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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair tonight and Sunday in the west with rains on coast, not much change in temperature.

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LEGION POST OVER TOP IN 1930 DRIVE

Membership of Local Organization Reaches Three Hundred Men.

ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR TO BEGIN

Will Build up Scholarship Loan Fund—Plans Made for Printing of Legion Directory.

The La Grande post No. 43 of the American Legion today announced that it is "over the top" in membership with 300 members, a gain of six over last year's total of 294.

The drive which has just ended was known as the past commander's drive, and was headed by Senator Fred E. Kiddle, past state commander.

Active Year Seen With the membership drive completed, the legion's activities may go ahead without interference, as these activities usually are dependent upon the success of the campaign for members.

During the last several years practically every activity undertaken by the local post has ended in success, and the organization has taken a prominent and helpful part in civic betterment work.

Among the most recent projects was the announcement of the erection of a scholarship loan fund for Eastern Oregon Normal school students, and much of the year's activities will be given to benefit this fund.

Members today said that the proceeds from the annual ballroom dance, to be given next week, will go into the loan fund.

To Publish Directory It is also announced that an American Legion directory is to be published at once containing the name, address, occupation and place of business of every member.

This will be the first of its kind printed in Oregon and is expected to be a big help in spreading acquaintance among the members.

Other activities this year will include attendance at the annual Oregon convention, to be held by the Baker post during the summer.

Search For Plane Caused by Reports

More than a dozen men, organized into different groups, searched through the timber on Fox hill yesterday afternoon in an effort to find an airplane reported to have been forced down, but finally—after covering the territory thoroughly—gave up the task.

Jack Dempsey May Return to Ring

LOUISVILLE, Minn., Mar. 1 (AP)—Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion, indicated here today that he will start intensive training in about six weeks with a view to getting into physical condition to return to the ring.

Predicts Indian War, Near Future

AHMADABAD, Bombay, India, Mar. 1 (AP)—Yashwantrao Chavan, minister in charge of public relations, today prophesied that an Indian war would begin soon.

ARRESTED AGAIN

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 1 (AP)—Mike Reilly, who was arrested for the seventh time by federal prohibition agents while he was at liberty under police generosity, was sentenced today to serve one year in the state prison.

WEATHER TODAY

7-20 a. m.—27 above. Minimum 21 above. Conditions: mostly clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 37, minimum 19 above. Conditions: cloudy, traces of snow, moisture .01 of inch.

WEATHER MAR. 1, 1929

Maximum 52, minimum 34 above. Conditions: partly cloudy.

First Month Of Spring Comes In Like White Lamb

Past Records, However, Indicate That Period is Likely to Have Disagreeable Days.

March, the month that is neither winter nor spring in Eastern Oregon but actually a composite of both, arrived at midnight last night like the proverbial lamb, cloaked in a white blanket. But its tame entrance, according to tradition, indicates that March will "go out like a lion."

On the calendar March is two-thirds winter and one-third spring, and that is often the case. A check of March last year revealed that there were exactly nine clear days, and that snow fell during six of the 31 days, with rain on 13 days. The maximum temperature was 47 above on Mar. 27 and the minimum was 24 above, registered on Mar. 23.

December, January and February, usually regarded as the three main winter months in La Grande, found two of them not living up to their reputation this season with practically all of the actual disagreeable weather crowded in to January, when the mercury fell to more than 20 degrees below zero.

December, February Warm December was unusually warm, with three days with maximum temperature of 50 or more, and there was very little snow. During February, three-fourths of the month was more like spring than winter with numerous days finding the mercury 50 above or higher.

The coldest night was on Thursday evening when the mercury dropped to 19 above. The forecast for tonight and Sunday is for fair weather with not much change in temperature, and the forecast for the first week is for generally fair weather preceded by rain at the beginning of the week with snow in the mountains. Temperatures will be near normal.

Stage Slips Off Road; Wallowa Woman Is Hurt

A Columbia Gorge auto stage slipped off of the Old Oregon Trail highway near Ketchikan and Sunday night, the accident occurring when it apparently turned out to pass a truck. Traffic Officer Dick Robertson reported this morning.

Mr. Robertson was returning to La Grande from Salem and reached the scene about 9 o'clock, bringing Mrs. John Crawford, of Wallowa, who was slightly injured, to La Grande. There were only two men and Mrs. Crawford in the bus, he said, and the men were unhurt. Damage to the bus was not heavy.

The condition of the highway was somewhat slippery, it is said.

