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THE WEATHER Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Friday with local rains in the northwest portion tonight, slightly warmer in the interior tonight.

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TOTAL TAXES DUE IN 1930 \$906,128.20

Amount Is \$11,619.49 Less Than Total of Preceding Period

FIRST DECREASE IN RECENT YEARS

Statements to Be Issued Next Month; First Half of Taxes Delinquent After May 5.

The total of the 1929 tax-rolls for Union county, to be collected during this year, was announced as being \$906,128.20, a reduction of \$11,619.49 from the 1928 figure on which collections were made last year.

This is the second time in the county's history that the total taxes due for one year were more than \$900,000, but it is also the first time in several years that the tax total is less than the figure for the preceding year, marking a turning point in taxation in this county.

Local Taxes Vary

Although the tax total is less than last year, in some localities tax payers will pay a higher rate, due to city taxes, school taxes, etc. Other places, however, will pay less, the local reductions amounting to more than \$100,000.

Carl M. Elbert, deputy sheriff, announces that tax statements would be issued sometime during April. The first half of the 1929 taxes will become delinquent on May 5 and the second half on Nov. 5.

This payment, in this county during 1929 amounted to \$747,797.87 and last year the figure was \$801,206.37. No check has been made of delinquent tax payments since Jan. 1, 1929, although several payments have been made.

Mr. Elbert reports that the tax rolls for 1927 amounted to \$896,886.94 plus sheriff's assessments of \$1,524.76. The figure for 1928 was \$917,747.09 plus sheriff's assessments of \$1,448.57.

Penalties and Interest The figures quoted above on tax payments do not include penalty and interest. During 1928 the total collected for penalties and interest was \$2,218.49 and in 1929 the figure was \$2,551.95.

The increase in the 1928 tax roll over that of 1927 amounted to \$141.65 and the total amount collected during 1929 was \$12,498.32 greater than that of 1928.

INLAND EMPIRE HOTEL MEN TO CONVENE HERE

The Inland Empire Hotel Association will hold its regular quarterly meeting tomorrow in La Grande with headquarters at the La Grande hotel. It was announced today.

A number of delegates from other cities in the territory were to arrive tonight and tomorrow morning for the conference.

CLUB ELECTS H. M. MAUGHAN AS PRESIDENT

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Mar. 7.—At the annual meeting of the Enterprise chamber of commerce, according to the Record-Chief, officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, H. M. Maughan; first vice president, Dr. C. T. Hockett; second vice president, G. E. Skaggs; treasurer, W. F. Skaggs; secretary, H. E. Hockett; board of governors, new members, Dr. R. B. Stone, hold over member, J. G. Guernsey.

The financial statement for the year, read by Secretary Bewis, showed the chamber out of debt and with a balance on hand of more than \$500.

THEATRICAL MANAGER DIES

NEW YORK, March 7 (AP)—A. L. Erlanger, theatrical manager, died today at his home in New York. He was in his seventieth year.

Mr. Erlanger, who was president of the famous old theatre of Klaw and Erlanger, had been seriously ill for two weeks. Called the "Napoleon of the stage," he was credited as being the first man to put theatricals on a sound business basis.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—23 above. Minimum: 21 above. Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 45, minimum 32 above. Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER MAR. 7, 1929 Maximum 56, minimum 20 above. Condition: clear.

Elect Directors For East Oregon Livestock Show

Make Preliminary Plans for 1930 Show at Union at Meeting Held Wednesday Night.

By W. V. Connor (Observer Correspondent) UNION, Ore., Mar. 7 (Special)—Responding to a call from the president of the association, C. L. Caldwell, about 25 Union stock show boosters met at the city hall Thursday evening to elect a board of directors and to lay preliminary plans for the 1930 show.

The new director roster, resulting from this election, includes the following names: F. B. Connor, Robert Whytecombe, M. S. Levy, G. L. Hess, C. L. Caldwell, T. T. Cook, of Union; W. H. Stewart, of Baker; Homer Bidwell, of North Powder, and Frank Appleby, of La Grande. This board will meet at the bank in Union at 2 o'clock Tuesday, March 11, to elect their officers and get the machinery of the show started.

