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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair tonight, Thursday unsettled with rain in the north portion, not much change in temperature.

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HIGH SCHOOL BAND ENTERS STATE MEET

Local Musicians, Who Placed Third in 1929, Hope to Take First Place

CONCERT WILL BE GIVEN MARCH 25

Twenty-Minute Program to be Presented in Arcade to Help Pay Expenses to Corvallis.

The La Grande High school band, consisting of 23 pieces and directed by W. W. Nussbaum, music director of the school, will again enter the state contest at Corvallis to be held on April 12, it was announced today.

The band, now in its third year, has attempted two of the state band contests, finishing fifth in its first year and third last year. Many unplaced people who saw the band's contest were of the opinion that the La Grande band should have been rated second and the Corvallis band, which was second, should have been first.

Hope to Win First

Hope is high this year that the La Grande band will place first, as the Corvallis organization lost eight or 10 first class musicians last spring by graduation.

In the meantime, the local band has been built up to a higher state of perfection than in 1929.

The Corvallis contest is the official band competition in Oregon this year and the winner will be eligible to compete in the national contest.

As one way of securing funds for the trip to Corvallis, the band will play a 20-minute concert at the Arcade theater on the evening of the 25th.

Ed's Co. of the University of Oregon movie, which was made by students at Eugene and in which some of the La Grande students appear. This picture and the band concert are scheduled for next Tuesday, Mar. 25. A similar plan was followed last year in raising necessary funds, with money from other sources making up the total.

Three of Four Numbers

According to Mr. Nussbaum, three of four numbers will be played, including one that will be given during the state contest, "Donacona," a march, "Heart Throbs" by Ellensberg and a Russian court dance have been selected, and possibly another number will be played.

Competition at Corvallis this year will be the greatest in the state's history, with three classes of bands in the contest. La Grande will be in class A. Mr. Nussbaum has been informed that there will be more bands in each class than there were altogether in 1929.

The local high school band, which has progressed greatly since its organization, has already since eight or nine of its members into the ranks of the municipal band, serving as a "feeder" for that organization. In the meantime, grade school orchestra sets, are constantly supplying new material for the high school band, and a 45 or 50-piece band is not unlikely for 1931, it is said.

OFFICIAL BAND CONTEST - CORVALLIS, ORE., MAR. 12 (AP) - The annual high school band contest scheduled at Oregon State

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THIS WEEK IS BUSY ONE AT E. O. N. SCHOOL

This week is unusually busy at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, due to the fact that the winter quarter is being concluded, and registration for the spring quarter is under way. Friday has been specially designated for registration purposes. That work which has not been finished will be concluded on Saturday. Regular classes will convene next Monday. Due to the large amount of work to be completed during the school year, there will be no spring vacation granted between quarters. However, during the second week in April a short vacation of two days, Thursday and Friday, 10th and 11th, will be granted, resulting from the fact that the elementary schools will have a short vacation and due to the inland teacher's Empire meeting in Spokane, which the instructors of the normal school plan to attend.

Congregation Asks Minister To Stay Here

Members of English Lutheran Church Refuse to Accept Resignation of Rev. L. H. Awes.

With the Rev. W. E. Brinkman, of Portland, presiding, the congregation of the English Lutheran church of La Grande met last night in the church for the purpose of considering the resignation of the pastor, the Rev. L. H. Awes, which was submitted to the church a short time ago.

Musical Comedy L. H. S. Selects Has Good Plot

Dates of the high school opera have been changed to Apr. 3 and 4, with reserved seats available on Apr. 2, it was announced this afternoon.

"Pickles" or "In Old Vienna," a musical comedy composed by Benedict, Wilson and Crane, which will be given by the high school students next Thursday and Friday nights, has a snappy story and a complicated plot.

