

HALL SPEAKS
AT LUNCHEON
HERE TODAYSuggests Development
Program With 1,000,000
New Citizens as ObjectWALTER PIERCE
IS OUT OF RACEFormer Governor Makes
Decision Late Yester-
day—Presides at Meet-
ing Today at Noon.

PIERCE NOT CANDIDATE

A threatened row in the dem-
ocratic primaries in Oregon was
thwarted late yesterday, when
Walter M. Pierce, prominent La
Grande farmer and former gov-
ernor of Oregon, decided that he
would not become a candidate
for governor.The announcement was made
last night through his Portland
spokesman, Carl M. Donahue.
Mr. Pierce's telegram to Mr.
Donahue read: "I deeply regret
that I cannot become a candi-
date for governor."The elimination of Mr. Pierce
as a possible candidate was fore-
cast when George R. Wilbur, of
Hood River, announced Sunday
that he would enter the race.
Mr. Pierce was expected to
make a statement Sunday but
delayed until late yesterday in
making a decision.Besides Wilbur, two others
have filed for the democratic
gubernatorial nomination. They
are: Edward F. Bailey and A. C.
Hough.Senator Charles Hall, of Marsh-
field, republican candidate for gov-
ernor, was the chief speaker at to-
day's chamber of commerce forum
luncheon, being introduced by
former Governor Walter M. Pierce,
of La Grande, who only yesterday
decided not to make the race this
spring.The visitor, in an interesting talk,
presented as a suggestion a plan
for development of Oregon, with
the object of securing an addi-
tional million people, that would be work-
ing out along scientific lines care-
fully and thoughtfully.Leading up to his suggestion,
Mr. Hall touched upon the last
25 years in Oregon, pointing out
an earlier campaign, started about
1905, that didn't work out so well;
then mentioning the advances made
in the last decade in building up
the state."Now Oregon has a wonderful
plant," he said, "all of which things
(Continued on Page Five)SENIORS HEAR
OPERAS DURING
ENGLISH CLASSNew and better methods in
teaching are continually replacing
older and less efficient methods;
that fact is being daily called to
the attention of the person who
keeps in close touch with the La
Grande school system. An advance
is being made this year in the
English department of the La
Grande High school, and the cor-
relation of music with the study
of the epic is the latest step taken.Seniors in the high school be-
came acquainted Friday with the
Wagnerian operas—"Rhinogold,"
"Die Walkure," "Siegfried,"
"Götterdämmerung"—in con-
nection with their study of the
epic in their English course, under
the direction of Miss Besse Pet-
terow. The history and synopsis
of the Nibelungenlied were given
by Virginia Glass, Robert Ramsey,
Adolph Siegfried, Wayne Nussbaum,
Edith Geibel and Margaret Cui-
liffe.Wagner's use of the German folk
tales in composing his operas was
discussed. Then the synopsis of
each opera was given briefly and
illustrated with Victor records
and slides in color. The slides
which were copies of famous
paintings made to illustrate the
operas, were lent to the school by
the Community Music association
of Elkhart, Mich., noted nationally
with West Salem, North Carolina
for its contribution to the growth
of community music. It is in
this that the national band con-
test will be held and the winner
of each state high school band
contest will be sent there.Through the courtesy of the Ad-
ler Music company who lent the
records and the orthophonic, the
students were able to listen to
selections from the operas.WEATHER TODAY
7:25 a. m.—47 above.
Minimum: 23 above.
Condition: cloudy.WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum: 55, minimum: 23
above.
Condition: cloudy, rain .04 of
inch.WEATHER MAR. 25, 1929
Maximum: 44, minimum: 22
above.
Condition: cloudy, rain .04 of
inch.Powder Blast
Takes Life Of
Zander MondayDeath Occurs During Af-
ternoon A Few Hours
After Accident—Make