Hood River Men Are On Tour Of Eastern Oregon

A Hood River, Ore., delegation of 21 city officials and wives, headed by the mayor and his wife, are to make a tour of Eastern Oregon next week. According to word received by city officials here, the delegation will be in La Grande Tuesday for dinner and Wednesday for luncheon.

While in this city, the Hood River group will inspect the lighting system.

State Trapshoot To Start Sunday

The annual Oregon state telegraphic trapshoot tournament, sponsored by the Oregonian, is to begin Sunday, according to state-wide announcements, and will continue until Apr. 12. Twenty-six clubs, including the La Grande Gun club, are to compete.

La Grande shooters have taken part in the shoot during recent years, several times making excellent showings.

The schedule for Sunday provides for four rounds, the first 25 birds to count as official scores for each club. La Grande will shoot against Douglas county, Helix, Juniper, Corvallis and Nestucca.

The local club will also participate in the Boise Capital-News telegraphic shot, which starts tomorrow.

The La Grande club, now making good progress with its building program, announced that it will have several prizes this year for local shooters. To qualify for these, one must shoot at least five of the seven Sundays of the contest.

Enterprise Man Files Candidacy

SALISBURY, Ore., Mar. 1 (AP)—Robert V. Christian, of Enterprise, today filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for the republican nomination for district attorney of Wallowa county.

James H. E. Scott, of Milton, filed as candidate for the republican nomination for representative in the legislature from Umatilla county.

NEW CHIEF



Dr. S. Marx White, above, of Minneapolis, is the new president-elect of the American College of Physicians which has just closed its annual convention there. He was formerly head of the pathology department of the University of Minnesota.

TIGERS DEFEAT UNION 27 TO 23

Game Fast and Close Throughout—La Grande Goes to Baker Monday

The La Grande High school basketball team made it two out of three from Union high by winning last night's game, 27 to 23. Both teams played fast and close, while the La Grande loss occurred in this city.

The game last night was fast and hard-fought throughout, with the score see-sawing during the first quarter. In the second period the Tigers forged ahead to hold a 16 to 12 score at halftime. In the third the La Grande team ran up its lead to 10 points but a Union rally in the final quarter cut down the margin.

The double referee system was used with Bob Quinn as referee and Jimmy Rosenbaum as umpire.

Play Baker Monday Next Monday night the Tigers will play their last pre-tournament game at Baker, with the Bulldogs expected to win from the La Grande team, although Coach Ira Woodie and his proteges are grimly determined to give the Baker squad its hardest game of the season.

Several La Grande fans attended the contest at Union last night.

The Lineups: La Grande (27) (23) Union: (12) F. (4) Miller, (1) Parent, (2) C. (8) Dobbin, (1) G. (7) Davis, (1) G. (1) Conklin, (1) S. (3) Gillison, (1) S. (1) Zoang, (1) Stoddard, (1) S.

SPRING STYLES MAKE DEBUT AT FASHION SHOW

Long skirts and spring styles made their formal entry into La Grande at the Cinderella Frock Show style show given last night at the Sackajawwa Inn to a large crowd filling the lobby and the muzzing, spot wear was about the same as last year, with a few of the new lines and a longer skirt, just below the knee. Street dress was slightly tailored, but with a more feminine touch than before. Both bright colors and the tans and browns were shown, the latter more in suits and coats, with the brighter colors in dresses.

Printed chiffons were in evidence on an afternoon dress. Simple lines, with a huge bow or some elaborate touch featured the evening attire, all ankle length. A pajama display consisted of the show, with a R. Maxwell, Miss Cinderella, portrayed by Mrs. Audrey Phyllis, dressed in a pink satin robe in a style of a century ago, with a train. J. W. Gifford said a few introductory words preceding the modeling, when Cinderella made her first appearance.

Mrs. Lodi Russell, Mrs. Doyle Zimmerman, Mrs. Phyllis, Miss Miriam Hyatt, Miss Lucille Black and Miss Edna Mae Wilson were models.

Little Virginia Koenig danced jazz sketches between showings and Mrs. R. Maxwell, accompanied by Mrs. Russell in the chorus sang, "When It's Spring Time in the Rockies." Music was furnished by the Star Novelty orchestra. Footwear was from Burnett's, jewelry from Siegel's, floral effects by Bohan's, and hair dressing by the Colonial Beauty shop.

