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THE WEATHER OREGON: Rain tonight and Sunday, snows in the mountains, moderate temperature; strong southerly winds.

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GUARD UNIT IS IN GOOD CONDITION

Federal Inspection of Company E held at Armory Here Last Night

NEARLY 50 MEN OUT FOR EVENT

Major James F. Byrum, With Visit Here, Completes Inspection of Second Battalion.

Company E, 186th Infantry in good condition, Major James F. Byrum, of the United States army, stationed at Portland, completed the annual inspection of the second battalion companies in La Grande last night.

Major Byrum, who was accompanied by Capt. E. W. Ely, U. S. Army, who is stationed at the battalion headquarters in La Grande with Sergeant Danney as national guard instructor.

The inspection here last night was regarded as "strict" with the major placing emphasis on the training of non-commissioned officers.

Captain W. A. Bean, of the local company, reports that 48 men and three officers were in attendance last night, regarded as "good showing."

Officers besides Capt. Bean were First Lieutenant Jesse Andrews and Second Lieutenant Porter V. Webb.

Lieutenant Andrews is being promoted to replace Lieutenant Arthur V. Sanford, who resigned some time ago.

Lieutenant Andrews is a former officer of Company E but transferred to the reserve because of business reasons.

Major Ralph H. Huron, in command of the second battalion, also accompanied Major Byrum on his inspections.

Excellent Showing The La Grande company, organized in 1924, has made an excellent showing in recent years, maintaining a high standard of efficiency and attendance.

The company's rifle team has consistently won the battalion championship.

The personnel of the La Grande company follows: First sergeant, Carl Ebert.

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PEARSON WILL BE SPEAKER AT LUNCHEON

George C. Pearson, whose occupation regularly is that of sawyer in a Bond full lot who at present is selling sawmill centers in the interests of wood products, will be the speaker at the chamber of commerce luncheon next Tuesday.

Mr. Pearson will spend two or three days in La Grande working with both operators and employees of local mills in a general lumber products campaign. He comes sponsored by the local employees. A general committee under the chairmanship of G. Klopfenstein will handle the local campaign and will attend the Tuesday luncheon.

Mr. Klopfenstein is also Mr. Pearson, Mr. Tiffany of the Mt. Emily Lumber company and Mr. Hendrickson, Mr. Davis and Mr. Seward of the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company.

"Mr. Pearson has a very interesting and instructive talk, and the mill employees of La Grande urge the business and professional men to hear him next Tuesday" declared the chairman in announcing the arrangement with the chamber of commerce today.

With the Baker chamber of commerce annual banquet scheduled for Tuesday night, A. W. Nelson, president, A. R. Hunter, secretary, and Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles of the local chamber, are making plans to attend. Any others who desire to attend are urged to notify Mr. Hunter before Monday afternoon.

EAST NORMAL DEBATE TEAM IS SELECTED

The Forensic club of the Eastern Oregon Normal school today announced selection of the debate team, with the negative group to meet the affirmative team of the college of Idaho here on Mar. 7 while the E. O. N. affirmative team goes to Caldwell.

Eugene Bowman, Vergella Bond and Hazel Williamson represent the affirmative side of the question to be debated, with Victoria Schweizer, Delores Funk and Miss Phillip on the negative side. Alternates are Elsie Yeek and Grace Herr.

Monmouth Wins First Game Of Normal Series

Visiting Quintet Forges Ahead in Last Half to Subdue Mountaineers 43 to 26.

The Eastern Oregon Normal school found a Tartar in the Monmouth team here last night, losing a hard-fought game 43 to 26, and thereby any possible chance for the conference hoop title dived into oblivion. The two schools will play the concluding game this evening at 8 o'clock in the L. D. S. Recreational hall.

Taller and able to hit the basket more consistently, the visiting quintet steadily drew away from the mountaineers in the last half, after the lead had alternated in the opening period.

