

## GROWING OF SEED URGED OVER VALLEY

C. W. Bond Explains Development of Industry at Luncheon Today.

### OUTLOOK BRIGHT, FARMER ASSERTS

Chamber of Commerce Also Hears Talk by L. F. Allen and by the Rev. Judson Perkins.

Growth of alfalfa, sweet clover and other varieties of seed on poorer lands in the Grande Ronde valley, thus bringing uncultivated tracts into development and bringing a new source of revenue to the county was urged today by C. W. Bond, La Grande farmer, during the forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Bond, who came here 15 years ago as a wheat farmer, experimented with the growing of alfalfa seed, securing 150 bushels the first year, and of recent years he has secured almost entirely in the seed business.

Mr. Bond also said that there is an opportunity in this valley to build a seed house, with no others in existence in this section of the state.

From his own experience, he said that there is a large market for seed, which will bring from 20 to 25 cents per pound. Last year he was forced to turn down orders for as much as 6000 pounds of seed.

Former Land Best Sited The altitude of the valley is ideal for the growth of good, hardy seed, he said, and poorer land is adapted to its growth, as the best type of seed is not possible on the better class of land.

Expansion of the seed growing industry would serve to bring into use land not now tilled and would not only increase the yield of alfalfa for the growth of hay, grain, etc., otherwise worthless, but would also be brought into cultivation, adding that much to the prosperity of the Grande Ronde valley.

L. F. "Bill" Allen, of Wallawa, candidate for joint representative in the legislature, spoke briefly, and George H. Correy, president, then introduced the Rev. Judson Perkins, of Hyderabad, Decatur, Ind., who spoke on the caste system in India. Mr. Perkins told of the Hindu caste system, the effects that are being made to

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## SCOUT COURT OF HONOR TO BE TONIGHT

The Boy Scout court of honor and rally will be held this evening at the gymnasium of the La Grande high school with the troops participating in knot tying, signaling, fire by friction, etc., contests to which the public is invited.

There are very interesting events showing some of the things a boy scout team to do, it is said.

Following the rally the court of honor will be held with P. L. Meyers, chairman, in charge. The board of review was held last night at the chamber of commerce with the following boys passing their tests:

Personal health: Gilbert Stein, Ray Wilson, and John Forester; nature study: Ray Wilson; trail culture: automobile, leather work and machinery: Wilford Hill; handicraft: Clair Thomas; first aid: Marion Reynolds and Roy Stein; cycling: Charles Zeickson; farm mechanics: Carl Coleman; gardening: Adam Lightfoot; first aid to animals: Harry Kacera; Robert McMillan, Ray Wilson, Wilford Hill; woodwork: Donald Hill; stenography: cooking: Donald Hill; Ernest Briggs; school arithmetic: Ernest Briggs; pioneering: Marion Reynolds; Ernest Briggs; bird study: Ernest Briggs.

Lloyd Davy, Jack McFay, John Anthony, and Roswell Weeks will receive tenderfoot badges; Glen Herford, second class scout; Marion Reynolds, 1st class; and Woodrow Damrell, the gold palm for his Eagle badge.

WEATHER TODAY  
7:30 a. m. 43 above.  
Minimum: 41 above.  
Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum: 73, minimum 48 above.  
Condition: rain .13 of inch, cloudy.

WEATHER APR. 8, 1930  
Maximum: 44, minimum 23 above.  
Condition: traces of snow, moisture .03 of inch.

## Whitman Beaten By E. O. N. Nine Monday 6 to 4

Normal School Opens Baseball Season at Walla Walla With Ninth-Inning Victory.

Chalk up one more victory for the Eastern Oregon Normal school over a northwest conference team. Yesterday the Mountaineers, three of whom were playing their first game of baseball, defeated Whitman college at Walla Walla 6 to 4 in the customary story-book way, breaking up a 4-3 tie in the ninth with a luster rally that brought in the necessary runs.