Enterprise Man Enrollment Now 501 at Baker High

BAKER, Ore., (Special)—Enrollment in the Baker high school has just reached 501, which Superintendent Coleman believes is the highest point in the history of the city. The total attendance at all the local public schools is reported at 1816. A year ago the high school had 415 and the total was 2179.

Taft Slightly Improved Today; Speaks To Son

Physicians Surprised at Change but Believe Improvement is of Temporary Nature.

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—After noting a slight improvement in the condition of William Howard Taft in the official 11:40 a. m. bulletin, the physicians attending him announced at 1:45 p. m. today the former president and chief justice was just about the same.

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—The condition of Wm. Howard Taft was said by his physicians to have slightly improved this morning. The 11:40 a. m. bulletin read: "The condition of the former chief justice is slightly improved as evidenced by a moderate rise in his blood pressure which has been continuously falling for the past three days."

The bulletin was signed by Doctors Francis R. Hagner and Thomas A. Clayton.

Speaks Today Dr. Hagner said that Mr. Taft spoke today for the first time in three days.

He said when Dr. Clayton knocked at the door of his room this morning the former president said "come in."

Further, the physician said that Mr. Taft also recognized and spoke a few indistinct words to his son Robert A. Taft.

The physicians seemed surprised at the apparently slight rally of their patient.

The doctors have said, however, that any improvement in Mr. Taft's condition could only be temporary as they have abandoned hope for his recovery.

Curtis Calls The first caller at the big Taft mansion on Wyoming avenue today was Vice President Curtis, long a friend of the ill man. Mr. Curtis expressed his solicitude. Shortly after he left, Monsignor Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, the apostolic delegate to the United States, visited the home.

While the physicians did not comment on the slight improvement in their patient, it is some times characteristic in illness such as that of Mr. Taft that there is a slight rally just before the end.

It was recalled here that in a number of cases of protracted illness a turn for the better frequently had taken place shortly before death, sometimes the change being noted about 24 hours before the patient passed away.

Sentence Trio To Pen; Parole One Of Youths Baker High Team Wins Championship

BAKER, Ore., Mar. 1 (AP)—The Baker high school won the basketball championship of this sub-district last night by defeating Ontario, 28 to 17.

Ontario, Nyssa, Haines and North Powder will fight it out tonight for the right to represent the sub-district at the district tournament in Union this month. Each of the four teams have been defeated once.

School Girl Home From The Arctic

SEATTLE, March 1 (AP)—Marion Swanson, Seattle high school girl, came home today from the far-traveling vessel Nantux, ice-bound at North Cape, Siberia, since last fall, and the scene of one of the greatest aerial hunts ever held, the search for the bodies of Carl Ben Eielson and Earl Borland.

The girl arrived with her father, C. L. Swanson, head of the Seawater Fur Trading company on the steamer Alaska, landing here at shortly after 7 o'clock.

They boarded the boat at Seward, Alaska, after flying from the Nantux to Teller.

Census to Begin First of April; Ray Williams Appointed Assistant

PHINDLETON, Ore., Mar. 1 (Special)—Government census takers are already under way in this district, announces A. C. McIntyre, district census supervisor, Friday. While the actual enumeration of population and agricultural statistics will not start until April first, census on manufacturing has actually begun.

The local district with headquarters at Pendleton, comprises 12 counties: Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler. Raymond O. Williams, of La Grande, has been appointed chief assistant to Mr. McIntyre. Miss Nedra Bradshaw will be stenographer and Miss Lenore Jager, of Hermiston, will be clerk. The county is divided into 129 enumeration districts, and local enumerators will be named shortly by the district supervisor here.

Arrangements have been made to mail every farmer in the district a copy of the agricultural schedule, so that he may familiarize himself with the conditions and questions asked. City census is to be completed within two weeks from April first and rural during the month of April. Local census figures will be available and will be published before being sent to the Bureau of Census at Washington, D. C., May first.

President Hoover's proclamation issued recently emphasizes that it is the duty of every person to answer all questions on census schedules applying to himself and family and his farm or other abode, refusal to do so is a subject of penalty. It is not the purpose of the census bureau to pry into people's private affairs, but complete information as asked is required to secure general statistical data on the resources of the country. It is in no manner being used for taxation purposes and can do no one harm. The information is for the bureau and all employees are prohibited from imparting any of it.

INTANGIBLES TAX BRINGING IN \$600,000

Members of State Commission Place Deadline at Monday Night.

STEP TAKEN DUE TO SHORT MONTH

Returns in the Mail by Midnight Mar. 3 Will Not be Penalized, Officials State.