Early in the second half, due to the uncanny basket shooting of Bramhall, forward, the visitors increased their lead to 23 to 12.

Drager and Watkins also found the hoop during this rally. Crawford looped a field goal and Price connected with a short shot soon afterward to make the count 27 to 16.

In the final part of the half Sarrett slipped through three times to score field goals, with Carden, who replaced Posey, also contributing a couple of points, but Bramhall and Marr, with mostly long shots, made the ball with remarkable accuracy.

At one time the score was 31 to 22, but after that Monmouth gradually increased her lead.

Slippery Floor A slippery floor showed up play to some extent, and helped to make both teams look below par during the first half.

Drager, at center, was too tall for both Crawford and Houchens, and secured the tip-off most of the time, a difficult advantage for an opponent to overcome.

The Mountaineers flashed brilliantly at times, but were unable to maintain these spurts. On the other hand, the Monmouth offense improved as the game aged.

The accurate foul shots of the (Continued on Page Four)

Tiger-Bulldog Game Is Moved Ahead to Mar. 3

The Baker-La Grande high school basketball game, originally set for last night at Baker and then postponed until Tuesday because of Coach Ira Woodie's illness, has been postponed again.

At the request of Baker, after the game was set for Tuesday, Baker realized that the annual meeting of the Baker chamber of commerce, with Gov. A. W. Norblad to be the main speaker, was scheduled for the same night and to avoid a conflict, asked for further postponement which was immediately granted.

Present plans call for the playing of the game at Baker on Monday, Mar. 3. No games are lined up for the Tigers' next week although some hard scrimmages may be scheduled.

Coach Woodie, ill of the flu, is improving considerably, and is expected to be able to return to school Monday.

Lions Prepare For Governor's Visit On Monday

Final arrangements are being made by members of the La Grande Lions club for the banquet to be given at the Saejawaw Inn, Monday evening in honor of Gov. A. W. Norblad, who will be the guest of the club. All civic organizations in Union and Wallowa counties have been invited to attend with their wives.

Gov. Norblad will arrive here Monday afternoon in company with Dr. McNary, superintendent of the state hospital at Pendleton. He will be the guest of a noon luncheon at Pendleton Monday, then attending a Kiwanis luncheon at Baker Tuesday and the Baker chamber of commerce annual banquet Tuesday night.

It was announced today that Judge J. W. Knowles, Senators C. R. Elberhard and Fred E. Kiddie, Representative H. H. Weatherston and President H. E. Inlow, of the Normal school, will be members of a committee to receive the governor to La Grande.

Appoint Williams Census Enumerator

According to announcement today, Raymond O. Williams, of La Grande, has been appointed enumerator for the census of distribution, manufactures and mines and quarries for Union county, with his duties to begin immediately.

Mr. Williams states that this work includes wholesale and retail dealers, auto business places, printing and publishing offices and all manufacturing establishments.

BRIAND WILL HEAD FRENCH DELEGATION

Camille Chautemps, New Premier, Will Accompany Him to London.

NO MODIFYING OF POLICY EXPECTED

Other Powers Expect Little Softening in France's Demands for National Security.

PARIS, Feb. 22 (AP)—Camille Chautemps, new French premier, said today that he had decided to go to London with the French delegation after a vote was taken in the chamber, but that he would ask Foreign Minister Briand to take charge of the negotiations.

He announced that the other delegates beside himself, Briand and Surin, would be M. Lamoureux, minister of finance, and M. Hanclou, minister of merchant marine.

While a certain amount of softening of the French policy at the naval conference was expected in some political circles today, inquiry in authoritative quarters elicited the view that there will be no actual modification of the French attitude by the new cabinet.

Although the socialists who control the destiny of the new ministry are in principle for the reduction of armaments, it was remarked that M. Paul Boncour, socialist and delegate to the Geneva disarmament parley, is perhaps the strongest champion in France for safeguarding French national security.