James H. Pennington, an American millionaire pickle manufacturer, with his daughter, June, arrives in Vienna amidst the preparations for the annual carnival. To his consternation Pennington finds June, his advertising agent, advertising Pennington's Pickle Pipers to the carnival. An old acquaintance, Lady Vivian, a wealthy Englishwoman also arrives on her annual quest in search of her daughter, who was lost at Vienna during a carnival when she was a baby. Kinske, the pompous police chief, plots to substitute the lost child of Lady Vivian and marry the lady for her future fortune.

A band of gypsies visits the carnival and are led by Alton, their chief, and his supposed daughter, Roma. Events lead all the people to visit the gypsy camp, where a magic pool reveals the face of Lady Vivian's daughter, Arthur Orefont, a poor artist, wins recognition of his work and also wins the hand of June Pennington. Lady Vivian consents to become Mrs. James Pennington; Kinske's plot is exposed and Roma is restored to her mother, and June is rewarded with success in her campaign for the hand of Roma.

The cast of high school players is swinging into final rehearsals this week.

Normal School Spring Term To Open Monday

Although about eleven students finish their work this week at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, they have expressed the desire to take part in the June graduation exercises and as a result, there will be no program Friday at the school when the winter term ends.

President H. E. Inlow announced today that the spring term will begin on Mar. 24 and will come to a close on June 13. There is an enrollment for the winter term work of about 250 students. Completion of the spring term in June will mark the closing of the first year of the Normal school in La Grande.

McManus Tells Of Hospital Company

Blmer "Smop" McManus finished his autobiography at today's Rotary club luncheon in the La Grande hotel, and in his talk, which was started last week, he gave a complete detailed account of the activities of the 147th field hospital unit of the 42nd division during the war on six battlefronts.

Mr. McManus was top sergeant in the unit and gave his listeners facts which were extremely interesting. Mr. McManus formed the company in La Grande, and it was made up mostly of local men.

The attendance at the luncheon today was large.

Two Jurors Face Bribery Charges

LOOSE ANGELES, Mar. 19 (AP) - (Continuing an entire day and night of continuous investigation and questioning of witnesses, District Attorney Byron Pitts today arrested two of the jurors, who in 1928, acquitted Jacob Bernman, S. O. Lewis and eight other defendants accused of conspiracy to wreck the Julius Petroleum corporation by a huge stock over-inflated. The two men were booked at the county jail on charges of bribery.

FRANCE AND ITALY STILL IN DEADLOCK

American Delegation to Naval Conference Hopeful of an Invitation.

ARE WILLING TO AID IN PROBLEM

Rumors That Americans and Japanese Disagree Emphatically Denied in all Quarters.

LONDON, Mar. 19 (AP) - The American delegation to the naval conference, sticking persistently to its slogan "never say die" met today to discuss among themselves the Franco-Italian parity statements.

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It is possible that these schemes will never see the light of day. The difficulty is said to be that the Americans could not with propriety volunteer their services as mediators between Italy and France although the American delegation is understood to be hoping to be invited to intervene by one or the other of the two parties.

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LINFIELD WILL DEBATE NORMAL

Non-Decision Meet Scheduled for Friday Evening in E. O. N. Auditorium.

The second Eastern Oregon Normal school debate will be held in the normal school auditorium next Friday evening, March 21, at 8 o'clock. The normal school affirmative team will debate against the varsity team from Linfield college, which is located at McMinnville. This debate will be a non-decision type of debate. This plan is adopted in debates of international character, such as is followed in debates between visiting English and American teams. The subject for debate is the same as it was in the preceding debate, namely, "Resolved: That the nations should adopt a plan of complete disarmament, excepting such forces as are needed for police forces."

Members of the local team are Vergelia Bond and Eugene Bowman. A very worthwhile debate is promised, judging from the successful results of the normal school team in the preceding debate. The opponents have a strong team, and have made forecasts and debate a special issue at Linfield college.

