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THE WEATHER OREGON: Rain tonight and Saturday, slightly warmer tonight. Strong southeast winds, Friday gales on the coast.

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30 PER CENT OF WHEAT IS BEING HELD

Grande Ronde Valley Men Waiting for an Increase in Grain Prices. NO TRADING HERE AT THE PRESENT

About 350,000 Bushels of Wheat Remains Unsold - Chicago Jump Eyed Hopefully.

An increase in the wheat price in Chicago and other centers today, with the close at from one to two cents higher than yesterday's finish, brought hope to Grande Ronde valley wheat growers.

The present situation is very disappointing to a number of farmers, but they hope for a price increase in the near future.

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Monmouth Team Here For Hoop Clash Tonight

Two-Game Series With Eastern Oregon Normal Has Bearing on Basketball Championship.

The Monmouth Normal school basketball team, accompanied by Coach Wolfe, arrived in La Grande last night about 6 o'clock for a two-game series with the Eastern Oregon Normal quintet here tonight and Saturday night.

Both games will be played at the L. D. S. recreational hall, beginning at 8 o'clock. Reserved seats may be secured at Glass Drugs.

The Monmouth team has had a wonderful season so far, although losing two out of three games to Ashland Normal school. Monmouth has wins over the Mountaineers, Albany college, and several other strong teams, and is confident of victory this weekend.

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AGRICULTURE SCHEDULE OF BILL VOTED

Senate Completes Action on Portion of Tariff Measure Today.

RATES ON FARM PRODUCTS ARGUED

Attempt to Reduce Duty on Potatoes to the Existing Level Results in Failure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—After voting further increases in farm duties, the senate completed action on the agriculture schedule of the tariff bill today and moved on to consideration of flax, hemp and jute rates.

The first roll call on the flax schedule showed 41 to 35 against a reduction in the bill rate on cordage of Manila sisal, henequen and other hard fibers from two to 3 1/2 cents a pound. The present duty is three fourths of a cent and the house rate is 2 1/2c.

The cut was proposed by Senator Blaine, republican, Wisconsin, who previously had succeeded in eliminating an additional duty of fifteen per cent on cordage if smaller than three fourths of an inch in diameter.

Heated discussions. The rates on farm products have been the subject of heated discussions. Senators, especially those from western farm states, made a vigorous effort to increase the duties, contending such action was necessary to place agriculture on a par with industry.

On the other hand, a number of senators from industrial states warned that some increase would have to be paid by the consumer. Before taking up flax, which is the two thirds mark in the reductions, the senate approved a measure by which the duty on dried and frozen eggs, celery, lettuce, cabbage and alfalfa and red clover seed.

An attempt to reduce the duty on potatoes to the existing level failed. The bill provides for a 10 per cent duty on potatoes, but the senate voted to increase it to 15 per cent.

HOOPER URGES ACTION. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—President Hoover today recommended that congress make available \$12,000,000 immediately for maintenance and improvement of existing river and harbor works.

ASKED NORRIS BILL VETO. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Chester Gray, Washington representative of the American farm bureau, today asked President Hoover to veto the Norris bill.

MAKE COSTUMES FOR E. O. N. PLAYS. Sock and Buskin Committee is Doing "Brilliant" Work With Fabric Dyes.

Radio Program Is Heard Without Set. Hurricane Creek People Are Listeners.

Smoker Is Held At Elks' Meeting.

TWO OFFICERS SHOT. Sheriff James Nelson of Cheyenne county and Richard Carlson, a deputized citizen, today were near death, having been shot yesterday by Thomas V. Tompsett, 22, a shell-shocked World war veteran, who escaped from the state hospital for the insane six months ago.

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Highway Board To Preserve Old Indian Paintings

Land Company Deeds Cliff Near Dayville to Commission - Douglas County Work Ordered.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—The state highway commission, at a special meeting here yesterday, authorized one mile of grading on the Oregon coast highway in Douglas county at a cost of \$100,000. The unit will be north of Gardiner and will be financed on a cooperative basis.

The commission received assurances that Douglas county will contribute \$20,000, the road district at Gardiner will contribute \$5,000 and as these offerings are on a 25 per cent basis it will mean the cost of \$100,000. Construction at that point is extremely heavy, commissioners said, as most of the road will have to be blasted out of solid rock.

Bids for this project will be advertised at the March meeting and work probably will start in early summer. Preserve Indian Paintings. Indian paintings on a cliff near the John Day highway, east of Dayville, will be preserved. These paintings are a part of property owned by the Eastern Oregon Land company. The land company yesterday decided to state, through the commission, one and one-half acres, an area sufficient to preserve the markings of the Aborigine. The paintings are several miles from the picture gorge which is at the head of the gorge leading to the world famous fossil beds of the John Day country.

