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THE WEATHER

Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Saturday, showers tonight, much cooler with rising humidity in the east.

PER CAPITA
TAX HERE IS
ONLY \$34.69This Figure Includes
Revenue for City,
Schools, County, State.LA GRANDE FIFTH
OVER THE STATEPer Capita Tax Here For
Municipal Purposes Is
\$11.99—Comparisons
are Favorable.

Per capita taxes paid in the city of La Grande, both for all purposes and for municipal purposes only, are very low when compared with other cities. A recent check reveals that La Grande ranks fifth from the lowest of 12 of the larger Oregon cities outside of Portland in total per capita tax and ranks seventh from the lowest in taxes for raising revenue for municipal purposes, five other cities of the 12 having a higher city per capita tax.

The 12 Oregon cities selected for comparison are: Salem, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Astoria, Pendleton, Medford, Corvallis, Albany, The Dalles, Baker and Bend. In point of population, from estimates, La Grande ranks sixth.

10,000 Inside Limits

Recent estimates gave La Grande a population of more than 11,000 but of this figure, more than 1000 live immediately outside of the city limits, so, in the tables, a figure of 10,000 was used for La Grande in the belief that this would correspond accurately with the actual number of residents inside the city limits.

Another thing that must be taken into consideration is the fact that only recently La Grande voted a bond issue of some \$350,000 for municipal improvements, which is now being paid off annually out of the general taxes. These improvements have placed La Grande among the leading cities of the entire northwest because of their high efficiency and because they are far ahead of systems used in many of the other cities of this size and larger.

In other words, city officials point out, La Grande enjoys more municipal improvements and pays a less per capita tax than about half of the other 12 cities.

Using figures that appeared recently in the Oregon Voter, and securing population estimates from other sources, the tables on per capita taxes are as follows:

City	Est. Pop.	Amount
Bend	10,000	\$26.64
Albany	7,000	\$31.78
Baker	9,000	\$32.67
Corvallis	8,000	\$33.15
La Grande	10,000	\$34.69
Medford	12,500	\$35.53
Pendleton	8,000	\$36.03
Salem	20,000	\$38.03
Eugene	20,000	\$42.31
Klamath Falls	14,000	\$42.32
The Dalles	7,000	\$42.90
Astoria	15,000	\$60.28

City	Amount
Corvallis	\$ 8.10
Albany	9.26
Bend	9.61
Baker	10.81
Medford	11.14
Pendleton	11.32
La Grande	11.99
Eugene	12.73
The Dalles	12.75
Salem	14.09
Klamath Falls	16.68
Astoria	29.22

INLWS MOVE
TO LA GRANDE
ON WEDNESDAY

H. E. Inlow, president of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, and formerly superintendent of schools in Pendleton, has taken up permanent residence in La Grande, moving to this city with his family on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Inlow and their children are living at 498 Main avenue. His oldest daughter, Hope, is attending the University of Oregon. His other three children are Alice, Burke and Jean.

SEATTLE, May 24 (AP)—Damage estimated at \$400,000 was caused today by a fire which swept through the Falls building in the heart of the business section. The blaze was the most spectacular in downtown Seattle for several years.

WEATHER TODAY
7:20 a. m.—55 above.
Minimum: 53 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 57, minimum 55 above.
Condition: mostly clear, traces of rain.

WEATHER MAY 21, 1928
Maximum 52, minimum 51 above.
Condition: clear.

Four Scouts To
Receive Eagle
Awards TonightLast Court of Honor Before
Camp is to be Held
in La Grande High
School This Evening.

The final court of honor to be held in La Grande before the boy scouts go to camp is scheduled for this evening in the high school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock. A feature of the court will be the awarding of four Eagle scout badges, and one Eagle scout palm.

C. Claire Thomas, Wilford Stitt, Everett Reynolds and Adam Leighton are to become eagle scouts and W. J. Briggs, eagle scout, is to receive the palm, which is given for five additional merit badges.

The officers of the court of honor follow: P. L. Meyers, chairman, Dr. W. T. Phyl, Dr. R. F. Murphy, Charles Reynolds, W. C. Perkins and A. W. Nelson.

Other awards to be made follow:

Tenderfoot Badges: Robert Pyle, Arnold Hanckle, Victor Rayburn, Walter Dahl, Richard Crowe, and Kenneth Waldron.

Second Class Badges: Lawrence Roberts, Robert McMillan.

First Class Badges: Marion Reynolds, Marion Bray.