The visiting team will be en route to Wichita, Kansas, where it will participate in the national debates meet, when it has its first clash with the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

U. P. MAY CUT TRAIN TIMES TO THE COAST

ST. PAUL, Minn., Mar. 19 (AP) - Reduction in running time of one hour each on two trains from Chicago to St. Paul, effective March 24, was announced here today by F. E. Williamson, president of the Burlington railroad. The southern schedule will remain as at present. The trains affected are the Empire Builder of the Great Northern, and the North Coast Limited of the Northern Pacific. These trains are operated by the Burlington between here and Chicago.

Because the schedules will require the time of trains one hour between Chicago and Seattle it is believed that the Burlington's action will influence the Union Pacific to cut their schedules from Chicago to the coast. Carl E. Gray, president of the Union Pacific, held a conference yesterday with the heads of the northern lines, but no announcement was made as to the result.

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SHIP SEIZED ON ORDER OF OREGONIANS

One of Largest British Freighters Boarded by U. S. Deputy Marshal

POSSIBILITY OF COMPLICATIONS

Arresting Officer Sure Boat was in American Waters But Denial is Held Likely.

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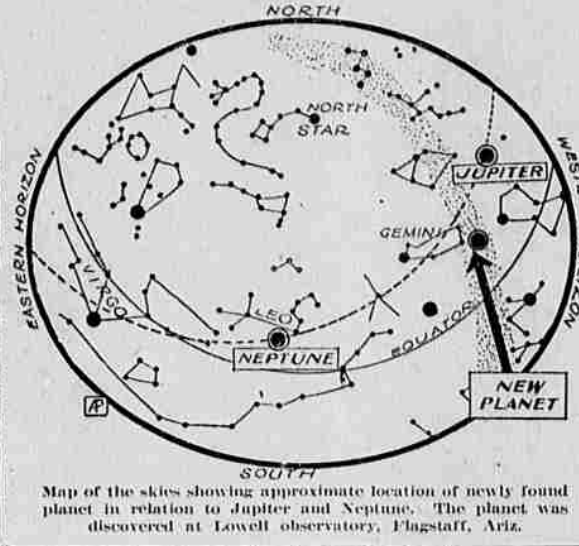
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NEWLY FOUND PLANET



"Human Fly" To Climb 7-Story Hotel Tonight

Johnnie J. Woods, "human fly," is in La Grande today en route east and tonight at 7:30 o'clock will climb the seven-story Sevens Inn and then enroute around the edge of the roof, walking on his hands, etc. This building has never been attempted before but Woods, who climbed the Woolworth tower in New York a few years ago, is confident that he will have no trouble in this test. He recently scaled the 12-story New Heathman hotel in Portland. Indications are that a large crowd will gather tonight to watch him go up the structure.

Woods, besides his human fly activities, is also a high diver and doubles for Harold Lloyd in his most spectacular pictures. He did most of the stunts in the hair-raising "Safety Last" and is contracted to double for Lloyd in a picture this summer. His stunts will include a climb up a building and a dive from the top of a schooner. He also has agreed to climb the 68-story Chrysler building in New York this summer.

Woods, who weighs 183 pounds, depends upon his fingers and feet to keep him from disaster. He has had a few accidents, including a dive in Florida that split his head open. Again at Winona, Minn., in August, 1929, he attempted a back one and a half off the 93-foot bridge into the river. Too much wind howled him over and he was injured. Woods was picked up 60 yards below the point he entered the water.

Broken Main Is Cause of Blast

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 19 (AP) - A 16-inch water main burst under a residential street here last night and washed out a large section of the broken gas mains poured gas into the neighborhood and an explosion demolished the dwelling of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Gerdes. Six persons were injured, none of them fatally.

The main, connected with a storage reservoir of the Olympic Salt Water Pumping company, poured a deluge of water into the street, washing a torrent of mud and sand through the neighborhood and trapped several automobiles beneath the flow of sand and water.