Plans for Funeral.William Zander, victim of an
accidental explosion of powder at
the home of his father yesterday
morning, died at the Grande House
hospital yesterday afternoon. Death
came within a few hours after the
accident.Mr. Zander was terribly hurt by
the explosion and was in intense
pain as a result, although he was
unconscious much of the time. The
searing blast burned his head, arms
and the upper part of his body,
scorched his tongue and blinded his
eyes. It is believed that he breathed
the flames and it is possible that
this resulted in internal injury as
well. The cause of the explosion is
not definitely known, although it
is known that Mr. Zander was
working with the powder or near
it in the shed at the time of the
blast. His mother, Mrs. Fred Zan-
der, pulled him from the wreck-
age, burning his hand to some ex-
tent in making the rescue.Mr. Zander was rushed to the
hospital in an ambulance but after
examination, physicians expressed
doubt that he had a chance to re-
cover.His death is mourned by his
parents and other relatives and a
large circle of friends. He was
the main support of the family, it
is said.Funeral arrangements were
made today with services to be
held at the Stodgrass and Zimmer-
man mortuary tomorrow at 2 p. m.
and burial will take place in the
Island City cemetery.Mr. Zander was born July 21,
1904 in Minnesota and was 25 years,
seven months and 24 days of age.
Besides his parents, he leaves four
sisters, Mrs. Bertha E. Palacio and
Mrs. Elmer Falk, of La Grande;
Mrs. Anna Leith, of Newberg, Ore.;
and Miss Louise Zander, of Alsea;
and three uncles, John Schultz,
of Bates; Will Schultz, of Newberg;
and Ed Schultz, of La Grande.School Band To
Appear Here In
Short ConcertWith the city and school both
enthusiastic about the chances of
the La Grande High school band
in this year's contest at Corvallis,
which will be held April 12, a large
crowd is expected to attend the
Arcade tonight to hear the band
play a short concert between show-
ing of "Ed's Co-Ed." The band
will play three or four numbers
and will receive a part of the
money which will be used to help
defray expenses of the trip to Cor-
vallis. W. W. Nussbaum is the
director of the band.Two years ago the band placed
fifth and last year third in the
state contest and hopes are high
for a first or second ranking this
year.Eastern Oregon students at the
University of Oregon took an im-
portant part in the production of
"Ed's Co-Ed," campus movie which
was written, directed and filmed
entirely by students. One of the
two producers was Jim Haley, Pen-
dleton student who is the son of
Roy Haley, Pendleton attorney.
Katherine Simpson, of Pendleton,
was a prominent member of the
production staff and Sydney Dob-
bins, of Union, was in charge of
the premier showing in Eugene.
Dorothy Eberhard, of La Grande,
has a minor part in the film and
Lois Nelson, of La Grande, was in
charge of publicity for the movie.Parts taken by Dr. John Strang,
dean emeritus of men, and such
well known campus figures as Bill
Hayward, veteran track coach, have
added to the interest of the movie,
which is filmed on the campus,
featuring such spots as the null
race.Four Are Fined
In City CourtFour men were fined and one
forfeited \$25 by failure to appear
for trial last night in the munici-
pal court. Judge C. M. Humphreys
presided and fined each of the
four defendants \$25 on charges of
drunkenness, according to police.
Blanton, Ben Garrett, Leslie
Shirley and Harvey McBride.
Frank Schenckel forfeited an
arraign charge.All five were arrested over the
weekend.Clara Southall
Wins First PrizeClara Southall, 261 Spruce
street, is the winner of the \$25
diamond ring presented by J. H.
Pearce & Son in the Evening Oze
contest. Her essay was judged the best during
the three weeks of the contest.
The judges found it direct and
original.