Second Class Merit Badges: Lawrence Reynolds—personal health, Leon Peterson—woodworking, Pat Kennedy—bookbinding, leathercraft, first aid to animals, Fred Beaman—leathercraft, Frank Tyler—firemanship, music.

First Class Merit Badges: Howard Lyman—art, camping, Jack Briggs—farm mechanics, animal industry, Woodrow Damerell—carpentry, textiles, woodwork, Carl Johnson—radio, physical development, Carl Coleman—animal industry, textiles, painting, Marion Reynolds—safety, first aid to animals, Rollin Heusser—woodworking, Max Stoddard—handicraft, public health, Everett Reynolds—camping, safety, first reptile study, G. Clair Thomas—cooking, camping, animal industry, Adam Leighton—camping, pioneering, Wilford Stitt—woodworking.

Annual Sale of
Poppies Begins
Here Tomorrow

Members of the American Legion auxiliary, assisted by Camp Fire girls of La Grande, are to start their annual poppy sale in La Grande tomorrow. There are 3,000 poppies to sell, the proceeds to go toward the benefit of disabled soldiers of the world war and their families.

The local sale will be part of a national sale of 10,000,000 poppies tomorrow, the flowers made by American world war veterans in 20 government hospitals, which is to raise \$1,000,000 for relief of the stricken veterans.

Disabled veterans have been making the poppies for the past year. They were paid a cent for each and it is reported in every instance the men chosen to make them were those receiving the least governmental aid, and having the greatest responsibilities.

Miss Eleanor Glass' group of Camp Fire girls will have a booth in the business section tomorrow and Mrs. R. E. Tyler's group will sell poppies at the three theaters.

Robinson Returns
To Municipal Band

Frank Robinson, who was obliged to retire from active duty with the municipal band several years ago on account of pressure of business, has again resumed active membership with the band. Mr. Robinson's return to the band will be welcomed by all La Grande music-lovers as he is considered by many to be one of the finest tromboneists in the northwest. Andrew Leoney, director of the La Grande band and Mr. Robinson were formerly associated together as professional musicians in different coast cities.

State President
Visits Local Aerie

Members of the Eagles lodge of this city met in regular session last night with Lester Jones, state president of Salem, as the guest of honor. In addition delegates from both Baker and Pendleton were present, including the presidents of both lodges.

Following the business session, during which Mr. Jones spoke, a social gathering was held with talks by the visitors and several vocal numbers. Ice cream and cake were served before adjournment.

Plans were also made for a large number of local Eagles to attend the state convention in Klamath Falls June 13, 14 and 15. Mr. Jones left here this morning for Burns, Ore.

DIES WITH BURNS

PORTLAND, May 23 (AP)—William M. McLaughlin, 45, died today from burns suffered when his bathtub caught fire while he was sitting in his home smoking his pipe. Hot ashes from the pipe were thought to have started the fire.

TARIFF BILL
VOTE IS SET
FOR TUESDAYHouse Adopts Special
Rule Today by Vote
234 to 138TWO AMENDMENTS
RECEIVE APPROVALSenate Must Enact Farm
Relief Measure and
Census Bill Before Re-
cess, Watson Declares.

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—By a vote of 234 to 138 the house today adopted a special rule calling for a final vote on the tariff bill at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and making amendments from the ways and means committee in order at any time.

There were slight defections in both parties in voting on the rule. Immediately after the vote the measure was taken up for amendment.

The ways and means committee earlier in the day had favorably reported 11 amendments and these were expected to be added to in the next few days.

Adopt Amendments

An amendment to the tariff bill increasing the present duties on live cattle was adopted today by the house.

The amendment would increase existing rates of 1 1/2 cents a pound on cattle under 1,000 pounds and 2 cents on heavier animals to 2 cents on cattle under 800 pounds and 2 1/2 cents over that weight.

Offered by chairman Hawley of the ways and means committee, the amendment was the first presented after the reading of the bill for amendment began.

A second amendment by Hawley raising the duty on dried skinned milk and dried buttermilk from 1 1/2 to 2 cents a pound also was adopted.

WORK BEFORE RECESS
WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—Final enactment of a farm relief bill.FAST TRAINS TO
START ON JUNE 9New O.-W. Time Card,
Effective That Day, An-
nounced in La Grande.

The new time card on the O.-W., which will become effective on June 9, when the new fast train service will be inaugurated between Portland and Chicago, was announced in La Grande today.

