

## WEATHER IS HANDICAP TO OBSERVANCE

La Grande as a Whole, However, Unites in Remembering Soldier Dead

## FLOWERS PLACED ON HEROES' GRAVES

Entire Nation Pays Tribute—Hoover to Speak This Afternoon at Gettysburg.

Not weather proved a serious handicap to La Grande's Memorial day celebration this morning, although the downpour of the night had turned into a light drizzle. Although the weather made parading difficult, particularly for the American Legion drum and bugle corps which could not participate because of the fact that their instruments would be damaged by the rain, the annual Memorial day parade was held here about 10:45 this morning, as The Observer went to press.

The La Grande municipal band led the march, followed by a string of cars carrying gold star mothers, G. A. R., W. R. C., etc., and further along the procession, marched the veterans of the Spanish-American war and Company K, 18th Infantry, the La Grande unit of the Oregon national guard.

Exercises will be held at the cemetery in honor of the soldiers and sailors who rest there, many of whom gave their lives for their country either during wars or who succumbed later as a result of injuries during the wars. At noon, a luncheon will be held at the K. P. hall, with all ex-service men of all wars invited. The luncheon was to be served by the American Legion auxiliary, the Spanish War Veterans auxiliary and the W. R. C., with Mrs. Fred Braden in charge.

City Heroes. In spite of the difficulties experienced due to the weather, the city as a whole was observing the day, many going to graves this morning and placing flowers on them in memories of those who have gone to the Great Beyond.

Stores of the city were closed and practically all business, judicial, educational activities were at a standstill. Flags were placed in the business section. An observance was scheduled for this afternoon but many had planned to drive to Baker for the Baker-Nampa baseball game. However, a telephone call from Baker about 10 o'clock this morning said that the game would not be played because of a drenching rain.

## AMERICA HONORS DEAD WASHINGTON, May 30 (AP)—

America today honored its holiday dead. From the broad fields of Arlington and Gettysburg to the obscure graveyards which dot the countryside, the tombs of those who fell in their nation's defense were set apart for special Memorial day ceremonies and decorations.

## YOUNG PEOPLE ATTEND MEET AT HALF WAY

Three carloads of young people of the local Christian Endeavor societies left this morning for Halfway for the annual district convention of the Grande Ronde Christian Endeavor union which begins this evening and continues through Saturday and Sunday.

## HEAVY RAIN IS WELCOMED BY THE FARMERS

Although the downpour hampered plans for Memorial day in this valley, a drenching rain during the night and this morning brought glad smiles to the faces of many farmers, whose land was in need of additional moisture. The rain in La Grande had reached seven-tenths of an inch at 7:30 a. m. and was continuing, although not so heavy. This is the heaviest rain in many weeks. The temperature here dropped to 49 above last night after a maximum of 58 above yesterday, a range of only nine degrees.

**WEATHER TODAY**  
7:59 a. m.—49 above.  
Minimums 45 above.  
Condition: cloudy, rainy.

**WEATHER YESTERDAY**  
Maximum 58, minimum 48 above.  
Condition: rain .70 of inch.

**WEATHER MAY 27, 1929**  
Maximum 77, minimum 43 above.  
Condition: partly cloudy.

## Academy Pupils Given Diplomas Thursday Night

The Rev. Father O. Nooy Delivers Commencement Address at Exercises for Graduates.

A large crowd attended the impressive graduation exercises held by the Sacred Heart academy last night in the church of the Lady of the Valley.

The Rev. Father O. Nooy delivered the commencement address in which he stressed the value of education, the need of responsible people, and the value of morals and character. The altar was banked in flowers in lovely profusion. The musical numbers were well rendered and had a delightful appeal. They included a graduation march, glee club selections, a violin quartet and a hymn by the children's choir.

**Diplomas Presented**  
The address was followed by the presentation of diplomas and a benediction, "O Felicitas Tanti Ergo."

