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OVER OREGON

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IN PORTLAND ON
POLITICAL TRIP

Senator Charles Hall, Republican Candidate for Governor, to Visit Here Tuesday.

PIERCE MAY ENTER RACE

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 20 (AP)—Following conferences with ex-Governor Oswald West and other party leaders in Portland yesterday, Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, told the Capital Journal today that he "is giving very serious consideration" to the suggestion that he become a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor.

"I will make a definite decision in two or three days," said Mr. Pierce. "I am going back to Portland this afternoon, on to La Grande tonight, and will talk the matter over thoroughly with Mrs. Pierce before making a decision."

The former governor made no reference to his reputed intention to oppose West for democratic national committee man.

Politics are warming up a bit over the state this week, with new developments in the democratic camp, and with continuation of campaign tours on the part of republican candidates for governor.

The Oregonian said today that democratic politics gained some momentum yesterday with Oswald West, democratic national committee man, and Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, who has announced his candidacy for West's job, conferring in a hotel room in Portland on how a democrat can be elected governor in the general election in November.

While this conference of the two former governors was in progress, the report said, George L. Wilbur, of Hood River, arrived in Portland flanked by leaders from his county to see what support he can depend upon should he decide to enter the gubernatorial race. Accompanying Wilbur were John H. Young, democratic chairman of Hood River county, and Charles Dyer, secretary of the committee.

Confers With Pierce, West

"The scouting party," the Oregonian continued, "contacted with Mr. Hanneker, president of the Tammany club of Oregon, and others, and afterwards conferred with Pierce and West. . . . The Wilbur boom is of recent vintage. It had its inception last week. . . . Another possible democratic aspirant is Harvey G. Starkweather of Clatsop county, it concluded."

Ex-governor Pierce, who left La Grande the other day, also intends to visit in Salem before returning home. What significance his trip

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PROGRAM FOR
EVENING IS
DIVERSIFIED

A highly diversified program that combines excellent music, college spirit, humor and attractive dances will be presented by the Whitman All-College glee club, which appears in La Grande, March 21. The program will be divided into three parts, the first being a group of eight choral numbers by the entire ensemble and a violin solo by Dorothea Russell, who will play the brilliant "Capriccio Valce" by Wieniawski.

The "Campus Little Symphony Orchestra" and Sally Somerville, soprano, will be featured in the second part. Also, in this part Marion LeFevre will give her delightful "Butterfly" dance with orchestral accompaniment. Four female numbers by the combined choral and orchestra with interpretative dances by Marion LeFevre and Beth Gorman will close the part.

The third and concluding part will introduce the men and women's quartets in their stroll "Through Melody Lane." A skit, "Here Comes the Groom" will be presented by Helen Gray, comedienne. "The Dance of the Acrobats" a sure-fire hit, which features Whitman college songs and college pep, finishes the program.

WEATHER TODAY
7:24 a. m.—25 above.
Minimum: 23 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 62, minimum 24 above.
Condition: partly cloudy, rain 44 of inch.

WEATHER MAR. 20, 1929
Maximum 50, minimum 24 above.
Condition: rain 1.11 inches.

Commission Is
Requested To
Gravel Streets

Three Improvement District Petitions Presented at Executive Meeting Last Night.

Spring made its appearance in the routine business of the city commission last night with the presentation of three petitions for improvement districts. Annually, about this time of the year, property owners who have found their roads muddy and difficult to travel during the rainy and winter seasons, present their requests for improvement work.

The largest district, approved by 56 per cent of the property owners, calls for 16 feet of eight-inch gravel on Tenth from M to L, Eleventh from J to M, Twelfth from J to Washington, J from Eleventh to Twelfth, K from Hill to Twelfth, and L from Tenth to Twelfth.

Another petition, with 63.35 per cent signers, asks for 16 feet of eight-inch gravel with storm sewers on Y from North Spruce to North Pine. The third petition asked for a sidewalk on the north side of Y from North Spruce to North Pine.

All three petitions were referred to the city engineer.

Discuss Ordinance

A new ordinance providing a license for trucks, drays, deliveries, etc., was discussed and held over for further consideration.

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Woods Climbs
Sacajawea Inn
And Does Stunts

Before a crowd of several hundred persons, Johnnie Woods, known as the "human fly," scaled the front of the seven-story Sacajawea inn last night and after reaching the roof, balanced himself on the edge on one foot and then stood on his hands for about a minute's time. His stunts were widely applauded.

Woods started his climb from the third floor, above the marquee, and went up the central section, climbing a window to window and along over the edge of the roof through the use of a rope. The four stories preceding this found him unaided other than by use of his fingers and feet to grip the precariously holds. Several times during the climb the crowd was breathlessly quiet as he negotiated a higher window.