BACTERIA LINE OCEAN

LA JOLLA, Cal. (AP)—Bacteria
in the Pacific ocean appears
confined to top and bottom layers
of water, according to Haldane Gee
of the Scripps Institute of Ocean-
ography, University of California.
The top layer is about 200 feet
deep.OUTLOOK AT
NAVAL MEET
IS DOUBTFULPlenary Session Will be
Held Next Week to
Outline Course.ITALIAN SUGGESTS
6-MONTH RECESSBelieves Half-Year Sus-
pension of Conference
Would Aid in Solving
Problems.LONDON, Mar. 25 (AP)—The
chief naval delegates late today de-
cided to hold a plenary session
some time next week in order to
outline the position of the five-
power parity to determine its fu-
ture course on efforts for a treaty
acceptable to the five participating
nations.At today's meeting of the heads
of the delegations at St. James pal-
ace, Prime Minister MacDonald
stressed the intention of arriving
at a five-power pact "if humbly
and politically possible."He urged redoubled efforts on
the part of the delegations toward
this end.SUGGEST ADJOURNMENT
LONDON, Mar. 25 (AP)—Ad-
journment of the naval conference
for six months as a means of es-
caping the present impasse was be-
ing definitely considered at the
conference today.The suggestion for such an ad-
journment was attributed to For-
eign Minister Grandi of Italy and
was made to Prime Minister Mac-
donald.The idea was that this suspension
would give France and Italy a fur-
ther opportunity of composing
their difficulties without prolong-
ing the present virtual suspension
of the conference.PROGRESS BEING MADE
WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—
In the face of news from London
indicating the naval conference
might take a recess, it was the view
of the American government today
that more progress was being made
at the party than appeared on the
surface.In governmental circles the ex-
(Continued on Page Five)MAKE PLANS FOR
COMING SEASONLevy of Cent an Acre
Voted Yesterday for
Protection From FireA levy of a cent an acre for fire
protection on timber lands was
voted yesterday at the annual
meeting of the Union City Fire
association in the city hall. The
president, George T. Cochran, pre-
sided.Mr. Cochran, Aug. J. Stange,
George W. Benson, L. H. Russell,
J. E. Reynolds and A. C. Hess
were elected directors. All of
them were re-elected except Mr.
Hess who was chosen to succeed
Elder Stoddard.Mr. Cochran was re-elected
president. Mr. Reynolds, vice
president and Mr. Russell, secre-
tary.Those present in addition to the
board of directors were: L. E.
Cronmiller, deputy forester of
Salem; T. S. King, fire deputy,
Salem; R. A. Chapin and E. T.
McDaniel, of the national forest.

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High School Students Working For
Honors And For Hi-Dad AwardsA large number of La Grande
high school students have met re-
quirements for honors, according to
a bulletin posted at the school.
Twelve or more points each
semester are required for hon-
orary honors. Conditional hon-
ors become temporary provided
the points lacking are made up
the next semester. If one has 11
points he must make 12 the next
semester to be on for both semesters.The following students have met
the honor requirements as indi-
cated:
Conditional 9 points—Stanley
Bessey 3, Eudora Edwards 9, Grace
Hadden 9, Elmer McArthur 19, An-
tione McEwen, Winford Mice 9,
Adolph Strickland 19, Valdis Shaw 9,
Grant Strickland 19, Edward
Thompson 19, Nancy Tweedell 19,
Temporary—Kathryn Anderson,
Margaret Anthony, Mabel
Berry, Sherman Harver, Hazel Hal-
son, Charles Hunt, George Kuni-
maw, Margaret Milne, Donald
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Leah Duckett, Ruth Geibel, Mary
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Wayne Nussbaum, Robert Ramsey,
Jane Ravenscroft, Julia Smith,
Lyle Steinbeck, Robert Stoddard,
Darkest Tuveson.

Hi-Dad pin only—Lee Johnson.