Diplomas for those graduating from the high school department were conferred upon: Agnes Dorothy, Joseph Murter, Verona Steop, Lola Marian Snodgrass, Ethel Donohue, Ida Nobles, Julia...

## AUDIT OF CITY BOOKS ACCEPTED

Few Minor Changes Suggested by C. P. A., Records Very Satisfactory

At an adjourned meeting of the city commission held last night the audit of the city books for 1929 by Conda J. Ham, certified public accountant of Portland, was accepted and placed on file.

The audit report was carefully considered before adoption and several recommendations for minor changes were discussed at length. One was a suggestion that the audit be made quarterly instead of annually.

The final two paragraphs of Mr. Ham's statement in connection with his audit follow: "Being chairman of the committee of uniform accounting for municipalities, appointed by the secretary of state, I can make definite reports to you on the adequacy of the La Grande system to meet the requirements of the state department. A few minor changes might be made when the full system has been worked out, but the main setup and the reports as they will come from your setup will meet the requirements very well, and no radical changes will be necessary."

"We are pleased to report that on the whole the records of La Grande reflect the efforts of conscientious, trained and efficient officials, and their attitude in aiding the audit in every way, and answering every and all questions made the audit a pleasure from our standpoint. We want to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of their assistance and their courtesies."

The three commissioners, A. T. Hill, Charles Playle and Victor R. McVilvie, in accepting the audit, authorized the payment of \$300, plus traveling expenses of \$25, to Mr. Ham for his work.

## THEY'LL STAR AT CAMBRIDGE



Eddie Tolan, of Michigan, new world's record holder in 100-yard dash, will meet Frank Wykoff, of U. S. C., and Hector Dyer, of Stanford, in the intercollegiate championships at Cambridge.

## LARGE STOCK DISPLAY FOR UNION SHOW

All of Eastern Oregon Will Have Exhibits in Pens June 12-14.

## EXCITING ARENA EVENTS PLANNED

Equestrian Contests, Calf Roping and Riding and Some Exhibition Buckers Scheduled.

"The biggest and best stock display ever assembled in Eastern Oregon" is the prediction of C. L. Cadwell, president of the Eastern Oregon Livestock show, regarding the big agricultural exposition which will open its gates at Union for the 22nd year, June 12, 13 and 14. Mr. Cadwell bases his prediction upon reports of various persons visiting livestock centers of Eastern Oregon who bring news of herds and flocks from Enterprise and Joseph to Ontario, Halfway and John Day who will send their best specimens to compete at Union.

One of the interesting features of the current year's show will be the six-in-hand draft team competition, for which three purses of \$150, \$125 and \$100 have been offered. In addition to these offers, the teams can compete in the classes for fours, pairs and individuals in the halter classes, besides the daily arena contests for expert driving. The winners are expected to prove one of the best teams ever on the arena program.

## PREPARE FOR EAST NORMAL SCHOOL PLAY

More than 20 students were at the Normal school today constructing scenery for "Aren't We All" which Soek and Buskin will present June 9. Other committees and the cast will also be at work over the weekend in preparation for the play.

This organization, which has given one three-act, and five one-act plays during the school year, has aimed to include in the season's repertoire various types of drama, tragedy, fantasy and comedy.

## Hoover Reviews Capital Parade Before Journey

WASHINGTON, May 30 (AP)—President Hoover and a large party left by motor at 9:35 a. m. for Gettysburg, Pa., where he will deliver a Memorial day address this afternoon.

Just before departure, the president reviewed the Memorial day parade which passed on East Executive avenue.

Veterans of the Civil, Spanish-American, and World wars dipped their colors as they passed. Beside Mr. Hoover stood Secretary Hurley, who accompanied him to Gettysburg. The party, which occupied fourteen automobiles, included Captain Joel T. Rooster, physician to the president, and members of the White House staff.

Mrs. Hoover, still convalescing from injuries sustained in a fall several weeks ago, remained in the White House.