In statements last night before the climb, Woods said that he would attempt the 8-story Chrysler building in New York this summer and if he was successful, would retire permanently.

This was the first time the Sacajawea Inn has been sealed.

Many Students
Pay All or Part
Of Their Expenses

An even 50 per cent of La Grande High school students contribute either partly or wholly to their support, a canvass of 200 of the students here reveals.

The canvass, announced today, shows that 10 boys and five girls are wholly self-supporting, and that 17 boys and four girls are three-fourths self-supporting.

Ninety-one are one-half self-supporting, divided as follows: 79 boys and 15 girls. One hundred eighty-two are one-fourth self-supporting, 127 boys and 55 girls, and 230 contribute nothing to their own support, 48 boys and 202 girls.

BAND CONCERT
TO BE PLAYED
HERE MAR. 28

The date for the municipal band concert has been definitely set for Friday March 28 and will be given at the high school auditorium.

The feature of this concert will be a revival of songs from musical comedies of many years ago. The comedies who will assist in the program are Mrs. Florence Lynch, soprano; Mrs. Lora Russell, alto; Paul Knautz, baritone; and Kermit Hagin, tenor. Each will be heard in solos. Mrs. Miller, singing Victor Herbert's "A Kiss in the Dark." Mrs. Russell will sing "The Tale of the Turtle Dove" from "Woodland." Mr. Knautz has chosen "Oh, Promise Me" from "Robin Hood" and Mr. Hagin will sing "The Prince of the Violets" from "The Prince of the Violets." At the arrangement of Victor Herbert, songs which will include such favorites as "Kiss Me Again," "Because You're Young," "I'm Falling in Love with Someone" and the "Gipsy Love Song."

The instrumental portion of the program is of exceptional merit. It is said and will feature the descriptive overture to "William Tell" by Rossini.

FIRES CAUSE
DEATHS AND
GREAT LOSS

Man Injured in Clatskanie Hotel Blaze Succumbs Early Today.

FOUR BURNED IN
KNOXVILLE FIRE

Philadelphia Plant Destroyed by Flames and Explosions—Loss Placed at \$2,000,000.

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MEACHAM VISITS
IN EAST OREGON

Former President of Old Oregon Trail Association Here For a Day.

Walter Meacham, formerly of Baker and president of the Old Oregon Trail association, during the year taken President Warren C. Harding attended the celebration at Meacham, was here for the smell of pine and sage and this week finds him in Eastern Oregon once more, his old stamping ground.

He has been in Arizona and California for the last year and a half and somehow or other, it isn't like Oregon. "You can travel for three days without seeing hills and streams like we have up here," he said.

On Way to Portland

Mr. Meacham, who has been invited to take part in the April 10 Oregon Trail celebration in Western Oregon, was on his way to Portland yesterday in company with James M. Kyle, of Stanfield, member of the executive committee of the Columbia Basin project and also a past president of the Oregon Irrigation congress and one of the fathers of the development of irrigation in Oregon, particularly the Vale project.

The men had just attended the dedication of the Harper unit at Harper, Ore., with some 2000 other people, including a special trainload from Burns and A. W. Norblad, governor of Oregon.

Mr. Meacham has had much to do with celebrations recently. He staged the celebration at the Grand Canyon bridge last June. This bridge is the highest in the world and is 145 miles from the nearest town.

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"Repeal" Vote Remains In The Lead;
Oregon, Washington For "Prohibition"

SECOND REPORT OF PROHIBITION POLL

(From The Literary Digest of March 22, 1929)

State	For	Pro	Modification	Repeal	Total
California	14,708	19,377	20,842	56,927	111,754
Connecticut	1,196	2,495	4,207	8,898	12,796
Dist. of Columbia	1,922	1,326	4,557	4,675	12,480
Georgia	2,529	2,054	2,024	6,607	13,214
Illinois	19,952	26,225	27,657	73,834	147,668
Indiana	12,355	8,842	8,271	29,468	58,936
Iowa	12,369	9,181	8,762	29,503	59,815
Kansas	11,368	4,721	3,243	29,332	50,664
Michigan	8,947	7,792	9,211	25,950	51,900
Minnesota	11,625	11,518	12,828	35,971	61,942
Missouri	12,191	11,548	12,211	45,950	81,900
Nebraska	5,621	2,291	2,683	10,595	21,190
New Jersey	4,745	12,964	19,543	35,252	67,504
New York	24,236	54,917	84,128	163,241	326,522
North Dakota	1,189	1,085	1,179	3,453	5,916
Ohio	22,287	28,424	23,231	73,942	147,884
Oregon	2,522	2,779	1,226	6,527	13,054
Oregon/Idaho	1,294	1,179	1,179	3,652	7,304
South Dakota	1,379	1,179	1,179	3,652	7,304
Washington	6,192	5,975	5,984	17,151	35,202
Wisconsin	8,322	10,241	14,744	33,307	66,614
	131,969	224,141	257,835	709,920	1,323,865

