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We suppose the conservative party in England is surprised to find that the country is no worse off since the labor party's victory last week. Governments are usually an instrument of progress, not the cause of it; and England is no exception.

Lindy has been a noted pilot of the skies for some two years and now—if we are to believe the man who helped dock his boat at Block Island—he is trying his skill on, not over, the blue waters of the Atlantic. If it weren't for the attending publicity, we might reasonably expect that the Colonel would tie up at some French port in a few days with the trans-Atlantic motor boat record nailed to the mast.

Tomorrow will be a big day in Union county—the dedication of the new state normal school and the first day of the 21st annual stock show at Union. Governor Patterson is going to be present tomorrow for the dedication and Thursday at the stock show. Never having attended the event at Union he has a treat in store—because the Governor is a farmer and stockman as well as a most successful public servant. And he will view the finest stock in all Eastern Oregon this year.

Oregon has apparently escaped by a hair having a special election to vote on the new tax measures. We refuse to shed any tears over it. A special election is one thing the great majority of Oregon people do not want. In communities like this the possibility of it was spoken of with distaste, if at all. Politics and the arguments for and against various tax measures constitute a dish that we can stand every other year, but not much more frequently and still keep our happy dispositions. The state will get along quite well, we imagine, as things are. Even if they were bad, we doubt the chance of an election bringing much improvement.

HOME PRODUCTS AFTERMATH

Seldom has there been a community event designed to build up community institutions that has received such praise as the Home Products Show last week. It was a decided success, though the crowds far exceeded the capacity even of the big room where it was held and large additional numbers were kept from seeing the displays simply because they couldn't get in. And the displays were very much worth seeing. They gave a consolidated conception of the number, variety and quality of things manufactured in Union county that could hardly have been obtained in any other way. And the crowd was interested. The gentleman in charge of one booth estimated that at least a thousand people stopped at his display, asked questions about the product, its manufacture, etc., in addition to the other thousands who viewed the display silently. That kind of public contact and education cannot help but be of great value. People learned more about Union county products in one experience than they ever had before. They were able to visualize what these products mean to the community—now they keep home people employed, home buying power at a high level. And everyone who attended the show is impressed with the benefit to the community to be gained by buying these home products. The right kind of a start has been made. And now a permanent advantage to the community is within reach if those who were impressed with these home products will follow it up with a constant preference for them in each day's buying. If the show results in an ever increasing number of people thinking, talking, buying these products manufactured in this community, it will prove an unusual investment. The change can come only gradually, of course. But it's a change that will benefit everybody. Try it. Be satisfied with nothing less than home products whenever you buy. Insist on them. Watch for their advertising messages; get to know their brand names. It is the one immediately available opportunity for you to help bring greater payrolls, enlarged industries to this county.

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Ex-President Coolidge says there was never a time when money was worth as little as it is today but he should be glad he wasn't writing when a cent a word was "top" with the Century and other magazines. Druggist Artie Small has an attractive window display of genuine pre-war hair tonic.

PROMISE TO HAVE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

By Mrs. Bertha Carper (Observer Correspondent)
PROMISE, Ore., (Special)—The Promise Sunday school and community are preparing a Children's day program to be given June 23. Mrs. John Hubler and Mrs. Mussett, of Maxville, were at the Promise cemetery Decoration day. Edgar Barton left for California the first of the week. Mrs. Almada Carper is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Haney, of Wallowa. Mrs. Haney is confined to her bed with neuritis. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Lindsey and Mrs. C. P. Lindsey spent Thursday with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Carper, their sister, Mrs. Lillian Carper who had spent the winter in La Grande attending high school, accompanied them and will remain at her home in Promise until school begins again in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore are spending a few days on Powwaka and the shearing camp on Mud Creek. Mrs. Gladys Carper from Powwaka was calling at the post office in Promise Wednesday and visiting her mother, Mrs. Roby. The skidder finished up on the main line Friday and is now going out on spur No. 1 which starts in toward the Grossman country. Dana and Elwood Robinson, of Lostine, and their mother, Mrs. Hammock came in Memorial day and decorated their father's grave. Mr. Garbett and Obe Swanson made a business trip to Wallowa Friday. Mrs. Pearl Lively and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lucy Trump and family, of Maxville were at the cemetery Thursday.

