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THE WEATHER
Oregon: Local rains in the
west, rain, turning to snow in the
east tonight, colder tonight,
Thursday generally fair.

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HOOD RIVER
GROUP GUEST
AT BANQUETChamber of Commerce
Hostess to Delegation
Touring East Oregon.TO INSPECT CITY
SYSTEMS TODAYVisitors Particularly In-
terested in Lighting
System, One of Their
Current Problems.

"We hope some day to be able to repay your hospitality. We were not expecting anything like this," the words of one of the speakers represented the concensus among some Hood River men and women last night during a chamber of commerce dinner in their honor at the La Grande hotel.

Touring Eastern Oregon to inspect municipal projects, particularly lighting systems, the Hood River "caravan" which turned out to be riding in a special auto stage—was the guest of La Grande for two hours before continuing on to Baker to spend the night.

A. T. Hill, president of the city commission, met the visitors at the hotel and accompanied them to the city, another feature of the welcome that impressed the visiting group.

In spite of a long trip from Hood River, punctuated with only three stops, the West Oregonians declared they were having a wonderful time and were complimentary in their praise of this section of the state. Some of the things they had never heard of, Pendleton and the type of scenery that unfolded before them met eager eyes.

Hills Oregon
"You have a different type of scenery than we have," R. B. Scott said, "but I am convinced that Oregon as a whole is the garden spot of the entire United States."

Last night's banquet was purely of a social nature, with the representatives of the two Oregon cities exchanging mutual fellowship.

Expect 300 At
Annual Dinner
Tuesday Night

With about 300 persons, including out-of-town delegations, expected to attend, it was announced today that the dining room doors for the annual chamber of commerce banquet next Tuesday evening would open promptly at 6:30 o'clock. Allowing a few minutes for the members and guests to take their seats, officials have requested the La Grande hotel force to begin serving at 6:45 o'clock sharp.

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MALE QUARTET
AND HARMONICA
BAND FORMED

A musical program was the feature of the assembly at the Normal school this morning. W. W. Nussbaum has formed two new organizations in the music department, a harmonica band and a male quartet. The band of harmonica players which consists of 20 members, played two old negro melodies, "Old Black Joe" and "Swanee River."

The male quartet is especially interesting, as this marks the first organized effort of any men students to engage in musical activities. The men are Mr. Nussbaum, first tenor; Charles Cook, second tenor; Ben Osterling, first bass; and Howard Carter, second bass. The men sang several favorite songs, which were "Hunting Song," "What's the Use," and "Lena."

Mr. Nussbaum says that the aim in forming a harmonica band is to aid the prospective teachers in making music an activity in their schools when they engage in teaching. Participation in a comparatively simple music activity will arouse the children's interest in other musical instruments and phases of music.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—29 above.
Minimum: 26 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 59, minimum 34 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain 2.0 of inch.

WEATHER MAR. 5, 1929
Maximum 57, minimum 34 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy, rain .62 of inch.

Union - Wallowa
Tourney To Be
Held This WeekFirst Round Games Are:
Imbler-Cove, Elgin-La
Grande, Wallowa-Joseph,
Union-Enterprise.

Drawings for the sub-district basketball tournament (Union and Wallowa counties) were held last night at the La Grande high school at an open meeting under the direction of the district board's sub-district committee. Eight teams are to participate in the tournament which will be held in the L. D. S. Recreational hall in this city Friday and Saturday of this week.

Imbler and Cove will meet in the opening game, scheduled for 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. La Grande is to play Elgin at 4 and at 8 o'clock Joseph will be pitted against Wallowa. The first round will end with Enterprise playing Union at 9 o'clock. All of the teams will play Saturday, with the winners of the afternoon games sure of a place in the Union district tournament. The losers of the 9:30 and 10:30 games will be eliminated. On Saturday evening the winners of the morning games and the losers of the afternoon games will play, with the losers to be eliminated, leaving two undefeated teams and two teams defeated once—all four eligible for play at Union.

However, in order to determine the championship of Union and Wallowa counties, the two undefeated teams will play a special game at 9:30 o'clock Saturday night.

Referees Selected

Belne Jackson and Edson Jenne, of Portland, will referee the contests. Expenses of the visiting teams will be prorated as in the Union tournament and each school is allowed eight men on its squad. Season tickets will be on sale.

Coburn, of Union; Springer, of Cove; King, of Imbler; Campbell, of Elgin, and the La Grande delegation attended last night's drawing.

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Tom Mulholland
Funeral Friday

Thomas B. Mulholland, who passed away yesterday at the home of his daughter at Island City, will be laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery Friday afternoon following funeral services at 2 o'clock in the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

Mr. Mulholland was born in Eugene, Ore., on June 25, 1855 and was 75 years and nine months and 10 days of age. Besides his daughter, Mrs. Penland, he leaves two brothers, Dick, of Prineville, and Arthur, of Marshfield.