Spain's Dictator Buried In Madrid

MADRID, Mar. 19 (AP) - Spain's "benevolent dictator" as former Premier Primo De Rivera was often called, was buried in a modest grave in the family plot at San Isidro cemetery today with the highest of funeral honors that King Alfonso and the Berenguer government could give.

Great crowds, massed in all directions as the solemn cortege passed, cheered for the king of Spain.

As the national anthem thrilled out, distant batteries fired a 21-gun salute. Army airplanes flew above the troop-lined route to the cemetery.

Europa Is Trying For Ocean Record

BREMENHAVEN, Ger., March 19 (AP) - The North German Lloyd liner Europa, twin sister-ship of the Bremen, left Bremen for the Atlantic, left here at 10 p. m. today for the channel port of New York.

Fair weather on leaving was regarded as a good augury of a fast voyage. It is generally believed she will try to establish a new world record for the crossing of the Atlantic.

WOMAN GIVEN PARDON

SALFEM, Ore., March 19 (AP) - Because Mrs. Anna Randall, prisoner in the women's ward at the state penitentiary, will become a mother in about six months, she was today granted a conditional pardon by Governor Norblad. This action was taken on recommendation of Warden James W. Lewis after the prison physician had reported on the woman's condition.

\$50,000 Sought For Cell Wing At Penitentiary

Board of Control Requests Meeting of Emergency Board - State Building Cost \$501,055.19.

SALFEM, Ore., Mar. 19 (AP) - The state board of control today requested Secretary of State Hoss to call a meeting of the state emergency board. The date will be arranged by Hoss and Governor Norblad, but will probably be within the next two weeks. The main request to go before the board will be approximately \$50,000 for the construction of a new cell wing at the penitentiary. This will cost over \$80,000, but the prison has a fund of about \$35,000 on hand.

Other requests will go before the board from the secretary of state for janitor service, heat and light for the new office building, and from the reclamation commission to pay interest on irrigation district bonds.

STATE BUILDING FINISHED

SALFEM, Ore., Mar. 19 (AP) - The first of the state departments that are to occupy the new state office building will be moving into the new structure the latter part of this week, as information given the state board of control today by Carl Abrams, secretary of the board. It was said that the state corporation department, the war veterans' state and commission and that state insurance department would move in this week and be ready to do business in the new quarters Monday.

Figures submitted to the board showed that the building has been completed and partially furnished at a cost of \$501,055.19. Of the \$500,000 borrowed from the state industrial accident commission with which to erect the building about \$86,000 was expended on the state building now occupied by the state printer, so that about \$414,000 remains unexpended that is available for further equipping the new office building.

Before the first departments move in it will be necessary for Secretary of State Hoss to organize his force of janitors and caretakers for the building, he said he was ready to do that.

One part of the building that is yet to be furnished with chairs and lounges is the waiting room that has been prepared mainly for the convenience of persons waiting to do business with the motor vehicle license department. It was thought this could be furnished for about \$700.

Pope Says Mass Of Protest And Expiation Today

VATICAN CITY, Mar. 19 (AP) - The Pope entered St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in Christendom, this forenoon and said a mass of protest and explanation for the religious persecution and the anti-religious movements in Russia.

A great crowd of 70,000, which filled every nook and corner, heard him and listened to a large choir of Russians, Orthodox Greeks and Ruthenians chant slavish hymns.

The unexpected presence of the Russian choir produced the most profound impression on the throng inside the Basilica.

Many plain clothes men circulated around the cathedral to preclude any incident. The cathedral doors were closed after the pope entered.

BERLIN ACCUSES COMMUNISTS

BERLIN, Mar. 19 (AP) - Communists were charged today with attacks on church offices in Berlin during the night.

A large illuminated bible text over the door of a protestant church in north Berlin was smashed, and a Catholic church was daubed with hued red paint.