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After completing this part of the evening's work the remainder of the meeting was given up to a discussion of financial and proposed improvements at the ground. F. B. Connor, who generally heads the advertising committee for the stock show, immediately got busy and planned a

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Thompson New Exalted Ruler Of Elks Lodge

Chief Ruler, Thompson was elected exalted ruler of the Elks lodge last night when the annual election of officers was held with a large attendance present. He and the following officers will be installed April 3: Showboat Williams, leading knight; R. J. Kitchin, loyal knight; Robert Whytecombe, leading knight; Day Wilton, secretary; Park Taylor, treasurer; E. R. Lee, tiller; J. H. Peare, trustee; C. L. Berry, delegate to the grand lodge; and T. J. Scragin, alternate delegate. Mr. Berry is the retiring exalted ruler.

Another meeting, similar to the one held last month, was planned for March 20 with the next installation to be held March 27.

TOSSERS OPEN TOURNEY PLAY HERE TODAY

As the Observer goes to press this afternoon, play was starting in the sub-district basketball tournament with Inlander playing Cove, La Grande and Klein were scheduled to start playing in the second quarter at 4 o'clock. Tonight Wallowa plays Joseph and Enterprise meets Union.

First elimination will occur tomorrow. Two defeats are necessary to put a team out of further competition.

A Union-Wallowa county championship will be determined tomorrow night at 8:20, after two previous games in which the last two teams win their right to enter the Union tournament next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

25 Church Members Attend Union Meet

Twenty-five members of the local Christian church attended a revival meeting at Union last night, conducted by the Rev. E. L. Putnam, who spoke on "What is the New Testament?" Mr. Putnam and his daughter Louise sang a duet during the service. There will be no meeting Saturday night but the revival services will continue until Mar. 15.

Tonight the subject will be "Why be Saved Like the Thief on the Cross?" Sunday will have three services: Sunday school at 10, morning worship at 11, subject "New Testament Church"; evening worship 7:45, subject "What Must We Do?" Monday evening at 7:15 Mr. Putnam will preach on "Unpardonable Sin."

LABOR ORGANIZATION Selects Delegates

LOUIS KEENE and William Hesse were elected delegates from the Central Labor council to the chamber of commerce at the council meeting last night. Mr. Macnam was appointed chairman of a law and legislative committee to work with the committee of the Oregon Federation of Labor. About 19 members were in attendance.

MILTON-FREEWATER WINS

PENDLETON, Ore., March 7 (AP)—The Melanaghan High school of Milton-Freewater, defeated the Hermiston High school last night to win the county 47-mile championship and the right to meet the other Eastern Oregon counties in the state championship race.

SUCCESS

George Bernard Shaw's "The Apple Cart" is all the rage in the New York theatrical world at present and Violet Kenble Cooper, beautiful actress, is the outstanding woman in the production, the action of which takes place in 1900.



VIOLET KENBLE COOPER

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DEBATERS READY FOR FIRST TEST

Affirmative Team Goes to Caldwell; College of Idaho Speakers Here

The affirmative team of the Normal school debate squad left for Caldwell, Idaho this morning accompanied by Miss Amanda Zabel, coach. The debaters are enroute to their destination with Miss Madeline Larson, physical education instructor. Members of the Normal school team who will debate in Idaho are Hazel Williamson, Vergelia Bond and Eugene Bowman. They will return to La Grande Saturday.

H. H. Hayman, debate coach at the College of Idaho and his informative team arrived here this afternoon and will meet the negative team of the Normal school here tonight at 8 o'clock in a chafing debate. Immediately following the debate the student body will sponsor a dance in honor of the visiting members of the debate team from Caldwell and for the local Normal school students.

The public is cordially invited to attend the first debate held in this Normal school tonight.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY The Normal school gave a musical program in a special assembly this morning. A Shakespearean entertainment was provided by the 2 o'clock English class, under the direction of Miss Lena Foley. The program consisted of readings, speeches and excerpts from three plays which Shakespeare wrote. A brief account and description of the playwright's life was interestingly given. That famous old home on Stratford-on-Avon was described and a description and characterization of the wife of Shakespeare, Anne Hathaway, was given. A description of the great man himself followed. "That Shakespeare was a master of manners in all his plays," it was said. The dramatist began his career of writing plays by revising popular plays of his day. Later he wrote his original plays. He was also a shrewd business man, whereby he came by his financial success. Shakespeare wrote to entertain people of all stations of life. Even soldiers and the riff-raff of the people thronged to see his plays, it was stated.