No. 17, west bound, and No. 18, east bound, are the fast trains, both to be through trains without change of cars. No. 17 is on a 63-hour schedule and No. 18 on a 62-hour schedule.

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J. N. SPIKER
PASSES ON
IN OREGON CITY

Word was received here yesterday of the death of Joseph N. Spiker, who for the last year made his home with a sister at Oregon City. Mr. Spiker had been in poor health for some time and was taken to the hospital a week ago. He spent the greater part of his life in La Grande where he leaves many friends to mourn his death.

He is survived by five sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Sadie Scripture, of Oregon City; Mrs. Mary Mack, of Portland; Mrs. Emma Phillips, of Los Angeles; Mrs. Daphne La Mora, of La Grande; Mrs. Jessie Shaffer, of Bakersfield, Cal.; Charles L. Spiker, of La Grande, and Stephen Spiker, of Phoenix, Ariz.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Bohlenkamp chapel. Burial will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Five-Team Golf Tournament To
Be Played Here Saturday, Sunday

Five ten-man golf teams from Baker, Walla Walla, Lewiston, Pendleton and La Grande will start a two-day, 36-hole tournament here tomorrow afternoon beginning promptly at 1 o'clock.

Entries have been received from three out-of-town teams as follows:

Walla Walla: E. J. Rhodes, William McLaughlin, S. Palmer, William Barclay, Everett Smith, Cody Cox, A. A. Hamman, Mr. Whitney, Sharpstein, William Toner and the team captain, T. O. Wheeler.

Lewiston: Robert Davidson, W. L. Baker, Sam Lane, W. A. Mendonhall, T. D. Carter, H. L. Senger, Chester Scott, F. W. Robertson, P. H. Rogers and A. E. Janssen.

Pendleton: D. C. Bowman, J. S. Beckwith, Lester Hanley, Fred Doner, A. B. White, A. S. Bond, Dr. H. H. Hanover, L. W. Janssen, E. H. Schiller and J. J. Hanley.

Yamhill County
Sheriff Arrests
Spokane SuspectErnest R. Garner, 51, Held
for Questioning in Con-
nection with Wednesday
Night Attack.

MCMINNVILLE, Ore., May 24 (AP)—The sheriff of Yamhill county today was holding Ernest R. Garner, 51, for questioning in connection with the attack late Wednesday night upon William Johnson and Hazel Huller near Spokane. After shooting Johnson the bandit tied him and the girl, placed them in Johnson's automobile and fired the car.

Garner was arrested at 2:30 p. m. yesterday as he slept in his automobile near Newberg.

Karl Nott, district attorney, and Sheriff Manning today questioned Garner in his cell. The man admitted, they said, that he was in Spokane Wednesday night. He said he left Tacoma Tuesday morning. He was driving a small coupe.

In the automobile the sheriff found a quantity of cord and some copper wire, said to be similar to that used by the man who attacked Johnson and Miss Huller.

Garner is five feet six inches tall, and weighs about 135 pounds. He says he is 51 years old but appears to be no more than 40. When arrested he was attired in tan trousers, a dark coat and a dark cap. He has a round smooth face, covered now with a four-day growth of beard.

May Identify Man

SPOKANE, Wash., May 24 (AP)—Sheriff Floyd Brower said today he was making preparations to have a man arrested at McMinville, Ore., as a suspect, brought here to be examined by William Johnson and Miss Hazel Huller, who reported that they were bound and robbed by a bandit who shot Johnson and attacked the girl and left them to burn in their car, which he had fired.

A. G. S. Officers for
1929-30 Installed

The Associated Girl Students of La Grande High school, meeting yesterday in their final assembly of this year, installed the recently elected officers, who are as follows: Lena Duckett, president; Iris Hughes, first vice president; Mary Lou Piper, second vice president; Mildred Cade, third vice president, and Frances Delong, secretary-treasurer. This year's president, Ruth Shalley, had charge of the installation.

It was announced that a list of new chairmen will be posted in the near future. This year's emblem also are to be given to the girls who have the most points, gained in scholarship, athletics and A. G. S. work.

Miss Eleanor E. Vernon told an interesting story to the girls, pointing out how they may make the most of their lives and enjoy the best the world has to offer.

Believe Body Is
Lester Humphreys

NORTH JUNCTION, Ore., May 24 (AP)—A body, believed to be that of Lester W. Humphreys, Portland attorney, was recovered from the Deschutes river today a mile and a half below North Junction, between this city and Nathan. Although positive identification had not been made, there appeared to be no doubt but that the body was that of the Portland attorney who disappeared a week or so ago while fishing in the river.

