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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair tonight and Thursday but increasing cloudiness west, moderate temperature. Moderately low humidity.

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MAY 6 LAST DAY TO PAY HALF TAXES

Payments Are Coming in Slightly Better Than Last Year

DIVISION OF TAX DOLLAR IS GIVEN

In La Grande, Schools and City Government Take Up Three-Fourths of Money Paid.

With the final date for paying the first half of the 1920 taxes without a penalty only five working days away, including today, some very interesting comparisons of city taxes, figures showing where each division of the property owner's tax dollar goes, etc., have been prepared by the Oregon Voter and printed in the current number.

Carl Ebert, Union county deputy sheriff and tax collector, reported this morning that tax payments are about on par with last year, although a check a day or two ago showed slightly more receipts. He urges that all tax payers bring their statements with them as this permits quicker completion of the transaction. He also announces that a penalty of one per cent a month will be charged after May 6 on the first half taxes.

C. C. Chapman's information in the Oregon Voter touches upon all phases of tax payments in Oregon, ranging from the smallest community to the cities and the state.

The cover of the magazine shows where the average \$100 tax check goes, the revenue being divided as follows: \$1.10 for soldier bonus, \$18.70 for city government, \$2.20 for state government, \$17.42 for roads and bridges and road bonds, \$8.97 for local districts (port, dock, irrigation, etc.), \$7.28 for county government, \$27.09 for elementary and high schools, \$5.53 for higher education and \$8.66 for public library.

However, in each city and county, the division of the tax dollar is somewhat different, the above figures representing the average.

La Grande Tax Check In La Grande, which has a total property tax for 1920 of \$246,861, if your tax bill is \$100, for example, it is mostly taken up by schools and city government, the two taking slightly more than 75 per cent. The \$100 revenue check would be divided as follows: soldier bonus, \$9.64, city government \$34.55, state, \$11.23, roads and road bonds \$14.56, county \$4.92, schools \$49.76 and higher education \$5.22.

In the Oregon Voter the La Grande figures are compared with the Salem figures, the comparison favoring La Grande in many respects. Although Salem is less than three times as large as La Grande, the tax payers in the capital city provide \$52,171 for city government as compared with \$119,556 in La Grande, or percentage of 35.72 and 34.56 respectively. Salem pays a higher percentage on the soldier bonus, on the state taxes, on roads and road bonds, on county taxes and on higher education. The only point where La Grande taxpayer's provide a higher percentage than Salem is for elementary and high schools, the Salem percentage being 35.98 compared with 40.76 in La Grande.

Union Taxes Highest In the magazine tables are also printed showing city taxes over the state, giving the amount, the actual

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REGENTS WILL BE HERE FOR DEDICATION

Before the meeting yesterday of the Oregon Normal school board of regents at Salem was completed, it was agreed that some of the regents will attend the ceremonies attending the dedication of the Eastern Oregon Normal school in La Grande. A committee of regents also was selected to confer with the La Grande school board in connection with practice teaching. The meeting yesterday probably will be the last before the new law creating the state board of higher education goes into effect. Earlier in the meeting faculty members for the La Grande normal school were announced. They were printed in yesterday's Observer.

WEATHER TODAY 7-29 a. m.—42 above. Minimum: 26 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 52, minimum 33 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER MAY 1, 1920 Maximum 52, minimum 31 above. Condition: partly cloudy, rain 83 of inch.

O.-W. To Spend Large Sum For Local Salaries

Payroll of La Grande Shops About \$115,000 a Month—New Rolling Stock to Be Bought.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1 (Special)—Large payrolls and other expenditures in Oregon are included in the \$6 million dollar maintenance and improvement program of the Union Pacific for 1920, announced by C. R. Gray, president, today.

Of the total amount of budgets, approximately 7 1/2 million dollars is for use in Oregon. An additional 7 million dollars is applicable to Washington.

The \$6 million dollar total represents an increase of more than 6 million dollars over last year, and the increase applicable to Oregon and also that to Washington is in approximately that ratio. The increase in expenditures in Oregon and the rest of the Pacific Northwest may properly be taken as evidence of our faith in this territory," said Mr. Gray. "We are building for the future as well as the present. The expenditures are all in the direction of still safer and more dependable transportation and they are made in accord with the Union Pacific's policy of anticipating the needs of its traffic."