Several poems were read, and one student gave her original impressions and reasons for liking Shakespeare. An excerpt from each of the following plays was given. The scene of the three witches from "Mac Beth" was fantastically presented; the love scene from "As You Like It" was given by several girls, and last, three comic scenes from "Mid Summer's Night Dream" were cleverly presented, resulting in hilarious outbursts of laughter from the audience.

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BIDS TO BE ASKED SOON FOR STATION

Drawings on Proposed \$150,000 Depot About Ready for Figures.

WAITING ROOM TO BE 36 BY 45 FEET

Announcement Made in Portland by Chief Engineer Samuel Murray of Union Pacific.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 7 (Special)—Drawings of the proposed Union depot at La Grande will be ready for figures within a few days. Chief Engineer Samuel Murray, of the Union Pacific, Portland, announced yesterday. The proposals will be received in Murray's office in the Pittock block, according to the Daily Journal of Commerce.

Complete cost of the project has been estimated at \$150,000. Plans call for a two-story station and office building 320 feet long and 25 feet wide. A modern design employed on commercial buildings has been used in the drawings by the architects, Gil-

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Funeral Rites Held Thursday For Rev. Hall

The funeral rites for the Rev. Vernon E. Hall, whose sudden death took place at the Methodist parsonage Monday evening, were held yesterday afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal church. The service probably conformed as nearly to the desires of the deceased pastor might have had, had he expressed them, as was humanly possible. It was distinctly a service of worship, with the scripture, the prayer, the eulogy, the sermon and the music rounding out the large congregation assembled for the ideas of the pastor and of his yearnings for them along spiritual lines.

Dr. Harry S. Hamilton, of Boise, superintendent of this district, had charge of the service. He was assisted by the Rev. R. E. Lee, of Union, who offered the prayer; the Rev. J. George Walk, president of the local ministerial

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Three Enter Race In Wallowa County

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Mar. 7.—Three candidates for county officer were announced yesterday, putting in the field at least one aspirant for each place to be filled, according to the Record-Chief.

Two members of the present county court whose terms expire this year, Judge L. E. Jordan and Commissioner J. P. Johnson, will both be candidates for reelection on the republican ticket.

Edgar Marvin will run for county judge on the democratic ticket. His friends stated after he had gone to Portland on a business trip.

These announcements clear the political atmosphere in the county and set the mark on the lines for the primary contest, giving one aspirant for each of the positions to be filled.

SECOND DIVISION WINS BANNER

UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM OREGON-WASHINGTON DIVISION AWARDED ANNUAL SAFETY BANNER TO THE DIVISION OF THE BEST RECORD



The Union Pacific system O-W safety banner, which was awarded to the second division at a meeting held in Portland, is pictured above. S. A. Hrentall, acting general safety agent of the O-W, is at the left. C. E. Roberts, of La Grande, assistant superintendent in the center, and Division Superintendent W. H. Gudd is at the right.

FIVE-POWER NAVAL MEET IS RESUMED

Ramsey MacDonald Believes Conference Will Produce Treaty.

BRITISH NAVAL ESTIMATES MADE

Total for 1930 Shows Reduction of Nearly Five Million Pounds—Five Ships Cancelled.

LONDON, March 7 (AP)—Ramsay MacDonald, British prime minister, and chairman of the five power naval conference, announced this morning at the end of a three week recess that the conference was in full working order and that thus "all the prophets of evil as so often is the case in human history have been confounded."

He declared this morning's meeting of heads of the delegations, at which M. Aristide Briand, the French chief, was present for the first time since the fall of the Traudler government, had resulted in the advancement of the conference's work, permitting a new hold on the broken thread of the negotiations.

Delegates Busy MacDonald said that the delegates were at it again and that the conference was going to produce a treaty in a talk with a feeling

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Purchase of Rum No Crime, Opinion

BOSTON, March 7 (AP)—Federal Judge James M. Morton today handed down a decision ruling purchase of liquor is not a crime under the national prohibition act. The decision was given in the case of James Farrar, of Waterbury, recently indicted for purchasing two pints of liquor. Judge Morton's decision approximately covered ten typewritten pages.

