomfield, of Central school; second, Mary Ingerson, of Riviera; third, Ione Shanks, Central. Honorable mention: Irene Churchill, of Riviera; Albert Rose, Greenwood; Colleen Plummer, Greenwood; Gladys Roberts, Central; Cedric Clark, Greenwood.

Fifth and sixth grades: first, Fern Luton, Riviera; second, Eugene Schultz, Willow; third, Edith Bennett, Greenwood. Honorable mention: Ethel Bates, Willow; Henry Stoddard, Willow; Verdun Commins, Central.

Third and fourth grades: First prize: Anita Kittle, Central; second, Mary Baker, Central; third, Frances Clark, Central. Honorable mention: Frances Hattell, Greenwood; Ernest Hostock, Riviera; June Mathis, Greenwood; Kenneth Flannery, Riviera; and Ruth Stoddard, Central.

The work done by the children of Sacred Heart academy is in the nature of essays about trees illustrating the importance of city airports.

Nels P. Nelson Passes On Here During Night

Nels Peter Nelson, resident of La Grande for the last 41 years, passed away peacefully at his home at 1696 Jefferson avenue during last night.

Mr. Nelson was born in Denmark on Mar. 8, 1834 and was 95 years, one month and 14 days of age. He leaves to mourn his loss, besides a host of friends, three sons, one daughter and several grandchildren.

Porter V. Webb Is Recommended For Lieutenancy

Sergeant Porter V. Webb, who recently received a five-year medal following that much continuous service with Company E, 186th Infantry, will be recommended as second lieutenant of the La Grande company.

Two other promotion were announced last night as follows: Private Joe W. Sayre to be corporal and Private Raymond Harlow to be corporal.

Judge Hardy On The Stand Today

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JAP VESSEL SINKS; 100 ARE MISSING

Toyo Kuni Maru Strikes Rocks Off Cape Erino This Morning

ONLY TIME FOR ONE LONELY SOS

Two Steamers Rush to the Scene of Wreck and Rescue 97 Persons—209 Were Aboard Ship.

TOKYO, Apr. 23 (AP)—More than a hundred persons were believed drowned when the Japanese steamship Toyo Kuni Maru sank a few minutes after striking rocks off Cape Erino in Southern Hokkaido.

The vessel sank so quickly there was only time to send out a single S O S. Two steamers, which reached the scene early this morning, several hours after the sinking, picked up 97 persons. Two hundred and nine were known to have been aboard when the ship sailed from Hakodate yesterday.

The 176 passengers carried by the steamer were fishermen bound for Stokhava where they were to fish for crabs during the summer. The disaster was believed due to bad weather in the wake of last Sunday's hurricane which was followed by a gale and a snowstorm off the coast of Hokkaido and in the vicinity of Hakodate.

HIGHEST WATERS SINCE YEAR 1851

Possibility of Rain in Mid-West Brings New Fears to the Lowlands

QUINCY, Ill., Apr. 23 (AP)—Possibility of rain in the water-logged north of here held the greatest potential danger today for nearby Illinois, Iowa and Missouri lowlands, after prospects of a decline in the Mississippi river yesterday had brought hope that the levees might withstand the highest waters in 78 years.

Concern was still felt today for the Gregory district north of Canton, Mo., which was partly flooded Sunday night. The present flood is the most menacing that has swept this section in three-quarters of a century.

SNOWLAKE, Apr. 23 (AP)—More than 5,000 persons in Phillips and Desha counties were homeless today and at least 14,000 acres of rich farming lands were inundated, the result of a break in the Laconia Circle levee and high water around the main Mississippi river levee at Knowlton's Landing.

Army And Navy Bury The Hatchet

CHICAGO, April 23 (AP)—The Chicago Daily News today printed a story that word had reached Chicago that the army and navy had buried the hatchet and would stage a football game in Soldier field here in 1931.

Hoover Believes States Can Help In Suppression of U. S. Crime Wave

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP)—President Hoover has reached out and swept state and local as well as federal enactments into the already broad scope of his law enforcement campaign.