Henry Ford Guest
At White House

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—Henry Ford was a luncheon guest of President Hoover today and afterward said he had discussed the prohibition situation with the chief executive.

The automobile manufacturer declared that absolute enforcement of the prohibition laws must come and asserted that the laws must be enforced rather than modified.

ASSEMBLY IN
FAVOR OF BIG
CHURCH UNIONPresbyterians, Meeting in
St. Paul, Vote Almost
Unanimously.RECOMMENDATION
IS FAR REACHINGProposal Would Include
Both Methodist Church-
es and the Episcopal
Church in U. S.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 24 (AP)—By practically unanimous rising vote, the 141st general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America today adopted a far-reaching recommendation looking towards organic union of five large Protestant church bodies.

The proposal, made on the floor of the assembly, provided for appointment of commissions to confer with similar commissions from the Protestant Episcopal church, the Methodist Episcopal church, the Methodist Episcopal church south, and the Presbyterian church of the United States, generally known as the Presbyterian church south.

The action was taken in answer to an invitation for a commission to consider union, extended by the Protestant Episcopal church at its general convention in Washington in October, 1928. Similarly, the other church bodies have had under consideration the proposal for union for some time, but today's action marks the most active participation in the movement reached by the body meeting here.

Recommendations

Newspapers were recommended as the best means of reaching the public, and the use of paid advertising in the press was urged to the churches of the United States. In the annual report presented today to the general assembly by Walter Foster, church national director of publicity, the following recommendations were made:

"The church should spend millions for publicity where the church spends dollars," said Mr. Foster. "The church sets a great deal of reading space in the newspapers as legitimate news. But the church has a message for humanity. It could to advantage express in the large use of paid advertising."

Critics of the United States spend \$5,000,000 a year for publicity to exploit their attractions. "One single brand of cigarettes of the many brands advertising appropriated \$12,500,000 for this year's advertising, one-half of which is being spent in newspapers alone. The continued experience of regular advertisers demonstrates that newspapers offer the most effective medium of appeal. Pioneers in the use of the radio appeal, apportion their advertising budgets accordingly."

"The Presbyterian publicity department has faith that some day religion will be adequately advertised and will reap vast rewards as are now accumulated by less worthy enterprises."

While no announcement was made that the planes would hop together, it was learned that Lott and his companions, Jean Assolant and Helen Le Fèvre, had changed their projected circle course to that which the Green Flash will pursue along the 41st parallel.

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TWO CHURCHES
ARE TO UNITE
NEXT OCTOBER

EDINBURGH, Scotland, May 24 (AP)—The Church of Scotland and the United Free Church of Scotland and their respective assemblies today agreed by overwhelming majorities to unite.

The formal act of union will take place in October.

Today's vote made final an affirmative decision on the momentous question for these great Presbyterian churches, negotiations regarding which have been in progress for the past twenty years.

In the Church of Scotland assembly, the report from the lower church courts was unanimously favorable to union, but in the United Free church a considerable minority stood out against it.

At today's meeting of the Church of Scotland assembly, the Duke and Duchess of York were present in the throne gallery.

Marine Lieutenant
Killed in Crash

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, May 24 (AP)—A U. S. Marine corps airplane crashed at Cape Hatien yesterday. First Lieut. Gladden Rhodes was killed and Second Lieut. Rhodes, who was piloting the machine, was seriously injured.

KING MAY WED



"Official spokesmen" denied it. But authentic rumors persisted in Sofia that Europe's bachelor king, Boris of Bulgaria, above, is to be a bachelor no longer. Engagement of the "lonely monarch" to lovely Princess Giovanna, below, of Italy, was reported in various European capitals. The king and princess recently were seen together in Geneva.



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WEATHER CHAINS
PLANES TO LAND

"Green Flash" and "Yellow Bird" Resting Today
At Old Orchard, Maine.

OLD ORCHARD BEACH, Me., May 24 (AP)—The monoplane Green Flash, bound for Rome, and Armando Lott's huge Yellow Bird, which has Paris for its goal, rested here today awaiting fair weather over the Atlantic. Prospects are that the two planes will fly together for 1,000 miles.

Roger G. Williams, pilot, and Lewis A. Yarnes, navigator of the Green Flash, hoped that conditions would permit them to leave tomorrow morning. They indicated, however, that the arrival here last night of the Yellow Bird would not stampede them into a hasty take-off.