Previous to the game, the Whitman team was doped to win easily, but it was a different tale on the diamond, with Bob Quinn's trumps taking the tricks from Nig Borlesko's ace.

The first three innings went by smoothly, with McCully turning back Whitman in the first two frames and allowing one run in the third. In the meantime, the Mountaineers had failed to cross the plate.

Four Runs in Fourth In the fourth, a murderer's row sprang into being and four runs were scored before Whitman found out what it was all about. Palsley, first up, connected with the seams for a two-bagger and romped on to third when McCully singled. Both men moved on a luster hit by Pacey and the Wallawa boy touched the rest of the bases on Licalien's double. With three earned runs in, an infelix error gave the visiting team a fourth and Licalien scored.

The bombardment of hits, however, failed to dim the ambitions of Borlesko's proteges, and in the fifth two runs were counted, and a fourth in the seventh, leaving the four to E. O. N. with scoresless in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth.

Palsley's Double Wins Then came the ninth. Hopkins was first on an error and Sullivan laid one down for a sacrifice, advancing Hopkins to second. Pacey, singled, Hopkins going to third. Devaney fled out and with two down, it began to look like extra innings. But Palsley, who started the fourth inning campaign for runs, was up and a tough homber for the opposing pitcher to catch. He leaned against one of Whitman's offerings and when the ball was stopped in centerfield, Pacey and Hopkins were on the bench and Palsley was camping on second.

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## Junior Play To Be Given During Month of May

The cast for the junior play, "The Haunted House" by Owen Davis, was held just before spring vacation, so that most week practice can start immediately.

It is a true mystery play, with a murder, a detective, and all manner of suspects to make it interesting. Scenes of comedy alternate with dramatic thrills. The characters are fresh and spontaneous creations of real American types.

Roles are being played and John Coley shares the leading parts, as do the newcomers, Emily and Jack. Duncan, the author, is portrayed by Don Pearce; his wife, Helen by Iris Hughes. Raymond Cook takes the part of Evans, the constable.

Russell Nelson plays Morgan, the tramp. Grogan, the detective is played by Woodrow Damrell; Ed, the milkman by Jack Kincaid; Eric, the constable by Clyde Larson; Thomas, the chauffeur, Edwin Briggs; and Isabel, the woman in the cross, by Thelma Stein.

The play will be presented sometime the latter part of May at the high school.

## Oregon Day To Be Observed on May 2

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 8 (AP)—Programs for the observance of Oregon Day, May 2, in the schools of the state are being sent to county school superintendents, secretaries of civic clubs, granges and some other organizations by C. A. Howard, state school superintendent.

The booklet containing the program contains features of interest to adult citizens as well as school children. Included are historical sketches and an Oregon creed.

Schools may use the suggested program or prepare their own.

## Store Re-Opens In Mackey Building

The Piggy-Wiggly store formerly located in the Towhee building, re-opened this morning in the new 4 1/2 story Mackey building, six doors to the east of the former location. The new building is much larger, providing additional room required because the store serves as headquarters for two other Piggy-Wiggly stores, one on Depot and Washington and the other in Baker. Moving was started Sunday and completed last evening.

## SCANDALS IN P. O. LEASING ARE CHARGED

Senator Nye Assails St. Paul Commercial Station Lease Today.

### INVESTIGATION IS ASKED BY BLAINE

Costing Government Millions of Dollars Annually, North Dakota Senator Declares.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (AP)—Scandals in the leases of postoffice buildings throughout the country, said to be costing the government millions annually, were charged by Senator Nye, republican, North Dakota, in a speech today in the senate assailing the St. Paul commercial station lease.

Senator Blaine, republican, Wisconsin, offered a resolution calling for a senate investigation of the postoffice leases. His resolution charged that "fraud, misrepresentation and corruption" had entered into the negotiations for the leases.