His own appeal to the conscience of America for law observance has been accompanied by a statement of the purpose of the administration to strengthen its law enforcement agencies by steady pressure exerted day by day with a constant if undramatic persistence.

There were two things in this statement which has attracted more than passing interest in political Washington. One was the declaration for the weeding out of all incapable and negligent officers no matter what their status.

Blaze Destroys Two-Story Home On Birch Street

Loss Said to Be Over \$3,000 — Both Trucks Called to Scene of Fire Early Today.

A two-story residence, located at 2202 North Birch street, caught fire early this morning and was being burned furiously when an alarm was turned in to the fire department at 2:55 o'clock.

Both the regular truck and the pumper truck went to the scene but in spite of the efforts of the department, the house and its contents were practically destroyed.

The cause of the fire is unknown. This was the third fire in less than 24 hours. Following one yesterday morning, the fire truck was called to 261 Henton at 1:55 o'clock yesterday afternoon to extinguish a blaze in a woodpile owned by J. W. Kelly. Damage was light.

Elect Stoddard President Of Student Body

Robert Stoddard was elected president, Harold Hoyt, vice president, Margaret Anthony, secretary-treasurer and Russell Nelson, yell leader, of the associated students of La Grande High school at the annual election held at noon today at the school.

The amendment to the constitution and by-laws was passed with 294 for and 23 against. The amendment clears a technicality in the constitution and provides that the executive committee shall have power to regulate the giving of all awards.

The election was quiet although a large percentage of students voted. The percentage was much higher than in public elections," stated E. D. Towler, principal of the high school.

There was considerable disparity in the number of votes cast for the candidates, none of the races being very close. The new officers will be installed some day during the two-week period before school closes for the summer but they will not take office until the fall semester.

Four plots were located in the building with Colonel Wallington, Franklin Eberhard, David Coughenower and Miriam Hanna as judges. The eight clerks were: Ruth Smalley, Bliss Leslie, Bernice McKinney, Yelva Cantrell, Jennie Neilson, Vivian Kuhn, Theresa Taylor and Mary Good Parsons.

Provide For Care Of Cemetery Lots

The Odd Fellows lodge, adopting a plan similar to that used by the Masons, have made arrangements for the perpetual care of lots in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, it was announced today by W. A. Worstell, secretary of trustees.

Service Stations May Sue Companies

PORTLAND, Apr. 23 (AP)—Declaring that the large gasoline companies are selling gasoline to commercial accounts at a figure as low as 12 1/2 cents a gallon, and that in some instances the price is cut to 1 1/2 cents, a group of Portland service stations today stood ready to start suit seeking to break their contracts with the major oil companies.

CHANG QUILTS CHEFPOO

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AGREEMENT ON ARMS IS HELD LIKELY

American Proposals at Geneva May Provide the Opening Wedge

DEBT CONFERENCE IN PARIS FAILS

Allies and Germany Unable to Break Deadlock, Communique Announces Today.

PARIS, Apr. 23 (AP)—An official communique of the experts' committee on reparations issued shortly after noon today announced failure of the conference to reach an agreement on a reparations settlement.

The communique said the plenary session had unanimously decided upon appointment of a sub-committee to be charged with work outlining the chief points to be embodied in a report to the governments concerned.

GENEVA, Apr. 23 (AP)—In the light of their unquestioned background of compromise there was growing belief at Geneva today that American disarmament proposals broached yesterday by Ambassador Hugh L. Gibson might have made possible a disarmament agreement between the great naval nations.

The project continued to absorb delegates to the preparatory commission of the League of Nations, which is seeking a possible basis for a future international disarmament conference. The proposals were believed to embody the results of long months of study by American naval experts.

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PAIRS PLEASED

PARIS, Apr. 23 (AP)—Le Temps, first of the Paris afternoon papers to comment on the speech of Hugh L. Gibson on disarmament at Geneva yesterday, characterized it today as "of great importance," and declared that it "completely modified the atmosphere at Geneva."

BERLIN, Apr. 23 (AP)—German official circles consider Ambassador Gibson's Geneva speech as the most remarkable made since the disarmament parleys began particularly since the ambassador was speaking with the full support of President Hoover.

