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THE WEATHER OREGON: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday but cloudy on the coast, warm with low humidity over the interior Wednesday.

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IS REACHED

Union and Wallowa County Men Perfecting Organization Today.

HOME PRODUCTS SHOW PLAN GIVEN

Miss Ruth Cullen, Winner in National Meat Story Contest, is Guest of Chamber.

Discussions and suggestions preliminary to perfecting an organization of Union and Wallowa counties for land settlement, and a report of committees arranging for the home products show to be given in the Shawajawa Inn May 21 and June 1 were features of the business part of the chamber of commerce luncheon today at noon, presided over by President A. W. Nelson.

Miss Ruth Cullen, who won national recognition recently by winning first prize in a nation-wide meat story contest, was the guest of honor today and spoke briefly, pointing out that the people who supported the school were actually responsible for any achievement made by the students. She said that she was more thrilled when she was invited to attend the luncheon than when she received her check for the story yesterday.

Organizing This Afternoon

Three men representing Wallowa county today in the land settlement work, A. C. Miller, of Gatesville, H. R. Davidhizer, of Joseph, and Fred Edwards, of Lostine. Following the noon meeting, they met in the chamber of commerce offices with Union county men for the purpose of perfecting a dairy development league. A. R. Hunter, R. J. Green and George H. Currey, of La Grande, and G. I. Hess, of Union, were named as Union county members of the executive committee and Wallowa county's four members will be selected by the four leading Wallowa county committees. Later advertising, listing and survey committees will be selected.

During the luncheon today plans were discussed in general, both Union and Wallowa men expressing opinions and advancing suggestions. Mr. Miller said that there were not more than two men in Wallowa county who opposed the land settlement plan. He pointed out that with only \$2,000 to begin with, conservative plans must be followed, adding that if only a start is made, much good will develop. He said that W. G. Ide, of the state chamber of commerce, had offered co-operation in reference to advertising.

E. P. Promises Help Various other talks were made and it developed that G. G. Gignoux, while in Wallowa county recently, had promised that the U. P. traveling agents would personally see prospects.

Mr. Hunter presented La Grande's idea of organization and it generally conformed to the Wallowa plan, with minor amendments.

Mr. Miller moved that the matter of organization be referred to the meeting this afternoon and H. P. Brady seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

Expect Many Exhibits In reference to the home products show, (Continued on Page 5)

CO. E. BENEFIT DANCE BRINGS IN \$40 TO \$50

Between \$40 and \$50 was realized after subtracting expenses, for the mess fund of Company E, 14th Infantry, from the annual national guard dance given at the Zuber hall last night and sponsored by the Non-Commissioned Officers club. Approximately 20 couples were in attendance. Music was furnished by the Star Novelty and during the intermission, several vocal solos were enjoyed.

Proceeding the dance the guardmen paraded in the business section led by the American Legion drum and bugle corps.

The mess fund will be used to purchase meals for the company going to and from Camp Clatsop, near Astoria, and to provide a few "extras" during the period of field training.

7:30 a. m.—62 above. Minimum: 49 above. Condition: Clear.

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Elect Dr. Dayton President For Eleventh Term

Optometrists Conclude Executive Sessions here—Visitor Remembers City in Year 1909.

Executive sessions of the Oregon board of optometry examiners were concluded here yesterday with a business meeting and a dinner in the evening.

Dr. Floyd B. Dayton, of Portland, was re-elected president of the board for the 11th consecutive year. Dr. Albert R. Miller, of McMinnville, was re-elected vice president and Dr. William Pearce, of La Grande, was elected to succeed himself as secretary.

At the dinner there were several guests, including J. H. Pearce, Dr. George S. Birnie and State Senator Fred E. Kiddle.

This morning the visitors left for Wallowa lake where they will spend a short time before returning to their homes in Western Oregon.

Remembers City in 1909 This was Dr. Dayton's first visit to La Grande since 1909 and after a survey of the city, he had some interesting remarks to make.

"It has been a great transition," he said. "My return to La Grande is like that of Rip Van Winkle. Take the business section. When I was here before there were only one- and two-story buildings, many of frame construction. I find they have given way to buildings of modern material and in many instances buildings of size and construction that would do credit to a city many times the size of La Grande. Your hotels would be a credit to a much larger city, and this is also true of some of the other business buildings.

"Your public schools," he said, "are abreast of the best I have seen in the state and I consider the schools of Oregon to be the equal of those of any of the eastern states, which I visited on a trip a few years ago. The west is as far advanced in education as the east, I find.