Mayor Gives Fags To 30 Communists

PORTLAND, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—A communist revolt, in which about 20 alleged unemployed persons did the revolting, and Mayor George Baker watched unflinchingly while he smoked cigarettes and passed them out to revolvers, marked "Red Thursday" in Portland until a passing schoolboy yelled "Down the one horse rebellion."

The thirty alleged unemployed were surrounded by 1500 spectators, two military authorities, 500 city hall employees, two or three squads of detectives, well armed, and some hundred policemen.

A half dozen of the 20 stamped and stamped and stamped from a collapsible speaker's stool. Then they departed.

MISS ORCUTT WINS

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., March 7 (AP)—Playing the final five holes in a terrific thunderstorm, Miss Maureen Orcutt, eastern and metropolitan women's champion, defeated Miss Glennia Collett, national women's titleholder, 2 and 1 in their semi-final match of the Florida East Coast golf tournament here today.

SUCCESSOR?

Eliminates Village

Heading into Arkansas the tornado virtually wiped out the village of Gregory with damage estimated by John Blairidge, plantation owner, at \$30,000. Later the storm dipped into the Harris community, about eight miles from Homer, La., killed a negro woman named Mitchell and injured three others. Five tenant houses, a residence and a church were demolished.

Residents of Boyle, Miss., were warned of the approach of the

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Harney County Rabies Outbreak Worst In Years

PORTLAND, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—Elmer Williams, assistant predatory animal control leader of the United States biological survey, who returned yesterday from a two weeks survey of conditions in Eastern Oregon, said that a sudden outbreak of rabies, declared the worst since 1915-16 when \$1,000,000 worth of cattle died, is raging in Harney county.

Williams said 52 head of cattle had perished yesterday and four rabid coyotes and two infected dogs had been killed by ranchers. George Whiting, rancher in Lynden, Harney, was attacked by a rabid coyote February 12, when the animal reared into his front yard. The mad creature bit a herd dog and turned towards the rancher, who managed to kill it with a heavy plank which he seized as a club.

Henry Bush, a rancher living near Lawton, had a similar experience a short time afterwards. Williams said, when a second coyote attacked his dog in the front yard, Bush killed the animal with a rifle.

Williams said the entire valley of Harney county had been placed under rigid quarantine and all dogs which have not been vaccinated with the Pasteur vaccine have been placed in captivity.

James Lewis and Ross Dollard, two biological survey hunters, Williams said, have been ordered to Harney county.

GOVERNOR DENIES SHAKE-UP RUMORS

Norblad Says He Knows Nothing About Game Commission Stories

PORTLAND, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—A signed article in the Oregonian today said that Governor A. W. Norblad had made no promise to "clean house" in the state game commission, despite reports otherwise, nor has the governor seen affidavits against Harold Clifford, state game warden.

The article, obtained from Governor Norblad, while he was in the city yesterday, said that the governor "acknowledges that the sportsmen will never be satisfied no matter who is game warden or who sits on the game commission."

Other than what has appeared in the Oregon press, Governor Norblad said, according to the Oregonian, "I know nothing about the affidavits alleged directed at Clifford."

The article quoted the governor as saying: "I'm tired of seeing fish and game made the football of politics. I would rather that the governor did not have the appointment of the game commission. I would like to see the legislature in 1931 intend suggesting a plan which will relieve the governor of continual embarrassment of disagreements among sportsmen. It is not fair to the governor. It would be better if the game commission was appointed by the board of control."

"We have a legislative interim committee of fish and they are expected to make a report to the 1931 session. This committee may work out a solution. We should at least give it a chance," the Oregonian said.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 7.—(AP)—The Portland Telegram said today that upon the appointment of a new game commissioner to succeed Ben Morris, Eugene, resigned, urged the retention or removal of Harold Clifford, state game warden.

One Man Killed In Wreck In Georgia

COLUMBUS, Ga., March 7.—(AP)—One man was reported killed and an undetermined number of persons injured at Glen Springs early today as the second section of the Seminole Limited, Central of Georgia passenger train, crashed into the rear of the first section. The scene of the wreck is 25 miles south of Columbus.

The dispatcher's office was informed that the Rev. O. C. White, of Phenix City, Ala., had been killed and a number whose names were not given injured.

