

Knute Rockne Killed In Plane Crash

1.24 INCHES OF RAINFALL HERE MONDAY

More Moisture Reported
in 24-Hour Period
Than in Portland.

PRECIPITATION IN MARCH IS HEAVY

Rainfall General Through-
out the State With Riv-
ers and Streams Rising
Rapidly.

COLUMBIA RIVER ROAD CONDITIONS BAD

Mrs. H. M. Bay, of the local
A. A. A. offices, received a
report from Portland today
stating that slides are causing
blockade along the Columbia
River highway. Motorists are
urged not to go to Portland
from here unless necessary, and
if so, to take the Rowena fer-
ry, then the north bank road,
then back to The Dalles. Over
the Blue mountains are roads
are sloppy but in fair condi-
tion. Stage drivers report that
if the rain continues another
24 hours, more and greater
slides may be expected.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 31 (AP)—The
city of Tillamook was today isolated
by high water and landslides, accord-
ing to word reaching Portland from
the State Motor association and Pa-
cific Greyhound stages.

TOWN IS MAROONED
SALEM, March 31 (AP)—Word was
telephoned to the county court here
today that the town of Detroit in
the Cascades and the Breitenbush
Hot Springs are marooned from the
outside world by a slide which not
only took out a 60-foot bridge on
what will be the route of the new
Salem highway but plunged down
the side of the mountain. The
Pacific tracks 80 feet below and
according to the telephoned report
out a portion of the tracks tying
up both railroad and highway traf-
fic into the town and the resort.
The court immediately ordered the
road closed into the mountains.
Another report from North Santiam
this county, that the North Santiam river had
gone over its embankments at a
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LIONS ACCEPT INVITATION TO DINE APRIL 8

An invitation from the Rotary club,
asking the Lions and their wives to
dine with them Wednesday night,
April 8, was accepted at the meet-
ing of the Lions club last night in
the Sacajawea Inn. The national
field secretary of the Bank Walton
League of America will be the speaker
that evening. The Lions will not
meet next Monday night, counting
the Wednesday evening joint session
as a regular roll call.

During the business session, the
club voted to resume noon lunch-
ons on Monday, April 13. The noon
meetings were discontinued early in
the winter. A meeting of the con-
valescing committee was called for
Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock at
the chamber of commerce offices.
President L. L. Snodgrass told of
his recent trip to the Midwestern
states, and Jack Wright played two
piano selections, which were vigor-
ously applauded.

La Grande Program On Radio April 1

La Grande is one of a series of
Oregon cities which will be the sub-
ject of historical radio broadcasts un-
der the auspices of the Guardian
Building and Loan association. The
complete history of La Grande has
been collected and written into play
form by John H. Weiser, of the Bot-
tendorf Constantine company, and Mason
Foltzner, of the Guardian associa-
tion. Portland, Mr. Foltzner is the
local relations representative and is
responsible for the most part for the
plan which will be broadcast April
between 9 and 9:30 over KOIN
land station.
The plan is for a symphony or-
chestra to begin the programs with
the, and then for a group of peo-
ple to enact the historical hap-
pings of the community. Mr. Foltz-
ner will be one of the actors, and
acting acted on the legitimate stage
for years.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Unsettled with rain
tonight and Wednesday.
Fresh and strong southwest
winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—35 above.
Maximum: 35 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rainy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 42, minimum 34
above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain 1.24
inches.

WEATHER MAR. 31, 1930
Maximum 63, minimum 33
above.
Condition: Clear.

BOY GIANT



A six-foot boy who weighs 235
pounds and wears No. 11 shoes
became the center of a legal
court battle in Los Angeles when
Mrs. Helen Roome, his mother,
sued to have him committed to
the father to provide special in-
jections to halt growth of ac-
tivity of the pituitary gland.
About the boy, his mother, and
lower Adolph Roome Jr., the son.

OLYMPIC SURVEY MAY BE MADE LOCALLY

Business Men to Provide
Expenses While Dr. Ol-
sen Does the Work.

If the business men of La Grande
will donate \$75—and sentiment at
today's meeting of the chamber of
commerce at the Sacajawea Inn in-
formation purposes only will be
made of the Grande Ronde valley.
Harry McKinlay, president of the
chamber, introduced the question
afterwards stating that because of
the chamber finances, he felt that
the expenses of the survey should be
paid by donations.

A committee, consisting of Mr.
Kendrick, Charles Playle and Fred
Henning, was appointed to arrange
for the subscriptions. The survey
would be made by Dr. Olsen, now at
Unity, where a drill is being run
in the earth in search of an oil gusher,
and would require three to five days.
Dr. Olsen, after the survey, would
speak at the chamber of commerce.
Dr. Olsen asks only expenses.