The farmers are all wearing a broad smile and a look of great expectations on account of the nice rain which covered most of Friday night and Saturday. John Carper made a business trip to Wallowa Friday. Melvin and Orval Carper finished shearing their father's sheep Thursday morning. Davis Pearlman, a hide buyer from Pendleton was in Promise the middle of the week. Vester Henderson went to Wallowa Saturday.

WALLOWA WAGES RODENT BATTLE

Farmers Fighting Ground Squirrels with Poison Oats—Progress Made.

WALLOWA, Ore., (Special)—The fight against the thousands of ground squirrels which infest this community is still in progress on the most of the farms. Much attention has been necessary recently because of the fact that with the drying up of the bunchgrass in many of the large pastures where practically no poisoning has been done this spring, the rodents have traveled to neighboring grain fields in quest of more tender forage. A large amount of poisoned oats have been used during the past few weeks, and according to many of the farmers excellent results are being obtained in getting large numbers of the young squirrels with the poison. During the last week or ten days the squirrels have been doing considerable cutting where they have been allowed to establish themselves in the wheat fields.

E. H. and C. M. Sherod of Middle valley, were busy the first of the week taking their cattle to summer range. C. A. Hunter has also been busy recently moving a large part of his cattle to the Maxville section where he owns several hundred acres of excellent summer grazing land. The grass on these ranges is reported to be very good. M. J. Sevier, of Diamond Prairie, was a business visitor in the Leap section during the early part of the week. Mr. Sevier has a part of his sheep on pasture on the foothills east of town, and according to some of the men who have been engaged in helping care for the flocks the lambs have made a wonderful growth with some of the February lambs weighing as much as 70 pounds each. Many fine bands of lambs are to be seen at the various farms along the valley where flocks of from 25 to 200 head of ewes are kept. The greater part of these lambs came in February and March and have made an excellent growth. Shearing of many of the small flocks is being done, in most instances the little bands are being sheared by hand.

A. W. Harmon, of Leap, was an Enterprise business visitor the first of the week. Roy Gustin, who has been working for M. A. Peterson of Whiteley creek, returned home the latter part of the week. Ed Bell, of Whiteley creek, was delivering a fat hog in town during the week.

Sam Meek finished plowing summerfallow during the early part of the week. Farmers of this county were made joyful the latter part of the week when rain soaked the ground to a generous depth, coming in time to prevent any damage to prevent any damage to grain crops from the drying weather which has held away here for the greater part of the last month. Rain began falling about nine o'clock Friday night and continued the greater part of the night and much of Saturday morning. The rain was not heavy enough to cause water to run on top of the ground to any extent, but came down slowly allowing the soil to take up practically all of it. Previous to the rain a northwest wind that had been blowing during the past two weeks, had dried the moisture from the ground rapidly. Winter wheat crops on the hill tops and thin places were beginning to show signs of needing additional moisture. Farmers feel that with a rain like this one experienced the last of the week and the grain being large enough to shape the soil in most fields that the soil will hold the moisture in good shape from now on. Many farmers who were in the midst of plowing

their large tracts of summerfallow are indeed much pleased to see a good rain. In many of the fields the ground was becoming so hard that it was a difficult matter to get even the heavy tractor gangs to go into the ground deep enough to do a good job of plowing. Most of the summerfallowing has been finished on the smaller farms, however, on many of the large ranches where a large amount of spring seeding was done this year, and the ground being too wet to get into until only a few weeks ago, there is still much plowing to be done yet. The weeds have made a good start on much of the unplowed ground giving farmers an excellent chance of killing many of them with the first working of the soil. While range conditions have been quite good in this section for the past month the droughty weather of the past two weeks has prevented the bunchgrass making the growth it would have made had there been frequent rains, but with the grass still in a green growing stage, stockmen feel that chances for a good growth of the forage crops yet are very good. The most of the stock have been placed on the later summer ranges in the timbered and cut-over areas at this time, here the grass is reported to be excellent and the soil still containing plenty of moisture to insure a good growth of the grass.