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CUT THROATS OF
THREE CHILDREN

LEBANON, Ky., May 24 (AP)—Three children were found dead near Ryder cemetery here today near where their mother, Mrs. Marie Rhey Shof, lay with her throat slashed. Coroner Marion Russell said he believed the woman killed her children. She died shortly after she was found.

The throats of the children had been cut and apparently they had been dead several hours when they were found.

Agua Caliente
Bandits Sought;
Woman ConfessesWife of one of Fugitives
Tells Story of \$85,000
Robbery and Slaying of
Two Guards.

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 24 (AP)—Robbers held up a messenger for the American First National bank on a downtown corner today and escaped with approximately \$80,000. The messenger, Charles Vowell, 25, was shot in the right arm.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 24 (AP)—Rounds leading north from Los Angeles were under patrol today as peace officers sought Lee Cochran, Marcel Dellan, Jerry Kearney and two women companions in connection with the slaying of two Agua Caliente guards in the \$82,000 robbery which occurred just south of San Diego Monday.

The victims, N. Monroy and Jose Perez Borrage, were employed by the resort to guard the weekend receipts which were being taken to San Diego. Of the large haul almost \$80,000 was in non-negotiable checks.

Identification of those sought was closely followed by the confession of Mrs. Agnes Grace Kearney, wife of one of the fugitives, and the tracing of their trail from San Diego to Los Angeles. Officers believed the quintet was heading for San Francisco.

Names Killers

Mrs. Kearney, who was arrested Wednesday with M. B. Colon, whose gunshot wounds she was treating, named Cochran and Colon as those who turned the machine guns on the money guards. Jean Lee, alias Jeanne Klitschke and Helen Maddux, 17 year old sister in law of Kearney, were the women implicated by Mrs. Kearney's confession. Following her arrest at Long Beach yesterday, Mrs. Cochran, whose husband is being sought, admitted to bringing him here from San Diego, she said that he left with the intentions of going to San Francisco.

A touring car, believed to have been used by Cochran and Kearney, was found abandoned in a downtown street in San Pedro. Investigators said the car was the property of Colonel A. Shaw, who later a second machine was found in South Gate, which belonged to a man in San Pedro. Officers were of the opinion that this marked the second leg of the flight to the north.

Planned on Water Front

With the confession of Mrs. Kearney, the arrest of Mrs. Cochran and the identification of the others, Captain Frank Dewar of the sheriff's office said he believed the Agua Caliente robbery was planned on the San Pedro water front. He based his opinion on the fact that Cochran, Kearney and Dellan, all have been identified as former water-taxi operators there.

Mrs. Kearney in her confession told of seeing for Cochran at the resort of Cochran, who gave her husband \$200 to be paid to Dr. R. O. Taylor for removing the bullet from Cochran's wound. She said that Cochran, Colon and Dellan formerly lived in San Diego.

She told officers that Cochran telephoned his wife at Long Beach.

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River Threatens
But Engineers
May Win Battle

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 24 (AP)—From continued crumbling levees along a half dozen Mississippi Valley streams, men looked down today upon threatening water and found in the night sufficient cause for working the harder to hold the rivers within bounds. Near one of the levees a human body floated.

The high water in the Mississippi river and its tributaries took the season's first recorded flood death last night. Raymond Hays, 28, a plantation foreman, was drowned in flood river near Texarkana, Ark., while trying to rescue horses surrounded by the flood. In that vicinity some 4,000 acres were under water and property loss had been severe.

There had been no other breaks reported, despite the pessimistic outlook of Mississippi Delta citizens, and Theodore G. Bilbo, governor of Mississippi and engineers in charge of the mounds landing levees near Greenville maintained their confidence that the levee would be saved—barring always the accidents no experienced river man overlooks in predictions.

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TEXAS PLANE
IS NEARING
WORLD MARK

"Forth Worth" Beginning
Sixth Day in Air—
Passes 120th Hour.

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 24 (AP)—On its sixth day in the air, the civilian monoplane Forth Worth today was driving steadily on toward the world's endurance flight record of the army plane Question Mark.

Reg. L. Robbins and James Kelley, pilots of the Forth Worth, passed the 120th hour slot at 11:33 a. m. and had little more than 20 hours to go to better the Question Mark's time of 150 hours, 40 minutes, 15 seconds.

Scarcely a day ago, her single motor droning a march to victory, the Forth Worth today gave no indication of surrendering to the law of gravitation.

Nearing Record</