Proceeding the appointment of the
committee, several members spoke
briefly in reference to the possibilities
of the survey.

P. R. Finlay reported that a dis-
trict meeting of editors of Union,
Unatilla and Wallawa counties—
representing 17 newspapers—was be-
ing arranged to be held in La Grande.

Mrs. Edna Rohan Fractures Her Hip

Mrs. Edna Rohan fell yesterday
afternoon while working in her
kitchen, and broke her hip. She
was taken immediately to the Grande
Ronde hospital where the limb was
placed in a cast.

She is reported to be resting sat-
isfactorily today.
Mrs. Rohan is the wife of the late
Frank Rohan, who was elected as
city commissioner last fall.

L. H. S. Band Has "Dress Rehearsal"

The La Grande High school band,
in its final week of preparations for
the state contest at Corvallis Satur-
day, had a "dress rehearsal" the
school last night. New uniforms were
tried on for the first time. The uni-
forms consist of blue overalls, caps
and blue capes, trimmed and lined
with white.

QUAKE RUINS CAPITAL OF NICARAGUA

Scores of Deaths Reported
—Fire Threatening to
Destroy City.

MARTIAL LAW IS PUT INTO EFFECT

Tremor of Short Duration
But Great Power—
Hoover Calls on Red
Cross For Aid.

Lieutenant Fred Parks, formerly of
Union county and a son-in-law
of Dr. Kirby, of La Grande, is sta-
tioned in Managua with the United
States marines. He is in Port-
land now visiting with his family.

MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 31 (AP)—Officials
of the tropical station here said
that a violent earthquake there
this morning.

With a great pall of smoke hover-
ing over the town from a fierce fire
which followed the quake it was im-
possible to calculate the number of
dead and wounded in the disaster,
but the number would be high.
American marines stationed here
were doing everything possible to
rescue the wounded, driving their
ambulances through whatever streets
were still passable.

FIRE SWEEPING STRIC CITY

By S. M. Craig.
(Tropical Radio Company Operator,
Managua. Written For and Per-
sonally Dispatched by Radio to
The Associated Press.)
MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Mar. 31 (AP)—
At 10:12 o'clock this morning an
earthquake of very short duration
shook down the major part of Man-
agua. Fire broke out in the market
center and is traveling rapidly west-
ward. It will probably finish the job.

RED CROSS TO HELP
WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (AP)—The
American Red Cross has been directed
by President Hoover to extend aid
immediately to the stricken city of
Managua, Nicaragua.

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La Grande Band Offers Cup For Contest Winner

The La Grande municipal band,
engaged to promote interest in music
in Eastern Oregon, will present a
loving cup to the winning band in
the class A competition here April
16 at the district contest to be held
at the Eastern Oregon Normal
school. The trophy, which will be
15 1/2 inches in height, will remain
in the permanent possession of the
winning band. During the com-
petitive year the 1931 victor will keep
it but the cup will be placed in
competition again next spring.

The trophy will be engraved with
a lyre, and also will bear an inscrip-
tion about the purpose of the cup.
On the bottom names of winning
bands will be engraved from year
to year.

Through the many inquiries re-
ceived by President H. E. Inlow,
of the Eastern Oregon Normal school,
he anticipates active participation in
the music tournament to be held
on April 17 at the Normal school.
Entries must be in by April 7, he
states.

Four silver cups will be awarded
the winning school, the tournament
being divided into three classes of
schools according to their enroll-
ment.

Gjerme Cousin Of Knute Rockne

J. G. Gjerme, employee of the Union
Pacific railroad in La Grande, was a
first cousin of Knute Rockne, famous
Notre Dame football coach who was
killed in Kansas in an airplane ac-
cident today.

Mr. Gjerme is well known here,
taking a leading part in former sea-
sons in baseball and other sporting
activities.

Mr. Rockne was to have visited La
Grande this fall accompanied by
Coach Paul Schuller, of Oregon State
college, and many La Granderers
were eagerly looking forward to the visit,
including Mr. Gjerme.

Rev. B. Marcus Godwin Speaker At Monday Evening Church Services

HOLY WEEK CALENDAR
Tuesday, 7:30
Rev. J. George Watz, "Now Is
My Soul Troubled." Central
Church of Christ, Seventh and
Penn.

Wednesday, 7:30
Rev. A. J. Starnier, "Christ
Our All." Baptist church, Sixth
and Spring.