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E. O. N. TO HOLD ORATORICAL MEET

High Schools of Six Counties Invited to Take Part in Mar. 28 Event.

The Eastern Oregon Normal school is inaugurating an important new activity which will be especially interesting to high school students. An opportunity to participate in an oratorical contest will be given Friday night, March 28, at 8 o'clock in the Normal school auditorium with the public cordially invited to attend.

The contest is under the direction of Miss Amanda Zabel, head of the English department of the Normal school.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage public speaking and to give an outlet for the talents of the students. It will be an aid to practical citizenship in every day life, it is said.

The contest is divided into two sections, extemporaneous speaking and literary interpretation. The subject for the extemporaneous speaking is "Education for Citizenship" and the subject for the literary interpretation speeches will consist of prose selections, narrative in form, that have been chosen from good literature.

Open to Six Counties The high schools of Harney, Malheur, Grant, Baker, Union and Wallowa counties will unite in sending representatives to the Eastern Oregon Normal school at 4 o'clock Wednesday, Feb. 26 to deliver an address to the Educational club. Mr. Gentle is well known as an educational leader throughout the northwest. Previous to his present position, he was director of the training school department of the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth.

Many of the Normal school students are acquainted with Mr. Gentle through work under him in the normal school and work in the extension department of the university. This event is keenly anticipated by many of the students.

The public is cordially invited to attend the lecture.

STEAMSHIP AGROUND TOKYO, Feb. 22 (AP)—The steamship Alabama Maru, bound for Yokohama from Seattle, grounded near the mouth of Tokyo bay early today. The passengers were landed safely.

Several of these concerts have been given on Sunday evenings in the last two years, the receipts going into the fund for adding chiming to the organ. Tickets are now being sold for the event through the various organizations of the church.

Observe Washington's Birthday; Administrative Offices Are Closed

In honor of George Washington, first president of the United States and fondly remembered as the "father of his country," government business is stilled in La Grande today and Old Glory is floating from practically every flagpole in the city, as well as along the streets in the business section.

This birthday anniversary of Washington is generally regarded as a holiday over the nation, with all state, federal, county and city administrative offices closed. In La Grande the courts, city and county offices, and the post office are closed with only peace officers and firemen on duty.

In the business section, stores are open although many of them have patriotic displays in tribute to Washington. The banks are closed, as today is observed over the nation as a banking holiday.

All Of Nation Paying Tribute To Washington

Capitol City and Alexandria, Va. Lead Observance—Senate Hears His Farewell Address.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Feb. 22 (AP)—President Hoover arrived at 2:20 o'clock this afternoon to review the parade here in honor of the memory of George Washington and went immediately to the colonial home of Mayor Smoot, which adjoins the glass enclosed reviewing stand from which he was to see the parade.

By Cecil B. Dickson (Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—The one hundred and ninety-eighth anniversary of the birth of George Washington was observed today throughout the length and breadth of the nation which had segregated a part in establishing.

The city of Washington, founded by and named for the leader of the Continental army, and Alexandria, Virginia, the home town of the Revolutionary hero, across the historic Potomac river from the capital, led the country in the celebration.

In both halls of congress time was set aside for tribute to the "father of his country," while President and Mrs. Hoover postponed pressing white house duties to join Governor Pollard of Virginia, Secretary Hurley and other high government officials, to review in Alexandria, the annual Washington parade.

Fitting Ceremonies In army posts on the continent and in distant possessions, aboard naval vessels at anchor and at sea, in diplomatic missions on foreign shores and in the cities and rural communities, fitting ceremonies were the order of the day. Government departments closed in Washington, while patriotic societies planned elaborate demonstrations.

Following tradition, the senate's program included Washington's (Continued on Page Eight)

COVERED WAGON TO BE HONORED

President Hoover Calls Upon Nation to Commemorate Tenth of April

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—President Hoover in a formal proclamation called upon the nation to commemorate April 10 the one hundredth anniversary of the departure of the first wagon train from St. Louis, Missouri, toward the Oregon country.

