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HOUSE PASSES FARM RELIEF BILL

EAST NORMAL SCHOOL WORK GOING AHEAD

Building on Hill Above Connordale Is Nearing Completion

ENTIRE INTERIOR TO BE IMPOSING

Class Rooms Light and Airy Mahogany Work Planned; Crew of 80 Men Now Employed.

The impressive edifice under construction on the hill near Connordale to be known as the Eastern Oregon Normal school is taking on an attractive appearance and within another month the work will be entirely completed so that final arrangements for the opening of the summer school term can be made, says Hubert Galt, superintendent of construction.

Now all of the plastering is completed with the wallpapering yet to be done. The walls of the class rooms will be finished in a rich buff tint.

The material for all the mill work is at hand and the building in of the mill work is under way. The lumber of edge grained fir is sent from McMinnville.

The entire interior of the building is to be most imposing. Martingale mahogany will be used for the hallways of the mainways. The stairs themselves will be of rich brown cement and all will be completed within the next three weeks.

The floors of all lavatory and rest rooms as well as the main entrance corridor are to be done in tile. The tile is to be done by the Oregon Art Tile company of Portland and the marble work will be done by the Vermont Marble company.

Airy Class Rooms The class rooms of the building are light and airy. Altogether a crew of 80 men, 25 per cent of them La Granderians, are working on the

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UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL ENTER CONTEST

The Sunday school of the First Methodist church of La Grande is, so far, ahead in an attendance contest being held with the Sunday school of the Baker Methodist church. The contest started two weeks ago when the Baker organization issued a challenge to La Grande folks at the same time asking for a handicap of 50. On the first Sunday, La Grande won by a margin of only nine. Last Sunday however, with an attendance of 213, they had the advantage to the extent of 32, as Baker had present 181, which, with the handicap, brought their figure to 131.

After two weeks running in this contest, last Sunday the Union Methodist Sunday school voted to challenge both Baker and La Grande in a straight contest with no handicap. Now the contest has become a triangular affair and the interest promises to become very keen. Union boasts that they expect to trim the schools in both the larger towns.

The La Grande school has been making a very noticeable and consistent growth during the last few months. The attendance of 213 last Sunday is the peak this far, and it shows an increase of 192 over the same Sunday a year ago, when the attendance was 108. Ernest S. Burnett is the superintendent of the school and he has gathered about him a corps of dependable and efficient officers and teachers.

State traffic officers checked on approximately 290 La Grande cars last night in one of their monthly headlight investigations. The tests here found the great majority of the lights all right but several adjustments were ordered.

The officers will check on cars in Pendleton tonight. They are: Sergeant Buck Ledwell, of Pendleton; Dick Robertson, of La Grande; W. W. Yancy, of Ontario; Walter Lansing, of Baker; and Officer Fyle, of Arlington.

New Problem In Landing Field Question Here

City to Study Charter as It Affects Municipal Airports—Government Letter Received.

A new question has come up in the airport problem. It developed last night at the city commission meeting when the question was asked whether the city had power under the charter to procure an airport. City Attorney George T. Cochran was authorized to investigate this and report at a later meeting.

Recommendations have been made by the American Legion and the chamber of commerce that the city take over the government emergency field, converting it into a municipal airport. The chamber regards this as one of the major problems this year. Following these recommendations, the city commission has been investigating the situation.

Government Explains A letter was read last night from F. C. Hingburg, chief engineer of the government airways division at Washington, including the following:

The first step in completing this arrangement (taking over of the landing field) would be for the department of commerce to give up its license on the premises and for the city to acquire the right of occupancy by purchase, lease, permission, or other suitable means. Any expenditure in connection with the maintenance of the field, such

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Fanchon-Marco Varieties Will Start Saturday

Another treat is in store for La Grande theater-goers, beginning Saturday afternoon, when the Fanchon and Marco Varieties will start playing at permanent engagement in the Arcade theater.

The Varieties are similar to the Fanchon and Marco Ideas which played here about a year ago, excepting that there is more often smaller groups. Where the Ideas often carried eight or more persons in one act, the Varieties will feature the headliners and keep the groups for each act to two or three or four persons. The quality of the Varieties will be on par with the old Ideas, Meyers and Grueh, of La Grande Theaters, Inc., announce.

The first show will take place Saturday afternoon and evening and thereafter, each Saturday will find a new bill of Varieties. A silent picture will be screened, thus allowing the Arcade to handle a three-day talkie run during the forepart of the week.