John F. Curry New Tammany Chieftain

NEW YORK, Apr. 23 (AP)—John F. Curry, wealthy insurance man, who for many years has been a district leader on the West side, today was elected chieftain of Tammany Hall to succeed George W. O'Quinn, resigned.

New Broadcasting Field is Outlined

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP)—A new field for broadcasting, using telephone and power wires running into the home instead of radio space in the ether, was outlined today for the National Academy of Sciences by Major General George O. Squier, retired, in describing a device called the monoplane.

HE PAINTS



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GOVERNMENT TO EXPEND \$1,315

Territory in National Forest Reserve Will Be Improved This Year

Constructing new trails and augmenting work already done will cost a total of \$1,315 for the Meacham ranger district in the national forest reserve during the coming months and work on maintenance will be started immediately, according to Gerald J. Tucker, forest ranger of La Grande.

The territory to be improved by spending this money includes 2,009,411 acres from Kamela north along the main Blue mountain range to within six miles of Toll gate.

Six hundred dollars will be used to build a new trail along the summit of the middle ridge of the Blue mountains from the forest boundary to Horsehoe prairie. Altogether the trail will be seven miles long and most of it will be constructed by grading on side hills by a crew of five men who will begin work July 15.

The maintenance work to be done will cost \$715.00. One hundred eighty-four miles of trail will be repaired at a cost of \$400. Thirty-three miles of road will be improved at a total of \$109. Eighty-eight miles of telephone line improvement will be done at a cost of \$185. The repair of five and a half miles of pasture fence will come to \$30.

Today a technical assistant from the forest office at Pendleton came to La Grande to join Mr. Tucker. The two foresters went out in the woods to do re-posting of the forest boundary along a distance of five or six miles along the east base of Mt. Emly. They expect that part of the boundary to be re-marked this week.

The maintenance work on telephone lines involves the clearing of trees which have fallen across the lines and repair of wires pulled loose from the trees.

"The prospects for the summer season so far look very good," Mr. Tucker says. "Usually a long wet spell and late spring predict a good summer in the forests while an early season means a dryer forest area with greater likelihood for forest fires."

ARREST CITY CLERK

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Apr. 23 (AP)—Fred Fowler, city clerk, was arrested today on a charge of arson after an alleged attempt to burn the city hall. The building was damaged to the extent of about \$25,000. An audit of the city clerk's books had been under way several days.

Inspector Faces Five Crooks In Chicago Battle

Shoots One Down Before Being Severely Wounded—Woman in Group Also Is Captured.

CHICAGO, Apr. 23 (AP)—Evan Jackson, an ace among Chicago postal inspectors, and four men he sought for an \$18,000 post-office robbery fought with guns in a room at the Hawthorne Arms hotel early today.

Jackson was shot three times, and may die. Clyde Mackin, one of the robber suspects, was slightly wounded and was captured. A woman companion of the four men, Marian Courtney, leaped from a first floor window and was found, painfully hurt, on the alley pavement below. The other three escaped.

With the help of Morris Stein, in whose room the gun fight took place, Jackson has lured the suspected robbers to the hotel. The postal inspector and a secretary concealed themselves in an adjoining room, taking down the conversation between the others.

Jackson, with a reputation in the postal service for daring, tossed a pistol to Stein and told him to defend himself. He then opened fire, dropping Mackin before three bullets brought him down. The woman and one of the men leaped from the window of Stein's room. The others fled through the hotel lobby.

Later, at the hospital, Jackson dictated a statement to his secretary, to be used in the event of his death. The names of the men who accompanied him were given by Mackin as Harris, Tarvis, Eddie Courtney and William Doody.

IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION IN COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP)—The move for repeal of the national origins provision of the immigration act reached the committee stage today, Chairman Johnson having called the senate immigration committee to begin consideration of this part of the administration program for the special session.

Despite the recommendation of President Hoover for suspension of the national origins quota basis, a stubborn fight is in prospect with Senator Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, confidently leading the contest for retention.

