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THE WEATHER OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday with occasional rain in west and snow in east. Not much change in temperature.

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GOV. NORBLAD SPEAKER AT DINNER HERE

Developing of Oregon is Theme of Talk Given at Lions Banquet. TOURIST IS HELD ASSET TO STATE

More Than 200 Union and Wallowa County Residents Welcome Visitor to La Grande.

An earnest plea for the further development of Oregon, which he holds can be accomplished by a united effort of all sections of the state, was sounded by Gov. A. W. Norblad, main speaker at a Lions club dinner in his honor last night at the Sackajaw Inn.

California an Example. "California is selling Spanish history and climate to the tourist," he stated in pointing out that the state to the south reaped a harvest of \$400,000,000 from tourists last year compared to Oregon's \$25,000,000.

Cooperation Urged. In connection with his urge for unity, he said that one of the things that has hampered Oregon's development is that the people of the western half of the state haven't always worked with those of the eastern half, and vice versa.

29 "SLEEPERS" IN CITY JAIL LAST EVENING. The city jail, although devoid of occupants during the day time at present, is doing a "thriving business" during the hours of the night.

McClay Purchases A. C. Palmer Store. H. C. McClay, local grocery owner, has purchased the A. C. Palmer grocery business on Second street, and has announced today, and contemplates operating both this store and his store on East Adams avenue on the service plan.

First Ward Will Present "Success". The First Ward M. E. A. has selected "Success," a three-act play, for presentation in the I. O. O. F. recreational hall sometime during the first week of March.

Plan Campaign To Boost Use Of Wood Products

George C. Pearson, of Bend, Speaks at Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Today. Speaking before the chamber of commerce forum luncheon today at noon at the Sackajaw Inn, George C. Pearson, of Bend, expounded the cause of wood and wood products, the speech in effect serving as the opening gun of a local campaign in favor of the use of wood, sponsored by the local employes' mill products promotion committee.

Wood Superior, Speaker Says. "In almost every case wood is the best material for building purposes," he stated in his closing remarks. "If we'll all work together and forget about sectional feeling, we will have an opportunity to do something big. But let's not hide our light under a bushel, let's advertise."

Style Show To Be Given Here Friday Evening

Nothing is a truer herald of spring than the style show. After the first show with its lighter and brighter shades in materials, its new lines and modes in dress, King Winter can relax with snow and ice outside, but in the hearts and fancy of the people, especially the feminine representation, "spring is here."

One of the first style showings in La Grande will be given by the Cinderella frock shop Friday night, Feb. 28 at 8 o'clock in the ballroom of the Sackajaw Inn. The Star Novelty orchestra will play during the evening. A special invitation is given to the public.

Outcasts Claim Union-Wallowa Championship

As a result of defeating the Wallowa Athletic club basketball team here last night, the Outcasts, La Grande independent quintet, today claim the independent championship of Union and Wallowa counties. The team consists of the Newlin twins, Thompson, Patten, Waite, Eaton and Robinson, and has not yet been defeated in its class.

Dr. Gentle Will Speak Wednesday

Dr. Thomas H. Gentle, head of the extension division of the University of Oregon, will address the Educational club of the E. O. N. in the Normal school auditorium at 4 o'clock tomorrow. Mr. Gentle is one of the outstanding educators in the Northwest and much interest is being expressed in his coming. The public is invited to attend.

Freakish Storm Strikes California; Two Deaths Attributed to Weather

San Francisco, Feb. 25 (AP)—Unsettled conditions presaging a continuation of the freakish storm, were expected on the Pacific coast today with the exception of Southern California which was assured of sunny skies and summer temperatures. Showers were forecast for the extreme north portion of California, while the weather bureau predicted occasional rains in the west portions of Oregon and Washington. Generally fair weather was promised for the Pacific slope by tomorrow.

CONFIDENCE VOTE DENIED CHAUTEMP

New French Government Overthrown in Chamber of Deputies Today. FATE OF NAVAL MEET AT STAKE

PARIS, Feb. 25 (AP)—The newly formed Chautemps government was overthrown in the chamber of deputies today on its demand for a vote of confidence. The vote was 271 to 281. A spokesman for the American delegation to the five power naval conference, said today that if the French cabinet does not get a vote of confidence tonight the conference probably would have to continue in recess until such time as France has a government and is able to send a delegation to London.