The Varieties are at present playing Salem, Medford, Pendleton and other Northwest cities. Each bill will consist of five acts.

La Grande Club Plays At Baker On Next Sunday

La Grande's baseball club, the Pirates, will furnish at least half of the thrills Sunday when Baker has its home opening day in the Blue Mountain league. Last Sunday La Grande and Pendleton celebrated, each winning their games, and this time Baker and Enterprise are hoping that they, too, can turn in victories.

The Pirates will again have Cecil Duff in the box and Earwood will start for Baker. The game will begin at 2:30, according to word received here, and will be played in the park near the Baker matatorium.

La Grande and Baker have both been practicing considerably since the first game and hope to attain mid-season form in a week or two, if the present weather continues. Day before yesterday Baker got in a practice game with the "College of Idaho, the Elphants losing 7 to 2. Earwood held the collectors to 19 hits, but his team mates could only get six and in addition made six errors, which permitted the visitors to skate through to an easy win.

Check On 300 Cars Here Last Night

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SHADOW OF MUSSOLINI IS OVER GENEVA

Premier of Italy Will Insist on Naval Parity With France

DISARM CIRCLES ARE CONCERNED

French Officials Fail to See Justice of Demands Due to Their Colonial Possessions.

GENEVA, Apr. 25 (AP)—Representations that Benito Mussolini, premier of Italy, will insist his country have naval parity with France in any arms agreement which the nations may reach have disquieted disarmament circles here.

In one sense the reports of this stand by the Italian prime minister offered the first serious prospective obstruction to a five-power naval reduction treaty which has appeared since Hugh S. Gibson's broaching Monday of American proposals for naval disarmament.

It was said here today that the Italian government would ask parity with France both on land and sea. French officials were represented as falling to see the justice of such demands and insisting for their part that extensive French colonial possessions and equities open on new waters were sufficient reasons for maintenance of a navy superior to Italy's.

The preparatory commission today heard the first skirmish in the controversy over military parity between Italy and France.

The skirmish took the form of a duel with words between Alberto di Starnis, sixth deputy Italian general and representative of Benito Mussolini, and Count Massigli, tall slender French delegate, and was over the subject of division of air fleets into home and overseas forces.

In the light of Italy's expected contention when naval disarmament proposals reach the negotiation stage that she have a sea power equal to that of France this first clash created absorbing interest and was followed word for word by those present.

General Marinis urged a sharp division of airplanes at home and overseas so as to know exactly how many airplanes any country might have at its disposal at home and in time of crisis.

NEW CAR PARADE THIS SATURDAY

Old Wreck Contest Will Be a Feature—Large Crowd Expected

With fair weather in prospect for the remainder of the week, automobile dealers of La Grande completed their plans for a new car parade and "old wreck" contest for Saturday afternoon of this week, after postponement from last Saturday on account of rain.

Present indications indicate there will be at least 60 new models in line and all of the old wrecks that were ready for the contest last Saturday will be ready to go. Dealers, commenting on this feature of the event, today expressed the opinion that the judges of the worst looking old cars will have a tough job in deciding the winners. Cash prizes will be awarded by The Observer.

One or two additional features are being planned by a committee, and the parade is expected to draw an even greater crowd this Saturday afternoon, especially with favorable weather.

Social Drinks Blind And Paralyze Salem Youths—Police Seek Culprit

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—Two Salem youths, Eddie Pickard and Elmer Lennon, are recovering from the effects of temporary blindness and partial paralysis suffered shortly after they had taken social drinks proffered them by a chance acquaintance at a dance at West Salem Wednesday evening.

Thursday local police were seeking to locate the man with the bottle, whose name is unknown to both of them, the boys said, and to determine the source of the poison moonshine liquor. Several clues as to the identity of the stranger were being investigated.

Pickard was stricken with blindness on the dance floor and was taken to his home by friends. For a considerable time, he told police officers, he was stone blind

Friendly Suit Seeks Ruling On Intangibles Law

Great Oregon Association to Ask Decision on \$500 or \$200 Exemption Figure.

A friendly suit to get a court decision on the amount of exemption allowed under the recently enacted intangibles tax law will be instituted in June when the law goes into effect, according to H. H. Smith, secretary of the Greater Oregon association, who was in La Grande today on business for his organization.

The bill as passed by the legislature, Mr. Smith says, provided for an exemption of \$500 on the part of all citizens of Oregon who would pay an intangibles tax but, due to a clerical error, the bill was printed with an exemption of \$200 provided. Mr. Smith's suit will be to get a court ruling on which figure holds.