Comments on Normal School "The normal school is bound to emphasize this city as a center of culture. The building, which I visited yesterday, is beautiful in its design.

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A. L. Auxiliary To Start Poppy Sale Saturday

Members of the American Legion auxiliary and co-operating organizations are preparing this week for the opening of the annual poppy sale preceding Memorial day. The proceeds to benefit ex-service men who are confined to veterans hospitals. Mrs. Norman Desler is president here and Mrs. A. L. Shelton is chairman of the committee in charge.

This year because of the increase in the number of disabled veterans, La Grande's quota of poppies has been placed at 2000. Last year 2500 were sold.

The sale is to begin here Saturday and continue Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week. Camp Fire girls are to aid in the sale of the poppies. Mrs. R. E. Tyler's group will have charge of the sale of poppies in the three theaters and Miss Eleanor Glass' group will have a booth in the business section on Saturday.

Today Mrs. Desler, Mrs. H. E. Williams and Mrs. Shelton went to Union and North Powder where they distributed the two cities' quota of poppies.

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G. A. Casper Dies At Hot Lake, Ore.

G. A. Casper, a resident of Union and Hot Lake for many years and well known throughout the valley, died yesterday afternoon at Hot Lake. Although Mr. Casper had been ill for some time, his death came as a sad shock to his many friends.

Funeral services are to be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Union, according to word received here.

Fined \$200.00 For Possessing Liquor

Charles McClure, arrested Saturday night by police, was fined \$200 in municipal court last night on charges of possession of liquor, according to police officers. He had not paid his fine at an early hour today and was still being held in jail.

COMMISSION TO MEET AT WHITE HOUSE

Newly Appointed Law Enforcement Body Faces Stupendous Task.

WILL ORGANIZE ON 28TH OF MAY

Hoover Refuses to Indicate His own Ideas Until After he has Talked to Committeemen.

By James L. West (Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—President Hoover today invited the eleven members of his newly appointed law enforcement commission to meet with him at the white house for luncheon May 28.

This will give ample time for the members from the Pacific coast and the far west to get to Washington. After the luncheon the commission will hold its organization meeting in the cabinet room in the executive offices close by the president's own private office.

Mr. Hoover will not indicate his own ideas as to the scope of the work of the commission until after he has had a talk with the members at the luncheon.

Plans Changed It had been intended that the commission assemble here late this week for its first gathering but the date was changed until next Tuesday after white house officials had a long distance telephone conference with George W. Wickersham, of New York, the chairman.

The ten lawyers and a woman educator, will comprise the membership of the president's commission.

Mr. Wickersham, attorney general in the Taft administration and president of the American law institute, who will head the commission will have another former cabinet officer, Newton D. Baker, of Cleveland, as secretary and the Wilson administration, sitting at his right as ranking member of the commission.

The others will be three federal judges, William S. Kenyon, of Iowa; William I. Grubb, of Alabama; and Paul J. McCormick, of California; four eminent attorneys, Roscoe Pound of the Harvard law school; Henry W. Anderson, of Richmond, Virginia; Monte M. Leitch, of St. Paul, Minn.; and J. J. Handaker, president of the Oregon commission, will accompany him to La Grande for the meeting, to which the public is invited.

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AUTHORIZE CUT IN WHEAT RATES

I. C. C. Takes Action Today Following Suggestion by Administration.

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—The interstate commerce commission today authorized eastern and western railroads to reduce freight rates on export wheat and wheat flour.

Application for the reduced rates was made by the railroads at the suggestion of the administration to aid farmers in disposing of the new crop as harvested.

Permission already has been granted for reduced rates on wheat from Buffalo to North Atlantic ports.

In line with the action of the railroads the Mississippi-Warrior service today applied to the interstate commerce commission for permission to put in force temporary rail-barge rates on wheat and flour which would give a reduction corresponding to that granted the railroads.

Three bullets from Fink's pistol tore three mortal wounds in the body of Herbert Beem, 18, when Fink accosted him in the corridor of Jefferson high school here late yesterday. As Beem crumpled to the floor within touch of a hundred boys and girls gathered in the corridor, Fink pressed the muzzle of his pistol to his own breast and pressed the trigger. A bullet tore through his chest above the heart.

Barely Conscious Today, barely conscious, Fink was unable to speak. Hospital attendants said he apparently realized little of the tragedy he provoked.