Spend Large Sum Here For maintenance of equipment \$3,375,000 is provided for use in Oregon, approximately half of this amount being for wages of shop workers. Two of the largest shops on the system are at Portland and La Grande, the company's payrolls at these points, for shop and other employes, now being approximately \$500,000 a month and \$115,000 a month, respectively. Other important maintenance of equipment work is done at The Dalles, Rich and Huntington.

The maintenance of way and structures program calls for \$3,004,000 for use in Oregon, approximately 60 per cent of which is for wages. Approximately \$1 million dollars more is to be expended on maintenance of way and structures in Washington and Idaho.

More than 40 million dollars of the 1920 budgets are for the provision of the Union Pacific System serving Oregon from the east and in this amount is included provision for the lengthening of numerous passing tracks to facilitate further the movement of freight trains, the laying of new and heavier rail

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Band Concert To Be Given May 7 At High School

One of the stellar features of music week in La Grande will be the concert to be given by the municipal band assisted by the boys' glee club of La Grande High school Tuesday evening at 8:15 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

A selection of Victor Herbert's favorites containing the best known melodies from the light operas of the late composer, will be played by the band. Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller and Paul Knatz will sing some of these well-known and beloved melodies, accompanied by the band. Music week is sponsored in La Grande by the Neighborhood club. President Herbert Hoover is honorary chairman of national music week. The committee in charge here includes: Mrs. Lynn Wright, chairman; Mrs. Sherwood Williams, Mrs. H. A. Zurbrick and Mrs. S. D. Morgan.

Appoint Country Club Committees

To head the plans and management of the La Grande Country club for the present season, Charles Reynolds, president, today announced the appointment of standing committees for the year.

This evening at 7:30 o'clock the regular monthly session of the club will be held at Mr. Reynolds's office.

Portland Banker Is Rotary Speaker

Mr. West, of the Federal Reserve bank of Portland, was the speaker at the La Grande Rotary club luncheon today at noon in the La Grande hotel, delivering a very interesting talk.

Ancient Revolver In Antique Shop Led To Writing "Gold Bullets"



Beautiful and Daring, her romance with Jerry Oaden adds to the gripping interest of "Gold Bullets," which starts in The Observer Monday, May 6.

MANY ASK ABOUT NORMAL SCHOOL

Steady Stream of Applications to Summer Session, Hunter Says

Flowing in a steady stream, applications for admittance to the summer session of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, which will begin June 27, continue to arrive at the office of the Union county chamber of commerce, A. H. Hunter, chamber of commerce secretary, has just received a letter from an applicant living in Lewiston, Ida.

The question which most of the writers ask is regarding board and room in La Grande while they are attending the school. The letters coming from Portland, the Willamette valley, Washington, Idaho, and Eastern Oregon points.

The advantages offered by this section of the state for summer vacationing and the opportunity of seeing another part of Oregon are given by Mr. Hunter as among the reasons for many wishing to attend the school from other states and other parts of the state.

The first term of the summer session will close July 26 and the second term will begin July 25, closing Aug. 29. The fall term will begin Sept. 23 and school will be out June 13.

An attendance of 150 students is expected for the summer term.

FOUR LIVING PICTURES TO BE PRESENTED

Four "living" pictures portrayed to a musical accompaniment, and a play, "The Garden of Eden," will be the main features of the program to be given in the auditorium of La Grande High school Friday night by Central school, to which fathers, mothers and friends are invited. It will begin at 8 o'clock, and is sponsored as part of the art exhibition day in the local schools. A small admission will be charged, the proceeds to go toward a fund for the purchase of a projection lantern to further the current idea of "visual" education.

The pictures to be acted out by children are "Mother," "Feeding the Birds," "Age of Innocence," and the "Spring Dance." Instrumental music or singing will accompany the acting.

Six songs will be sung by the children of the three eighth grade rooms. The art exhibit recently shown in Spokane and a demonstration of the work of each grade will also be part of the program.

Flag Fund Dance Follows Parade

Following a parade of veterans the legion drum corps and the national guard band this evening, the flag fund dance given by the Spanish war veterans will be held in the Zuber hall. It will be a military ball but the public also will be in attendance. All veterans are to attend in uniform.

The music for this dance will be furnished by the Star Novelty orchestra and six pieces.