Minister's Body
In State Thursday

The body of the Rev. V. E. Hall, Methodist minister who passed away unexpectedly Monday evening, will be at the First Methodist Episcopal church from 10 to 12 o'clock Thursday morning and friends may call at that time to view the body.

It was announced that the casket will not be opened at the funeral services, which will be held at 2:30 o'clock that afternoon with Dr. H. S. Hamilton, of Boise, in charge.

See Funeral Will
Be Held Thursday

Funeral services for James B. See are to be held at the Snodgrass-Zimmerman mortuary at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock according to announcement today. The mortuary will have charge of the services. The body, which arrived here last night on No. 20, is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

All scenery has been constructed by committee from the organization. The stage committee, headed by Billard Brown, has obtained some excellent effects in the way of setting and lighting. The crude interior of a negro cabin, lit by firelight and moonlight, makes an

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CONGRESS IS
BLAMED FOR
LABOR LACKTariff Bill Holding Up
Hoover Building Pro-
gram, Davis DeclaresTHREE MILLION
ARE OUT OF WORKPresident Does Not Ex-
pect to Call an Unem-
ployment Conference at
the Present.

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—The Hoover administration feels it is doing what it can to relieve unemployment, and that congress will be largely to blame if the 3,000,000 who are out of work remain jobless.

The White House disclosed today President Hoover was in accord with a statement made last night by Secretary Davis, of the labor department, saying among other things that "the delays in tariff legislation are more responsible today for creating unemployment than any other factor."

The tariff bill has been under debate in the senate for weeks, while action waits on public building authorizations which Mr. Hoover expects to provide employment for many now idle.

Replies to Wagner
Secretary Davis' statement, covering broadly the question of unemployment, was in the form of a reply to Senator Wagner, democrat, New York, who repeats:

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KNOWLES FAVORS
NEW INSTITUTIONSuggests Intermediary
Prison to Relieve Con-
ditions in Oregon.

Promoted by an article in the Oregon Journal calling attention to the overcrowded condition of the state penitentiary, Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles has presented a suggestion, advising a new institution to relieve present conditions.

"Instead of building an addition or annex to the state penitentiary," Judge Knowles says, "I suggest that the legislature at its next session make an appropriation for the construction of an intermediary institution between the Oregon state training school and the state penitentiary where boys and girls too old to be sent to the training school and too young to be sent to the penitentiary can be sent."

The name of the "intermediate institution" for the confinement of juvenile offenders was wisely changed by the legislature from "reform school" to "Oregon state training school." While "a rose by any other name would smell just as sweet," yet "Oregon training school" sounds a good deal better and less suggestive than "reform school."

The law provides that juvenile offenders and delinquents between the ages of 10 and 18 years of age may be sent to the Oregon state training school. A great many violators of the law are over the age of 18 and under the age of 21, and a judge in passing sentences upon them for commission of a felony—that is, a crime punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary—is compelled to sentence them to the penitentiary. Boys and girls between 15 years of age and 21 are too old under the law and by nature to be sentenced to the training school.

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Costume Rehearsal For Dramatics

Club's Plays Proves Successful

Costume rehearsal of Rock and Bushkin's three one-act plays, "The Last of the Lowries," "Figures-heads," and "Playboys," was held last night and those in charge report all in readiness for the performances tonight and Thursday evening. Critics present highly praised the work of the casts and predicted that the plays would prove very popular with audiences.

Much time and effort has been given by Junita Crawford, chairman of the costume committee, and her co-workers in dyeing, painting, and sewing, and the results add much to the effectiveness of the performances. Costumes, ranging from picturesque court dress to the shabby clothes of a Croatian family of the North Carolina swamps.

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Choir, Soloists
In Concert At
Local ChurchLarge Crowd in Attend-
ance at Benefit for
Chimes Fund—Difficult
Numbers Played.

A delightful and artistic concert was presented last evening at the Presbyterian church by Mrs. Harley Richardson, organist; Mrs. W. H. Dohenkamp Jr., contralto; Mrs. Lee Reynolds, pianist, and the Ladies Triad choir, of which Mrs. Alfred L. Richardson is director. The program was well attended by La Grande music lovers who recognized it as one of the best to take place in La Grande. The concert was for the benefit of the chimes fund.

Among the outstanding numbers were "The Tragedy of a Tin Soldier," by G. B. Nevin and the unusual duets by Mrs. Richardson at the organ and Mrs. Reynolds at the piano.

The story of the tin soldier was told in four parts, and was preceded by a little story of the story by Mrs. Richardson, telling of his return home, his lost love, his being killed by the toy train and his burial in the woodbox.

Music from Sonata, Op. 31, No. 2, by Beethoven and "Rhapsody" by Debussy were the difficult numbers played by Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Reynolds at the organ and piano. The appreciation of these finished and artistic numbers was shown by the applause of the audience.