He said that as president of the United States and in line with the wishes of congress he urged the country to observe the period beginning April 10 and ending December 22 as the "covered wagon centennial" and in so doing recall the national significance of this centenary of this great westward trek which established American civilization across a continent.

The proclamation, issued at the white house read: "The congress by unanimous vote has authorized commemoration of the heroism of the fathers and mothers who traversed the Oregon Trail to the far west, on April 10, 1849, the first wagon train left St. Louis for Oregon, pioneering the way for the thousands of men and (Continued on Page Five)

Dr. Gentle Coming Here On Feb. 26

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CHIME BENEFIT CONCERT WILL BE ON MARCH 4

A benefit concert for the chime fund of the Presbyterian church has been announced for Tuesday night, Mar. 4. The concert will feature Mrs. Harley Richardson, organist; the Triad choir under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Richardson; Mrs. W. H. Bohmke; J. J. Connelley, and Mrs. Lee Reynolds, pianist.

Several of these concerts have been given on Sunday evenings in the last two years, the receipts going into the fund for adding chiming to the organ. Tickets are now being sold for the event through the various organizations of the church.

Wilkins Expected In Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Feb. 22 (AP)—The explorer, Captain Sir George Hubert Wilkins, is expected here today aboard the steamer Enrique Ibsen after a summer spent in Antarctica during which he discovered new land on the fringe of that continent.

DETROIT, Feb. 22 (AP)—Unable to bear the prospect of being separated from his three granddaughters, Jesse Waite, 51, poisoned the three children and himself in his Cadillac Boulevard home late last night.

THE REAL GEORGE WASHINGTON



Today America is honoring the "Father of His Country" on the 100th anniversary of George Washington's birth. Above is a photograph of the first president with the artist's sketches depicting sidelights of his life.

A Closeup Of The Real Washington

By Beryl Miller NEA Service Writer Everybody knows that George Washington, whose birthday anniversary is observed on Feb. 22, was the nation's first president.

And most folks know, too, that the story about young George chopping down the cherry tree is pure fiction—just a figment of the imagination of Parson Weems who acquired the habit of turning all of Washington's actions into virtues.

But just what sort of a man was the "Father of His Country" whose memory is honored by millions? Historians borrowing for new information on General Washington in this inquisitive age have revealed that he was only human, that he had his faults as well as his virtues. After all, this heroic figure in the nation's history was very much like other men.

A Man's Man He was essentially a man's man—six feet three and one-half inches tall, "as straight as an Indian," and one of the best horsemen of the time, who rode to hounds with the gusto of an English squire.

He was a favorite with the women. From boyhood he was quick to fall a victim of the fascinations of the fair. While some historians have shown a tendency to exaggerate this amiable weakness, the truth seems to be that he often lost his head—but experienced little difficulty in finding it again.

He fell in love with Martha Custis, a wealthy widow, at first sight and married her shortly afterward. She no more represented his first love than did her; he had been rejected by Miss Betsy Fauntleroy and had paid court to others. This marriage brought Washington a \$65,000 dowry, then a handsome fortune.

"Bluish" Eyes His eyes have been described as "bluish" and a female chronicler added that they were "very lively." His teeth were defective and a badly made set of false ones distorted his mouth and gave the lower part of his face the square look seen in portraits.

Painters gave Washington a smooth face. But in truth it bore the marks of amplexus. His nose was extremely pale, but burned quickly when exposed to the sun, and became flared.

Out of Washington's diaries there emerges a business man—efficient, industrious, punctual, hard-headed, close-fisted, practical and cautious—a forerunner of the modern captain of industry. He was probably the richest man of the time, his wealth being estimated all the way from \$70,000 to \$1,000,000.