To eliminate two bad curves on the Crater Lake highway near Prospect, the commission ordered a project of one-half mile grading, to be opened at the March meeting.

RELATIVES OF TAFT CALLED TO BEDSIDE. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Failure of William Howard Taft to gain ground during the last week today prompted those who are at his bedside to summon members of the family who had fled from the city to come to Washington.

While there was nothing to indicate his condition had taken a sudden turn for the worse, it was said those caring for the former president and Chief Justice felt some apprehension over a lack of improvement.

Today's noon bulletin said the ill man was "just about the same." It made no further comment.

E. O. N. Students Organize Club. A group of Normal school students who are interested in nature activities have organized themselves into a local club, with Elmo Stevenson, head of the science department, as the official advisor and leader of activities.

The purpose of the organization is to encourage interest in nature; to engage activities closely associated with nature, such as hikes, field trips, and to observe nature's phenomena.

Maryle Vandaveur was elected general chairman, and Dorothy Cook was elected general secretary. The chairman appointed a committee to plan programs and entertainments. Another committee was appointed to plan meetings for hikes and parties. The club will hold its meetings on Thursday at 4 p. m. o'clock in the afternoon.

Radio Program Is Heard Without Set. Hurricane Creek People Are Listeners. One of the greatest mysteries and miracles of the modern age is radio. And at times it becomes more so.

A few months ago the world was startled by a news story that a woman had received a radio program quite clearly on her bed lamp. There was also another case of a program being distributed by an electric toaster.

Now comes still a third "phantom" program, this time from Walker county. The following originates from Joseph, and its veracity is believed to be unquestionable: "The days of miracle may be over for some people, but not for others. And, moreover, this isn't an article on religion."

In support of this statement the Joseph Herald cites the experience of several Hurricane creek farmers who one morning last week heard a radio program WITHOUT a radio. Dave Burrows, one of the listeners-in, says he heard the music when he was going in from milking. Lee, his son, heard it first and excitedly called to him and other members of the family to listen.

"At first we heard what sounded like a hand," said Mr. Burrows. "The music started and we caught the English some of the different instruments. Next there was singing by both men and women and later it branched out into an old-time fiddlers' contest. I haven't the slightest idea where it came from. At first I thought some musical organization was coming down the road on some advertising stunt or other. The music seemed to be stronger near the electric light lines, and especially so under a transformer that is near our house."

ALMA RUBENS TO "COME BACK"



Back to the stage—to stage a "come back" via vaudeville—Alma Rubens, motion picture actress, is shown above as she arrived in New York from Hollywood, and was greeted by her husband, Ricardo Cortez, the screen star. She was reported to have completely recovered from the illness which threatened to end her career and which kept her from the screen for many months.

Oregon Deputy Sheriff Shoots Escaping Man

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—George Thomas, 26, of Portland, was killed, and his companion, Mrs. Maurice Brown was captured last night after Thomas had threatened the lives of a group of citizens who pursued them after the pair had been accused of passing bad checks. Thomas was killed by a bullet from the revolver of Deputy Sheriff Carl Schlemmer.

The deputy was called by a Philomath store which had accepted one of Thomas' checks. The call said Thomas and Mrs. Brown, dressed in man's clothing, had entered the store and would be held until the deputy arrived.

When Schlemmer reached Philomath he found that Thomas and Mrs. Brown had broken away from their captors and had run out of town. A group of citizens pursued the pair and surrounded them a mile out of the village.

At the pursuers closed in Thomas picked up a club and threatened to kill anyone who approached. The pair then started to run across a field. Schlemmer fired one shot in the air but Thomas did not turn. The pursued man started to climb a fence and the deputy fired at his legs. Just as Schlemmer fired Thomas dropped down on the other side and the bullet went through his chest. He died in a few minutes.

An inquest will be held Monday. The sheriff's office said the pair had operated in Stayton, Feb. 11, and had passed bad checks in other nearby communities. They violated curfew laws and Philomath several times in the past, and in 1927 passed several hundred dollars worth of bad checks in those two towns. The same names were used on all checks.

New Oregon Coach In Portland Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Headed for Eugene and, he hopes, the Pacific coast conference championship, Dr. Clarence W. Spence, new football coach at the University of Oregon, arrived in Portland from his home in Minnesota today. A large group of county and state officials, led by Mayor Fisher and Dr. Arnold Bonnell, president of the university, greeted the grid mentor as he stepped from the train. A large crowd of alumni and Oregon students also were included in the reception committee.

Alleged Forger Escapes From Jail. CHICAGO, Feb. 21 (AP)—Charles Hockney, alias James Sexton, wanted at Pontiac, Ore., on forgery charges, broke through the bars on his wrists and escaped from the Jerome county jail last night. Five other prisoners in the same cell refused to take advantage of the opportunity to escape. Hockney had spent only about 24 hours in the jail having been arrested by Sheriff Fred Turner at Jerome Tuesday when he applied for work. He was identified by photographs.