Police today questioned Mildred Knoll, 16-year-old high school girl, whose attention was sought by both Fink and Beem. She said:

"From the district attorney's office the word: 'If Fink lives he will, in all probability, be tried for first degree murder.'"

When he learned that Fink was but 16 years old the district attorney said a formal charge of murder would be filed against the boy and that his case would be remanded to the court of domestic relations.

With that court will be the responsibility of either returning the case to circuit court or sentencing Fink to the state reform school until he is 21 years old.

If the case goes back to circuit court the boy will be treated as an adult and, if convicted by first degree murder, may be hanged or sentenced to life, the district attorney said.

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SUBMARINE IS RAISED FROM SEA BOTTOM

S-11 Brought to Top of Water by Rescue Ship Within a Few Hours.

FEAT IMPRESSES NAVAL OFFICERS

Test, Which Occurred in Panama Bay May 17, Leads Them to Predict No More Disasters.

COLON, Canal Zone, May 21 (AP)—A United States submarine and its crew were raised from the bottom of the sea for the first time in navy history on May 17, in Panama bay.

The S-11, which went down to a depth of 87 feet, was found by the submarine S-12 and S-20 and was raised by the rescue ship Mallard a few hours later.

Naval officers here were so impressed with the demonstration, that they said no disaster such as followed the sinking of the S-51 or the S-4 was now possible.

The test started with the submarine and the rescue ship at the port of Balboa. The S-11 leaving early on the morning of May 17, at 8 a. m. she flashed a signal that she was ready. The other submarines went to look for her, picking up her oscillator signals sent for an hour and a half after which the S-11 simulated complete helplessness.

The S-12 was the first to catch the signals, just one hour after the first call from the S-11. Then the rescue ship Mallard started for the spot 3000 yards from "Toboggan Hill." She started air bubbles at 10:30 a. m. Twenty-five minutes later a grapple had hooked on to

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F. J. LIBBY TO GIVE ADDRESS IN LA GRANDE

Frederick J. Libby, executive secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War and one of the foremost advocates of peace through world organization, will speak at the La Grande hotel in the gold room tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, according to announcement today by the Rev. Leif H. Awe.

Mr. Libby has headquarters in San Francisco.

J. J. Handaker, president of the Oregon commission, will accompany him to La Grande for the meeting, to which the public is invited.

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Court of Honor Will Be Friday

A boy scout court of honor will be held at the La Grande high school auditorium this Friday at 7:30 p. m. Four boys will be presented with Eagle awards, which is the highest award a scout can receive. The boys who will receive awards are Wilford Stitt, from group 13, Ward L. in the L. D. S. church, G. Claire Thomas, from group 2, meets in the basement of the Methodist church and Adam Leighton from the same group, and Everett Reynolds of group 14, of the Presbyterian church.

The board of review will meet tonight at the chamber of commerce, with Charles Binger as chairman.

All boys who expect to appear before the court of honor Friday evening have to appear before the board of review tonight.

Other awards will be made, including first class, second class and tenderfoot badges.

F. L. Meyers is the chairman of the court of honor.

L. H. S. Exhibit To Be Given Tonight

The annual high school exhibit, where work of the students will be displayed so as to give La Grande people an example of what is accomplished during the term, is to be held this evening at the high school building. In connection with the exhibit a program will be given starting at 7:30 o'clock, and people inspecting the exhibits in the building will be called to the auditorium by the ringing of four bells—the regular student call to assembly. The program will continue for about half an hour. The general public is invited.

BLAST KILLS THREE

ROUX FALLIS, S. D., May 21 (AP)—A dynamite explosion killed three men and seriously injured three others here today. They were working in a Wisconsin Granite company quarry.

GRANT'S PARK, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Charles Kincaid, 68, shot and killed himself at his home here last night.

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AFTER ENDURANCE RECORD



PORT WORTH, Tex., May 21 (AP)—The monoplane Port Worth, (pictured above) attempting to break the 150-hour refueling endurance record of the army monoplane, Question Mark, was refueled early today for the third time since it took off at 11:33 a. m. Sunday. In two contacts at an altitude of 2500 feet, 110 gallons of gasoline was transferred from the auxiliary ship. The ship, piloted by Reg. L. Robbins and James Kelly, completed its forty-four hour aloft at 7:33 a. m.

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., May 21 (AP)—The monoplane Three Musketeers, carrying three pilots, took off at 2:20:32 p. m., eastern daylight time today in an effort to break the endurance record established by the army monoplane Question Mark.

