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THE WEATHER OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday with local rain in the west portion, cooler in the north-west portion tonight.

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OREGON TRAIL FILM MAY BE TAKEN HERE

La Grande and Other Cities May Share in Making of Picture.

NORBLAD RECEIVES WIRE FROM FOX CO.

Governor is Asked to Name Man With Whom Concern May Negotiate—Nelson Favors Calder.

There is a likelihood that La Grande, along with Baker and Pendleton, will be among the locations for the filming of the "Old Oregon Trail" by the William Fox studios.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18 (AP)—Oregon will furnish important locations for the film story of the Old Oregon Trail, says a telegram received by Governor Norblad today from Sol M. Wurtzel.

The governor said that La Grande, Baker and Pendleton should share largely in the financial benefits of the enterprise.

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Hope to Secure More Tourists To Stop Here

Harley Richardson Quotes Figures at Chamber Meeting—Show Advantages of Plan.

Harley Richardson presented a plan for holding a portion of the 1930 tourist crop in La Grande for a while.

George H. Curry read a resolution prepared by the committee of which he is a member, commending the action of the county court in its plans to repair the worst part of the Starkey-Hillard road this year.

Mr. Richardson's plan was to capitalize on scenic attractions, including the Wallawa wonderland, in an attempt to have tourists stop here.

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Three Games In M. I. A. Tourney Played Monday

Western Oregon School to Play in La Grande Friday, Saturday.

Although handicapped by the loss of Paisley, guard, who is ill, and McCully, guard, and Carden, forward, still ineligible, the Eastern Oregon Normal school basketball team is hopeful of scoring a double victory over Monmouth.

Monmouth, twice winner over the Mountaineers in a previous barnstorming trip, without the services of Bramhall, star forward, as there is some question as to his eligibility.

Coach Bob Quinn said today that if the team is able to triumph in the coming two games, an attempt will be made to bring the Southern Oregon Normal school at Ashland to La Grande for a championship series.

The games both Friday and Saturday night will begin at 8 o'clock, and will be preceded by a preliminary game at 7 o'clock.

Coach Quinn is also planning a return game with the College of Idaho, to be played either at Ontario or Weiser.

When the Mountaineers invaded Monmouth, they lost by only a few points in the first game, with the score tied several times in the last few minutes of play.

Maurice Hindus' lecture to be given at 8:15.

Maurice Hindus' lecture, to be delivered at the Eastern Oregon Normal school auditorium tonight, is to begin at 8:15 o'clock.

The lecture is very interesting and worthwhile, according to E. D. Towler, local principal, who heard him at Corvallis.

L. H. S. Orchestra in Concert Today

The La Grande High school orchestra, directed by W. W. Nussbaum, gave a splendid concert early this afternoon at the high school.

The variety of tone color and tone harmony, as well as the facility of the groups of instruments, was artistically demonstrated to the audience.

Following the concert, a combined meeting of the Neighborhood club and the Class Room Teachers organization was held.

CRITICIZES METHODS

Washington, Feb. 18 (AP)—Criticizing methods of utilities companies and F. M. Bonner, executive secretary of the federal power commission, testified today before the senate interstate commerce committee.

He had been directed to tell William V. King, commission accountant, to "lay off the power companies" at a meeting in which Bonner participated.

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PARIS CRISIS PUTS FRANCE OUT OF MEET

Fleuriat Advises The Naval Conference of Nation's Withdrawal.

STIMSON, GRANDI IN CONVERSATION

Possibility That Other Four Powers May go Ahead and Take up Plan with French Later.

LONDON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Ambassador Pleuriau tonight advised the other delegations of France was suspending all negotiations at the London naval conference.

LONDON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Held up in their negotiations with the French by the overthrow of the Tardieu government in the chamber of deputies yesterday.

It was understood the Italian foreign minister fully explained the contents of an Italian memorandum which will be issued shortly by Italy's delegation.

In that note, Italy, it was indicated, will reaffirm her original viewpoint—a desire to see the conference limit naval armaments to the lowest possible degree.

The note, it was understood, will set forth that as Italy desires to eliminate all armament competition she has withdrawn since the Washington conference from entering into any long term naval program upon the belief that the world has finally entered into a period of real limitation.

