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Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Friday, probably showers north-west; mild temperature, rising humidity.

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COUNTY TAX
DOLLAR NEAR
THE AVERAGEProperty Owners Pay
Slightly More for Roads
and Schools HereCITY EXPENSE IS
BELOW AVERAGETwelve Counties Increase
Taxes More Than Union
—21 Have Higher Out-
of-Town Rate.

Union county's tax dollar as paid this year for 1928 taxes compares favorably with the average tax dollar for all counties of the state of Oregon, according to a survey made by C. C. Chapman and published in this month's issue of the Oregon Voter.

Much of the material presented in the Oregon Voter was incorporated in a story in yesterday's issue of The Observer, devoted largely to city government costs. Today's article deals with county taxes.

The Union county tax dollar for this year is divided by percentage as follows:

State purposes: soldiers' bonus (\$9,908), 1.1 per cent; high education (\$49,567), 5.4 per cent; general (\$20,441), 2.2 per cent. The total for the state is 8.7 per cent or \$79,916.

Local purposes: schools, high and elementary (\$371,094), 40.4 per cent; roads and road bonds (\$228,246), 24.5 per cent; county general (\$71,124), 7.4 per cent; cities and towns (\$151,413), 16.5 per cent; fire patrol (\$16,221), 1.7 per cent.

Total for local purposes is 61.5 per cent or \$838,198, giving a grand total of \$918,114 or 100 per cent.

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JUNIOR PLAY
SKIT IS GIVEN
THIS MORNING

Members of the junior play cast presented a skit from "Applesauce" at a general student body assembly at 9 o'clock this morning. The presentation meeting with enthusiastic approval and indicating an excellent and entertaining presentation for the public at the high school auditorium next Thursday and Friday.

The three-act comedy drama "Applesauce" is one of the newest plays and it is believed that its staging next week will mark its debut into the state of Oregon.

Tickets are now being distributed to students and will be placed on sale immediately.

WEATHER TODAY
7-26 a. m.—48 above.
Minimum: 49 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 67, minimum 30 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER MAY 2, 1929
Maximum 54, minimum 31 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

Geo. H. Currey
Heads Planning
Commission HerePermanent Organization
Follows Regular City
Commission Meeting
Last Evening.

Permanent organization of the city planning commission, with four appointed and three ex-officio members in attendance, followed the regular city commission meeting last night. George H. Currey, realtor, was elected president and Charles B. Miller was elected secretary. A vice president will be elected at a later meeting.

Presiding at this letter was read from Mrs. C. S. Birnie, declining her appointment. It was also announced that Mr. Edwards who declined his appointment last week had reconsidered and would accept. One more member remains to be appointed by A. T. Hill, president of the city commission.

The matter of the Connorsville park was discussed last night and today the planning commission was to visit the two blocks set aside for this purpose and it is expected that a decision will be reached to plow the park and keep down the weeds this year, preparatory to further development next year.

Charter Discussed

At the regular commission meeting, City Attorney George T. Cochran reported that the city charter did not give any power to lease or purchase an airport but State Senator Colon R. Eberhard, deputy city attorney, reported that the legislature passed a law in 1921 giving all Oregon cities this right. The matter was continued another week for more investigation.

A rooming house license request, filed by Mrs. Josephine Porter and Mrs. G. S. Kingsley for 1408 Washington avenue, was referred to the city manager and the salary list, in the amount of \$6,282.91, for the month of April, was ordered paid.

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SCHOOL BOUNDARY
PETITIONS FROM
COVE ARE DENIED

At the meeting of the district boundary board held at the county court house yesterday a re-hearing was held and the previous action of the board was affirmed in the granting of the petitions previously presented by delegations from Telocast and Medical Springs. The petitions asked for a change of school boundary whereby half of school district No. 62 becomes added to the Medical Springs district and the other half goes into the Telocast district.

A delegation from Cove also appeared before the boundary board yesterday and their petition was denied. It called for taking off part of school district No. 15 and adding it to district No. 4.

The county court expected to close its May session today with the completion of auditing bills.