## Two Sentenced To 15 Years In Pen

PENDELTON, Ore., May 30—(AP)—Vernon Mickle and Bernard Carter, who are said to have confessed to robbing a garage here, were sentenced to 15 years in the state prison Thursday.

## CURE FOR BAD TIMES UP TO BUSINESS MEN

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 30 (AP)—Speaking of the present economic period as a "time of serious emergency," Dwight W. Morrow, candidate for the republican senate nomination, lauded President Hoover Thursday in a campaign address and expressed faith in the ability of the American people to wrest a prosperous tomorrow from the "bad times" of today.

## Apartment Fire Spectacular; Two Hurt, 5 Rescued

Lives of 180 Persons Endangered by \$75,000 Blaze in Portland During Morning.

PORTLAND, May 30 (AP)—Two firemen were injured and five persons were rescued in a spectacular fire which caused about \$75,000 damage to the Stelwyn apartments, St. Clair and Washington streets, early today.

The injured: Captain Guy Stabler, engine 16, hip and jaw fractured when a ladder fell. Clay Hunter, member of the crew of a supply wagon, head and eye injuries, suffered when he was overcome with smoke and fell inside the building. He was carried out by other firemen.

The four-alarm fire called out all apparatus on the west side and all units on the east side within easy reach of the bridge. Lives of 180 residents of the apartment were endangered.

Starting in the basement, the blaze roared up the staircases rapidly, with no fire doors to stay it. Earl Hoover, deputy fire marshal, said.

The building was about 20 years old, he said. It was owned by the Prohm estate, four members of which made their home there.

A deluge of water which covered nearly all the floors several inches deep, did almost as much damage as the fire. In one apartment about \$15,000 worth of oriental furnishings belonging to Y. Morita were destroyed by smoke and water.

## Water Recording Device Installed

Complete Last Link in System to Protect Water Users in La Grande.

Completion of the final link in the city's new method of recording the depth of water in the Old Town reservoir has been achieved and thoroughly tested, according to City Manager W. C. Crews.

With the recording system thoroughly established, water users may feel secure that their supply will not be suddenly cut off without warning, as has occurred in the day or night and tell exactly how much water there is in the reservoir. In this way it is possible to detect any disturbance in the water supply hours before it could drop to a dangerous point, and either start the pumps to protect the city water users or run down the trouble before it becomes serious.

This device is inspected regularly through the day by the firemen, who take readings every few minutes. During the night, a man

## Convict Shot In Attempted Break

LONDON, Ohio, May 30 (AP)—Sam Mazello, Trimble county convict, was shot to death today when prison guards at the London prison farm fired on 47 convicts who attempted to batter their way from the cell block.

## City Dads Forget To Act On Project

PORTLAND, Ore., May 30—(AP)—If the city council of Portland hadn't forgotten all about the Umattila rapids project at the meeting yesterday, the federal government would have been notified today that councilmen believe much power could be sold in the city.

As it stands, the city council's endorsement of the power project must wait until the next meeting.

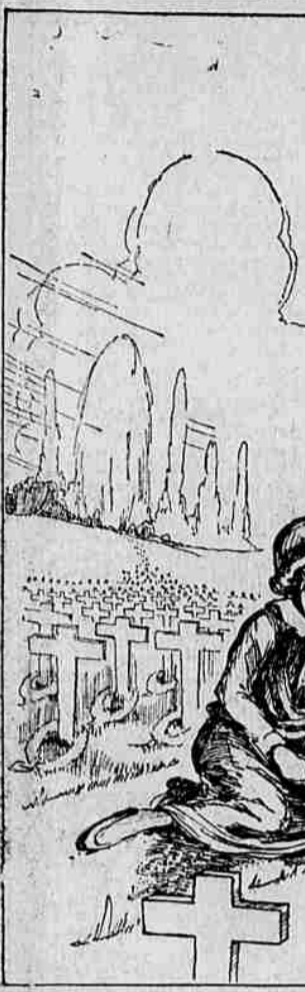
At a conference in Mayor Baker's office last Friday, the city council declared itself in favor of the development of the Umattila rapids power project.