In some French circles speculation tonight that the other four powers might put through an agreement which would be presented as a "fait accompli" to France when her delegation again appears at St. James' palace.

Seek Young Negro As Woman Killer

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 18 (AP)—A young negro was sought today as the man who entered a grocery store here last night, killed Miss Ida Krebs, 60, with an axe, and seriously injured her cousin, Miss Louise Lehman, 35, with the same instrument.

Neighbors attracted by the screams of Miss Krebs found the mutilated body of Miss Krebs lying in a bedroom to the rear of the store when the women operated.

Miss Lehman was unable to identify her assailant beyond saying that he was a young negro who asked for a "nickel's worth of coal oil."

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Masonic Building Association Elects

Directors were elected last night at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the La Grande Masonic Building association.

Efforts definitely to fix the casualties were difficult because the injured were carried to scattered homes.

The fire broke out at 4:30 a. m. and soon had converted the hotel into an inferno.

Maniwaki is a small lumber town 85 miles northeast of Ottawa at the end of the Gatineau line of the Canadian Pacific railway.

Among the dead were Mrs. Narcissa Glarneau, 37, proprietor of the hotel; her two children, Royal, 14, and Donald, 2, and her brother, John Marquet, 32.

The fifth victim was Nelson Bertrand, 2, of Greenfield, Que.

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RULE AGAINST LEGISLATORS' PAY MEASURE

Supreme Court Holds House Resolution to be Unconstitutional.

LAWMAKERS WILL LOSE \$5 DAY PAY

List of Opinions Handed Down Today in Salem Also Includes one From Union County.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 18 (AP)—The state supreme court today held unconstitutional a house concurrent resolution No. 8 of the 1929 legislature providing \$5 a day in expense money to each member of that legislative session.

The opinion was written by Justice Belt and affirms Judge L. H. McMahon of the circuit court for Marion county.

Concerning the contention of the defendants that the money was to be for expenses and not services, and that therefore it was not in conflict with the state constitution limiting the pay of legislators, the court held otherwise.

U. S. GUARDS TURN GUNS ON BANDITS

American Ships Belch Bullets at Chinese Pirates, Repulsing Attack

SHANGHAI, Feb. 18 (AP)—American naval armed guards unlimbered their machine guns and silenced a group of bandits yesterday when the latter fired upon two steamers belonging to the Standard Oil company of New York.

The encounter took place on the Yangtze river about 150 miles above Ichang.

News of the encounter, which reached here today, said the number of casualties was not known.

The bandits opened fire on the steamers and the naval guards, who had been placed aboard the ships to protect them from lawless attacks, then went into action.

The recent wave of banditry in Hunan, Kiangsi, Hopei, Szechwan, Anhui and Kiangsu provinces has been described as serious.

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Crew Abandons Admiral Benson During Morning

Heavy Southeast Wind Causes New Orders—Take Men off Ship With Breeches Buoy.

PORT CANBY, Wash., Feb. 18 (AP)—Orders to abandon ship went out from the bridge of the grounded Admiral Benson this morning as a heavy southeast wind rode in at dawn, driving before it a rain storm and heavy seas.

A 45-mile wind was blowing, the coast guard station here reported at 8:30 a. m., and the velocity was increasing.

The Admiral Benson, passenger and freight carrier, under command of Captain Charles Graham, grounded on Peacock Spit outside the mouth of the Columbia river Saturday night in a dense fog.

Coast guardmen said the Benson did not appear to have changed her position, imbedded firmly as she is in the sands.

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 18 (AP)—A group of surveyors representing marine underwriters today were to revisit the steamship Admiral Benson.

Upper Columbia Freight Service Near Is Belief

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18 (AP)—River freight service between lower Columbia river ports, Lewiston, Idaho and intermediate points today had assumed a more optimistic aspect.

The association immediately adopted a resolution "favoring the best possible navigation of the river now, with improvements as fast as obtainable, leading up to canalization at an early date."

Colonel Lukesh declared reports of a preliminary survey of the river, which eventually will extend from its mouth to the Canadian border, will be available by June.