PARIS, Feb. 25 (AP)—Gonville Chautemps, new French premier, today presented his ministerial declaration to the chamber of deputies and asked a vote of confidence so that Foreign Minister Briand and the rest of the French naval delegation might go to London tomorrow.

In his declaration of policy upon which the fate of his cabinet hangs, the new premier took over Turle's naval policy and his economic construction program but promised lower taxes.

TAKING CENSUS OF LOCAL FIRMS

Explaining his duties as census enumerator in Union county, Raymond Williams, now conducting the count, stated today that reports must be available for him by the first of March, according to requests made of him by the department of manufacturing and distribution, which he is undertaking here, is required by virtue of an act of congress approved June 18, 1929.

Ivanhoe, Zurcher Form Law Firm

J. D. Zurcher, well known resident of Wallowa county, is now associated with Col. F. S. Ivanhoe in the law business in La Grande under the firm name of Ivanhoe and Zurcher. It was announced today.

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Wheat Drops To Below a Dollar; Then Rebounds

Mid-Session Prices in Chicago Lowest for Season—March Futures at 98 3/4 Cents. CHICAGO, Feb. 25 (AP)—Wheat prices crashed down below the dollar mark today in a panicky drop five cents below yesterday's figures and then as sensationally rebounded in the last hour of trading to finish at 5/8 decline to 5/8 advance.

The mid-session prices were the lowest for this season and below any offers at this time of the year in many seasons. March future dropped as low as 98 3/4 a bushel, and May sold down to \$1.02 1/2. Final quotations were: March \$1.04 1/4; May \$1.05 1/2; July \$1.10 1/4; and September \$1.13 1/4. The trade generally attributed the spectacular break to the refusal of the Farmers National Grain corporation to purchase cash wheat from other holders than co-operatives affiliated with it. Quoted statements by Alexander Logue, chairman of the farm board, were construed as indicating the board was unconcerned with grain after it passed from the hands of co-operatives into the hands of operators.

Corn, oats and rye tumbled along with wheat to new bottoms, but all climbed back near yesterday's closing levels in the final spurt.

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E. O. N. GIRLS ORGANIZE CAMP FIRE GROUPS

A Camp Fire group was organized by the Normal school girls yesterday, marking the initial attempt in such an activity in the local institution. This plan received enthusiastic approval and support. Miss Madeleine Larson, director of physical education, talked to the girls about the value of forming such a club in the community. She discussed the different ranks in camp fire, and what camp fire really means. All camp fire is based on old Indian folklore and many of the old songs belong to this club. Names of worthy Indians and old adages are preserved in the representative names the girls select. Camp fire consists of three ranks, wood gatherers, fire makers and torch bearers, she explained. The attainment of each rank signifies the completion of certain duties and accomplishments.

The group of girls was organized into three squads. Each squad elected its guardian, assistant guardian, president, vice president and secretary and treasurer. It was decided to hold meetings every week on Monday at four o'clock.

All members are eagerly awaiting the grand council fire, which will be a celebration of all Camp Fire groups in the city, early in March.

DOMINICAN REBEL MOVE IS SERIOUS

Revolution Spreading Throughout Country, Little Opposition Met. SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, Feb. 25 (AP)—The national assembly of the Dominican republic will meet Thursday to consider resignation of the vice president, Dr. Jose D. Alfonsea. Meanwhile the American minister, Charles D. Curtis, is intervening to bring peace between the government and revolutionary factions.

Faced with a revolutionary movement in the north of the republic and disturbed by local trouble yesterday, the city of Santo Domingo was quiet today.

President Horacio Vasquez and Vice President Alfonsea passed the night in the Santo Domingo fortress the commander of which had remained loyal to the government. Madame Vasquez, wife of the president, took refuge in the American legation.

President Vasquez, whose term of office expires in May, has not resigned but it was understood that he would do so.

Deny Rumors of "Spying" on Senators. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—After the arrest of two men on liquor charges near the senate office building last week a report was circulated that "spies" were keeping in close touch with activities of senators.

Senator Watson of Indiana, the republican leader, however, was assured by both the prohibition and justice departments no espionage system was in force against the senators. It was explained some secret service men had been at the capitol recently but their work was concerned with the activities of radical and subversive elements and had no connection with senators.

While there seems no doubt that secret service agents have been trailing questionable characters about the capitol, senate leaders themselves declined to give credence to the reports they were being watched.