## Refuse License To KVPE of Portland

WASHINGTON, May 30 (AP)—The federal radio commission Thursday refused to renew the license of station KVPE, Portland, Ore., on the grounds that it had "indisputable proof that the station had broadcast obscene language."

The license of the station expires today. The Better Business bureau of Portland and the Oregon Manufacturers' association had petitioned the commission to deny the application for renewal of the license. They contended the station in broadcasting what they termed "inflammatory and offensive" speeches by Robert G. Duncan, defeated candidate for the republican nomination for congress, had become a menace to the community.

## In Flanders Fields



Complete Last Link in System to Protect Water Users in La Grande.

## Senate Agrees To Vote On Monday On War Measure Veto

WASHINGTON, May 30 (AP)—The senate agreed late Thursday to vote at 3 p. m. Monday on whether to override President Hoover's veto of the Spanish War veterans' pension bill.

## 127 GOLD STAR MOTHERS TO SAIL

PARIS, May 30 (AP)—The hundred and twenty-seven gold star mothers left Paris Thursday in a special train for Cherbourg, where they were to board the steamship President Harding for home.

Two of the mothers, one from the north and one from the south, spoke their thanks at leaving for the courtesies they have been extended here and for the government's part in arranging their trip. "Our trip was beautiful and wonderful," said Mrs. Sarah G. Thompson, of New York City, who represented the group in the wreath ceremony at the tomb of the unknown soldier. "We are returning with the satisfaction of knowing that our sacred dead rest in the most beautiful spots in the world and that they are in charge of the same wonderful management."

Four of the mothers of this first group to come to France remained. Mrs. Florence Williams, of Portsmouth, Ohio, is still ill at her hotel at Verdun, but she was further improved although restless during the night. The doctors do not say she is out of danger but they are increasingly confident of her ultimate recovery.

Aide from Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Mary Reynolds, who is in the American hospital, all the American mothers are well, and the fine spring weather leads the doctors to believe they will remain so.

## Graf To Reach Lakehurst, N. J. Saturday Morn

By the Associated Press  
The Graf Zeppelin will reach her American home port at Lakehurst, N. J., sometime tomorrow morning, on a direct journey from the island of Porto Rico over which she was last reported at 5:04 a. m. today.

Dr. Hugo Eckener, in a radio message today, made known he could not go to Havana, Cuba. Shortage of fuel, due to a shortening of the Graf's load at Pernambuco, where the dirigible was waterlogged, was believed by observers to have been the cause of the changed plan.

At 1:00 the Graf was approximately 1,600 miles from Lakehurst. She was making 45 miles an hour on a straight northeasterly course.

## P. S. C. To Intervene In Injunction Suit

SALEM, Ore., May 30 (AP)—Frank J. Miller, chairman of the state public service commission, said yesterday that the commission would intervene for the state in the injunction suit brought by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company to enjoin the Interstate Commerce commission from enforcing its order for construction of a line of railroad across Central Oregon from Crane to Crescent Lake.

The order of the I. C. C. requires that the O. W. R. & N. Co. begin construction not later than July 1, this year, and have the line ready for operation by July 1, 1932.

## Unidentified Boy Drowns In Harbor

PORTLAND, Ore., May 30—(AP)—The body of an unidentified boy was in the city morgue today after harbor patrolmen recovered it from 50 feet of water.

Theodore Hansen, first mate of the steamer Davenport, told authorities he heard a splash and saw the boy fall into the river from the ship's gangplank.

## Cadet Killed In Parachute Jump

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 30 (AP)—J. H. Farring, flying cadet from Kelly Field, San Antonio, was killed today in an attempted emergency parachute jump near Tipton, Okla. A second cadet, L. E. Hunt, made a successful leap.