Winter Returns
To Midwest;
California HotEastern Oregon Weather
is Moderate, With Citi-
zens not Suffering from
Extremes.LA GRANDE MODERATE
While Americans to the east
shivered at a late blast of win-
ter, returned in an unseasoned
heat wave, Eastern Oregonians
smiled in moderate weather.
The minimum last night was
well above freezing point and in
spite of a cloudy sky today, the
temperature was agreeable. Dur-
ing the last five days about an
inch and a quarter of rain has
visited this section, the moisture
being welcomed generally. This
spring has been milder than
usual, with warmer weather be-
ginning in February and con-
tinuing through March.CHICAGO, Mar. 25 (AP)—Win-
ter whipped spring backwards to-
day before a gate of snow that
tingled the midwest.
Swirling in from the northeast,
the blast gripped Chicago, blinded
(Continued on Page Four)University Benefit
Event WednesdayUniversity of Oregon students,
home for the holidays, are complet-
ing preparations for their vacation
dance, to be held Wednesday night
at Zuber hall. The dance, which
will be the only one to be given by
a college group during the spring
is sponsored by the Associated
Women Students of the university
and will be one of a series through-
out the state, given for the Foreign
Scholar fund. Additional interest
in the dances has been shown here
because Gracie Haggerty, promi-
nent university student from Union,
is state chairman.The A. W. S. Foreign Scholar
project is one which has attracted
wide attention in national college
circles, according to students here.
Each year a woman student from
Europe is brought to the university
and given a year's graduate work.
This year the scholar is an Irish
girl, Elizabeth Woodwood, of Bel-
fast.Wednesday night's dance will be
a public event. Oregon alumni
have been especially invited to at-
tend. The Star Novelty will fur-
nish the music.Members of the committee are
Lois Nelson, Larry Ray, Ken Sie-
grist, Betty Barnes and Eddie
Wells.INVITE BAND
TOTAKEPART
IN CONTESTThe La Grande municipal band
which ranks high among organi-
zations of its type in the Pacific
Northwest, is seriously consider-
ing an invitation to enter the north-
west amateur band contest to be
held at Portland next July. The
invitation was given the band last
night by George Mitchell, prom-
otion director for Jantzen beach in
Portland, who visited with Direc-
tor Andrew Lowry.Mr. Mitchell stated that sound
pictures were to be taken of the
contest, to be shown in theaters
throughout the country. The
contest is open to all amateur bands
in the northwest and prizes ag-
gregating \$3000 in cash and tro-
phies will be offered the winners.
So far about 49 bands have indi-
cated their willingness to enter
and the contest is expected to be
one of the most pretentious mu-
sical tournaments to be held on
the Pacific coast.Five hundred florists from the
Pacific northwest, here for the
annual convention of the North-
west Florists' association, were
told today by E. T. Stannum, vice
president of a large Portland
manufacturing company, that the
slogan "It pays to advertise" can
be taken literally.He reviewed the experiments
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MOVIE KING'S DAUGHTER WEDS