The question of exemption under this intangibles tax is already causing comment and speculation over the state. The legislature intent was for the larger amount because it was not the purpose of the legislature to make the tax on intangibles a burden on those people who have a relatively small amount of bonds or other securities and who are living off of the income in a frugal manner.

The law also made no provision for a family exemption and recent interpretations say that by putting portions of intangibles in the name of various members of a family and claiming exemptions for each individual a portion of the tax can

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Jack McCarthy Passes Away In Early Morning

Jack McCarthy, La Grande real estate man and a pioneer resident of the Grande Ronde valley, died at the Grande Ronde hospital this morning after a long illness. He was afflicted with cancer and in spite of every attempt made to cure him, death ensued.

Mr. McCarthy's death came as a severe shock to his host of friends in this city and in the county. He was about 65 years of age and had been a resident of La Grande for 46 or more years.

Mr. McCarthy's funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary with the Knights of Pythias and the Elks in charge. Burial will take place at the Sumnerville cemetery.

Scott Will Coach Baker High School

BAKER, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—George T. Scott, senior at Oregon State college, has been elected athletic director of Baker High school, succeeding H. L. Gilendean, resigned. Hugh Coleman, superintendent of Baker schools, made the announcement today.

Paul J. Schissler, Oregon State coach, recommends Scott as one of the best football coaches ever turned out by the school. He attended University of Nebraska for one year.

Scott will coach football, basketball and track.

Funeral Services At Elgin Today

Funeral services are being held at Elgin this afternoon for John Milo Croghan, a resident of this valley for the last 28 years. Mr. Croghan was 62 years, two months and 14 days of age at the time of his death. The services are in charge of Snodgrass and Zimmerman, of La Grande.

Former Cashier Arrested In L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 25 (AP)—Victor L. Holman, former cashier of the First National bank of Toledo, Ore., was being held by federal officers here today, charged with embezzling \$2000 of the bank's funds last July. He was arrested at Santa Monica.

Officers Arrest American Fliers

TUCSON, Ariz., Apr. 25 (AP)—Two American aviators, W. L. Mitchell and Pete Stanley, both of whom gave their home as Big Springs, Texas, were arrested here last night by United States border patrolmen on a charge of transporting munitions of war into Mexico. Their plane was seized.

SUN SHINES HERE; STORMS HIT MIDWEST

Tornadoes, Rain, Snow, Hail and Sleet Rake Many Districts

SEVEN KILLED IN TEXAS TORNADOES

Cheyenne, Wyo., Has the Worst Blizzard in Its History—Tremendous Damage Is Reported

SUN SHINING HERE While tornadoes, rain, snow, hail and sleet made life precarious in middle-western, southern and Rocky Mountain states yesterday and today, the sun was shining brightly in La Grande, with the temperature expected to reach the mark of 60 above.

Yesterday the mercury went up to 50, dropping to one degree above freezing during the night.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Apr. 25 (AP)—Lashed for nearly 24 hours by one of the worst blizzards in the history of Wyoming, Cheyenne today awaited reports from this vicinity over paralyzed lines of communication to learn the damage of the freak storm. Tremendous damage to livestock and other property and possible loss of life in the blizzard were feared.

Starting as a rain storm, accompanied by heavy thunder and lightning, Tuesday, the storm changed suddenly to snow. There were severe displays of lightning.

It was believed that the blizzard would cause greater destruction than the storm of May, 1927, which claimed eight lives and caused a huge amount of damage to livestock and property.

NEBRASKA HARD HIT OMAHA, Neb., Apr. 25 (AP)—Tornadoes, rain, snow, hail and sleet raked Nebraska yesterday, causing heavy property damage and injuring at least two persons.

While two tornadoes struck in Eastern Nebraska the western section of the state was being swept by snow and rain. In some sections cloudbursts occurred and at least two towns suffered from flood waters. Heavy wet snow was driven by a 50 mile gale.

A tornado cut a path 14 miles long through the farming community between Ulysses and David City, doing thousands of dollars worth of property damage. Hesse Howe, a farmer, was slightly injured when struck by flying debris. The home of Harry Boyd, state representative from Butler county, was destroyed as were all other buildings on the block farm.

Second Tornado Another tornado of lesser intensity wrecked several farm buildings.