A large crowd of farmers and others were in attendance at the public grange meeting held at the high school gym here Friday evening. The principal speaker of the evening was Walter M. Pierce of La Grande, who gave a talk on the need of organization of the producer. Mr. Pierce is a popular speaker with a large number of the residents of this community. Having made many trips into the county during the past twenty years he is known by nearly all. A considerable number of grangers from the upper valley and also from Lostine were in attendance. A number of new applications for membership in the organization here were received with the prospects of soon having a live working organization.

Bruce Fisher, of Leap, delivered a load of fat hogs to buyers at Enterprise the last of the week. He secured Mr. Clemens, a truck man from this place, to take the load to Enterprise for him. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Heakett who have been visiting recently with Mrs. Heakett's mother, Mrs. C. F. Harmon, of Leap, left the first of the week for their home at Walla Walla. Mrs. H. C. Hearing was taken suddenly ill at her home in the valley a few miles east of town on Friday evening and brought to the hospital here where she underwent an operation for appendicitis Saturday morning. She is reported to be in a serious condition. Otis Plass and wife and Leroy Plass and family drove to Summerville Memorial Day, returning home in the evening. Funeral services were held Sunday at Lostine for Mrs. George Hearing, who passed away Thursday at Medford. The body was sent here Saturday for burial in the local cemetery. Mrs. Hearing was one of the old-time residents of the county, having lived for many years on a farm in the Leap section where the most of the large family of children grew to maturity, a number of them making their

homes here while others moved to other parts of the state. A number of years ago after the children were grown, Mr. and Mrs. Hearing disposed of their farm and purchased a small tract of land west of town where they lived until the husband passed away a number of years ago, since that time Mrs. Hearing has lived with her children, part of the time here and more recently in western Oregon.

Charles Allen was a business visitor in the Leap section the latter part of the week.

At a recent meeting of the Wallowa grange, C. A. Thompson, was elected as a delegate from the local grange to attend the state grange session at Myrtle Point.

Sam Meek had the misfortune to lose a valuable work mare during the past week from distemper. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bowman of Lostine were visitors in town during the latter part of the week. Mrs. T. P. Lathrop, of Chico, spent a few days the past week visiting with relatives in the Leap community. Mrs. C. F. Harmon, of Leap, was visiting during the early part of the week at the Bruce Fisher home. Mrs. Harmon expects to leave soon for Eastern Washington, where she expects to make her home. The road toward Maxville and some of the other dirt roads leading into the hill section were very muddy for car travel following the rain of the last of the week.

Dorothy Herds in this section are producing at a very satisfactory rate at this time according to many of the farmers. Agents of the local cream stations say that cream has been coming in in large quantities during the past two or three weeks, since the grass has become good on the irrigated pastures.

Mrs. T. G. Johnson received a shipment of white leghorn baby chicks from a hatchery at Tanglew. Mrs. Johnson is a resident of Oreg., the latter part of the week. Miss Dorothy Johnson returned home Friday afternoon from a two days visit with her sister, Ellen Johnson who is working in Portland.

Mrs. Sude Meek and son Sam left Sunday for Portland, where Mrs. Meek goes to consult a specialist regarding her health. Roy Gustin began work for A. W. Harmon of Leap the first of the week. Mr. Harmon recently moved his family from Enterprise to the ranch where they will live until the starting of school this fall. A double deck car of fat hogs was shipped from this county by the Wallowa Marketing association Wednesday of this week. It is understood that a guarantee of \$11.75 Portland, was received for this shipment.

CONCUSSION DISAPPEARS
HARTSDALE, N. Y., June 4—(AP)—Dr. Walter Clark Tilden announced today that the slight concussion of the brain suffered by Commander Evangeline Booth of the Salvation Army had entirely disappeared.

Miss Booth, who was injured when thrown against the top of her automobile 10 days ago, told the physician today that pains in her head were no longer noticeable. It was expected she would be up in two or three days.

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