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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair tonight and Saturday but cloudy in the west portion Saturday, not much change in temperature.

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STATE LETS EAST OREGON ROAD JOBS

Homer D. Johnson's \$108,670 Offer Accepted on Kanelia Surfacing.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE TO COST \$26,710

Work to Start on Both Projects Within the Near Future—Wallowa Wants Forest Road.

Homer D. Johnson, veteran contractor of Roseburg, Ore., will surface the Kanelia-Hillard section of the Old Oregon Trail highway, and O. M. Pierce, will build the bridge over the Grande Ronde river on the same highway west of La Grande.

The above men, among a number who entered bids for the two contracts which were awarded late yesterday by the state highway commission in its February meeting in Portland, and expecting to start construction in the near future. The bridge work will go ahead as soon as possible, it is said, but the surfacing will not start for a few weeks, according to reports here.

Mr. Johnson, who offered to do the work for \$108,670, has just finished several jobs out of Coquille, and several years ago did some construction work in Eastern Oregon. Yesterday first reports placed his bid at \$98,370, but later figures increased the total, according to reports this morning.

Mr. Pierce's bid was in the amount of \$26,710, and the combined cost of the two jobs—the surfacing to extend over a 14.5 mile strip—amounts to \$135,380.

Contractors said that the surfacing job was regarded as one of the most desirable advertised in recent months by the state highway commission.

Total contracts awarded yesterday by the state highway commission amounted to \$29,356, only a little short of a million dollars. One or two of the contracts, however, were held up for investigation or for other reasons, but both the Old Oregon Trail highway jobs are ready for work with no further delays other than caused by weather conditions, etc.

The highway commission also promised to see what can be done about having the forest service build to Innahua as a development road. This announcement came following a request by Wallowa county for a forest road to Innahua.

APPROVE TILLAMOOK PROJECT

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28 (AP)—The state highway commission late yesterday approved a \$200,000 project for Tillamook to a junction on the Roosevelt highway, with an overhead railroad crossing at June and a bridge over the Wilson river. The project will keep the Oregon coast highway on one side of the railroad. Tillamook agreed to furnish \$15,000 of the entire amount.

Other projects already approved but ordered advertised for the March meeting are:

Central Oregon highway: twelve miles grading from Harper to railroad tunnel. Eight miles of grading from Millikan to Dry creek.

Oregon Coast highway: three miles grading north of Gardiner in Douglas county.

Corvallis: Newport highway, ten miles widening between Eddyville and Pioneer mountains.

PIERCES GIVE OREGON FACTS AT MEN'S CLUB

The Men's club of the Presbyterian church, in its meeting last night at the home of Alfred Cook on Eighth street, heard a very interesting talk on "Oregon History," given by Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, former state librarian. She briefly reviewed the points covered at the previous meeting and continued the romantic history of the Northwest, the Oregon country, leading up to the present. Ex-governor Pierce, at the close of the talk, gave a brief but interesting review of the political history of Oregon affairs at Washington during the period covered by his wife's address.

Mrs. Cook, assisted by Mrs. Edmund, served refreshments to the 20 members present. Mr. Stoneking, president, had charge of a brief business meeting.

WEATHER TODAY

73 to a. m.—22 above. Minimum: 19 above. Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 39, minimum 24 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER FEB. 28, 1929 Maximum 45, minimum 33 above. Condition: partly cloudy, moisture .03 of inch.

Black Will Go On Trial Again In Enterprise

To Face Circuit Court Jury on Death Charge For Third Time—First Trial no Decision.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Feb. 28 (Special)—For the third time, Fred M. Black will go on trial Monday, March 19, in circuit court, before Judge J. W. Knowles. This is one of the few cases on the court dockets for the spring term. Black is now at Yakima, Wash., says the Record-Chief.

He was tried for involuntary manslaughter in Enterprise early in 1929 and the jury failed to agree. Then later the same year his case was transferred by the court to Union county where he was tried again, and convicted. From this he appealed to the supreme court which reversed the Union county circuit court on the ground that it had no jurisdiction as the case had been illegally taken away from Wallowa county. District Attorney S. H. Burchell at once had the case set down for the third trial.

Harry Newberg and Grover Crews came from La Grande for a hunt in Wallowa county late in September, 1928, and camped on South Fork, or Lostine river.

