

SPRING HERE TODAY; MILD WINTER ENDS

January Only Cold Month of Period—December and February Warm

TWO NEW RECORDS ARE ESTABLISHED

Continuous Cold Wave in January and high Maximum in December Set New Local Marks.

Now it is last winter—and this spring!

The calendar ushered the optimistic season into being over the northern half of the world today, and most of the United States had a spring-like atmosphere for the arrival of the blossoming time.

In La Grande, warm rains the last two days have turned the lawns greener, giving growing things fresh impetus and brought promises of additional warmth and brighter sunshine as the month progresses.

The minimum temperature last night was 53 above and at 7:30 o'clock this morning the mercury was at 41 above and climbing. Real warm weather—of the summer variety—is not usually in vogue in this locality until during May, but many days of the maximum between 65 and 80 above.

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Snowfall Below Average

The total snowfall for last winter was below average. In December there were five inches, in January 15 1/2 inches, in February two inches and not enough to measure this month, making the total snow for the winter period in La Grande 22 1/2 inches, compared with over 50 inches during 1928-29.

The mean maximum for La Grande in February was 46.8 and the mean minimum was 31.3 above. The maximum for the month was 59 and the minimum 13. The lowest maximum was 35 above and the highest minimum 45 above. The precipitation for February was 2.77 inches.

In December the maximum was 62 above, setting a new record for that period of the year, and the minimum was 16 above. Snow fell three of the 21 days.

Continuous Cold Record

In January a record for continuous cold was established, with the mercury remaining 13 or more below the point for 19 consecutive days, beginning Jan. 5. Also, the minimum was below freezing point for 27 consecutive days. The minimum for the month was 20 below zero and the maximum was 49 above, giving a range of 69 degrees. Precipitation was about normal, with 15 1/2 inches of snow.

So far this month, snow has fallen during three days but melting too quickly for measurement. The maximum for the month so far is 58 above, the lowest maximum, 28 above, the minimum 21 above and the highest minimum 29 above. During the last two days had an inch of rain was measured.

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Rate on Cattle, Sheep Arranged At Hearing Here

Satisfactory Decision Reported Reached at Meeting Conducted by State Tax Commissioner.

A special meeting of tax assessors and livestock men was held yesterday in the court house, for the purpose of discussing a plan for equalizing tax assessments on sheep and cattle in various counties of Eastern Oregon. Charles Galloway, state tax commissioner, presided at the meeting. Ernest Johnson, tax commissioner of Walla Walla county, presented the livestock situation, and gave many arguments from the viewpoint of the livestock association, which he officially represented.

A satisfactory decision was made between all assessors and cattle owners. It is reported. In regard to the assessment of cattle, the following agreement was made: range stock \$18; two year olds and over \$28; herds at an average rate of \$25 per head; and dairy stock grade cows at \$5.

The rates agreed upon for sheep were as follows: \$5 per head on a band of sheep; range of rates from \$3 to \$7 on old ewes and wethers; mixed yearlings \$5; and 2, 3, and 4 year old ewes at \$7.

Counties Represented Tax assessors from most of the counties of Eastern Oregon were present. Those represented were Harney, Malheur, Baker, Wallowa, Union, Umatilla, Grant, Sherman, Morrow, Wheeler, and Gilliam. A group of eight prominent livestock owners were present from this region. Senator Colon R. Eberhard and George T. Cochran, attorneys of this city, visited the meeting. An attitude of co-operation was shown by all representatives in reaching the present agreement.

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IRA W. HUFFMAN KILLED IN WRECK

Man En Route to Enterprise to Visit Relatives Dead in Montana.

Word has been received here of the death of Ira W. Huffman at Rutte, Mont., yesterday. No details have been learned except that death was the result of a railroad accident while he was en route to Enterprise to spend the spring and summer with his sister, Mrs. J. H. Dobbin, and his brothers, Marshall W. of La Grande; Harry W. of North Powder; Guy W. of Lewiston, Ida.; and Bert W. of Langdon, Alberta.

He leaves several nephews and nieces, of whom two are in the Grande Ronde valley. Eldridge Huffman, of La Grande, and Leonard Huffman, of Union.

Burial will take place at Union although arrangements have not yet been completed.