Tornado Causes Four Deaths In Southern Area

Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana Hit by Storm—Property Damage at \$100,000.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Mar. 7 (AP)—Four deaths and property damage, estimated by owners at more than \$100,000, were chargeable today to a tornado, which lashed Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana last night, wrecking a village of 200 and injuring two score.

Tearing through Mississippi plantations and small towns the high wind killed two negroes in Bolivar county, injured ten persons and destroyed fifteen houses valued at \$20,000. Mrs. J. W. Adams, 65, was killed and two negro employes hurt as the storm swept the Adams farm near Kosciusko, Miss.

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WHEAT MEN MEET

About 50 grain growers attended a meeting held at Imbler last night, with County Agent H. G. Avery and W. J. Case, chairman of the preliminary organization formed last week, speaking. Much interest was shown. It was again explained that 200,000 bushels are necessary to secure a permanent organization, and a few more growers signed up last night. Plans are being made to hold another meeting tomorrow. Mr. Avery is secretary of the present organization and announces that the meeting will begin at 1:30 p. m. at the city hall.

CHAMBER WIRES McNARY

The Union county chamber of commerce today sent a telegram to Senator McNary in Washington, asking him to support the McManis resolution which proposes that the farm board buy \$25,000,000 worth of wheat and send it to China as one means of stabilizing wheat prices.

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Legge, with Secretary Hyde, discussed the farm question at an executive session.

Afterward Chairman McNary called a meeting of the committee for tomorrow to consider the Nye resolution asking investigation of administration of the act under which the farm board was created.

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McNary requested Legge and Hyde to appear tomorrow. He asked them to submit an opinion on reports that a world wide attempt was being made to depress prices in an effort to demoralize the new American farm relief program.

The committee chairman said he had received reports asserting there was evidence of a world

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Babe Ruth Rejects New Salary Offer

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 7 (AP)—The first salary conference today between Babe Ruth and Colonel James Ruppert, owner of the Yankees, failed when the home run king rejected a compromise of \$85,000 for 1930 or \$80,000 for each of the next two seasons.

JUSTICE BELT SEEKS RETURN TO THE BENCH

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 7 (AP)—Justice Harry H. Belt of the supreme court has filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for renomination at the republican primary election.

Under a change in the manner of electing justices, made by the 1927 legislature, whereby a candidate seeks a particular position on the court, Justice Belt is a candidate for position No. 6 under the old system, with, for example, two places to fill by election, the two receiving the largest number of votes were declared nominated or elected.

Chief Justice O. P. Coshaw's term expires this year also. Coshaw is a democrat, and will file, probably today, as a candidate for reelection.

Belt was first elected to the supreme court in 1924, beginning his term in January, 1925. Justice John McCord had died and Judge M. J. Pipes of Portland was appointed by Governor Pierce to succeed him. Pipes was not a candidate in the following election and Belt was elected. Since the term of office is six years this is the first year Belt has been up for reelection.

Coshaw was appointed by Governor Pierce in January, 1924, to succeed Justice Harris, who resigned. Coshaw was then elected in November of that year. Like Belt, this is his first time up for reelection.

GRAIN PRICE TO IMPROVE, LEGGE SAYS

Farm Board Chairman Tells Senate Committee Bottom Is Reached

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Avery and Case Speak During Session; More Signers Are Secured; Meet Again Tomorrow.

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Salem Teachers Consider Pay Plan

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 7 (AP)—The salaries of 49 Salem teachers would be reduced and 77 increased under a proposed new schedule prepared by a committee of teachers to be voted on by all the teachers of the city within a week.

The total that is now paid the teachers would not be increased, and adjustment is on a 12-month basis.

COULDN'T BEAR ORDERS LOS ANGELES, March 7 (AP)—Police today were obliged to release Samuel Yelton, 25, one of the score of persons arrested during an attempted march yesterday on the city hall by communists. He had been charged with suspicion of criminal syndicalism as the result of failure to obey police orders.

Questioning of the suspect this morning disclosed that he is a stomp dealer.

MAN BURNED TO DEATH

YAKIMA, Wash., March 7.—(AP)—John A. Davis, 55, was found burned to death in his room at the county isolation hospital. He was a tuberculosis patient. Hospital attendants were in doubt as to whether the fire was an accident or suicidal.