TEST OF NEW INVENTION IS SUCCESSFUL

Story Telephoned to A. P. Today by Reporter in Airplane

WIRELESS LINKS VOICE TO PHONE

Demonstration Conducted During Poor Weather Conditions, Causing Some "Static"

(Associated Press Staff Writer) ABOVE NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, May 1 (AP)—This story was telephoned to the Associated Press today by a reporter high above land in the first public demonstration of a Western Electric invention which enables an aviator to chat from the clouds with any earth-bound telephone subscriber.

Taking off in the flying telephone booth from Bradley field, N. J., and linked by wireless with the land lines of the Commercial Telephone system, the reporter gave his number and presently heard the Associated Press switchboard operator in New York City answer: "Give me the city desk," he said, trying to be nonchalant but feeling somewhat as though he were wearing the mantle of Aladdin, Merlin, the Witch of Endor and Cinderella's fairy godmother.

And so this story, the first newspaper article to come by wireless telephone, was dictated through the air of "Upper New Jersey" and over a regular telephone wire on the ground to a news office with no more fuss than a district reporter calling in a fire from around the corner. And the latest wonder of science was reported for all the world to read.

Weather Causes Breaks There were times, however, when the roar of the airplane motor cut into the "connection" like so much radio static and for a second or two at a time the "line" went bad, probably because of weather conditions and the pitching of the plane.

The demonstration was staged as rain was falling and fog blanketed New Jersey and the metropolis.

Barbers Vote To Revise Prices Here On May 15

A price revision, to become effective in La Grande on May 15, was agreed upon at a meeting of journeymen and master barbers last night at Ellis and Meyers shop. The vote was unanimous on the new schedule.

Hair cuts for adults will be 65 cents instead of 50 cents but children under 12 years of age will be charged only 50 cents. A single shave, without a neck shave, will be 25 cents, the same as at present. However, a shave with a neck shave will be 35 cents or a neck shave alone will be 10 cents. Neck shaves formerly were 15 cents. A haircut and shave will be 90 cents compared with 75 cents at present.

Fishes shampoo will be 75 cents and tonic extra will cost 25 cents. A plain shampoo, tar or coal olive, will be 50 cents, compared with 75 cents at present, with tonic 25 cents extra.

No service will be given for less than 25 cents, including men's neck shaves, women's neck clip or shave, children's neck clip or shave. This service includes an outline job or feather edge.

All other work will remain the same as at present. In explaining the revision, the barbers pointed out that the state law now required a double supply of lines, a duplicate set of tools and \$50 for sterilizing equipment per shop.

HOWARD BESOR NOMINATED WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Howard Earl Besor, of St. Louis, was nominated today by President Hoover to be a member of the federal farm loan board, filling up the unexpired term of Commissioner Eugene Meyer, who has resigned.

Associated Girl Students Elect Officers—Lena Duckett President

Election of officers of the Associated Girl Students of La Grande high school was held yesterday with the following results: president, Lena Duckett; first vice president, Iris Hughes; second vice president, Mary Lou Piper; third vice president, Mildred Cade; secretary-treasurer, Frances De Long; and Norman Kidwell.

Installation will be held later and the officers will begin their work at the opening of the school year next fall. Election was by secret ballot and the votes were counted by Miriam Hanna, Jennie Nielson, Evelyn Her and Bethel Peterson.

In all 150 votes were cast. The membership of the association included all the girls in high school, about 325 in number.

RIOTS MARK MAY DAY IN MANY CITIES

Berlin Reports Numerous Clashes and 200 Arrests

SPECIAL POLICE ON DUTY IN N. Y.

Steamship Ile de France Held Up in Havre by Strike—May Sail from Port May 2.

BERLIN, May 1 (AP)—Police and communists clashed at various points in Berlin during today's celebration of May day, one person being killed and several being injured.

One demonstrator in a clash at Haackescher Market in Old Berlin, died from a shot wound. The communists, after meeting in different halls, formed processions and marched through the streets. Mounted police intervened and dispersed the crowd, meeting resistance; stones and bottles being thrown at them. In some cases they fired a few shots before scattering the demonstrators several of whom were reported to have been wounded.

NEW YORK, May 1 (AP)—Five thousand policemen, one-third of the city's force, have been assigned to special duty today to protect officials, prominent persons and public buildings from possible May day disturbances.