Edith Mayer, daughter of Louis Mayer, movie production king,
recently became the bride of William Goetz, young motion
picture executive at Los Angeles. The wedding party is shown,
left to right: Louis Mayer, Edith, Rabbi Edgar Magnin, who
performed the ceremony, and Goetz, the bridegroom.Commits Suicide
Before Policy
Expired SundayVIENNA, Mar. 25 (AP)—Four
months of search for Dr. Ernest
Watzl, Cleveland chemist and in-
ventor who disappeared last No-
vember, was definitely ended to-
day with the identification of his
body by his father in a hotel here.
With Watzl's body was that of a
woman believed to be Mrs. Mary
McGranahan of Cleveland.The two bodies, both bearing
gunshot wounds were found in a
room at the Hotel Sacher yester-
day.Among the effects of the two,
who were believed to have been
dead since before midnight Sun-
day, when Watzl's insurance pol-
icy would have expired, were let-
ters to various people in different
countries, one of them to Mrs.
Watzl in Cleveland.TIMES DEATH DRASTICALLY
CLEVELAND, Mar. 25 (AP)—
Dr. Ernest Watzl, Cleveland chemist,
threw his death in Vienna as
dramatically as he did his disap-
pearance in Pennsylvania.The \$60,000 life insurance pol-
icy which he kept paid while elu-
ding a four-months search
would have expired a few hours
after his death. His friends here
believed that, driven to despera-
tion by financial difficulties which
had attended his turbulent career,
he timed his suicide so that his
widow and the persons who fi-
nanced his last trip would not suf-
fer.James L. McGranahan, whose
pretty 26-year-old wife, Mary, dis-
appeared shortly after the chemist
was awaiting word whether
she was the girl who died with Dr.
Watzl. McGranahan said his wife
once told him that she and Dr.
Watzl, once went on a motor trip
planning suicide, but that the in-
ventor "backed out."COUNT OF SIX
TODETERMINE
SHIFT PLAYSNEW YORK, March 25 (AP)—
Football legislation designed as an
additional curb on shift plays, pro-
viding for a "count of six" instead
of four before the ball is put into
play, has been adopted by the 1930
season by the national football
rules committee.This was the most important
alteration in the college gridiron
code effected by the national com-
mittee, which made public its find-
ings today after a week-end ses-
sion with the chairman, Edward
K. Hall, at Alhambra, N. J.The committee, in two other
matters, voted to make the duties
of all four officials on the field
"concurrent" in respect to all fouls
and adopted a resolution discour-
aging as "unsportsmanlike" the use
of any equipment similar in color
to the ball and thereby aiding de-
ception.Arthur The Great
Signs ContractCHICAGO, March 25 (AP)—
Charles Arthur Shires reached an
agreement with Charles A. Con-
key, owner of the Chicago White
 Sox today. He turned in his signed
contract and will leave tonight for
San Antonio, Texas, to join the
club.ARREST ALLEGED EMBEZZLER
CORVALLIS, Ore., Mar. 25 (AP)—
Harry Felderbaum, 47, former
vice president of the First National
bank at Corvallis, was returned
here today from Portland where
he was arrested at his brother's
home on a charge of embezzle-
ment.The former banker is accused
of misappropriating about \$1800
of an estate of which he was ad-
ministrator.SHIP FROZEN BERRIES
PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 25 (AP)—
Frozen berries consigned to
Liverpool, Southampton, London
and Rotterdam, will make up part
of the cargo of the steamer Ne-
braska, sailing Saturday.Europa Breaks
Ocean-Crossing
Record TodayGerman Queen of Seas
Reaches Ambrose Light-
ship After 4 Days, 17
Hours and 6 Minutes.NEW YORK, Mar. 25 (AP)—A
new speed queen of the seas was
enthroned today when the North
German Lloyd liner Europa on her
maiden voyage wrested the crown
from her sister ship, the Bremen.The 51,000-ton racing grey-
hound, named Ambrose Lightship,
the crossing tape at 5:45 a. m.
today, making the 3100-mile cross-
ing from Cherbourg, France, in
4 days 17 hours and 6 minutes.She bettered by 18 minutes the
record established last October by
the Bremen, which on that occa-
sion bettered by 18 minutes the
time of her maiden voyage last
July when she dethroned the long-
reigning Cunard liner Mauretania.Weather Not So Good
The voyage of the Europa was
made under more difficult weath-
er conditions than those faced by
the Bremen on her record-break-
ing run. Throughout the voyage
she buffeted strong head winds
and heavy seas.The Europa closely resembles
the Bremen in construction and
appearance, the two ships being
built under the same broad spec-
ifications for size and speed. How-
ever, they are the products of dif-
ferent designers and different
shipbuilders.Both are built low to eliminate
wind resistance, but the Europa,
the construction of which was de-
layed by two fires, contains a num-
(Continued on Page Two)Beery's Biplane
Wrecked; Pilot,
Two Others DieLOS ANGELES, Mar. 25 (AP)—
Wallace Beery's cabin biplane,
in which the film villain expected
soon to fly to Mexico City today is
a twisted mass of wreckage in a
dry wash near Alhambra, Cal.,
where it crashed yesterday, a tragic
climax to an impetuous joy ride
which brought death to two men
and a woman.George Mayes, 23, Beery's per-
sonal pilot, his wife Cynthia Mayes,
and Lynn H. Hayes, 26, transport
pilot and friend of Mayes were
killed when the plane crashed and
burst into flames after going into
a tail spin at 500 feet altitude.It struck only a short distance
from Valley boulevard, one of the
main highways south from Los
Angeles. Scores of motorists
rushed immediately to the scene,
but were unable to aid the pas-
sengers trapped behind a wall of
flames.Witnesses said the plane appar-
ently developed trouble shortly af-
ter taking off from the Burbank
airport on a cruise over the San
Gabriel valley. A sputtering mo-
tor seemed to lose power and the
ship soared over Pasadena and it
appeared to be losing altitude.At approximately 500 feet, the nose
suddenly pointed downward and
the plane plummeted earthward. It
burst into flames with the impact.Beery said, when informed of the
accident, that he was unaware that
Mayes had taken the plane from
its hangar.Measures Taken
To Check BanditsWASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—
A message from the Chinese min-
ister of foreign affairs that "strong
measures" were being taken to
suppress the communists in the
Kanchow, China, area where
American Catholic missionaries
are reported to be surrounded, was
made public today by the state
department.Expel 20 Members
Of Miners' UnionINDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 25 (AP)—
The international executive
board of the United Mine Work-
ers of America today voted unani-
mously to expel from membership
20 members of the union who were
active in calling the rump conven-
tion in Springfield, Ill., two weeks
ago.Nutt May Be New
Republican ChiefCLEVELAND, Mar. 25 (AP)—
Recent reports that Joseph R. Nutt,
prominent Cleveland banker, was
to be named national chairman of
the republican party, were fol-
lowed today by his resignation as
president of the Union Trust com-
pany, one of the largest banks in
the middle west.Nutt has denied the reports that
he would become republican chair-
man. He is now treasurer of the
republican national committee.