Choir Songs
"Day in Venice" by Ethelbert Nevis also in four parts was ably presented by the Ladies Triad choir, telling of a morning in St. Mark's square, in a gondola, a love song and farewell.

Voices of Lafer appeared in the number beautifully sung by Mrs. Dohenkamp. The prelude, "Down in the Forest," and "Love, I Have Won You," were the parts of the cycle. The response to an

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BY SENATE VOTE

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—The senate today voted an increase in the tariff on Cuban raw sugar from 1.75 to 2 cents a pound.

The vote assures an increase in the sugar tariff. The difference between senate and house rates will be worked out in conference.

The tariff increase was adopted 47 to 39. Among those voting yes were: McNary and Steiwer, of Oregon. The senate acted on the Smoot proposal a few minutes after it rejected a proposal by Senator Howell, republican, Nebraska, by a vote of 66 to 22, for a bounty of 44-100 cents a pound to domestic producers of sugar.

O-W. Officials At
La Grande Meeting

Moving pictures of the Boise athletic meet and of the Old Timeers convention were shown last night at the O-W club rooms here with about 75 employees present. Several of the contestants from La Grande were shown, including Paul Walker, winner of first place in the junior high jump; C. E. Millering, high hurdler; and Jimmy Rosenbaum, who took third in the javelin throw.

A. A. Hendricks, system athletic director, spoke on some of the changes to be made on the athletic program for the next season meet at Ogden, when an increased number of contestants in golf, horseshoe pitching and track events will be entered. This year it is planned to have three cameramen take pictures of the meet using about 5,000 feet of film.

J. R. Han, athletic representative of the O-W, from Portland, and A. F. Foster, with the instruction tour were also present from outside town. It is expected that this year more contestants from La Grande will be represented in the meet at Ogden.

Cancel Engagement
To Princess Ileana

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 5 (AP)—The government today sent M. Grigoriu, a minister in the cabinet, to Berlin and Count von Helldorf of cancellation of his son's engagement to Princess Ileana.

After official information is received of publication of the cancellation in Press Premier Julius Mianu will issue an official communication informing the nation of the incident.

Two Dead, Two Hurt
In Newark Battle

NEWARK, N. J., March 5 (AP)—Police Sergeant Robert Anderson, 25, was shot and killed and Patrick Marion Thigpen, negro, slightly wounded early today in a pistol fight with two negro gunmen. One of the gunmen was shot dead and the other is reported dying at City hospital with nine bullet wounds.

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QUEEN OF MARDI GRAS



Miss Shirley Carter Cordill has been chosen queen of the New Orleans Mardi Gras, the highest social honor a debutante may receive in the southern city. Miss Cordill is a blond with short, curly hair, a graduate of Vassar, a member of the Junior League and a debutante of this season.

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Husband Spends
More On Clothes

CHICAGO, March 5 (AP)—The scornful male who taunts his wife for her vanity had better hide this.

A doctor's report written for the University of Chicago sets forth that in the average home, based on observation of thousands of families, the husband spends 10 per cent more a year for clothes than does the wife.

Morphine Worth
\$500,000 Seized

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP)—Morphine valued at \$500,000 was seized on pier 57, North river, foot of West 15th street, leased by the French line, late last night, it was learned today. The drug was in two large trunks apparently owned by a first class passenger on the liner Le De France who had left the vessel a few minutes before.

No arrests have so far been made.

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World Prepares
For Communist
DemonstrationArmed Police to Be Kept
on Alarm Duty in Many
Cities—Mayor Walker
Issues Warning.

By The Associated Press
Announcement of a proposed world wide demonstration tomorrow in connection with an "international unemployment day" has brought expressions of warning against undue disturbances from authorities in many cities.

Prague, Czechoslovakia, has been forbidden and two Communist papers in the provinces there have been suspended.

Police to be Ready
Police will be kept on alarm duty in all the larger cities of Prussia to prevent any serious results growing out of expected Communist demonstrations. In Berlin all outdoor meetings have been forbidden and authorities there and elsewhere contemplated no difficulty in maintaining control.

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Heavy Loss Of
Life Caused By
Floods In France

TOULOUSE, France, March 5 (AP)—Property damage in the neighborhood of 3,000,000,000 francs (about \$400,000,000) and heavy loss of life, with estimates running from 30 to more than 100 dead, constitute the toll so far known of the sudden floods that for three days have ravaged Central and Southern France.

There are still no exact details of the catastrophe at Moissac where a dike collapsed and flooded the city. An early estimate of 100 lives lost there has not been confirmed.

Reports indicate the rivers Tarn and Correze are returning within their banks, leaving hundreds of houses wrecked and in some cases entire villages destroyed.