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Mr. Hoover, who called the conference with a view to expediting the legislative situation, was represented as accepting the situation.

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Besides Chairman Snell of the house rules committee, those attending the breakfast included Speaker Longworth, Representative Tilson of Connecticut, the house republican leader, Chairman Hawley of the house ways and means committee and Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee.

Walter Newton, Mr. Hoover's administrative assistant, also was present.

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Tilson, with Watson, speaks (Continued on Page Four)

Queen's Condition Grave, Doctor Says

ROME, Feb. 18 (AP)—Condition of Queen Victoria of Sweden was said by her physician, Dr. Axel Munthe, today to be grave.

The Swedish colony here is considerably alarmed. Dr. Munthe, as well as King Gustaf, has spent the last few days at her majesty's villa.

The king had planned to go to the Riviera a few days ago but remained in Rome instead.

ARKANSAS CAGE COACH WINS 12 GAMES IN ROW

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)—Serving his second season as a basketball coach, Ralph Hazlip of Fayetteville high school has won 12 consecutive games.

Hazlip, former University of Arkansas cage star, started coaching last year when his protégés, Jonesboro, Ark., junior high school, registered 29 victories in a row and won the state title.

He returned to Fayetteville this year to work on his M. A. degree at the university and took over the high school coaching job.

Hazlip's tutelage.

Democrat Leader Says Lack Of Leadership Cause of G. O. P. Chaos

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Representative Garner, of Texas, the house democratic leader, today declared that "lack of leadership in the white house has resulted in a chaotic condition in republican ranks in the house and senate."

Referring to the breakfast at the white house today at which republican leaders in the senate and house discussed means of expediting the tariff bill and presenting a legislative program, the Texas asserted the "spirit of uncertainty emanating from the white house has developed chaos in party leadership."

"There has been no leadership of the republican party since President Hoover entered the white house," Garner asserted in a statement.

TARIFF BILL AT MERCY OF "COALITION"

Senate Republicans do not Believe It Can be Passed Before Mar. 10.

HOOVER SEEKING TO SPEED ACTION

Numerous Additional Amendments Yet to be Acted Upon, Leaders Tell Chief Executive.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—A determined effort to get out of the way a quickly all legislation which might affect business progress has been undertaken by the Hoover administration.

It was understood that conferences between republican and democratic leaders in the senate would be held soon in an effort to speed up procedure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Senate republican leaders informed President Hoover today that the tariff bill probably could not be passed before March 10.

Called to the White House by the president, the republican chieftains were urged to speed action on this long pending question.

Senator Watson of Indiana, the republican leader, told Mr. Hoover that the tariff bill was in the hands of the republican independent-democratic coalition which is now engaged in parsing down some existing tariff rates.

Watson said there was innumerable additional amendments yet to be acted upon.

"We have not got the votes in the senate," the republican leader said after the meeting.

"We are at the mercy of the coalition and I don't think we can get the tariff bill passed before March 10."

The breakfast conference was called because of apprehension over the legislative jam beginning to form in the senate.

Mr. Hoover summoned republican leaders of both the house and senate.

The house leaders complained bitterly over the long period taken by the senate leaders in discussing tariff legislation.

The senate chieftains replied there was nothing to be done about it and placed full responsibility on the coalition which has mustered a majority on most of the tariff votes.

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HUSBAND, WIFE FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL SUITE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18 (AP)—A pair of sugar cubes marked as dies, several penciled notes, an empty whisky flask and several glasses which littered a table in the hotel room where their bodies were found today formed the nucleus of a police investigation of the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ellinger.

Detectives were working on two theories. The first was to be the most plausible, was that Ellinger shot his wife, who was about 40 years old, then killed himself.

Ellinger, who was 60 and moderately wealthy, slashed his throat and wrists with a razor. The second was that the tragedy was a double suicide. Detectives who held to the latter theory pointed out it was unusual for a man to shoot his wife, then slash his throat and wrists with a razor.

Investigators said they believed the couple had been gambling prior to the tragedy. Deputy coroners said the couple had been dead since Monday night.

The bodies were discovered last night when police battered down the door of the Ellinger suite.

There was no indication of a struggle. Furniture in the room was in order.