David Barry, the sergeant at arms of the senate, said he had hired no additional guards and "never thought of it."

TO ATTEMPT WORLD FLIGHT



A world flight in which they hope to better the 21-day record of the German dirigible Graf Zeppelin will be attempted by Herbert Fahy and Mrs. Fahy, both noted fliers. They plan to start about June 1.

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Jones was driving his car at a point where some slides had occurred. Rounding a blind point he was forced to apply his brakes to avoid collision with a state highway truck. His car skidded over an embankment and he was killed. Van Duzer happened to be present and in the complaint filed by Guy C. H. Corbin of Portland, administrator of the Jones estate, was accused of negligence for failure to provide warning signs.

In concluding the opinion Justice McBride says: "The writer never drove a car a hundred miles in his life, but he has traveled many thousand miles in automobiles driven by others. It is his belief that many mistakes are made by drivers who are driving around a blind curve always keep your car under control. If drivers will do this, their administrators will seldom be in court for damages."

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Gangsters Take Warfare Into Hospital Room



Frank McErlane, One of Chicago's Toughs, Wounded in Gun Battle With Enemy Thugs.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25 (AP)—Frank McErlane, whom gangland knows as its "toughest," was shot three times, probably fatally, by enemies last night as he lay already wounded on his bed in a private hospital room.

With his right leg in a cast and swung high with pulleys and weights, McErlane grabbed a revolver from beneath his pillow and fired back at his assailants as they fled into the corridor. One of the assailants' bullets pierced McErlane's back, another his wrist and a third lodged in the right thigh.

As "Charles Miller," McErlane gained entrance to the hospital January 28, for treatment of a bullet wound, which he said he accidentally inflicted.

While the nurse was out of the room last night, the assailants quietly slipped in. A fusillade broke the quietness, followed by screams of patients. McErlane's nurse, returning hurriedly down the corridor, found the door open and her patient groaning on the bed.

Recognized by Suetich. Police were called, but McErlane maintained he was "Miller" until recognized by detective Suetich. A search revealed the gangster's revolver under the pillow. It had been emptied, and bullet pits on the wall of the corridor opposite the door to McErlane's room indicated the battle he waged with his attackers.

Although once a partner in the flourishing south side beer business of Joe Saitis, McErlane has been known of late as an ally of "Spikes" O'Donnell and his gang. This change of associates, police believe, was responsible for what they believe was an attempt on his life January 28.

Earlier in the night Joseph Fallick, a federal prohibition agent in a liquor raid here last night, died today.

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PEOPLE BACK HOME URGED TO "GO EASY"

Hoover Expands Statement Issued Yesterday at the White House. MORE BILLS MEAN EXTRA TAXATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—President Hoover in what he described as an appeal to the "people back home" today urged that they throw their influence behind the administration in an effort to curtail expenditures other than those contemplated by budget recommendations.

Expanding a statement issued at the White House after a breakfast conference yesterday between the chief executive and congressional leaders, Mr. Hoover said only a small per cent of the proposals to spend money of congress originate from members of congress.

On the other hand it was his opinion that the proposals were arising from groups all over the country. Many of the causes, he said, eventually should be undertaken and many no doubt would be undertaken some time in future years.

Hoover's Explanation. "I hope," Mr. Hoover said, "that the people at home will realize that the government cannot undertake every worthy social, economic, military and naval expansion. It is necessary to pay to government employees, expanded pension systems, or public improvements projects, and will support the members of congress in their cooperation with the administration to hold down these new proposals for additional expenditures."

"We have enough resources," he said, "to take care of the budget and such necessities as a marginal case of disability among veterans, assist employment and some projects that we have undertaken to and the speeding up of public proposals of lesser importance, but this is no time for general expansion of public expenditures."

One Killed, One Severely Hurt In Liquor Raid. TULSA, Okla., Feb. 25 (AP)—George Lawing, 39, shot by a federal prohibition agent in a liquor raid here last night, died today.

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TAFT LOSING GROUND, HIS DOCTORS SAY

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The bulletin, issued at the White House, said Mr. Taft had shown no improvement for several days although there was no cause for immediate alarm.

The bulletin, signed by Dr. Thomas A. Clayton and Francis J. Hagner, read: "The former chief justice has shown no improvement for several days. While this is no immediate alarm, it is felt that he has lost ground."

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