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"Eon" Campaign For Funds Will Open Next Week

Business managers of the 1929 "EON," the Eastern Oregon Normal school's first year-book, announce that a solicitation campaign to raise \$500 to pay part of the publication costs of the annual will begin next week. The campaign has been endorsed by the county business bureau of Union county.

A campaign for the sale of the "EON" held recently resulted in the sale of an "Eon" to 100 per cent of the student body of the Normal school as well as to a number of local business men.

As a self-supporting publication, "EON" is dependent for approximately two-fifths of its necessary funds upon voluntary contributions by La Grande citizens.

Being the first publication of the first college in Oregon east of the Cascades, the "Eon" is eager for a wide circulation among the 72 high schools in Eastern Oregon in a campaign to interest high school students in the Eastern Oregon Normal school. The 1929 "Eon" hopes to be the medium for securing an increased enrollment for the school.

According to the staff of "Eon," which Grace Gobel is editor-in-chief and Ben Osterling and Charles Cook are business managers, the 1929 edition is to be a booster number for the school and La Grande. Local scenes are used as the art theme of the book. Instead of the usual advertising section, there will be a description of La Grande's business institutions.

With the end of a preliminary sales contest and the beginning of a solicitation campaign, work on "Eon" is well under way. A contract was let recently with a Portland firm for the complete production of the book, which is to be delivered late in May.

Tickets For Play On Sale Tomorrow

Ticket sales for Stock and Bushkin's production of three one-act plays to be presented March 5 and 6 will begin Saturday morning, according to Eva Jane Erwin, Stock and Bushkin's business manager. Glass Drugs will be sales agency for the Normal school's dramatic club.

The three plays, "Flareheads," "The Last of the Lowells" and "Pigeons," are in final stages of preparation. Indications are that a finished performance by the club and efficient handling of the novel stage settings will be features of the presentations at the auditorium of the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

Masons Will Meet At Union Tonight

The Union lodge of Masons will convene at a county meeting this evening at Union, beginning with a dinner at 6:20 o'clock in the lodge hall. About 15 to 20 local Masons are expected to attend.

Airplane Down On Fox Hill; No Details Learned

An aircraft plane is reported to have crashed somewhere near the top of Fox Hill near here shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. At 3 o'clock a group of approximately 15 men had gone into the timber in search of the reported wreck. No further details were available, and it was not known whether the pilot was hurt or not.

COMMUNISTS PLAN MAR. 6 DISTURBANCE

Radicals Making Preparations for World-Wide Demonstrations.

CHICAGO RAIDERS DISCOVER SCHEME

Records, Literature, Books, and other Propaganda are Confiscated and Destroyed.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28 (AP)—Extensive plans for a world wide demonstration of communists March 6 attracted further attention today after a series of raids last night on what police termed "headquarters of district leaders of the radical movement."

Then men and two women were arrested and held for investigation by immigration authorities for possible deportation along with numerous others taken here during other demonstrations of the last two weeks.

Records, Books Destroyed Records, literature, books and other propaganda of the communists were confiscated and destroyed along with office equipment at the main district headquarters here. The police arrested Julia Kjar, wife of Nels Kjar, one of the radical leaders. She said she emigrated from Denmark ten years ago and had not been naturalized.

At the people's hall, police suppressed the showing of a free motion picture, "Ivan the Terrible," depicting conditions in Russia during the war.

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OUTCASTS DEFEAT STATE CHAMPIONS

Augment Claim to Union-Wallowa Independent Title by 40-21 Victory.

At a fast and interesting game, although the Outcasts would fall to reveal it, the Outcasts, an independent team, handed the Ellettsville team, basketball team its first defeat of the year, with a score of 40 to 21. The victory gives the Outcasts the Union-Wallowa county independent championship. Enough opportunities to score were there for the M. L. A. team to have made a better showing, but the ball refused to behave.

A. C. Newlin was high man with eight field goals and F. Baxter was next, scoring 11 points. The Outcasts had a 15-point lead at the half and remained about that much ahead until the fourth quarter, when a series of field goals, both long shots and closeups almost doubled their opponents' score.

The Outcasts not being a member of the M. L. A., the victory does not change the Ellettsville team's state M. L. A. title.

Summary table with columns: Outcasts, Ellettsville, Points, Rebounds, etc.

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Reciprocal Exemption Best Method Of Avoiding Double Tax, Mellon Says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—Reciprocal exemption as the best method of avoiding the taxation of the same income, profits or property by this and one or more other countries was advocated before the house ways and means committee today by Secretary Mellon.