WES NOBLE ACQUITTED

PONTIAC, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Wes Noble was acquitted by a jury here today of a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Frank Noble who was injured fatally in an automobile accident Nov. 29.

STAGE TRUCK BURNS

BAKELI, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—A consolidated stage line truck and a large part of its contents was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin.

WOMAN GOES TO GALLOWS TODAY



Mrs. Eva Dugan, 52, Legally Executed for Murder in Florence, Arizona.

FLORENCE, Ariz., Feb. 21 (AP)—The name of Eva Dugan, mother of two children, today was written on the pages of Arizona history as the first of her sex to be legally executed in the name of the sovereign state.

The 52-year-old housekeeper, convicted of the slaying in 1927 of A. J. Mathis, her employer, on his ranch near Tucson, shortly before dawn, calmly walked up the 12 steps leading to the gallows and smiled as she stood on the trap while prison officials adjusted the black hood about her head.

Unshaken in her resolve to "show the world I can take my medicine," she went to her death without making a last minute statement.

Surveying the crowd of spectators and prison witnesses, she clasped the hand of Warden Lorenzo Wright and said "good-bye, Daddy Wright." A few seconds later, at 5:11 a. m., the trap was sprung and Eva Dugan's account with justice was marked "paid in full."

First in Arizona. Mrs. Dugan was the first woman to receive the death sentence in Arizona. It also was the first time in the history of the state that members of her sex were permitted to stand on the scaffold as witnesses to an execution. Six women, five of them invited to witness the hanging, stood with heads bowed, as the noose was fitted about the neck of the condemned woman, and shuddered as the steel trap clanged to plunge the body into eternity. The sixth woman, a prison matron, accompanied Mrs. Dugan on her trip to the gallows, and it was last wish that the matron stay with her until the end.

Mrs. Dugan was convicted of the murder in January, 1927, of Mathis, aged Tucson rancher-recluse, in order to gain possession of his property. The body of Mathis was not found until a year later, when searchers found it buried in a shallow cinder-lime filled grave at a lonely spot on his desert ranch.

Arrested in White Plains. Meanwhile Mrs. Dugan drove across the country in Mathis' automobile and later was arrested in White Plains, N. Y., on an auto theft charge. She was returned to

UNEMPLOYED STAGE RIOT IN CHICAGO. CHICAGO, Feb. 21 (AP)—Seventy hundred men and women rallied about the city hall today in protest against unemployment. Squads of mounted police charged the throng, using bullets to keep the leaders from haranguing the mob that quickly gathered. Seven persons suffered bruised heads, and several were arrested.

The march on the city hall started after a mass meeting at Auditor hall on North Wells street, called "to fight unemployment."

Squads of five mounted officers warned of their approach, hurried their horses to the walk, striking right and left with clubs and knocking several persons down. Riotleaders who climbed to boxes on the corners and started addressing their followers were pushed down and beaten.

Handbills urging the unemployed to "join the international demonstration against unemployment Thursday, March 6," were tossed about.

Find Remains Of Early Americans And Giant Sloth

Scientists Discover Important Relics in Gypsum Cave - Date Back 20,000 Years.

By Phillip J. Stannott (NEA Service Writer) LAS VEGAS, Feb. 21—A race of early Americans, supposed to have pursued gigantic ground sloths 20,000 years ago, is in turn being hotly pursued today. The pursuers are not neolithic hunters, but leading American scientists, zealously digging in a gypsum cave in the Colorado river, close to the Boulder dam site.

Chance discovery of guano in the gypsum cave led to unearthing not only the claws, bones, hair and hide of the long vanished sloth species, but also remains of a highly developed human civilization in the same era.

The guano was sent to the American Museum of Natural History, where Dr. Barnum Brown declared it related to the huge ground sloths of a bygone era.

Dr. James Scherer, director of the Southwest Museum at Los Angeles secured a preliminary appropriation for exploration of the cave, and M. H. Harrington, curator, took charge. After discovery the party was joined by Dr. Chester Stock of the California Institute of Technology, author of treatise on the ground sloth. Dr. E. E. Furlong, paleontologist, University of California was a member of the party.

Harrington discovered a claw, bones, hide and even the coarse brown hair of the Northernmost sloth, a type recognized but little known.

The party was thrilled by this discovery, but more was in store. In uncovering the floor of the cavern, spearheads, darts and feathers bound with sinew were found.

Husband Shoots Wife, Musician In Los Angeles. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21 (AP)—Mrs. Vera M. Gingell, 36, actress and singer, Borneo, today was shot and killed in a downtown apartment house by Augustus Gingell, 38, Glendale, Cal., merchant and estranged husband of the dead woman. Gingell walked from the apartment and surrendered to Policeman Elmer Hoffman.