## Joseph's Expenses Run Over \$25,000.00

SALEM, Ore., May 30 (AP)—The Joseph-for-governor club has expended in behalf of the campaign of George W. Joseph for the republican nomination for governor \$24,923.11, according to a statement filed with the secretary of state by William A. Dufael, secretary of the club.

Joseph personally reported an expenditure of \$365.49.

## Bill Arnold Leads Field At 100 Mark

Chicagoan Sets Blistering Pace in the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race.

## DETROIT DRIVER IN SECOND PLACE

Eight Cars out of Race, Seven due to two Accidents—Italian Car Develops Trouble.

By Charles W. Dunkley (Associated Press Sports Writer)  
SPEEDWAY, INDIANAPOLIS, May 30 (AP)—Billy Arnold, 23-year-old Chicagoan, was leading the field in the 500-mile automobile race here today at the 100-mile mark. He set a blistering pace for the first 100 miles, clipping it off in 58:03.21, an average of 103.353 miles an hour. Arnold had a lead of about two and a half miles. "Shorty" Cantion, of Detroit, was in second place with Louis Schneider, of Indianapolis, third.

With a deafening roar from wide open motors, 33 cars, with two men huddled in each, flashed away at 10 o'clock today in the start of the race, over the bumpy brick course of the Indianapolis speedway.

The field contained the pick of American drivers and two Italian invaders seeking a share of the \$15,000 in prize money. As the start was made, it appeared like a glorious day for the race. The weather was a bit frosty and a stiff cold wind kept the spectators shivering and hoping for warmer temperatures.

The sun shone brilliantly from cloudless sky, however. Huge crowd. The crowd of more than 155,000 spectators cheered lustily as the racers started and then settled back into their seats to watch the drivers take their chances with death in their mad dash around the two and one-half mile oval.

Billy Arnold, 23-year-old Chicagoan, remained a favorite with the crowd along with two previous winners of the race, Peter D'Amico and Louis Meyer. Arnold started from the pole position. The honor was accorded him because of his achievement in earning in 113.268 miles per hour as the fastest time of the qualifying trial. The cars started three abreast and there were thirteen rows on the track when an explosion

## MISS WATSON IS MOTHER OF MYSTERY BABY

PORTLAND, Ore., May 30 (AP)—Judge in domestic relations, yesterday announced that Miss Geraldine Watson, Los Angeles and Phoenix, Ariz., was the real mother of a five-months old girl whom she and Mrs. George E. Schaefer, Portland, claimed as their own.

The judge, who previously heard the trial of two weeks' duration in which dozens of witnesses testified for Miss Watson and Mrs. Schaefer, incorporated in his written statement that the child was a dependent minor and would continue to be a ward of juvenile court.

"In due time," the judge's verdict read, "the case will be returned to California courts for final decision."

Mrs. Schaefer claimed the baby was born to her in a hospital at Berkeley, Miss Watson said the infant was born to her in a Los Angeles hospital. She is alleged to have abandoned it in a Los Angeles hotel, but later appeared to claim it.

## BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE

(Morning Game)	R. H. E.
Washington	6 9 1
Philadelphia	7 13 2
(13 innings)	
Batteries: Liska, Marberry and Ruel; Grove, Quinn and Cochrane, Perkins, Schang.	

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

(Morning Game)	R. H. E.
Cincinnati	9 11 3
Pittsburgh	1 6 3
Batteries: Lucas and Goehi; Chagnon and Hargreaves, Hennebois.	

## Fear Baby Taken Away By Big Bear

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., May 30 (AP)—The two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Goske, homesteaders west of here, is believed to have been carried away from the cabin by a black bear.

The bear was seen about the home in the afternoon, and a little while later the mother hastened to the neighbors hunting for the baby, who had wandered into the yard.

Farmers and provincial police joined in a search.

## HOENSBY BREAKS ANKLE

CHICAGO MAY 30 (AP)—Rogers Hornsby, keyman of the Chicago National league team's defense, suffered a fracture of the left ankle in the first game of the Cubs' double header with St. Louis today, and will be lost to the team for at least six weeks.