Appearing at a hearing on Chairman Hawley's bill to reduce international double taxation, in which have been incorporated his recommendations as to the manner in which this government could participate in a world-wide effort to solve this problem, Mellon said there were two lines of approach.

The first, he said, is by treaty with one or more countries, which involves mutual concessions in respect of the taxation of nationals of the treaty-making countries. He gave as objections to this plan that the concessions were more likely to be based on bargaining than on sound principles of taxation, and that this method resulted in the taxation by the United States of the nationals of different countries on dissimilar bases.

The second plan, he explained, was exemplified by the present law covering the taxation of shipping profits and authorizing the exemption of foreign shipping profits

No Improvement In Condition Of Taft Is Report

Friends Silently Visit Dying Man—Son Reaches Bedside, Winning Race With Death.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—The condition of William Howard Taft was reported as "slightly weaker" in a bulletin issued by his physicians at 11:40 a. m. today.

"The former chief justice is slightly weaker," the announcement said. "He is able to take very little nourishment. There is no decided change in his condition since yesterday."

The quiet of the street where the former chief justice lay dying was emphasized by the silent coming and going of old friends and governmental officials who called to pay their respects and went away with grave faces.

Many Friends Calls A uniformed policeman took his place in front of the Taft home, explaining his orders were to maintain silence. Justice Sanford of the supreme court called to pay his respects to his former associate and chief.

George W. Wickersham, chairman of the national law enforcement commission, who has been Taft's friend for years, also called.

COUNTY FAIR GROUP SEEKS VOTE MAY 16

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—The Wallowa county fair question may go on the ballot this year. At a meeting of the Enterprise chamber of commerce with other community organizations, a resolution was passed favoring an effort to place the proposition on the May 16 ballot.

The Wallowa county fair, one of the few remaining shows of its class in Eastern Oregon, is ranked as one of the leading county fairs in the Inland Empire, and its supporters plan to make a determined effort to keep it alive. An attempt may also be made to induce the county to appropriate money for the event.

Two To Make Race For Prosecutor

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—Three candidates for office for the coming primary nominating election came to the front this week. These are J. P. Allen of Wallowa, republican, for district representative from Union and Wallowa counties, and H. B. Buehly and E. V. Christman of Enterprise, for district attorney of Wallowa county on the republican ticket, according to the Enterprise Record-Chief.

Only two other offices are to be filled in the county, county judge and county commissioner, and it is thought that Judge L. E. Jordan and Commissioner E. F. Johnson may both consent to be candidates for reelection.

Enterprise Plans Special Election

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—A special election to vote on refunding bonds has been called in the city of Enterprise for Tuesday, March 13. The council at a special meeting called the election following the advice of lawyers and financial specialists, according to the Record-Chief.

The people will vote on the question of giving the council authority to issue \$35,500 in general obligation refunding bonds, which may be used to take up two lots of paying bonds that fall due this year, one lot of \$48,000 which matures April 1 and another lot of \$27,000 maturing October 1.

Fight Commission Upholds Decision

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 28 (AP)—Lou Morello's action in declaring Jack Sharkey the winner and refusing to allow Phil Scott's claim of foul in last night's title fight was formally upheld today by the Miami boxing commission.

TRUSTY STAYS SHOES

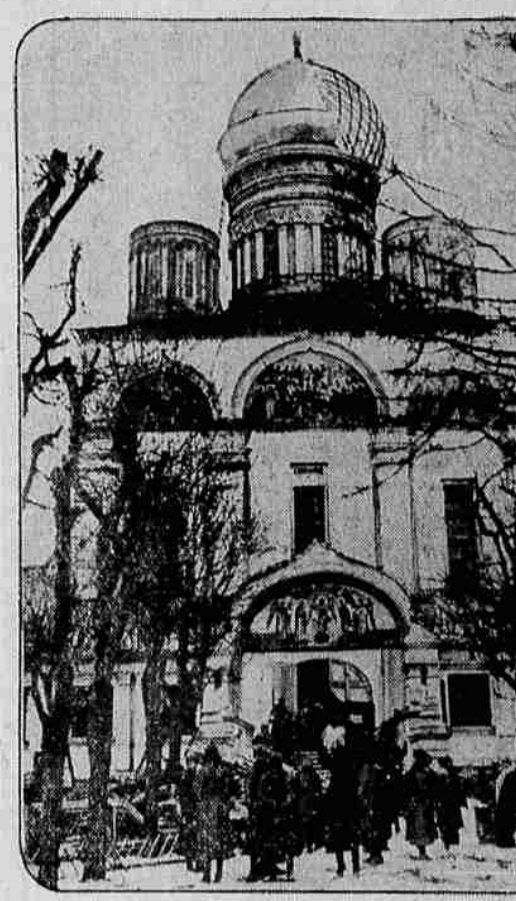
YAKIMA, Wash. (AP)—The bald headed thief who stole a hairbrush and comb has nothing on Don Gray, city jail inmate, for Gray, who can go nowhere for 20 days, stole a pair of shoes in the public station.