The vote for repeal of the prohibition amendment continues to lead over that for modification and almost equal to that for enforcement in the second year's returns of The Literary Digest's 29,999,999 ballot nationwide poll as announced in tomorrow's issue of the magazine.

These second returns are from twenty states and the District of Columbia. Last week's returns were from 19,999,999.

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Dust Storm In
Inland Empire
Causes Damage

Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho and Montana Suffer From Weird Visitation.

SPOKANE, Wash., Mar. 20 (AP)—Inland Empire residents today were digging the dust out of their eyes to survey the damage done to crops, power lines, a bridge and small buildings by one of the weirdest storms in many years.

Starting early yesterday morning the storm covered central and eastern Washington, north Idaho and western Montana, ranging in force from zephyr-like breezes to gales. Throughout eastern Washington and northern Idaho the wind kicked up a dust pall that covered the sun, drenched the region in a murky yellow light and covered the ground with a powdery blanket.

Bridge Wrecked

Near Polson, Mont., the wind leaped into the Missoula River canyon, tearing the east span of a highway bridge from its moorings and toppled it into the river. Small buildings were razed and reports from the forests said that trees were leveled. The storm was accompanied by sharp lowering of temperatures and snow in some places.

At Dayton, Wash., a 5000-bushel steel grain storage tank was wrecked from its concrete foundation and destroyed, and all through that section power lines were torn down. Wheat crops suffered some damage, but this was believed to be small, as they were planted late.

Similar conditions were reported from as far west as the Cascade mountains where a feeder line to

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FAMOUS PILOT
LIKE SON TO
LOCAL COUPLE

Lieut. Apollo Soucek, United States navy flier and holder of the world's seaplane altitude record, paid a visit to Medford, Okla., his former home, last week, and when accounts of his reception there reached La Grande, it found two local persons who were unusually interested in his return.

They are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Heasty, who probably know Lieut. Soucek better than any one else with the exception of his father and two brothers. In 1902, Mr. Heasty sang at the funeral of Mrs. Soucek in Medford, and thereafter the three Soucek boys and Mitchell Heasty were known pals. Apollo and his two brothers paying frequent visits to the Heasty home, where they regarded Mrs. Heasty almost as a mother. Mitchell, who died during the World war, went through school with Apollo.

Lieut. Soucek stopped at Medford en route to Tulsa where he was to be awarded the Spartan medal in recognition of having performed the outstanding feat in aviation in the year 1929.

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Three Forfeit \$900
In Gambling Case

As a result of a raid on a second-story "club" on Depot street a few days ago, the city treasury was richer by \$900 today. Three men, Charles Runyan, Roy Mattoon and Lee Shuster, forfeited \$900 bonds each yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock by failing to appear in the city court to answer to charges of gambling. According to the police, 11 other men who were arrested during the raid, were released because of lack of evidence.

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COLLEGIANS
DRINK LESS,
YOST STATES

Another Coach Speaks for Prohibition During Judiciary Hearing

EX-COMMISSIONER
ALSO GIVES VIEWS

Daniel C. Roper, of South Carolina, Says That Old Dispensary System was Failure.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (AP)—Fielding H. (Hurry Up) Yost, for years coach of the Marquette Blue Devils of Michigan, was recorded today at the house judiciary commission's prohibition hearing as of the opinion that the college youth of America was drinking less than before enactment of the 18th amendment.

Yost's views were set forth in a telegram submitted by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lena Lowe Yost, who has been in charge of preventing the dry witnesses, it read:

"In my opinion the college youth of America is not drinking as much as they did in pre-prohibition days. 'No one is entirely satisfied with present conditions. Our government tried to control and regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors for a hundred years and made a miserable failure of it.'

Unfortunate Example

"Every one states he is opposed to the return of the saloon. However, any legalized place to sell liquor will serve the same purpose as the saloon, place to buy intoxicating liquors."

"It is unfortunate that certain people of standing by example furnish a leadership to youth in law violation."