Horseshoe Men To Organize Monday

Horseshoe pitchers are to come into their own in La Grande. Next Monday night a meeting will be held at the city hall for the purpose of organizing a La Grande Horseshoe club and after that, the club will make arrangements for an Eastern Oregon horseshoe tournament to be held in this city. All horseshoe pitchers are urged to attend the meeting Monday night.

At present, there is one regulation court behind the city hall building and plans are under way to construct three more, which will permit four games to be under way simultaneously.

HEAD LEAGUE



These girls will head the University of Oregon Woman's league for the coming year. They are (1) Helen Peters, Portland, president; (2) Bess Templeton, Portland, treasurer; (3) Bernice Woodward, Portland, sergeant-at-arms; (4) Joan Patterson, Baker, vice president; (5) Lois Nelson, La Grande, reporter; and (6) Dorothy Kirk, Oregon City, secretary.

111 ATHLETES IN
E. O. TRACK MEETEight Schools to Send
Teams, Including Three
From Grant County

Eight high school track teams have sent entries to La Grande for the Eastern Oregon track and field meet to be held here Saturday. For the first time in its history, Grant County is sending three teams, one from Long Creek, one from Prairie City and one from John Day.

Besides the Grant county teams and the La Grande squad, Pendleton, Baker, Union and Mac-Hi have sent in entries.

So far a total of 111 athletes have been registered for competition, divided as follows: Pendleton 15, John Day 7, Baker 14, Prairie City 4, Union 12, Mac-Hi 19, La Grande 36 and Long Creek 2.

And it is about Long Creek athletes are wondering. So far, it seems to many that the meet will be a close duel between Pendleton and La Grande, but with athletes of unknown ability coming, upsets are likely to result that would give either school a decided advantage—no it is even remote possible that an even greater upset might occur.

Prophesies in all events excepting the relay, the mile, half mile, and quarter mile races will be held Saturday morning commencing at 10 o'clock. Finals begin at 2 p. m.

The list of athletes entered follows:

Pendleton—Johnson, Unberger, Hupley, McDonald, Pisk, King, Pimston, Dewey, Thompson, Dewilde, Cuyll, Arleburn, Newquist, Rosenber, Kilder, Mark Temple.

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Ira C. Woodie Accepts Position As
Athletic Director In Local Schools

Ira C. Woodie, of Eugene, a senior at the University of Oregon, has accepted the position of physical director of the La Grande schools, which was offered him yesterday afternoon by the school board.

Mr. Woodie will succeed Coach Ralph W. Christie, who resigned recently in order to enter administrative work. Mr. Christie's resignation takes effect at the conclusion of the present school year.

Mr. Christie came here in September, 1927 and since then has been in charge of athletic activities both in the high school and the grade schools, as well as teaching mathematics in the high school. In his first year here the Tiger track team won the Eastern Oregon championship. It being the fourth consecutive victory, and this spring the Tigers and the Pendleton Buckaroos are in a close race for high honors. The football and basketball teams had fair success this year.

Announced This Morning
Announcement of Mr. Woodie's acceptance was made this morning by J. T. Longfellow, superintendent of schools, who also paid a high tribute to Mr. Christie and to his work in the La Grande schools.

Club Women Of
Eastern Oregon
Meet SaturdayFifth District Federation
to Be Organized—State
President Will Be in Attendance.

The fifth district federation of Oregon club women will be organized in La Grande Saturday when club women from the counties of Eastern Oregon will gather at the La Grande high school beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning.

"All women who are members of any type of women's club in this city are invited to attend the meeting. The members of the La Grande Neighborhood club are urged to be present. The attendance is not a problem of delegates. It is a problem of organization and it is necessary that there be a large representation of club women," is the announcement made by Mrs. George T. Cochran, first vice president of the Oregon federation and in charge of plans in La Grande for the meeting.

Mrs. Frankel Coming
Mrs. G. J. Frankel, of Portland, president of the state federation, will be in attendance to take charge of the organization work and she will tell of the plans and purposes of the system in a lecture on "The Value of Having Districts and the Opportunities They Offer." A round table discussion will also be held.