Police have been assigned to guard the homes of John D. Rockefeller Jr., J. Pierpont Morgan, Maypole Walker, city, state and federal judges and many public and municipal buildings. Police also have been ordered to stop any illegal gathering.

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FOREST FIRE IS BURNING IN SOUTH

Season Opens with Blaze in Valuable Timber in California

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., May 1 (AP)—A forest fire stirred up by a strong north wind which has fanned into flames coils left from the burning of a fire break, today swept over valuable timber lands in Day canyon in the San Gabriel mountains, west of here and was said by rangers to be out of control after burning 325 acres.

More than one hundred men were quickly mobilized and rushed to the fire scene as the flames threatened extensive timber tracts in the federal and San Bernardino county forests.

Rangers reported that the fire danger was exceedingly grave inasmuch as the flames have passed the brush section of the canyon and now were raging among the heavy timber.

The sweeping north wind in four hours' time had spread the flames over a wide area and left more than 300 acres of blackened mountainside. Ranger reports said the fire had divided and was branching out to the east and west, jumping a broad fire break on the eastern side of the canyon.

The fire was the first serious forest menace this year in Southern California. Last fall, following a dry season, heavy damage was wrought among timber lands by frequent fires which were general in all of the mountain ranges in this region.

Two More Indicted In Los Angeles Co.

LOS ANGELES, May 1 (AP)—Two grand jury indictments charging Harold L. "Buddy" Davis and Donald McKay, former deputy district attorneys, with conspiracy to give and receive bribes in connection with the prosecution of the fraud cases resulting from the stock promotion of the defunct Julian Petroleum corporation, were given to the sheriff today.

ELLECT NEW COACH The school board, meeting this afternoon, elected Ira C. Woodie, senior at the University of Oregon, as athletic director for the La Grande schools next year. Mr. Woodie was notified today but had not yet accepted as "The Observer" went to press. This action followed the recent resignation of Ralph W. Childs, to take effect at the conclusion of this school year.

LAN CHANEY III, LOS ANGELES, May 1 (AP)—Lon Chaney, film actor, is confined to his Beverly Hills home suffering an attack of influenza.

Eastern Oregon Farm Districts Need More Rain

Winter Wheat Advancing But Is Behind Normal Stage—Fruit Trees Are Also Backward.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1 (AP)—Considerable areas east of the Cascade mountains need more rain, although the soil is amply moist in western counties and in the south, Edward L. Wells, meteorologist for the United States department of agriculture, said today in his weekly report.

Several warm days during the past week, the report said, were favorable for the advance of vegetation, but toward the close of the week lower temperatures obtained, with some frost.

Winter Wheat Delayed Winter wheat made considerable advance during the week, but is much behind the normal stage for this date. Seeding of spring wheat and oats continues, and early sown spring grain is coming up. Some corn has been planted in southern counties.

The report said: "Pears, prunes and cherries are in full bloom in the milder districts, but elsewhere bloom is very backward. In elevated districts no bloom is showing. Conditions in southern Oregon were favorable for pollination.

Pasture Improving Pastures made considerable improvement but in some places are still inadequate for needs of stock. Hay crops are late but made considerable growth during the week.

"Shearing of sheep has been delayed by low temperature and there has been some loss of lambs, but in most districts stock is improving. There has been some movement of stock to summer range.

"Potatoes and garden vegetables are coming up slowly and planting has been delayed on account of cold weather.

"Hops are in good condition but late."

Heflin Request Is Voted Down By The Senate

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—The senate refused today by a vote of 69 to 14 to adopt the resolution of Senator Heflin, Democrat, Alabama, condemning the attack on himself at Brockton, Mass., after he had delivered an address there.

Senator Heflin had aroused considerable religious debate over his resolution after he had charged that opposition to it was in fluenced by the Roman Catholics.

Senator Watson of Indiana, the republican leader, called for a vote on the resolution today after Heflin had given notice he would discuss it again.

Those supporting the Heflin resolution included the republicans, Robinson of Indiana, and Hackett of Kentucky. At the time of his visit to Brockton to address a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan, Senator Heflin was assaulted with missiles, one of them a bottle, which missed him and struck a policeman.

May Day Brings Bleak Picture To Rocky Mt. Area

DENVER, May 1 (AP)—May day brought to the Rocky Mountain region another copy of the bleak picture that has recurred so many times during the last few months—a swirling, blinding snow storm borne in on a north wind.