Mrs. Gingell, known at motion picture studios as Vera Dennis and Vera Ryan, police said, met Borneo, also known as Frank Burnaby, while the two were working on the same Hollywood movie lot. Gingell told police he became estranged from his wife shortly after she became acquainted with the musician.

Employed in Gingell's place of business, he had been brooding over his domestic trouble for several days, and yesterday learned that his wife had rented an apartment. Early today, police said, Gingell entered the apartment with a pass key, and fired five shots killing both his wife and Borneo instantly.

Gingell formally has been charged with the double slaying. Gingell said he watched his wife and saw her enter the apartment with Borneo. When he saw the lights extinguished, he said, he went to the apartment door. He found it locked and broke it down.

As he stepped through the shattered door, he said, he encountered his wife and Borneo. Without speaking to them, he drew a gun and fired the fatal shots.

Mabel Willebrandt Fined For Speeding

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Mabel Walker Willebrandt, former assistant attorney general in charge of prohibition enforcement, pleaded guilty today in police court to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$10.

Mrs. Willebrandt was arrested last Friday by a policeman who said she was driving her automobile at a speed of 38 miles an hour.

Mrs. Long Convicted Of Killing Husband

KINGSVILLE, Tex., Feb. 21 (AP)—Mrs. Maude Long was convicted of poisoning her husband, Jim Long, by a jury here today and her punishment was fixed at 25 years in the penitentiary.

Mrs. Long was accused by the state of having rid herself of her husband, a painter, in order to carry on an illicit love affair with Pat Smith, a 14 year old boy.

SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE IS UNCERTAIN

French Political Situation Causing Worry Among Naval Delegates.

NO GREAT GLOOM SHOWN PUBLICLY. Undercurrents of Apprehension are Discernible in London Circles Today.

LONDON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Undercurrents of apprehension with regard to possible consequences of the French political situation were discernible today among delegates to the five power naval conference who remained in London over the weekend.

The question uppermost in most minds was what will happen to the conference if the government crisis is not settled by next Wednesday when the present week's recess will be concluded.

London hoped Camille Chautemps would be able to secure a majority in the French chamber for the cabinet which he succeeded today in forming. However, as one French observer put it: "nothing at all is certain about what is going to happen in Paris."

Gloomy Outlook. "A government, such as that of M. Chautemps, may receive endorsement, and the conference continues next week; but again there is a good chance that any new government will last but a few days and that consequently the French delegation at London again will become an orphan. Several governments rise and fall within the next few weeks and meanwhile the conference will be unable to proceed."

Although the chiefs of the delegations at least publicly show no disposition to view the future with any great gloom, it is said that Secretary Stimson and Prime Minister MacDonald in a convention yesterday discussed their fears of further prolongation of the conference and probable effect upon world opinion.

It is possible that if the French situation—which at least had some promise with announcement of a cabinet, even though not yet endorsed—has not cleared up definitely by the first of the week that Mr. MacDonald may call a meeting of the chief delegates even before next Wednesday in an attempt to discover some solution.

"What'll We Do?" Although almost all of the delegates are most anxious with regard to the delayed procedure, one naval wit summing up the problem said: "The conference song now being written is 'what'll we do?' with words by Stimson and MacDonald, and music by Wakatsuki and Grand!"

There has been no public estimate. (Continued on Page Five)

CURSE OF THE PHAROHS IS DEATH CAUSE

LONDON, Feb. 21 (AP)—His mind harried by thoughts of the pharaoh's curse and the recent death of his son, 78-year-old Lord Westbury today fell or threw himself to death from his bathroom window on the seventh floor of 28, James court.

His body crashed through a glass veranda ceiling 100 feet below and knocked over a woman there. She was so badly cut by broken glass and so affected by shock that it was necessary to take her to a hospital. Lord Westbury died when he was picked up.

An inquest into the death which held a few hours afterward and verdict of suicide while of a sound mind was rendered. The dead man, who was the third of his name, had been in poor health for some time.

Lord Westbury for months worried over the strange circumstances of the death of his son Richard Bethell, 46, who was secretary to Howard Carter, whose investigations in Egypt disclosed treasures of ancient Tut-Ankh Amen.

Bethell's death, while apparently from natural causes, threw discussion of superstitions and a curse resting upon superstitious the tombs of the pharaohs. It was the tenth death among those concerned with the exploration of Tut-Ankh-Amen's sepulchre. Carter, chief disturber of the tomb, still alive.

War Rumors Heard Today In Vienna. VIENNA, Feb. 21 (AP)—The afternoon newspaper Stunde, which has left leaning, today publishes reports from Bucharest that despite official reassurances the Rumanian press was apprehensive that a conflict with soviet Russia appeared imminent. Rumanian troops were reported to have taken defensive positions along the Bessarabia frontier.

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