To Give Play
In the afternoon a play "Double Decker," which was as successfully staged several weeks ago by the La Grande Neighborhood club, under the direction of Mrs. Donald Pogue, will be presented.

Mrs. Leo Miller will sing and Miss Catherine Sartain, dramatic instructor at La Grande high school, will give a dance.

The clubs of Cove and Union in the persons of three eighth grade children from each place, who will take part in an art contest demonstration.

Mrs. Cleavinger,
Valley Pioneer,
Dies In Wallace

Mrs. Laxena Cleavinger, about 76 years of age, the mother of Frank Cleavinger of this city, died at Wallace, Ida., Tuesday evening at about 8:30 o'clock. Death followed a paralytic stroke suffered a week ago Monday. The funeral services will be held at Wallace and Mrs. Cleavinger and Mrs. Rohun, his sister-in-law, left here yesterday to attend the services.

Mrs. Cleavinger was a pioneer of the Grande Ronde valley, coming here from Iowa in the early 80s, crossing the plains before the building of the railroad. She first made her home at Summerville, later moving to La Grande where she resided until about three or four months ago. She then went to Wallace to live with her son, whose wife died about that time. Mrs. Cleavinger had not been in good health for some time although about the time she left La Grande she was feeling much better.

Mrs. Cleavinger had a wide circle of friends in the Grande Ronde valley and her death was a sorrowful shock to this community.

NEW LEGAL QUESTIONS

SALEM, Ore., May 2 (AP)—A new legal question developed here today in connection with the Portland move to invoke the referendum of the 1929 legislative act, creating two new circuit judgeships in Multnomah county. The question is whether the referendum would be voted on by the entire state or only by the people of Multnomah county.

Alcoholism Death Rate Is Increasing

NEW YORK, May 2 (AP)—The Metropolitan Life Insurance company announced today that deaths from acute and chronic alcoholism among its policyholders in the United States and Canada were greater during the first three months of this year than any similar period since 1917.

There were 175 deaths recorded during the first quarter of this year, only four of which were Canadian policyholders. Last year during the same period there were 144. These figures do not include deaths due to poisoning by wood and denatured alcohol.

Aimee Case Will Not Be Reopened

LOS ANGELES, May 2 (AP)—District Attorney Byron W. Pitts announced tonight that he would not reopen the famous Aimee Simpson case on the basis of evidence brought out during the impeachment trial of Superior Judge Carlos R. Hardy.

"If the public feels as I do about this case, they are sick and disgusted with it, and with its constant recurrence," he said.

Identify Men Held In California City

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NEW STORMS
SWEEP OVER
MIDDLEWESTSnow Falls in Missouri
and Illinois, Accompanied
by WindsTORNADO STRIKES
ARKANSAS TOWNSFive Known Dead in
Wheatley and Brinkley,
with Probably 50 Persons
Injured.

RICHMOND, Va., May 2 (AP)—W. S. White and J. S. Childers, telegraph operators at Bristol, and former employees of the Associated Press, advised the Associated Press in Richmond late today that the railroad agent at Clinchport, Va., said that fifty bodies had been taken from the ruins of the school house struck by a tornado at Rye Cove, near Clay City, Va.

ST. LOUIS, May 2 (AP)—More than three inches of snow fell today over a wide area in southern and eastern Missouri and southern Illinois in the most severe storm in May in more than 25 years. The temperature dropped to the freezing point and a strong wind gave the storm a resemblance of a mid-winter blizzard. Great fears were expressed that heavy damage would be done to crops, especially fruit.

Frost Menaces Fruit
The United States weather bureau forecast frost for tonight in the Missouri Ozarks fruit belt. A heavy frost would virtually wipe out the fruit and strawberry crops with losses reaching millions of dollars.

The storm paralyzed wire service, demoralized traffic and the weight of the snow broke down trees, telegraph and telephone wires and in St. Louis caused the smashing of many plate glass windows in business blocks.

Approximately three inches of snow fell in St. Louis in three hours and Springfield, Mo., reported a six inch snowfall with widespread damage. An accurate survey of the affected area was delayed because of lack of wire communications.