As a planter, he practiced crop rotation, diversified his products and experimented in breeding horses and cattle. His horse was (Continued on Page Four)

Howard Polley Is Freed of Charges

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—Howard Polley, 29, former employee of the American Bank building, was freed today of charges of perjury in connection with the reappearance of a large number of interstate utility bonds after a circuit court jury acquitted him last night.

Polley was charged with taking some of the \$1,000,000 worth of bonds after they had been thrown into the bank building furnace.

Search For Girl North of Salem

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—A searching party was being organized in the Hollywood district of North Salem today to hunt for Cloe Wood, 17-year-old Salem high school girl who disappeared Thursday from her home.

INVESTIGATE "PLOT" AIMED AT PRESIDENT

Mexican Opinion, However, is That it is Largely Figment of Imagination

ALCORTA ADMITS LETTER A "JOKE"

St. Louis Authorities Continue to Hold Prisoner After Secret Service Men Grill Him.

INVESTIGATE I had front MEXICO CITY, Feb. 22 (AP)—The Mexican government is investigating thoroughly a plot involving persons in San Luis Potosi to kill President Hoover, although there is general conviction that the plot largely is a figment of imagination.

George Price Shaw, American consul at San Luis Potosi, telephoned the Associated Press that a letter had been received by a Mexican student of that city from St. Louis, Mo., mentioning preparations to assassinate Mr. Hoover.

The letter was intercepted in the mail because it bore the address "Vicente Aurecochea, Soviet representative in San Luis Potosi," and had crude drawings of a bomb and of a machine gun on the envelope.

The letter was not signed but Consul Shaw said Aurecochea recognized the handwriting as that of Nicolas Alcora, a former student of San Luis Potosi, who has a bad reputation with authorities. Aurecochea was arrested, but denied knowing anything of the purported plot.

A photograph of Alcora and other data were sent to the United States to aid in running down the plot. In Mexico City the letter was regarded as the work of an unbalanced person.

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH IN HOTEL

Seven Men Injured Attempting to Escape from Building in Oakland.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 22 (AP)—At least four persons are known to have perished in a fire which early today destroyed the Webster house, a small hotel at Fifth and Webster streets here.

Firemen and police were unable to determine whether others had perished as the smouldering ruins made it impossible for them to search closely.

Seven men were injured attempting to escape from the hotel. The fire brought firemen from all parts (Continued on Page Five)

Hawley Scored In Resolution Lodge Men Pass

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—The text of a resolution adopted by the Woodmen of the World protest committee at a meeting in Portland February 19 and aimed at Congressman W. C. Hawley in his official connection with the Woodmen has been received here.

The resolution pertains to increased assessment rates in the insurance department of the organization, levied to enable the organization to maintain the reserve required by a law in Oregon and some other states.

Hawley, representative in congress for the first Oregon district, is head manager for the Pacific Jurisdiction of the fraternal organization and one of the three trustees. A letter accompanying the resolution declares that Hawley was "the man who was most responsible for the raising of the rates."

Clare A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, said Saturday that the attack on Congressman Hawley was unjust and that Hawley "had nothing to do with it."

As far as Oregon is concerned Lee has said that he will be governed by the final determination of the issue in the courts. It is now in the Colorado supreme court.

SPREE WINDS UP IN DEATH OF FOUR MEN

LYONS, Neb., Feb. 22 (AP)—A midnight spree, a time which the principals celebrated with a wet foot under way, for an aggregate of 207, tying Jones who finished a few minutes before.

The dead: Lawrence Kohlmeier, 24, a farm hand; Nelson Jarvis, 29, a pool hall employee; Leon Jarvis, 18, high school football player and a brother of Nelson Jarvis; Hollis Cleveland, 17, star football player of Lyons high school.

Reuben Roberts, 22, a section hand, is in a critical condition. A coroner's inquest which was hastily impudged yesterday afternoon following the death of Kohlmeier, the first to succumb, found that death was caused "by a poison which the drinkers had mistaken for wine."