SALISBURY, Ore., Mar. 1 (AP)—Members of the state tax commission estimated today that returns from the new state intangibles tax will easily reach \$600,000 within the time that payments may be made without penalty for delay. On account of February being a short month it was explained that taxpayers have until midnight Monday night, March 3, in which to pay and escape penalty. Collection today and Monday, it was said, will total as much as has been collected during all the previous period since payments began on January 1.

The offices of the commission were a busy scene today with greenbacks and silver stacked high on the tables. This represented payments from persons who went to the Portland and Salem offices in person to make payment. The returns received in Portland are brought at once to Salem, and from the office here the money is hastened to the vaults in the state treasurer's office.

It was said that returns in the mail by midnight Monday will not be penalized.

The minimum that the commission estimated the intangibles tax would yield was \$500,000. With payments to come in after the 60-day no-penalty period it is now certain that the total will far exceed \$600,000 and the commission believe it may reach \$1,000,000.

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High School Boy Acquitted by Jury

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Mar. 1 (AP)—Tony Vargo, 17-year-old Grants Pass high school youth, was acquitted last night on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Robert Ingalls, Josephine county farmer.

When the verdict was read by Judge H. D. Norton, former Grants Pass high school mate of Vargo broke into a cheer.

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JAP BEAUTIES



This is Japan's idea of beauty, which may or may not coincide with your own. These Japanese dancers, members of the first geisha girl chorus ever brought to America, were photographed at Los Angeles, where they paused the other day, en route to New York for a stage appearance.

SLAYER OF YOUNG WOMAN EXECUTED

Dr. James H. Snook Pays With His Life for Murder of Student.

COLUMBIAN, Ore., Mar. 1 (AP)—Dr. James H. Snook, the transverse professor who killed his student mistress, Theora Hix, paid with his life in the electric chair at Ohio penitentiary last night.

The former instructor in veterinary surgery at Ohio State university went calmly to death for the crime which he confessed, in his last hours, was deliberately planned to end an affair which threatened to ruin his position and reputation. It was eight months and 17 days after he left the mutilated body of the 24-year-old girl lying on a lonely ridge near the city limits.

Dr. Snook, who was 50, walked unassisted to the chair. His manner was cool, his eyes alert, his lips silent. A minister whom he had just accepted communion intoned a benediction as two guards adjusted electrodes to Dr. Snook's right leg and the top of his head. Six thousand volts of electricity passed through his body in three terrific shocks. It was pronounced dead at 7:05 p. m., according to the penitentiary's official records which close the case.

Life is Painful Today Dr. Snook's body was at the disposal of his faithful wife, Helen Marple Snook, who visited him daily for the past week as the Ohio supreme court, the federal supreme court and Governor Cooper refused to intervene in her behalf. She shared his last meal with him and stayed at the penitentiary until he had been executed. Then she went to her home, evading the curious crowds by a run and keeping secret her plans for the burial. She had "nothing to say."

Snook's self control was not shaken during his last hours. Except for a trace of annoyance when the barber was late to shave him and for sobs that he had been weeping after parting with his wife, he was perfectly calm as he prepared to die.

His last meal was of fried chicken prepared by the wife of Warden P. E. Thomas as the always does for condemned men. With him were Mrs. Snook, his pastor, the Rev. Isaac E. Miller of the King Avenue Methodist Episcopal church; the Rev. K. R. Wall, penitentiary chaplain; Oscar Rosdell of Pomeroy, Ohio. Dr. Snook's close friend, and Mrs. Frank Lan-

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Two Escape From Leavenworth Pen

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., March 1 (AP)—Using forged outside passes, Thomas Holden and Francis L. Keating, serving sentences of 25 years each for robbing a mail car on a Grand Trunk railroad train at Evergreen Park, Ill., in September, 1928, escaped from the federal penitentiary here yesterday and still were at large today.

Warden Thomas B. White today was conducting a rigid investigation to discover how the men obtained the passes and photographs.

Madman Blown To Bits After Miniature War

One-Pound Shells, Tear Gas Bombs and Dynamite Employed—Two Dead, Three Injured.

DEFIANCE, O., Mar. 1 (AP)—A miniature war in which one-pound shells, tear gas bombs and dynamite were employed to besiege a barricaded madman was over today with a casualty list of two dead and three injured, two of them probably fatally.

The dead are Hubert Floehr, 60, escaped inmate of the Toledo state asylum, and his wife, Augusta, 55, whom he killed during a family argument which preceded his lone five-hour stand in his home against police, county officials, the national guard and volunteer attackers from the watching crowd of 3000.