The wintry blast followed a day

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LECTURER TO
SPEAK HERE
ABOUT MAY 13

Edgar C. Radney, national lecturer on Alaska and Siberia, will be in La Grande about May 13 to deliver an illustrated lecture under the auspices of the La Grande Post of the American Legion. The proceeds from the talk will go toward a fund for the summer camp of the Eastern Oregon council of boy scouts at Catherine creek this summer.

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Identify Men Held
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LOS ANGELES, May 2 (AP)—Identification of police pictures of Daniel J. Dennohy, alias Dan Kennedy and Ben J. Barrett, alias Ben Kennedy, alleged liquor racketeers, as the slayers of Max Silverstein, one time bootlegger here, was made today by the dead operator's former "order taker," Arline Story.

OVER 100



Moses Reeves, of Salt Lake City, who recently celebrated his 104th birthday, says he has one big ambition. He'd like to "punch Andrew Volstead on the nose."

For Reeves insists that the only way to have a long life is to have fun along the way, to ease your past the milestones. Even yet he can dance a lively jig, and he feels like a 40-year-old man.

Reeves went to Salt Lake in 1880, bringing a load of coconuts from his former home in Baker, Ore.

ART EXHIBIT IN
SCHOOLS FRIDAY

Citizens Urged to Visit
Displays of Children's
Work This Year

Tomorrow in art exhibit day in La Grande in the four grade schools of this city. From 1 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening the schools will hold open houses for the citizens of La Grande and surrounding community to visit and witness for themselves the unique and high type of art work which is being done by the children of this city under the direction of the supervisor of art, Mrs. L. L. Douglas.

All during the school year pupils have been participating regularly in this work, and it is one of the most popular of their studies. When art day arrives in each grade and Mrs. Douglas comes to give regular instruction she is not uncommonly greeted by a burst of applause so popular is her subject and her instruction.

Several of the schools have planned dramas and other forms of entertainment to go with the art exhibits.

The Central Parent-Teacher association is holding a tea from 2 to 5 o'clock tomorrow to raise money for the purchase of a projection lantern and first aid kit for the school. In the evening in the high school auditorium the play "The Garden of Eden" will be presented.

Willow school is to have a parent-teacher meeting and program in the evening.

Many Specimens Shown
Already many specimens of the work of the pupils this year have been shown through the poster contest sponsored by the La Grande Neighborhood club for "Home Beautiful" week. When the prize winning posters were displayed in the show windows of downtown Tuesday they elicited a chorus of congratulations and commendation.

At least one example of the work of every child in every grade in each of the four schools will be on display.

Escaping Prisoner
Injures Porter

PORTLAND, May 2 (AP)—Critically injured when he was hurled from a speeding passenger train by an escaping prisoner, Roscoe Sims, 25, Pullman porter, was in a hospital here today.

George Brown, confidence man, wanted in San Francisco, escaped from the train after he had overpowered his guard, James D. O'Connell, detective sergeant, who was taking the man to California. The escape occurred at Umatilla, Ore.

Railroads File
Briefs Against
Proposed LineUnion Pacific and Southern
Pacific Oppose the
Cross-State Route from
Crane, Ore., West.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 2 (Special)—According to an Oregonian News bureau dispatch from Washington, D. C., last night, connection of western and eastern Oregon by rail through the central part of the state was opposed here today in briefs submitted to the interstate commerce commission by the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific companies, in which objections are taken to the favorable report of Commissioner Frank McManamy.

The proposed road would connect the Natron cut-off of the Southern Pacific at a point near Crescent lake with the present extension of the O.-W. R. & N. to Crane, in Harney county, a distance of 185 miles.

Objections to Construction Given
Objections to Commissioner McManamy's report, which became record March 11, follow three principal channels:

1. The interstate commerce act does not contemplate empowerment of the commission with authority to require construction of a project of such magnitude in now territory.

2. If congress had intended the act to cover this case, said act would be in violation of the amendment to the constitution which prohibits taking of property without due process of law.

3. Testimony in the case does not establish the fact that public convenience and necessity require the proposed construction.