Senator Nye called upon the senate to adhere to a provision in the basic appropriation bill for the postoffice department which struck out the \$120,000 fund for rental of the St. Paul commercial office.

"The story of St. Paul smells to high heaven," Nye told the senate. "If all other postoffice building leases are on a par with that at St. Paul, the situation is rotten and unconscionable. It is a story that possibly reveals the temptations and other moral all reserve leases."

"I remember a Mr. Fisher who was investigator for the senate lands committee who told me frequently that if congress would go into the postoffice leases it would unroot a scandal that has fastened itself upon the government over a

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## HOOVER SPEAKS ON ANNIVERSARY

President Honors Dr. William Henry Welch, Dean of American Medicine.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (AP)—President Hoover today characterized by Dr. William Henry Welch, dean of American medicine, as "our greatest statesman in the field of public health" at the Washington exercises of the International celebration marking the 50th birthday of the Baltimore pathologist.

In a radio address broadcast over a national hook-up President Hoover said the present age is marked by two tendencies, "the

## Airmail Planes To Start East Earlier

PORTLAND, Apr. 8 (AP)—L. P. Coldebach, vice president of the Varney Air lines, announced today that air mail planes will start east two hours later because of lengthening days. The new starting time from Portland airport will be 5:30 p. m., he said, sufficient daylight will enable mail planes to fly to Paris and from there the airway is lighted to Salt Lake City.

## Sunday Warmest Early April Day In La Grande, Weather Books Show

Records are broken frequently by athletes and by racing drivers whether they pilot an automobile, an airplane or command a gigantic new ocean liner.

In fact, this setting up of new marks is becoming quite the thing even Mother Nature is going for it.

Her record-breaking spree started a couple of summers ago when she shoved the La Grande mercury up to 107 above on July 25, 1928, breaking a mark that had endured since the recording of temperatures began here in 1888.

That same month she set up another new mark, with the longest string of 109 above days in local history.

Generous in January Then a rest, and in January, 1929, she gave La Grande its most snow in any one month with 4 1/2 inches. True, she didn't surpass any three-month records for snow, but it was a wonderful effort, at that.

A few more months of rest, and the entire state of Oregon was treated to a dry summer weather that broke records of 49 years standing. That was hardly over before she gave La Grande a new December maximum of 62 above to shoot at in future years.

Another effort was made in January, when the mercury went many degrees below zero, dropping to 20 below on Jan. 21 for the coldest weather in that month since 1888, when the mercury stopped sliding

## Conference Of Church Favors Birth Control

Methodists in New York and Connecticut Unanimously Adopt Social Committee Report.

NEW YORK, Apr. 8 (AP)—The New York East conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was on record today as approving birth control.

A report of the social service committee read before the conference yesterday by the Rev. Paul Dubois, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, Elizabeth, N. J., Queens, and unanimously adopted said:

"In the interest of morality and sound scientific knowledge we favor such changes of the law in the states of New York and Connecticut as will remove the existing restrictions upon the communication by physicians to their patients of important medical information on birth control."

The report inquired if the church board of education had complied with a request to prepare courses of study setting forth the practical and spiritual values of marriage, such courses to be used in all Methodist church schools, colleges and universities.

Would Give Advice "It is the clear duty of the churches," the report said, "to offer to their young people an opportunity to consult some qualified adviser—the minister perhaps, or a physician, the director of religious education or other specialist—who besides having a clear grasp of the fundamental principles of sex morality, would have also an appreciation of modern tendencies and would be in position to offer rational advice."

A resolution was made in the report that the state of New York enact legislation requiring that licenses to marry be issued

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## Confidential Means Just That To Uncle Sam

When Uncle Sam says confidential he means confidential!

The other day one of the enumerators in La Grande went into a home to take the census and found one of the neighbors visiting. The visitor, in reply to a hint or two, kept right on visiting until the housewife had answered a question he had asked her until she housewife had answered the various questions.