WEAVER HOLDS OCEAN FLIERS TO AMERICAN SHORES

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., May 21 (AP)—Continued heavy fog and rain off New England are expected to delay anti-aircraft flights until weather conditions are favorable. Ladd will accompany Jean Assolant, pilot, and Leba, Lefevre, navigator, on the flight.

OLD ORCHARD, Me., May 21 (AP)—Reports of bad weather conditions over part of the 4700 mile transatlantic course they expected to follow today prevented the projected takeoff for Home of Roger Williams and Lewis A. Yancoy in the monoplane Green Flash.

TRIP MADE TO NORTH HAVEN TO SAVE CONSTANCE MORROW FROM CRIMINALS

BOSTON, May 21 (AP)—The Boston Post in a copyrighted story today says Dwight W. Morrow, ambassador to Mexico and father of Anne Morrow, fiancée of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, has been made subject of a \$50,000 extortion plot. The money, the Post asserts, was demanded under penalty of torture and death of his youngest daughter, 15-year-old Constance Morrow, a student at Milton Academy.

The newspaper says it has learned that the receipt by the girl of two threatening letters was direct responsibility for last Saturday's secret flight by Lindbergh and members of the Morrow family from the Morrow home at Englewood, N. J., to their summer place at North Haven, Me.

It was also responsible for the detective guard which has since stood vigil over the island retreat of the Morrow in Maine and for the impersonation of Constance by another girl at the Milton academy while Constance was being spirited away to join the airplane flight.

The Post declares it has learned that when Miss Morrow received the first letter she showed it to school authorities. Her family was notified and a guard assigned to her. When the second demand was made it gave detailed instructions how and where the money was to be placed and named last Saturday afternoon as the time.

At this juncture Mr. Morrow's former partners in the firm of J. P. Morgan and company were approached to aid the services of federal operatives were enlisted, but although Miss Morrow's impersonator adhered strictly to the instructions no one appeared to claim the package.

In the meantime, the Post asserts, the quick trip to Maine was (Continued on Page 5)

KANSU PEOPLE STARVED INTO CANNIBALISM

PEKING, May 21 (AP)—Cannibalism in the famine-stricken province of Kansu was shown to be a common practice in the report of F. Andrew, an investigator, to the China international famine relief commission.

Andrew said he had specially investigated many reports of cannibalism. Near Ching-Ning he found that 25 bandits had been killed and devoured by the ravenous inhabitants.

Andrew took statements from people who witnessed this and other cases. In some places, he said, the inhabitants were starving because they had no money to buy the little existing food, and in others because there was no food however much they were willing to pay.

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FORMER PRIME MINISTER DIES; EPSOM MOURNS

EPSOM, England, May 21 (AP)—The Earl of Hove, former liberal prime minister and one of the best of England's great Victorian statesmen, died today at his home, the Durdans, near here after a brief illness.

All his relatives were at the bedside of the 82-year-old statesman, author and orator.

The elder daughter, the Marchioness of Crewe, hurrying from the continent, had arrived a few hours earlier at the Durdans where she joined her sister, Lady Sybil Grant, the earl's sister, Lady Levenfield, her brother and heir to the title, Lord Dalmeny, and her husband, the Marquis of Crewe, recently British ambassador at Paris.

His death caused general sorrow throughout, where the former premier's steadfast clinging to the habits of the eighties and his benign and sportsmanlike outlook on life had made him one of the best beloved of residents.

COMMITTS SUICIDE GRANT'S PARK, Ore., May 21 (AP)—Charles Kincaid, 68, shot and killed himself at his home here last night.

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Streams, Rivers Threaten Some Southern Areas

Disaster, However, Seems to be Averted Except Missouri Overflow Onto 50,000 Acres.

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—The war department announced today that special orders will be issued by President Hoover to permit state convicts to work on government projects in the flood areas of the Mississippi valley during an emergency.

Rising streams and rivers, now threatening many sections of the Mississippi valley, sent emergency crews scurrying to scenes of impending danger today but disaster appeared to have been averted save in one instance.

As is the habit of the floods, yesterday's only reported break occurred at a point where danger was least expected. While engineers were directing forces at three places near Keosauqua, Mo., the St. Francis bounded through another weakened bit of levee and overflowed some 50,000 acres. Today the overflow had forked and was advancing through the countryside in two slow streams. Three other points were being guarded and engineers in charge hoped the break had relieved the pressure sufficiently to avert another crisis.