Yost's views were in line with those recently presented by another veteran coach of the western conference, Alonzo Stagg, for more

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Tax Commission
Holds Meeting
In Court House

Charles Galloway, tax commissioner, is conducting a meeting in the court house today with a group of Eastern Oregon county tax assessors and a number of livestock men in attendance. The meeting was called for the purpose of equalizing tax assessments on stock of all kinds owned by persons living east of The Dalles. Various stockmen have felt the need for a plan providing more equal taxation for all counties, and this is one reason for the hearings.

Mrs. Colver Will
Be Buried Sunday

Dollah Ellen Colver passed away last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Calista Lindsey, following an illness of some time. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Christian church and burial will take place in the Union cemetery with Rhodgrass and Zimmerman in charge.

Mrs. Colver was born in Ohio, Jan. 21, 1847 and was 82 years one month and 26 days of age. She leaves three children, Mrs. Cora Brown, of Hillsburg; Mrs. Lindsey, of La Grande; and Clark Colver, of Dallas, Ore., also 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She has lived in the Grande Ronde valley for the last 29 years.

Debate Will Begin
At 8 P. M. Friday

The second debate of the Eastern Oregon Normal school will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the auditorium, when the varsity team from Linfield college meets the affirmative team of the Normal school. The subject for debate is "Resolved: That nations should adopt a plan of complete disarmament except for police purposes." Senator Colver, E. E. Enghard will preside at the debate. Immediately following the debate, the Forensic club of the Normal school will entertain the visiting debaters at the home of Dr. A. W. Erwin. The debaters will then continue their journey to Wichita, Kan., where they will participate in a national debaters meet.

Aviator Plunges
Into Lake Goodwin

EVERETT, Wash., Mar. 20 (AP)—Efforts were being made today to recover the body of Ralph Parr, 24, of Lake Goodwin, near here into which he plunged yesterday while on a trial flight with a plane he had recently purchased in partnership with Everett Johnson, of Marysville. The pair had been working for several days getting the plane into condition and yesterday was the first time a flight was attempted. The craft fell about 1,900 feet into 25 feet of water.

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BACKS DRY LAW



Under the leadership of Mrs. Henry W. Peabody of Beverly, Mass., prominent woman leaders presented their arguments in favor of prohibition before the house judiciary committee.

RUMORS DECLARE
STALIN DEPOSED

Strong Man of Russia Reported Ousted in Story From Riga, Latvia.

BERLIN, March 20 (AP)—The newspaper Tempo today published rumors from Riga, Latvia, that Joseph Stalin, secretary of the central committee of the communist party, had been deposed.

Joseph Stalin, known as the strong man of Russia since the death of Lenin who was chairman of the central committee, has held the dominant position in the communist party, despite attacks by the opposition which he crushed. Leon Trotsky, one time leader, was Stalin's chief opponent, but he was deprived of his power and finally sent into exile. Trotsky is in Turkey after having vainly sought permission to enter most of the European countries.

Riga has long been a sort of clearing house for news coming across the border from Soviet Russia and reports from there have not always proved reliable.

No Other Reports

While Stalin has his opponents, particularly on matters of policy, there have been no recent reports from Moscow that his position was in any way threatened.

Only recently he gave a warning to the communists against hasty and inexpedient application of the collectivization of farms and the campaign against religion. His policy in this has been echoed by the communist party organs and the government itself.

Stalin is 51 years old and has been a member of the central committee of the Bolshevik party since 1912. He was arrested in 1902 by the old czarist government and was banished to Eastern Siberia, escaping in 1904. Subsequently he was arrested and banished several times.

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TAX RECEIPTS
GAIN; OUTLOOK
IS BRIGHTER

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (AP)—Income tax receipts from the March 15 collection, as shown by the treasury today, totaled \$14,296,578, exceeding by more than \$10,000,000 collection for the same date last year.

This sum was the total for the month of March as shown in the treasury statement for March 18, made public today.

It represented the total amount turned in at the close of business of the preceding day.

Although yesterday's statement showed receipts running about \$10,000,000 behind those for the same period in the preceding year, the receipt of \$14,296,578 added to the treasury balance on March 18 more than offset this shortage. The collection on the same day in 1929 amounted to only about \$161,099,999.

Receipts so far accounted for totaled very near three-fifths of the budget expectations for the first quarterly income tax collection.

The next reports in the opinion of officials, may show a sharp falling off. It was expected that five or six days would be required to make certain the total.

HUSTON WON'T RESIGN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (AP)—Daniel H. Huston today denied published reports that he would resign as chairman of the republican national committee.

The reports have persisted since Huston's name was mentioned before the senate lobby committee in its investigation of organizations and persons interested in Muscle Shoals legislation. When Huston was first called as a witness he characterized the reports as "erroneous."