Bertrand S. H. Merzian had removed his footlock to dry. When he sought the shoes they were missing. Search of the cell block disclosed them under Gray's bed. Gray had been a trusty, but he isn't one anymore.

GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 28 (AP)—Robert Landis, 17 year old Minnepsota youth, was sentenced today to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Walla Walla for the murder of a detective.

WHY CHRISTIANS PROTEST



This picture shows the actual demolition of one of Russia's most beautiful structures, the Semnover Monastery, by the Soviet government, which announces that the ancient edifice will be replaced by a "palace of culture." Note the wrecked furnishings piled in front of the building. Widespread acts of desecration and destruction of church property, such as this, have drawn protests from Pope Pius and also from the Church of England.

Wheat Situation To Be Topic Of Chicago Meeting

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—Secretary Hyde announced today after attending a cabinet meeting that he would accompany Chairman Legge of the farm board and Sam H. McKeivie, board member representing wheat, to Chicago this afternoon, where they will meet with the wheat advisory commodity committee.

The secretary added that the date for the meeting had been set for some time and that its purpose was to discuss the wheat situation generally.

When he returns to Washington the secretary said, he expects to reply to the Heflin resolution adopted by the senate calling upon him to recommend whatever measures he saw fit in the present wheat and cotton situation even to the extent of temporarily closing the wheat and cotton exchanges. He indicated that he would not recommend they be closed.

The operations in wheat of the grain stabilization corporation have been criticized by private traders who complained that the corporation was handling only wheat owned by cooperatives. Chairman Legge, has asserted, however, no change in policy was contemplated.

Recommend Young Plan to Reichstag

BERLIN, Feb. 28 (AP)—Joint committees of the Reichstag today approved the Young reparations plan, thereby recommending its acceptance in the Reichstag.

The joint committees also approved the agreement on American reparations and the hotly-contested Polish reparations agreement. The Young plan bills will reach the Reichstag for their second reading March 5.

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Lumber Tariff Measure Loses In Senate, 39-34

Democratic - Independent Republican Coalition Facing Strenuous Drive by G. O. P.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—The senate turned today to the question of imposing a tariff on oil, while the democratic-independent-republican coalition sought to hold its ranks intact in the face of a strenuous drive for votes by those supporting the petroleum duty.

Charges of log-rolling, too, were all reverberating about the capitol, in the wake of a report that an agreement had been made to fix a duty on oil and leather, now on the free list, and increase the rate on sugar, previously approved by the senate at 1.76 cents per pound.

Leaders of the coalition were confident that they could maintain sufficient strength to defeat the proposal, but at last night they were successful in opposing a move to place a duty of \$2 a thousand feet on soft lumber, now on the free list. The vote was 39 to 34.

Nine democrats deserted the coalition to vote for the duty, but their defection was offset by four members of the regular republican group who swung over to the coalition, including Chairman Snoot of the finance committee. The lumber proposal was sponsored.

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Dr. Snook to Die In Chair, Fight For Life Fails

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 28 (AP)—Today was the last on earth for Dr. James Howard Snook, the 50-year-old former professor of veterinary surgery at Ohio State university, condemned to die in the electric chair because he killed his co-ed mistress, Theora Hix.

Dr. Snook spent his last day preparing for death at about 7:30 o'clock tonight, the usual hour for electrocutions in Ohio penitentiary. Snook's attorneys, who fought for his life through four courts and into Governor Cooper's office only to lose their last battle there, were merely waiting today. He was Mrs. Helen Marple Snook, faithful wife of the condemned man, who shook the governor with a powerful plea for clemency yesterday.