Throughout the entire eastern tier of the Rocky mountain states his picture described weather conditions correctly in a large majority of communities. Cold rain had turned to heavy wet snow in much of Montana and Wyoming. Snow also fell in northwestern Colorado.

BAKER COPPER BELT SHOWING MORE DEPTH

BAKER, Ore., May 1 (AP)—Officials of the Oregon Copper company near here announced today that cutting of a south vein in the 200-foot level of the Peorera shaft has disclosed that ore bodies of the Baker county copper belt continue to show depth.

Assays of the ore show copper from 3 per cent up to more than 6 per cent, with selected samples showing more than 15 per cent. The assays revealed several ounces of silver and more than \$1.00 in gold.

The Oregon Copper company is now opening veins to greater depth. The Balm Creek shaft is being sunk 500 feet below the present level. One hundred feet of this has been completed.

Presence of primary and secondary ore bodies, predicted by many geologists, may be revealed by the work, miners say.

SENATE WILL VOTE FRIDAY, McNARY SAYS

Question of Export Debuture Plan Will Be Settled May 8

TARIFF BILL TO BE READY SOON

Measure, However, Will Not Be Taken Up for Debate Until Next Week Is Report.

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Friday afternoon was set today by Chairman McNary, of the senate agricultural committee for a senate vote on the export debenture plan as a method of farm relief.

Replying to a charge by Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the democratic leader, that republicans farm leaders had deserted the equalization fee for political expediency, Senator Watson of Indiana, the republican leader, asserted in the senate today that Robinson himself attacked the fee and later accepted it.

The Indiana senator said that in May, 1924, Robinson opposed the adoption of an amendment to a pending cooperative marketing bill which sought to incorporate the fee.

"I want to show," he said, "that before the senator from Arkansas asks me to take the beam out of my eye he takes the mote out of his own."

Tariff Bill Next The tariff revision bill will be introduced in the house either Friday or Saturday, Representative Tilson of Connecticut, the republican leader, said today after a conference with Chairman Hawley of the ways and means committee.

The measure will not be taken up for debate until next week, however, as several days will be given the membership to study the matter, old provisions for purposes of comparison with the present law.

The bill thus will be given to the house for consideration four months from the date the full committee began public hearings on the subject. Seven weeks and a half were devoted to these hearings and upon their conclusion the republican members began the writing of the bill. Their work has been in progress nearly two months and so great has been their task that lately they have found it necessary to hold many night sessions.

HAWLEY ANSWERS WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Chairman Hawley of the house ways and means committee today declared before this chamber of commerce of the United States that while tariff suggestions from foreign countries had been considered by the committee in framing tariff revision legislation that "we alone have the right to say what shall happen" to the market created by

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TODAY'S BASEBALL

ANGELS RUY BOEHLER LOS ANGELES, May 1 (AP)—J. H. Patrick, president of the Los Angeles club, announced today the purchase of George Boehler, "Iron Man" pitcher from the Oakland club. The deal was strictly cash.

AMERICAN LEAGUE GAMES BOSTON, May 1 (AP)—The Athletics celebrated May day today with a tremendous barrage of hits, defeating the home team 24 to 6.

R. H. E. Philadelphia 24 29 9 Boston 6 18 5 Batteries: Grove, Orwoll and Cochrane; Perkins; M. Gaston, Durham, Bayne, Carroll and A. Gaston.

R. H. E. St. Louis 4 10 9 Cleveland 5 8 1 Batteries: Crowder and Schang; Farrell, Holloway and L. Sewell.

GAMES POSTPONED American league: Washington at New York, rain; Detroit-Chicago, rain.

National league: Boston at Philadelphia, rain; New York at Brooklyn, rain.

CANCELED GAMES CINCINNATI, May 1 (AP)—The Cubs and the Reds batted 4 to 4 tie in thirteen innings here today. The game was called when there was still light enough to play. The Chicago team had to catch a train for Philadelphia. The Reds tied the score with two runs in the ninth, and ended the thirteenth with the bases filled.

(13 innings) R. H. E. Chicago 4 10 2 Cincinnati 4 13 9 Batteries: Bush and Grace; Luque, Ash, Rizey and Gooch, Dixon.