The visitor promptly took exception, but finally had it rather forcibly explained to her that since information given the census taker is labeled as confidential, it must be that as far as the enumerators is concerned, so the matter left and the census taking was resumed.

Raymond O. Williams, assistant supervisor, states that no person outside of the family can be present during the asking of the questions.

## To Spend Million At Crater Lake

GIANTS PASS, Ore., Apr. 8 (AP)—The Grants Pass Daily Courier said today it had been informed through official sources that \$1,000,000 for the \$16,000,000 John D. Rockefeller national park fund will be expended at Crater Lake national park.

The Crater Lake 100 miles north-east of here, the Courier said it had received its information from a federal park system official stationed in California.

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## CALIFORNIA FLOWER QUEEN



Virginia Evans will rule as queen at Pasadena's coming spring flower show.

## Gandhi's Son Is Sentenced to Six Months In Prison

SURAT, India, Apr. 8 (AP)—Ran Das Gandhi, son of Mahatma Gandhi, who was arrested at Shimla with volunteers Sunday for breaking the salt laws, was sentenced to six months rigorous imprisonment today. Four companions were given similar sentences.

## SUSPEND BUSINESS BOMBAY, India, Apr. 8 (AP)—

Most of the Hindu and Parsi shops in Bombay City suspended business today in response to the Hartal, or strike call of the Bombay congress committee of the India national congress. The Hartal is in protest at arrest of K. F. Nariman and Jamanlal Bajaj for their activities in behalf of Mahatma Gandhi's salt law violators.

Nariman, who is a most prominent Swarajist, or Indian nationalist, was sentenced to one month's simple imprisonment for infringing the salt laws.

There was general expectation this morning that Gandhi would be arrested finally when he went to Aat to produce salt there, and a crowd of 8,000 persons gathered anticipating possible exciting scenes. There were no police at the scene, however, and when no attempt was made to interfere with Gandhi the throng dispersed.

## Sidney Fox Hanged In England Today

MADSTONE, England, Apr. 8 (AP)—Within less than three weeks after his conviction of the murder of his mother, Sidney Fox was hanged in jail here this morning. The crowd which gathered outside dispersed quietly when a notice was posted that the youth had paid the penalty for his crime.

Fox strangled his mother, a charming gray-haired woman of 62, as she lay in bed at her hotel at Margate last autumn and then set the room afire. The boy previously had insured her life for considerable sum.

## Maryland Storm Is Fatal to Five

BALTIMORE, Apr. 8 (AP)—Five deaths were charged today to the swift wind and rain storm which cut a path across Maryland yesterday.

Three negro oyster tappers were thought to have drowned as the storm struck their motorboat in Chesapeake bay, off the mouth of West river. Two negro stevedores were drowned in Baltimore when the wind hit a scow they were trying to drag closer ashore, and threw them into the harbor.

## ROYAL BABY IS BORN

NAPLES, Italy, Apr. 8 (AP)—The Duchess of Apulia, who was born Princess Anne of France, yesterday gave birth to a daughter in Capodimonte palace, the residence of her father-in-law the Duke of Aosta.

The newborn was described as robust and healthy. The father, who was away in Rome, hurried to Naples when informed of the event.

## THEORIES DIFFER IN MACDUFF CASE

Government Men Believe Forester Murdered—Others Believe it Suicide

EUGENE, Ore., Apr. 8 (AP)—A sharp difference of opinion had appeared again today among federal, state and city authorities investigating the death of Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest, whose body was found last Saturday in a thicket at the side of a mountain trail near McKenzie bridge, 55 miles east of this city. W. M. Eden, department of justice agent, announced he is convinced Macduff was murdered. He is supported in his conclusion by forestry department investigators and other government men.

Lane county officers, Eugene city officials and members of the Portland police department, called into the case, held to the theory that Macduff committed suicide.