Vote On Lumber
Halts Campaign
Against McNary

Action in Washington Today Expected to Cause Let-up in Activities for F. W. Warren.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 20 (AP)—Information received by the Associated Press today indicated that Pacific northwest lumbermen, who have sponsored opposition to Senator Charles McNary, republican, Oregon, and suggested that Frank W. Warren, president of the Port of Portland enter the field against him, probably would cease activities now that the lumber tariff has been voted.

By a margin of one vote, the senate today placed a tariff of \$1.50 a thousand board feet on soft wood lumber, now on the free list. Senator McNary led his forces to victory against the coalition of democrats and republican independents in the last major tariff controversy in the tariff struggle.

The attitude of the lumber men, the Associated Press was informed, appeared to be that if a tariff was voted today, the lumber men would not feel justified in drafting Warren to run for a tariff "as it would prevent a united industry in the primary campaign."

Lumber men said they were steadfast in their belief that Senator McNary's activities were not sufficient to bring out a successful tariff vote and that if the vote failed they would proceed at once with plans to enter a candidate against him.

Railroad Speed
War Gains And
Coast Benefits

ST. PAUL, Minn., Mar. 20 (AP)—Developments in the railroad "speed war" among roads operating between Chicago and the Pacific coast received new impetus today with reports that the Great Northern railway would reduce its running time for the distance by 1 1/4 hours to 6 1/4 hours, as compared with the present 63-hour west-bound schedule.

Despite published reports plans had virtually been approved for slowing down passenger trains scheduled from St. Paul to the Pacific northwest, an official of the Great Northern, who asked that his name be withheld, declared that the time on road would be reduced instead and the reduction was expected to be effective March 30.

Reduction by the Great Northern is expected to compel other roads to make corresponding time. It also is expected similar readjustments will be made by lines running between Chicago and California.

Astoria Defeats
Ashland 26 to 17

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 20 (AP)—Astoria defeated Ashland high 26 to 17 this morning in the state basketball championship tournament. Baker and Salem play this afternoon.

In the consolation tournament Dallas defeated Redmond 29 to 21.

NEW FOOD FOR ANIMALS
IS MADE IN PHILIPPINES

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Discovery in the Philippines of a new method of drying bagasse flour to prevent fermentation has broadened the use of the product which is derived from sugar cane.

Formerly used only for plastic purposes in the manufacture of unbreakable dolls, imitation marble floors and inlaid linoleums it now is blended with molasses and great quantities are being imported to this district for feed for horses, cattle and chickens as well as for manufacturing purposes.

BOLLER SKATING VOGUE
FOR NAYN POST FOLK

ROLLING waves of Lake Michigan seem to influence social circles of the Great Lakes naval training station—roller skating.

Roller skating parties were introduced last year by Mrs. Thomas T. Craven, wife of the commandant. They were so well received by the post that they have been continued this year by Mrs. Walter S. Crasley, wife of Admiral Craven's successor.

LET AIRPLANE CONTRACT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20 (AP)—Contracts for 50 new attack planes and 75 bombing planes at a cost of \$2,985,500 were let today by the war department.

The attack planes will be built by the Curtiss Airplane and Motor company. They will be of the model A-2-B. When delivered the army will have a total of 75 planes of this type.

FACES SERIOUS CHARGES

MENIA, Tex., Mar. 20 (AP)—Charges of arson and attempt to murder were filed against D. B. Moore, prominent Oakwood business man, at Fairfield today in connection with an attempt to burn to death Miss Wilma Jones, 23, of Leon county in a hotel here last night.

TARIFF WINS
BY ONE VOTE
TODAY, 39-38

\$1.50 per Thousand Placed on Soft Wood Lumber by the Senate.

ACTION REVERSES
FORMER 39-34 VOTE

McNary and Steiwer Both Vote for Amendment—Coalition Defeated in Major Struggle.

By the margin of one vote, the senate today placed a tariff of \$1.50 a thousand board feet on soft wood lumber, now on the free list, defeating the coalition of democrats and republican independents in the last major tariff controversy of the tariff struggle.

The vote was 39 to 38.

Reversing a 39 to 34 vote of several weeks ago against a duty of \$2 on lumber, approval was given the \$1.50 rate proposed by Senator Jones, republican, Washington.

The duty would apply to lumber of fir, spruce, pine, hemlock and larch, and railroad ties and telephone poles of all woods.

A modification suggested by Senator Copeland, democrat, New York, and accepted by Jones before the vote, would exempt Canadian planks, boards and deals of such woods when in the rough or not further manufactured than planed or dressed on one side. This was a reciprocity step as Canada permits such American lumber to enter Canada free.