MAN IS DROWNED

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 25 (AP)—
Charles Edgell, 49, lumber mill
employee, was drowned in the mill
pond yesterday. Lloyd Heisen
saw the body in seven feet of wa-
ter and recovered it by diving.SENATE, WORN
BY STRUGGLE,
TAKES RESTLaw-Makers, With Tariff
Bill Battle at End,
Vote for Vacation.MORE MEASURES
GO TO PRESIDENTBefore Recessing, The
Senate Passes Federal
Building and Annual
Supply Bills.WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—
Worn out by the struggle over
the tariff, the senate recessed to-
day until Friday for a brief vaca-
tion.Senator Watson, of Indiana, the
republican leader, said the senate
would meet Friday only long
enough to adjourn until the fol-
lowing Tuesday when debate will
begin on the Norris bill providing
for government operation of Mus-
cle Shoals.In line with President Hoover's
desire for speeding up public
buildings throughout the country,
the senate today passed a house
bill to increase by \$20,000,000 the
amount for federal building con-
struction.Supply Bill Passed
The annual supply bill for the
agriculture department, carrying
a total of \$162,253,738 for the fi-
scal year beginning July 1, was
passed today by the senate.Appropriation of \$100,000 by
congress to be used by the public
health service, in making an ex-
haustive survey of the problems of
cancer was recommended today by
Dr. Joseph Colt Bloodgood of Bal-
timore, in a statement submitted
to the senate commerce commit-
tee.HOUSE ACCEPTS AMENDMENT
WASHINGTON, Mar. 25 (AP)—
The senate amendment to the
\$390,000,000 Dowd road bill, in-
creasing the amount of federal aid
per mile the amount of federal aid
to states for highway construc-
tion, was accepted today by the
house. The measure goes to the
president.LAST MINUTE AMENDMENT
CORVALLIS, Ore., Mar. 25 (AP)—
A last minute amendment ob-
tained by Senator Frederick Stei-
wer to the tariff bill by the sen-
ate yesterday raised the duty on
rye grass seed to three cents a
pound, according to a wire received
here from Prof. O. R. Hyslop of
Oregon State college, who is in
Washington, D. C.Rye grass is the major crop on
marginal lands in Western Ore-
gon where about four million
pounds are produced annually.
The change, if made effective in
conference will mean an increased
return of \$4 to \$5 per acre of
total of \$40,000 a year to Oregon
seed producers, crop specialists
said here.