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WEATHERSPOON IS OFF FRUIT BOARD

Representative From Elgin Resigns; Sudden Collapse in Drive Against McNary.

THOMPSON MAY RUN

Glenn Thompson, farmer in Fruitdale, is being urged by his friends to enter the race for the republican nomination for Union county representative in the state legislature. It was learned today. Mr. Thompson has not decided as yet but he is said to look favorably upon the proposition. Mr. Thompson, who is a brother of Chief Thompson, is an ex-service man and graduated from the local high school. A definite announcement is expected to be made within the next few days. If Mr. Thompson decides to run he would oppose Representative Weather Spoon for the nomination.

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New Pattern For Supreme Court In Making—Hoover May Remold Group

Boys' School At Woodburn Is Under Quarantine

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The case is that of a 12-year-old boy who has been ill for the past three weeks with influenza, with the meningitis symptoms coming into prominence during the last four days. The case was diagnosed as the epidemic type Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21 (AP)—President Hoover late today appointed Judge John J. Parker of North Carolina to the supreme court. Judge Parker succeeds to the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Sanford. Parker is a republican and is only 41 years old.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21 (AP)—A new pattern for the nation's highest court is in the weaving. In the first year of his administration, President Hoover has had the opportunity of naming two of the nine justices.

It may fall to Mr. Hoover's lot virtually to remake the tribunal through appointments. Developments centering around the highest tribunal have formed one of the most interesting phases of the Hoover administration.

Senatorial discussion over confirmation of the nomination of Charles Evans Hughes, chief justice of the United States, named by the president to succeed William Howard Taft, raised to prominence the issue of whether the court should be dominated by conservatives or progressives. The liberals now are in the minority.

The late Justice Edward Terry Sanford was classified as a conservative; likewise, Mr. Taft, thus the first two nominations facing the president concerned the conservative majority of the court.

Three of the present justices are eligible now to retire. They are remaining only because they choose to do so. They are the patriarch, Oliver Wendell Holmes, 89; Willis Van Devanter, 70 and Louis Dembitz Brandeis, who is 74.

The two justices who will be eligible to retire in two years are George Sutherland and James Clark McReynolds. Each is 68.

The most youthful member of the court is Harlan F. Stone, 58. He was appointed by President Coolidge in 1925.

The other associate justice, Pierce Butler, is 64. He was selected by President Harding, who chose four members of the court—Mr. Taft, the late Justice Sanford and Justice Sutherland, Chief Justice Hughes is 68.

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LUMBER MEN EXPECT GAIN IN NORTHWEST

Passing of Tariff by Senate Brings Optimism to Mill Owners.

SEVERAL PLANTS MAY BE OPENED

Indicates Trend Toward Protection—Much Benefit Will Result to This Section.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 21 (AP)—Prominent Pacific coast lumbermen in this section today predicted a general quickening of the pulse of the lumber industry in the northwest, the reopening of many mills closed because of over production and re-employment of hundreds of men in mills throughout the state as the result of the United States senate in adopting the \$1.50 per thousand board feet tariff on soft woods yesterday.

Although the tariff does not become a law until the house and President Hoover approves it, a margin of one-vote, indicated a trend toward protection of the Pacific northwest's greatest industry, lumbermen said.

Followed Heated Battle The tariff passed the senate after a heated lengthy fight in which Senator Charles L. McNary, republican, Ore., and all other northwest congressmen split a coalition of democrats and republican independents and rode through to a victory with the one vote to the good.

John Tennant, president of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers association and vice president of the Long-Bell Lumber company at Longview, expressed his belief that the tariff law would bring much benefit to this section.

He said that American lumbermen could now compete on a more

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OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Mar. 21 (AP)—C. L. Thoroughman, who left the Methodist ministry in 1923 to become a federal prohibition agent, today was held under \$5,000 bond on a government charge of operating a still.

The former minister, who resigned from the government service last July, was arrested last night in a raid four miles south of Lawton.

Pendleton High In Semi-Finals In Tournament

Buckaroos Defeat Eugene 25 to 19—Salem High Defeats Baker Thursday 38 to 19.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 21 (AP)—Having won their preliminary skirmishes in the two days of battling which was concluded Thursday night at Williamette gymnasium, four teams today will take the floor in two contests which will determine the quarterfinals which will meet each other Saturday night to play for the intercollegiate basketball supremacy of the state. This afternoon Astoria will take on Pendleton in one of these crucial struggles at 4:30 o'clock, while at 8:30 in the evening Salem and Commerce of Portland will do battle.