Both parties in the senate are divided on the issue and the fight is likely to be a vigorous one, with the time element playing an important part. The new quota basis, limiting immigration to 150,000 annually, goes into effect July 1.

TODAY'S BASEBALL

RED SOX DOWN MIGHTY YANKEES 10-4. BOSTON, Apr. 23 (AP)—The Red Sox opened their home season at Fenway park today by defeating the Yankees 4 to 2. George Pigeaux, starting pitcher for the champions, was wild and the home team punched him for 3 runs in the second. Fred Heilmach finished good for the Sox. Big Ed Morris was effective for the home team.

CLEVELAND RALLY WINS

CLEVELAND, Apr. 23 (AP)—The Cleveland Indians came from behind today to defeat Chicago 5 to 4 in the ninth inning.

ROBBER DEFEAT BRAVES

BROOKLYN, Apr. 23 (AP)—The Robins nipped out the Braves 2 to 2 in 11 innings here today in the official opening of the Brooklyn home season. Dazzy Vance pitched brilliant ball but received indifferent support.

FARM RELIEF SENATE VOTE TO BE TEST

Export Debenture Plan Ballot to Show Administration Strength

LEADERS EXPECT ITS ELIMINATION

Party Loyalty Believed Sufficient to Insure Defeat of Democrats and Independents.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP)—An actual start of the consideration of farm relief legislation was made by the senate today and shortly after 4 o'clock, Chairman McNary of its agriculture committee declared that if congress sent a message to the white house containing the export debenture plan it would receive a presidential veto.

By Raymond Z. Hendo (Associated Press Staff Writer)—WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP)—Republican leaders in the senate have decided to make the vote on the export debenture plan a test of administration strength in that branch of congress.

Fortified by the expressed opposition of President Hoover to the proposal, Senator Watson, of Indiana, made known that at the earliest opportunity he would give notice, as republican leader, of his intention to ask the elimination of the debenture section voted into the farm bill by the agriculture committee.

The senator decided upon this course after a conference with Chairman McNary of the committee, at which it was agreed that the administration leaders should use all their influence to obtain passage of a bill acceptable to the White House in view of the experience during the last session in which differences between the executive and congress caused farm relief proposals to come to naught.

The republican leaders have concluded that they must impress upon the senate that a vote for the debenture plan means a vote against the legislation and that inasmuch as the head of the party has spoken frankly with respect to his own views, it is up to the republican majority in the senate to support him.

Meanwhile, administration leaders have been carefully checking over the senate roster and are hopeful that they have ample votes to eliminate the debenture plan. They foresee a coalition of republican independents with most of the democratic senators in an attempt to keep the proposal in the bill, but they believe that by putting up the question as one of party loyalty to enact legislation promised in a presidential campaign they can hold their lines fairly intact.

HOUSE CONTINUES DEBATE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (AP)—With the senate only at the beginning of its farm relief debate today, the house had an additional day for general discussion of its measure before opening bids on the consideration of amendments.

Regarded by many as second in importance on the administration program only to the general farm aid bill, the tariff revision measure remained before the republican membership of the house ways and means committee. During yesterday's dispute in the house over the committee's activities, members agreed to suspend the consideration of new schedules have been decided upon. Nevertheless, the draft of the bill is expected to be read when the farm relief discussion ends.

May Link Three Railroad Lines

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 23 (AP)—At a recent meeting of representatives of the Great Northern, Western Pacific and Santa Fe railroads, plans were made to link the three lines through construction of 266 miles of road between Klamath Falls, Ore., and Paxton or Redding, Cal. Announcement of this decision was made here late yesterday.

Given 13 Months For Gallon Sale

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 23 (AP)—The first sentence of the new Jones law making sale of liquor a felony, was made today to Jim Bell of Klamath Falls. Bell was sentenced to serve thirteen months at McNeil Island. He pleaded guilty to sale of one gallon of whiskey.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. M.—43 above. Minimum: 42 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 62, minimum 35 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER APR. 23, 1928 Maximum 72, minimum 39 above. Condition: partly cloudy, rain 15 of inch.