Legion Commander Salem Guest Today

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—Paul V. McNutt, national commander of the American Legion, will be honored with a reception at the state capitol this afternoon about 2:55 o'clock. McNutt and party will arrive here directly from Corvallis where a reception will be held earlier in the day. The national commander is accompanied by Mrs. McNutt and Mrs. Boyce Ficklin, national president of the American Legion auxiliary. From Corvallis to Salem Governor Patterson and Adjutant General George A. White will be in the party, while Ben S. Fisher, state commander, is accompanying McNutt on his entire Oregon tour.

Commander McNutt will speak after the arrival here.

4,000 HOMES AT MERCY OF MISSISSIPPI

QUINCY, Ill., Apr. 25 (AP)—The homes of 4,000 people and the safety of over \$4,000,000 worth of property lay at the mercy of the Mississippi today and the prospects of compassion from the mighty river seemed woefully slim.

Rain poured last night into the rivers to the north in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri after heavy showers the day before had caused a six inch rise at Keokuk, and the government engineers here said the river would unquestionably rise again.

PRETTIEST



This flashing, dark-eyed beauty, Miss Joaquina Rodriguez of Porto Rico, is in Washington as her country's delegate to a Red Cross convention. She is considered Porto Rico's most beautiful girl.

DENTIST SLAIN IN HIS OFFICE

Chicago Man Linked With Underworld—Incriminating Evidence Found

CHICAGO, Apr. 25 (AP)—Dr. Frank L. Brady, a West Side dentist, had two callers last night who weren't listed on his appointment book, and one of them shot him dead.

Dr. Brady, 34 years old, had extracted a tooth for a woman patient and given her a chair in a private office that she might recover from the effects of the local anesthetic. A man patient then sat down in the dentist's chair while Dr. R. H. Best, a physician sharing offices with Dr. Brady, watched over the woman.

Two men pushed open the door leading from the corridor to the room in which the patient, Mrs. Edna Walsh, was sitting. Dr. Brady was on the point of returning to his other office when the men appeared.

One of the men carried a revolver which he pointed at Dr. Brady, saying: "We've got you now. Shot to death."

The dentist cried "Don't!" and reached out to grab the gun muzzle. The gunman fired and Dr. Brady fell. Another shot was fired into his body as he lay on the floor, and the killer said:

"There you go. You'll never try a stunt like that again." He pocketed his gun, glanced at his companion and the two ran into

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Self-Appointed Dry Agents Are Held By Police

Surrender After Shooting Rancher in Gun Battle—Still and Liquor Are Confiscated.

LANCASTER, Cal., Apr. 25 (AP)—Two self-appointed dry agents, both of whom had been dropped from the federal prohibition service, were in jail here early today on charges of suspicion of murder in connection with the killing yesterday of Charles Chulla, asserted moonshiner and rum runner, in a four-man gun battle on a ranch in the Mojave desert.

Officers were searching for the fourth man who took part in the battle, believed to be an Indian, known here only as "Hess."

Get 9000 Gallons A fifth man, caught last night tending a huge still near where the fighting took place, was under arrest on a Jones act charge and 9,000 gallons of alcohol, taken with him, was in the possession of federal officers. The agents believed the source of supply of a large Southern California bootleg ring had been uncovered.

Chulla was killed yesterday afternoon on the Harry Cohen ranch, about 10 miles from here, in what Harry Cohenworth and Jack Ormsby described as a "desperate gun battle" after the former prohibition agents had visited several ranches in the Lancaster area, searching, they asserted, for stills. Ormsby and Cohenworth declared that they had been promised their federal jobs back again if they would find a few stills. Federal agents at Los Angeles and here denied that the men had any such agreement. Arresting officers said that both men were working as dry law enforcement officers apparently without any authority. When arrested both men had Los Angeles county special deputy sheriff badges. County officials said these

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Gasoline Price War Finds Many Stations Closed

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 25 (AP)—Colorful, defiant banners have been flung to the breeze at outpost after outpost in the latest outbreak of Portland's newest gasoline price war. Several stations have closed after destroying contracts with the oil companies. Hundreds of others have painted trade marks from their pumps. The predominant war paint is red. The predominant price of motor fuel is 20 cents.

At one of the city's largest service stations flapped this banner: "We are fighting for our very existence. Help us prevent a monopoly with higher prices later. I am fighting for a living for myself and family. Gasoline twenty cents."

At another station this banner had been unfurled across the lot: "Gasoline 20 cents. Cost 16 1/2 in tanks. Rent, labor, taxes and shrinkage \$7.70 per month. We are not out to wreck others. Nor do we intend to be wrecked."