At Mounds Landing, Miss., where a break in 1927 sent the flood of that spring across some of the delta's richest lands and towns, levee board and government engineers were supervising forces which crew hourly in numbers.

Request Not Answered Sloughs in the Mississippi river levee there had checked sufficiently to give engineers hope that a break would be averted. A request that President Hoover rescind the regulation forbidding state convicts to work on government projects—the levees are federal built—had brought no reply save the information that the request must come to Washington through the district engineer, Major John G. H. Lee, of Vicksburg.

Near Natchez, Miss., a private levee showed signs of weakening. Three to four hundred persons had taken their possessions and livestock to higher ground.

Arkansas danger centered along the banks of the Red and Arkansas rivers. Texarkana reported a gradual reduction in the Red's rate of rise, and fair weather in Oklahoma and Southeast Arkansas promised to lighten the river's burden.

Arkansas Falling The Arkansas was falling between Ft. Smith and Little Rock. The government meteorologist at Little Rock reported, however, that a new rise was on the way and that accurate forecasts would be impossible until it had made its appearance.

At Memphis, Tenn., the gauge-barrometer, used to judge the whole-midnight river, stood at about six feet above the flood stage of 26 feet, but was expected to become stationary today or tomorrow.

A slight rise on the Ohio and upper Mississippi was in evidence.

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The chief executive did not explain upon what he based his confidence, confining himself to the one sentence statement.

BRITISH STEAMER AFIRE SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 (AP)—With a serious fire raging in her hold, the British steamer Trevanion, bound for Victoria, B. C., from Antilla, Cuba, with a cargo of sugar, was reported racing to port from a point off the northern California coast at 10:20 a. m. today.

Four others were in a critical condition from the noxious poison today. Henry W. Lustig, a patient in the clinic at the time of the explosions, was not expected to live.

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Cleveland List of Dead Totals 125; Doctor Dies

CLEVELAND, May 21 (AP)—Dr. George W. Belcher, staff physician of the Cleveland clinic, succumbed today to the effects of poisonous gas which filled the building after two explosions last Wednesday. He was the 125th victim of the disaster.

He was the seventh physician at the clinic to die of the fumes, generated by burning x-ray films in a basement store room. He was a specialist in diseases of the bladder and was a leader in research in his field.

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British Sailors Land at Canton

CANTON, China, May 21 (AP)—British sailors, landing from gunboats in the harbor today in Shanghai, immediately began construction of defenses in various parts of the English concession. Gates and bridges were closed and guards posted.

The British consulate warned subjects not to leave Shanghai, asking them to assemble at Canton-Loon Railway compound. Three British and two French gunboats and two Japanese destroyers were anchored in the harbor outside the concession. The U. S. S. Talos was en route from Hong Kong.

MELLON SPIES RUMOR WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—The office of Secretary Mellon in making public a statement by the treasury department head, announced that the secretary had not resigned and had no intention of doing so.

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HOUSE FIRM IN STAND ON FARM RELIEF

Conference Breaks up Again Today Without Reaching Agreement.

SENATE DESIRES DEBENTURE VOTE

Representatives Argue That it is Useless to Continue Negotiations Until Change.

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—The farm relief conference committee broke up again today without reaching an agreement after house conferees flatly declined to ask the house to vote directly on the disputed export debenture plan.

Senate conferees insisted a house vote on the debenture proposition would enable them to report back to the senate with more hope of having a compromise agreement approved. This the house members refused to do.

House Backs Hoover The house group said the farm bill passed at their side of the capitol had the approval of President Hoover and that he would veto any measure containing the debenture section. They argued it was useless to continue any negotiations so long as the debenture plan was not side tracked.

Senator McNary of Oregon, chairman of the senate agriculture committee and the ranking member of the conference committee said the committee would meet again tomorrow.

M. E. Conferences Are Consolidated TACOMA, Wash., May 21 (AP)—A merger of the Columbia river and Puget Sound conferences of the Methodist Episcopal church was consummated in Seattle Monday, according to Dr. Edward H. Todd, president of the Columbia of Puget Sound and active in the preliminary negotiations. The action of the merger commission at its meeting climaxed negotiations extending over the past year. The joint conference, embracing most of the Pacific Northwest is said to be the largest Methodist conference in the world.

Bishop Titus Iove of Portland is president of the new conference.

HOOPER EXPECTS NO RATE INCREASE WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—President Hoover is confident that no increase in railroad rates will result from the decision of the supreme court in the St. Louis and O'Fallon case.

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