Dr. Snook, who earned an international reputation as a pistol marksman in addition to national recognition as a writer on hunting and veterinary surgery, played cards with his death-cell mate until "lights out" last night. He was cheerful during the card game, but as the night drafted into the fatal day, the doctor became nervous and prison guards feared he might "break" before his execution.

MacDonald Given Confidence Vote

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP)—The MacDonald government late Thursday emerged victorious on the critical vote on its controversial coal bill, winning 80 to 71.

Although it had generally been expected that the government would hold its own, the vote on the bill was watched eagerly by the entire country—and nowhere more eagerly than in naval conference circles where a defeat of the government might have caused even more complications than the French political crisis.

Huge Hailstones Pelt Red Bluff

RED BLUFF, Cal., Feb. 28 (AP)—A freak hailstorm pelted Tehama county last night, strewing hailstones of an unusual size over an area one mile wide and fifteen miles long. Some of the stones measured an inch and a half in diameter. No damage was reported, although almond blossoms were stripped from trees.

Rhode Island May Vote on Dry Law

RHODE ISLAND—Front Providence, R. I., Feb. 28 (AP)—The state senate today voted 24 to 11 to place on the ballots at the November election the question: "The 18th amendment to the constitution, should it be retained?" The measure now goes to the house.

Fish Is Opposing Soviet Recognition

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—Accusing communists in Russia of carrying out a systematic campaign to despoil churches and to exterminate religion, Representative Hamilton Fish Jr., republican, New York, today asked support in the house of his resolution opposing the recognition of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Fish is a member of the house foreign affairs committee. He recently introduced a resolution which condemned "the perfidious and outrageous which have been inflicted upon the Christian and Jewish subjects of soviet Russia."

CANADA MAY STOP SHIPS WITH LIQUOR

Proposed Legislation Would Refuse to Grant Clearances to 'Runners'

MAJORITY FAVOR CO-OP MEASURE

If Adopted, Bill Would Aid American Officers in Enforcing Dry Law in the U. S.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 28 (Canadian Press)—Legislation to refuse clearances to vessels carrying liquor to the United States is expected to be introduced in the house of commons shortly. It would cause a great loss of revenue to Canada and such a law would be impossible of enforcement. The United States had never shown such tender solicitation for Canada. The Dominion should not penalize a legitimate business here to enforce a law in the United States.

"The prime minister," Senator Dandurand, replied regarding an strictly confidential matter of the communications he has had with different persons on the subject of liquor clearances and is not prepared to disclose any reply to the inquiry as made.

For three hours liberal members and senators devoted their entire time in debate to a discussion of the subject. Opposition in the house of commons is reported, came from certain Quebec and Ontario members. But with the majority opinion, on the whole, in favor of refusal of clearances. Strict reticence prevailed after the government caucus.

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HAVVAIR DAILY HAS PLAN

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 28 (AP)—A campaign declared to be "an attempt to crystallize undergraduate opinion of the country behind a particular plan of prohibition reform" was launched in the Harvard daily, the Harvard Crimson, undergraduate daily.

The Crimson said a letter in which it was declared the opinion of college men in a large majority of the universities of the country must be organized on one side or other of the question has been sent to more than 150 colleges. A copy of the plan proposed by the Harvard debating council was enclosed.

The plan recommended all present federal legislation for the enforcement of the 18th amendment be repealed, that congress should make unlawful the operation of all saloons and ale houses, that federal aid should be provided all states enacting legislation to enforce the 18th amendment and that there should be a program of federal education to foster and encourage temperance and abstinence.

The debating team will discuss the subject in a debating tour next month to a dozen midwestern colleges.

BLAME CATTLE RUSTLERS FOR FATAL CRASH

WALSLENBURG, Colo., Feb. 28 (AP)—The theory of a pilot that his plane was crippled by shots fired at it by cattle rustlers caused a renewed investigation today into an airplane crash that brought death to a high school girl and serious injuries to another on Donator Moscow Pass yesterday.

Miss Elsie Noble, 16, a student at Centennial high school, Pueblo, was killed and Miss Abra Tallon, 16, also a student at the school, seriously injured. Harry Miller, the pilot of the plane which was owned by the Alamosa Airways, Inc., suffered slight injuries. Sheriff Harry J. Carps, of Hefano county, will head a posse to the scene of the crash to investigate the theory given by Miller. Miller told authorities who questioned him last night that he felt two shot impacts on the plane just before an altimeter refused to function. The plane became unmanageable, he said, and crashed.