The injured are Police Chief Carl A. Weaver, Newell Littlefield, 23, a student at Defiance college, and William Chappel, 34, a salesman.

Two Expected to Die Chappel, who was shot by Floehr in the abdomen as he attempted to climb through a second story window, and Littlefield, a spectator wounded in the lungs by a stray shot, were not expected to live.

Chief Weaver dropped with a jagged wound along the left side of his head as he led a storming party.

Floehr, after an argument over his daughter, Elsie, a school teacher at Petersburg, W. Va., shot his wife in the breast and drove his son, William, 26, from the house.

Armed with two guns and supplied with more than a peck of cartridges, Floehr ran from window to window sniping at the authorities called by William Guardsmen, U. S. Gun.

The Defiance howitzer company of the national guard set up a 37

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Freight Trucks May Be Barged Across Columbia

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Mar. 1 (AP)—An attempt to barge freight trucks across the Columbia river here to Rowena, Wash., will be made today. A hundred or more trucks and buses are marooned here or at The Dalles by the slide that blocks the Columbia River highway at Mosier tunnel. Many of the trucks here are loaded with foodstuffs and supplies for Eastern Oregon towns, and much of the food is perishable.

Yesterday a big barge was towed down the Columbia to this city. Today plans were completed to attach it to a river tug so that trucks could be moved across the river and might proceed up the north bank highway, crossing to Oregon on the other side of the slide.

The ferry operating here is unable to accommodate heavy vehicles, confining itself entirely to passenger cars, of which only five can be handled at a time.

Forty-eight trucks were parked on the streets here today unable to proceed further.

Highway department crews have been clearing away debris on the cliffs above the slide and no work has yet been done on removing the slide itself.

Chicago Night Club Closes With Bang

CHICAGO, Mar. 1 (AP)—The club Algers, night life haunt of smart and wealthy gold coasters, closed last night with a bang.

A bomb, planted on the alley side of the Transford undertaker's barn, exploded when about 25 fashionably dressed men and women were dining and dancing inside. One side of the club was wrecked and at least three persons were slightly hurt.

It was the last night of the club Algers at the 557 N. Clair street address. The club was to reopen tonight "downtown" members were told. A federal padlock had been ordered for the club today.

FORESTRY MEN WILL MEET IN PORTLAND, ORE.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 1 (AP)—Two hundred foresters, foresters and public officials of the United States and Canadian forest authorities will convene here Monday for a three-day conference on western forestry affairs. The conference, which will be the twenty-first anniversary of this clearing house for private, state and governmental forest agencies, is sponsored by the Western Forestry and Conservation association.

The keynote of the conference will be the problem of keeping up cooperation in forest protection and the productivity of cut-over land. Topics include protective organization, methods and equipment, fire weather study, logging hazards, forest insurance and classification, public timber supply and timber by-products.

Several national federal boards, recently organized to coordinate all governmental activities dealing with the prevention of forest fires, insects and disease, will be represented.

COALITION IS BLAMED FOR BILL DELAY

Senator Goff Explains Failure to Pass Tariff Measure Earlier.

SENATE RECESSES FOR THE WEEKEND

Independent Republican-Democratic Group Maintains Supremacy Through Two Tests.

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP)—The senate recessed today until Monday without taking up the Shortridge amendment for the tariff of seven cents a pound on long staple cotton.

Blame for delay in passage of the tariff bill was placed on the coalition of democrats and republicans in attendance in a two-hour speech in the senate today by Senator Goff, republican, West Virginia.

He accused the coalition of obstructing the bill, in order during the coming congressional elections to lay the blame for business uncertainty on the republican party and denounce the lowering of existing industrial tariffs.

Coalition Maintains Position With some help from administration republicans to offset the defection of democratic members, the coalition has now maintained its numerical superiority through two crucial roll calls and in the face of the determined efforts of its opponents to break its grip, in enough to place a tariff on lumber and oil.

The second of these tests came late last night on a proposal that crude oil be made dutiable at one dollar a barrel and petroleum products, including gasoline at fifty percent ad valorem. By a vote of 30 to 27, the proposal was defeated and oil retained upon the free list.

Climate's Drastic Session The roll call came as the climax of a dramatic session in which there were charges of vote trading on sugar and oil, allegations that the American Independent Petroleum Producers association had attempted to foster such an exchange and had "even" been "willing to trade the president of the United States on