All were agreed that Macduff did not shoot himself accidentally. Prominent among the clues uncovered by an investigation of the vicinity where the supervisor's body was found was the discovery of the ashes of a small forest fire about 50 feet from the spot where Macduff's body lay. It was deduced by those holding to the murder theory that Macduff observed the blaze from his office at McKenzie bridge, went out and extinguished the fire and was slain by someone hiding in the brush.

Talks of Seeing Stranger Mrs. W. E. Travis, of San Francisco, whose summer home is only a few hundred feet from the point where the body was found, added strength to the murder theory when she told of having seen a "suspicious looking" man on a road near her cottage last Friday, the day Macduff disappeared. The man carried a rifle and appeared "mentally deficient," Mrs. Travis said. She declared she is well acquainted in that neighborhood but had never seen the man before.

Authorities began a search for the man immediately following Mrs. Travis' disclosure.

Although officers made a minute search of the thicket in which Macduff's body was found, no trace of

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## WORKED? SUKE, TOOK LOAD OF WINE TO L. A.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 8 (AP)—Ferryman L. Hest, supervisor of the federal census here, vouches for this one:

"One of his enumerators called at a residence and was met by the housewife.

"Madam, what is your husband's occupation?" asked the enumerator.

"He's a bootlegger, Mr. Census Enumerator, and he's doing so well."

"I'll put him down as a drink salesman. Did he work yesterday?"

"Sure he worked. He took a load of wine to Los Angeles."

Under the regulations, the information is taken for statistical purposes only and the bootlegger is in no danger of exposure through the census report.

## Election Day In Chicago Finds Gangsters Busy

Attempt to Kidnap Alderman Frustrated—Officers Accused of Intimidating Voters.

CHICAGO, Apr. 8 (AP)—An election day attempt to kidnap Alderman Sheldon W. Govier, candidate for democratic committee in the seventh ward, was frustrated by police early today. Three men were arrested. Govier signed complaints charging them with assault with intent to kill.

Seven men, several carrying pistols, attempted to take Alderman Govier from his automobile which had been crowded to the curb by the others' machine. Govier's nephew, Benjamin, had knocked down one of the attackers and the others had surrounded Govier when a cruising detective squad car arrived.

Three Arrested The seven fled, but three were arrested shortly afterward. They were Harvey Jones, a backer of Govier's committee man opponent, Joseph P. Spiker; Stanley Beckman and Elsworth Wade.

"These fellows were seeking to run me out of my ward on election day," Govier told police. "I want them held without being booked to insure against gunplay or kidnaping at the polls, which might occur if they were turned out on bail."

Officers Accused "Boss" Morris Eller of the twentieth ward, himself indicted two years ago for terrorism at the polls in his district, was one of the first to complain today. He appeared before the election commission and accused John E. Northup, first assistant state attorney; Benjamin "Bud" Jacobson, Ellis' opponent for ward committee; Martin Klass and two policemen of touring the ward and intimidating voters. Both Jacobson and Klass supported Eller two years ago and were indicted with him.

The election board sent 14 investigators into the "bloody twentieth" ward to watch developments.

Policemen, with pistols strapped outside their coats, patrolled the city today under orders for special vigilance. Detectives in squad cars equipped with riot guns, toured the town. Thousands of civilian volunteers stood watch over polling places. It was another election day in Chicago.

Special Precautions Down state, where Congresswoman Ruth Hanna McCormack and U. S. Senator Charles S. McNary have pulled at opposite ends of the world court issue in their tug-of-war for the republican senatorial nomination, special precautions against violence and fraud were regarded as unnecessary. But here, where factionalism peppered the campaign and where murder, kidnaping, slugging, ballot stealing and fraud are voting day precedents.

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## Parents Devour Children In Wei River District

PEIPING, China, Apr. 8 (AP)—Reports received by the China international relief commission says that so terrible have famine conditions become in the Wei river district that in some cases parents have eaten their children.