Judge Campbell In High Court Race

SALFEM, Ore., March 19 (AP) - Judge James U. Campbell of Oregon City, for many years a judge of the circuit court in that district, today filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate for the republican nomination for justice of the supreme court. Judge Campbell aspires to position No. 5 on the bench, which is held by Chief Justice Coshaw, who is a democrat and who is a candidate for re-election.

Doheny Case Final Arguments Near

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (AP) - Counsel for Edward L. Doheny today asked Justice Hitz to instruct the jury that under the law Al-bony tried for sedition, growing out of utterances made in support of Mahatma Gandhi's campaign of civil disobedience.

Thirty police were among those injured. The crowd outside the court room threw stones at the police and the military was requisitioned to disperse them.

QUOTE TAFT AS FRIEND OF PROHIBITION

Brother of Late Chief Justice Reads Letter Written in 1928.

TIME, PATIENCE HELD NECESSARY

Claim That Young People are Drinking More Than Ever Held "Great Exaggeration."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (AP) - The late William Howard Taft was quoted today at the house judiciary committee's prohibition hearing as having said in November, 1928, that the "results of prohibition were glorious" and that he felt it would be possible to achieve satisfactory results.

Honore P. Taft, a brother of the late chief justice of the United States, was the first witness at today's session. He presented a letter the former president had written to Professor Irving Fisher of Yale university, under date of Nov. 21, 1928. It read:

"My dear Irving: "Thank you for sending me your new book. I shall read it with a great deal of pleasure.

"In the late campaign I found myself in a very awkward situation. I could not issue any publication during it, because of my being on the bench, and yet the New York World published my anti-prohibition letters written to Lincoln (a dry of New Haven) before the adoption of the amendment, and then nobody seemed to take the trouble to publish my speech at Yale given after the amendment was adopted.

"Time and Patience Necessary. "But the result is glorious and points the only way that we have to work out the problem presented. The solution requires a great deal of time and patience. The habits of an important section of a congested part of the country can not be changed over night or in years. The reform and the adaptation of society to that at which the amendment aims must be gradual.

"The temptation of corruption will drag it out. While looking ahead I despair of any success, I really think that it is possible, if we keep at it, to achieve a satisfactory result. The persistence with which the people maintain congress a two third majority in both houses gives me much hope, and I am inclined to think that this will wear down the moderate wets to a consciousness that the only solution is pressure in favor of enforcement.

"I see that the wets claim the election was not a prohibition victory. Well, one can not argue with that view, and can only let those who believe it continue to believe it.

"(Signed) William H. Taft."

Taft was presented by Mrs. Lenora Lowe Yost, a member of the legislative committee of the national association of organizations supporting the 18th amendment.

Reading from a prepared statement, Taft said that, according to the testimony of those advocating repeal, "our cocktail heroes are linked with the Christian martyrs of the men of '76, and the leaders of the anti-slavery party, a connection which the wets claim the election was not a prohibition victory. Well, one can not argue with that view, and can only let those who believe it continue to believe it.

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KRUM REPLIES TO DEMAND OF CITY AUDITOR

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 19 (AP) - Hugh C. Krum, head of the Citizens Recall league, which is sponsoring recall petitions aimed at the city administration, said today that the demand of City Auditor Funk that the league pay the cost of checking the petitions would be met with the filing of the petitions April 21.

Krum said the law makes no provision for checking the petitions and that it was mandatory on Funk to call the election May 16 if the petitions were filed April 21 whether they are checked or not.

He predicted that 35,000 names would be attached to the petitions and that they are coming at the rate of 1,000 daily. The petitions started after dissatisfaction was expressed over the manner in which Mayor George L. Baker and the remainder of the city council handled the trolley car situation.

100 Injured Today In Indian Riots

RANGOON, Burma, March 19 (AP) - More than 100 persons were injured today at a disturbance outside the courtroom wherein J. N. Sengupta, mayor of Calcutta, was being tried for sedition, growing out of utterances made in support of Mahatma Gandhi's campaign of civil disobedience.

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WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 63, minimum 29 above. Condition: clear.

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