The Portland retail gasoline dealers' protective association, with more than 300 members, launched the war. They declare the major oil companies are selling gasoline to commercial accounts for 12 1/2 cents a gallon, and to farmers for 10 1/2 cents, while charging service station owners 16 1/2 cents per gallon.

Some members have insisted that the minority should line up behind the export debenture plan in the senate bill but whether this view will get widespread support is not known.

An attempt, however, has been made in some quarters to have the minority in the senate and house agree upon a plan of action so that a united front could be presented during the consideration of the farm bills.

Religious Rebels Turn Back Loyals

MEXICO CITY, Apr. 25 (AP)—"Bloody fighting between 1,000 so-called religious rebels and the federal army of General Saturnino Cedillo at Tepic, Jalisco, was believed still in progress today after three days conflict."

"Shouting their battle cry, 'Vive Cristo Rey'—Long live Christ King—the beleaguered rebel force was said not only to have repulsed federal attacks with hand to hand and bayonet fighting, but to have inflicted reverses on the government troops."

General Cedillo, charged by General Calles with "extermination" of the "Cristeños"—as the government terms the rebels—was quoted as expressing confidence his superior numbers and better equipment would prevail in the end and that he would invest the town.

Cabinet Resigns in Denmark Today

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Apr. 25 (AP)—Premier Maatsen Mykdal tendered the resignation of his cabinet to King Christian today in compliance with yesterday's election results, which failed to give his party, the liberals, a majority in parliament. He was asked to continue in office until a new cabinet could be formed.

MEASURE TO BE SENT TO THE SENATE

Action Taken Late Today After Move for a Continuous Session

DEBENTURE PLAN MOTION REJECTED

Democrats in Senate Will Not Be Bound to Debenture Plan, Caucus Decides Today.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (AP)—The new farm relief bill was passed late today by the house. The clerk had passed but little beyond the half way mark in calling the roll when the 218 votes necessary to give a majority vote of the house had been recorded in favor of passage.

The house passed the bill by a vote of 367 to 54. The measure was approved virtually in the form reported by the agriculture committee. It goes to the senate where a measure similar in general purport but containing the controversial export debenture plan is under consideration.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (AP)—A move to hold the house in continuous session until a final vote on the new farm relief bill was initiated late today by supporters of the measure, who predicted this would be reached in a few hours unless an unexpected change of amendments should be forthcoming.

Representative Mages, Republican, Michigan, presiding at the time, held the debenture plan could not be embodied in the measure, as it proposed a plan of farm relief different from that outlined in the bill. His decision precluded a vote on the proposal.

DEMOCRATS TAKE ACTION WASHINGTON, Apr. 25 (AP)—A decision not to attempt to bind all democrats in the senate to the export debenture plan could not be embodied in the measure, as it proposed a plan of farm relief different from that outlined in the bill. His decision precluded a vote on the proposal.

While nothing has been said officially as to what attitude the democrats in congress, as a party, would take on farm legislation, it is known that a number of members have been conferring informally on the question.

Some members have insisted that the minority should line up behind the export debenture plan in the senate bill but whether this view will get widespread support is not known.

An attempt, however, has been made in some quarters to have the minority in the senate and house agree upon a plan of action so that a united front could be presented during the consideration of the farm bills.

This conference also decided it would not be practicable to attempt inclusion of the equalization fee in the farm bill.

TODAY'S BASEBALL

INDIANS BLANKED DETROIT, Apr. 25 (AP)—The Detroit Tigers score a shutout victory over the Cleveland Indians here today, 5 to 0.

Cleveland 0 R. H. E. Detroit 5 11 1 Batteries: Ruffin and L. Sewell; Yde and Phillips.

POSTPONEMENTS National League: Cincinnati-St. Louis postponed, rain, double-header Saturday; Chicago at Pittsburgh, postponed, rain; Boston-Brooklyn, postponed, rain; Philadelphia-New York, postponed, rain.

American League: New York at Boston, postponed, rain; Washington at Philadelphia, postponed, rain.

ST. LOUIS WINS CHICAGO, Apr. 25 (AP)—St. Louis nosed out Chicago in a 3-1 American league today, although the losers gathered the most hits.

St. Louis 3 R. H. E. Chicago 1 8 1 Batteries: Gray and Schanz; Lyons, Connally and Autry, Crou

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m., -42 above. Minimum: 33 above. Condition: clear. WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 69, minimum 37 above. Condition: clear. WEATHER APR. 25, 1929 Maximum 69, minimum 33 above. Condition: clear.