Construction of this railroad has been sought by the Oregon state public service commission for two years, but it was not until last August that it is contentions were given a hearing. Three weeks were devoted by Commissioner McManamy to a hearing in Portland and briefs were filed by the complainant and the railroad companies which opposed the proposed road.

Other Roads Oppose Project
It is understood in commerce circles here that similar briefs of exceptions will be filed by the Northern Pacific Great Northern and the O.-W. R. & N. companies, after which the next move will be filing of briefs in answer by the Oregon state commerce commission. The case is not expected to be set for argument before fall.

Estimates of cost of the proposed railroad vary from \$9,000,000 to \$11,717,000. Commissioner McManamy recommended that construction be undertaken by the O.-W. R. & N.

Move Is Under
Way To Recall
Three Senators

SALEM, Ore., May 2 (AP)—An incipient move is under way in Multnomah county for the recall of State Senators Gus C. Moser, Harry Corbett and J. O. Bailey.

This was made known today by George Bylander, petition circulator for the referendum against the income tax and the Multnomah county circuit judge bill, and by Clarence E. Yeager, a Portland attorney. Bylander said they were not at liberty to say who is back of the recall movement.

The grievance against the senators, it was said, is the fact that they voted against the Burdick house rule telephone bill, which passed the house but was defeated in the senate.

Senator Ilton R. Klepper of Portland also voted against the bill, but the proposed recall will not be directed against him for the reason that he is not a hold-over member.

SALEM, Ore., May 2 (AP)—Atorney General Van Winkle today advised the state department and representatives of the referendum move against the Multnomah county circuit judge act that the referendum is a state-wide matter to be voted on by the entire state.

VICTORIOUS IN
RACE TO SAVE
WOMAN'S LIFE

SEATTLE, Wash., May 2 (AP)—Victorious in a two-mile aerial race with death, doctors here today held out hope for the recovery of Mrs. Peter Kostrumetoff of Sitka, Alaska, who was in a critical condition from Septemia.

Told that the only chance to save his wife's life was to put her under the care of specialized physicians immediately, Kostrumetoff early yesterday morning arranged by cable for the 1,000-mile race to Seattle from Sitka, Alaska, and Alert Bay, B. C., and for her care here. Necessary hospital facilities and specialists were unavailable in Alaska.

Pilot Ansel Eckmann and Navigator Robert E. Ellis flew from Juneau to Sitka, where they picked up the woman and her husband and started on their race south at 5:49 yesterday morning.

MAY APPOINT
SENATOR TO
PARIS POSTWalter E. Edge, of New
Jersey, Expected to
Succeed Herrick

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—Diplomatic Washington seems to be convinced that Senator Walter E. Edge of New Jersey, is the most likely choice for appointment as ambassador to France to succeed the late Myron T. Herrick.

Authentic information now is that President Hoover has no intention of making a selection for some months, or until after the extra session of congress. This is regarded as lending further color to the reports that the senator from New Jersey will go to Paris.

Other Gossip
Other gossip in diplomatic and congressional circles is that Jacob Gould Schurman will remain at Berlin and that L. S. Swenson will be retained at his present post in Norway, where he has served since 1921. Some of the other diplomatic representatives to Europe, including Hugh Gibson, ambassador to Belgium, also will be continued in their present places, although some transfers to Latin America are anticipated.

There is, of course, much conjecture as to the successor of the veteran Henry F. Fletcher, ambassador to Rome. His desire to return to his native country after a diplomatic service of more than a quarter of a century.

Friends of Senator Edge who are urging him for the Paris ambassadorship hold that he would fit well into the picture. Most of the questions between this country and France are economic, such as the tariff and war debts, to which he has given study as a member of the senate finance committee.

POSTPONE FARM ACTION
WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—The mass of amendments offered to the farm relief bill in the senate has forced administration leaders to conclude that final action on the measure will have to be postponed until next week.

Senator McNary, of Oregon, chairman of the agriculture committee, is hopeful that the senate will vote on the export debenture section tomorrow, but even this seems impossible in view of the large number of senators who have indicated a desire to discuss the proposal.

MAY QUESTION MELLON
WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—A proposal to call Secretary Mellon for questioning regarding his

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