Staging one of the most startling upsets of the series, the Pendleton Buckaroos, fighting a grim and determined battle, Thursday night beat Eugene into the consolation race by defeating the purple-clad proteges of Coach Webber by a score of 25 to 19. Either the Bucks were playing way "over their heads" Thursday night when they eliminated Eugene, or else they were suffering from a case of stage fright Wednesday when they defeated Dallas High, for in the former contest they looked like anything else but champions.

Eugene Held to Three Points Eugene was held to three points during the first quarter a field goal by Berg and a foul conversion by McClain, while Pendleton garnered 7 pointers during the same period. With virtually every play, or on the team taking a hand in the scoring the Eastern Oregonians continued to take advantage of Eugene's futile efforts to connect and when the gun sounded for the half Pendleton

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 21 (AP)—Bombing planes to be used in the war against wild horses are being talked about in southeastern Oregon and adjoining Nevada counties, according to Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian. However, an order from the state livestock sanitary board would be necessary before ranchers could resort to killing the animals, and such an order probably would not be made unless uncontrollable infectious disease should appear in the

Many of the wild horses live in the rugged and almost impenetrable Blue-snow mountains in Nevada, and it is believed airplanes are about the only means by which they could be reached.

Investigating Disease During an infectious venereal disease, is said to have made its appearance in the herds and investigations are being made to determine whether its prevalence is serious.

To propagate horses suitable for army service the federal government has discovered a few few blooded stallions among the "bank-tail" and cayuse herds. The resultant offspring is said to be very suitable for army service.

To Name Children After Lord Balfour

LONDON, Mar. 21 (AP)—Reports in Jewish quarters from Bucharest today said that a few Jewish boys were born in Rumania next week will be named Balfour and the girls will be named Balfouria.

In this manner will the Jewish community commemorate the name of Lord Balfour, who died this week in England, and a week of mourning has also been proclaimed by Rumanian Jews.

Escaped Convict Killed In Battle

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Mar. 21 (AP)—Thomas Barnes, one of two prisoners who made a break from Spigner prison early today and killed in a gun battle with county officers near here, Reports that the county jail has no information concerning the fugitives who accompanied Barnes in the dash for liberty. Two guards were shot and seriously wounded in the break.

Wilkins to Talk Over Radio Today

NEW YORK, Mar. 21 (AP)—Captain Sir George Hubert Wilkins, explorer, will address the radio audience of the WJZ chain of the National Broadcasting company tonight on his thirteenth polar expedition. He also is expected to outline plans for his fifth. He will be introduced by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, also a polar explorer.

His talk will begin at 8 o'clock eastern time, replacing the Pickard family, a regular feature, (5 p. m. Pacific coast time).

Capone In Hands Of Chicago Police

CHICAGO, Mar. 21 (AP)—"Scarface" Al Capone surrendered to Chicago police today and was in conference with Chief of Detectives Stege shortly before 2 o'clock.

The gang leader gave himself up, accompanied by Attorney Thomas P. Nash. Nash had informed Stege Capone was willing to talk to him provided he was not put in jail.

TAX COLLECTIONS STILL LEAD 1929

Total Now \$384,853,426 Compared With \$375,981,531 Last Mar. 21.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21 (AP)—The treasury announced today that income tax reports as of March 19 were \$70,652,867.41, bringing the total so far this month to \$384,853,426.26.

This total for the month compared with \$379,981,531.78 for the corresponding period a year ago. The increase over 1929 collections to date still was attributable to the enormous sum reported on March 18 as a result of overtime work by collectors all over the country immediately after the Mar. 15 collections.

Today's figure showed a falling off in comparison with the total receipts for March 19, 1929, which exceeded \$100,000,000. This decrease was expected in view of the speeding up of the bulk of collections.

There was nothing in the latest figures to alter the belief of treasury officials that the budget estimate of \$550,000,000 for income tax collections for the first quarter nearly would be realized.

MANY RETURNS FILED

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