V. G. Hyman, missionary, writing from Tsinghai on March 5 to John Karl Baker, director of relief operation, said:

"Only two days from here several families ate their children."

Phinlay Andrew, traveling inspector reporting conditions in the Central Chensi district wrote "It is estimated by the time of the wheat harvest in May there will be only 2,000,000 inhabitants remaining of 6,000,000 when the famine began. The agony of the past winter can never be described. In the small Wukung district alone there have been 600,000 deaths from starvation and cold."

Andrew reported that the crop prospects were fair but that the problem was to transport food in order to tide the famine victims over until the harvest.

## Portland Woman Kills Intruder

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 8 (AP)—Threatened by a burglar who had entered her bedroom through a window, Mrs. Gladys Kotaris, 33, whipped a revolver from under her pillow early today and shot and killed Phil Taylor, 25, former negro janitor in the restaurant operated by Mrs. Kotaris' husband.

Mrs. Kotaris told authorities she was awakened by Taylor's remark "I'll get you now."

## Washout Strands U. P. Passengers

SPENCER, Ida., Apr. 8 (AP)—Two train loads of passengers bound for Butte, Mont., were stranded here today by a washout of Union Pacific tracks in Beaver canyon. One train load has been here since Sunday evening. The other since yesterday. Prospects were that trains would resume service today.

## EDITOR AND SENATOR IN WORDY TILT

Black of Alabama Calls Witness a "Coward" During Hearing.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (AP)—Senator Black, democrat, Alabama, today told J. E. Pierce, editor of the Huntsville, Ala., Times, who was before the senate lobby committee, that he was a "coward" and Pierce retorted that Black was a "contemptible cur."

Black had been questioning Pierce about a \$1000 check sent him by J. W. Worthington, chairman of the executive committee of the Tennessee River Improvement association, which Pierce said was for expenses in connection with the association's work in behalf of private ownership and operation of Muscle Shoals.

Asserting that Black was reflecting on him, Pierce declared his insinuations were a "contemptible lie."

"I'll see you outside about that," Black retorted. "Everybody knows you are by nature a coward."

Leaping to his feet, Pierce shouted:

"You go outside right now."

Black replied that the matter could wait for settlement.

"Then you admit you are a contemptible liar," Pierce demanded.

"No," Black shot back. "I admit you are."

Outbreak Renewed Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, pounded for order but the outbreak was quickly renewed.

"I'll see to the point of personal privilege," Pierce shouted, leaping again to his feet.

"This man black," he asserted, "said I was known as a coward. I call him a contemptible cur in return."

Walsh had great difficulty in obtaining order but he finally quieted the tumult and in a few minutes the committee adjourned until tomorrow.

William H. Stuyton, of Washington, president of the board of directors of the association against the prohibition amendment, is expected to be a witness tomorrow.

After things quieted it developed that Black had withdrawn his remark calling Pierce a coward. There was no indication, however, that the breach between the men had been adjusted.

The questioning which caused the exchange between Senator Black and the Alabama editor today was in line with other queries that Claudius H. Huston answered during his lengthy testimony about his Muscle Shoals activities.

EX-SECRETARY TESTIFIES WASHINGTON, Apr. 8 (AP)—Josephus Daniels, staunch dry

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## THREE POWERS AGREE ON ALL BUT ONE POINT

LONDON, Apr. 8 (AP)—Complete agreement was reached today by Secretary Stimson, Prime Minister MacDonald and Reijiro Wakatsuki on all points regarding a three-power pact except the important Japanese point regarding the transfer of 20,000 tons from the destroyer to the submarine category.

This latter problem will be discussed at another meeting of the big three leaders tomorrow.

The three statesmen agreed on earlier replacement program for light cruisers and destroyers.

While these conversations were going on Foreign Minister Briand of France arrived in England and will meet Prime Minister MacDonald at the house of commons later in the day.