The Garonne, the Orbiel and other lesser streams are rising, causing new damage to property and danger of life.

From Carcassonne came a report that the villages of Lantours, Citou, Lespinassiere and Cabrespine were ravaged and a number of persons drowned.

In one town a cemetery was washed away, the coffins joining other debris in the flood.

LUMBER RATE
REDUCTION IS
UPHELD TODAY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5 (AP)—The French government will ask parliament for an appropriation of 35,000,000 francs (about \$1,400,000) for relief of flood victims about Toulouse.

The northwestern carriers proposed to reduce the charges on principal varieties of lumber from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana to a large number of Texas points and to some in Oklahoma by amounts ranging from 7 1/2 to 12 cents per 100 pounds.

Protests by California and southwestern lumber interests resulted in an order of suspension, which today was dissolved.

Though there is keen competition to the Texas territory, the commission ruled that the reduction was "not unreasonable or unduly prejudicial." The suspension order was set aside as of March 1 and the carrier will be permitted to make the revised schedules effective at once.

Three Reported
Killed In Crash

LOS ANGELES, March 5 (AP)—Three persons were reported killed in an airplane accident on the ranch of Will Rogers near Beverly Hills this morning. Santa Monica police, who reported the crash, did not have the names of the persons killed.

Police later made a tentative identification of one of the bodies as that of Morley Johnson, who owned the ship.

Taft Is Stronger,
More Alert Today

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—After a "very good night," William Howard Taft was said by his attendants to be stronger and more alert this morning.

The former chief justice spoke to his nurse this morning and appeared to have continued the slight improvement which during the past few days had caused some of the fear that death was imminent to dissipate.

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FORD, EDISON
IN FAVOR OF
PROHIBITIONTelegrams From Two
Great Men Read at House
Committee Hearings.DRY GROUP TAKES
STAND FOR WEEKSamuel Crowther, Eco-
nomic and Magazine
Writer, Appears as the
First Witness.

WASHINGTON, March 5 (AP)—Henry Ford and Thomas A. Edison were recorded today before the house judiciary committee as strongly in favor of the eighteenth amendment, the Detroit manufacturer expressing a conviction that the "same people of the nation" would never see it repealed and the noted inventor wiring that he felt that "prohibition is the greatest experiment yet made to benefit man."

Telegrams from the two were read into the committee record today by Samuel Crowther, of Bayside, Long Island, an economist and magazine writer, who appeared as the first witness for friends of prohibition. Edison's message read:

"I still feel that prohibition is the greatest experiment yet made to benefit man. My observation is that its enforcement generally in at least 60 per cent is gaining, notwithstanding the impression through false propaganda that it is a lower per cent. It is strange to me that some men of great ability and understanding do not help to remove the curse of alcohol."

Six to Testify

A list of six witnesses today were announced by Mrs. Lenna Lewis Yost, legislative director of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The telegram from Mr. Ford read:

"The 18th amendment is recognized by the men and women of our country. The women especially are the greatest force for the comfort and prosperity of the United States. I feel sure that the same people of the nation will never see it repealed or any dangerous modification."

Crowther submitted a prepared brief contending the country was more prosperous as a direct result of the prohibition amendment.

"I found," Crowther's statement said, "that the net diversion of spending brought about by prohibition—that is money which now goes into good savings instead of over saloon bars—amounts to between two and six billion dollars a year, and that at the smallest estimate the country has diverted around fifteen billion dollars since the amendment went into effect."

"This diversion is of double importance, for it has occurred in the lower income group where formerly the percentage expenditure for liquor was the largest. Therefore, of the many factors which have contributed to the prosperity of this country during the past decade, prohibition, by its diverting of spending money, has been perhaps the largest."

"I wish to state at the very beginning," Crowther continued, "that I am not a temperer of and have no connection of any kind with any organization either in favor of or opposed to the eighteenth amendment. For many years I have been writing upon economic and business subjects. Because of that background, I was asked last summer by Loring A. Schuler, the editor of the Ladies Home Journal, to make a survey of the economic effects of prohibition."

Limits of Testimony Narrow
"The limits of my articles and of my testimony, which is based upon them, are very narrow. I am not concerned with any moral phase of the question and neither am I concerned with any legal phase or with an interpretation of liberty other than economic."

"I undertook the investigation solely in an effort impartially to answer the question: Is this country more prosperous as a direct result of the eighteenth amendment, or is it not, taking things exactly as they are and not as they might be?"

"The answer which I arrived at is positively in the affirmative."

Queried 129 People
Asserting he had arrived at his conclusion largely by searching

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Trapdoor Falls;

15 Girls Injured

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP)—Fifteen girls between the ages of 11 and 16 were injured, seven of them seriously when a trapdoor over an ash hoist in the playgrounds of Holycross Parochial school in Brooklyn collapsed today, dropping down into the basement.

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