Thursday, 7:30
Rev. W. H. Hertzog, "A Christian
Experience." St. Peter's
Episcopal church, Fourth and O.

Friday, 7:30
Rev. Paul De P. Mortimore,
"Jesus Christ, the Same Yes-
terday, Today and Forever."
Methodist Episcopal church,
Fourth and Spring.

Interstate Meet Of Legionnaires Held at Ontario

La Grande Members in
Attendance—Drum and
Bugle Corps Furnishes
Music at Session.

To promote good will between Ida-
ho and Oregon posts of the American
Legion, an interstate meeting was
held yesterday at Ontario with leg-
ionnaires from John Day, Dayville,
Pauze City, Burns, Westfall, Jordan
Valley, Ontario, Baker, Union, La
Grande, Imbler, Elgin, Wallawa, En-
terprise and posts in Southern Ida-
ho convening with the department of-
ficers from both states.

About 35 from La Grande, includ-
ing the drum corps, the only one
at the meeting, attended the session
and helped to swell the ranks to
over 400.

The meeting began at 3 o'clock,
with business transacted between 3
and 5 P. M. E. Brady, district com-
mander, presiding at the meeting,
which was attended by many legion
officers from both states.
At 8 o'clock a banquet was held
at which many were called on for
impromptu speeches, including all
visiting officials from both states.
The 400 legionnaires and auxiliary
members present at the meeting were
the guests of Ontario at a dance fol-
lowing the banquet.

DAIRYMEN JOIN IN CO-OPERATIVE

Wallawa County Plans
Advance; Need Output of
1500 Cows for Success.

By G. C. Meek
(Observer Correspondent)

WALLOWA, Idaho, (Special)—Pros-
pects appear quite promising here
for the establishing of a co-operative
cremery. A committee, composed
of N. C. Donahue, chairman, and
the leading dairymen of the coun-
ty, who have been busy during the
past several weeks investigating the
possibility of such an enterprise, re-
ported that the investigations have re-
sulted favorably so far.

P. J. Tull, marketing specialist of
the Oregon State college, who was in
this county last week, approved the
plan of the Wallawa Creamery com-
pany and pronounced it a first class
plan for such a purpose. An op-
tion has been secured on the plant
and preparations are being made for
a county-wide canvass in an effort
to sign up a sufficient number of
cows. The minimum number has been
placed at 1500 cows, however, com-
mittee members feel that it would
be much better if a larger number
could be secured and with more than
5000 cows in the county many feel
that it will not be a difficult mat-
ter in getting 2000 or possibly more.
Those signing up with the co-op-
erative will be paid for the stock
at the rate of one share per
cow, the value of this stock being \$5
per share and to be paid for through

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MRS. KEAGLE PASSES AWAY MONDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Sarah Francis Keagle passed
away at the home of her daughter,
Mrs. Geo. A. Carlyle, at 1313 W. ave-
nue Monday evening.

Mrs. Keagle is survived by her hus-
band, Chas. E. Keagle, and by five
sons, William E. Corum and Jesse J.
Link, of La Grande; Jake Link, of
Monroe, Ill.; E. H. Keagle, of Klamath
Falls, Ore.; and L. E. Keagle, of La
Grande, and one daughter, Mrs. Ber-
tha M. Carlyle, of La Grande, and by
17 grandchildren, and two great
grandchildren. Sarah Francis Keagle
was born April 1, 1880 in Clay county,
Missouri and was married to Chas. E.
Keagle Dec. 5, 1898 in Bates county,
Missouri and resided there for 19
years and then moved to Dodge City,
Kansas and from there to La Grande,
where they have spent the last 15
years. The body is at Walker's Funer-
al home and funeral arrangements
will be announced when relatives in
the east are heard from.

Joseph Swindler Dies of Wound

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., March 31
(AP)—Mrs. Joseph Swindler, under-
guard in a hospital here today while
authorities prepared to question her
about the alleged murder of her
husband, Chiquito chief of police.
Before he died last night after he
was shot yesterday, Joseph Swindler
told police his wife had shot him
when he returned home early in the
morning and that she then turned
the gun on herself. Mrs. Swindler's
condition was not serious, physicians
said.

Rev. B. Marcus Godwin Speaker At Monday Evening Church Services

In a vivid manner Rev. B. Marcus
Godwin, pastor of the First Baptist
church, told of the sufferings of
Christ for the sin of the world, and
exhorted his hearers to accept the
atonement in a personal way in his
address, "The Suffering Christ."

In the first of a series of
meetings to be held during Holy
Week at the various La Grande
churches, last night's meeting was
held at the Methodist church, Fourth and O.

In spite of the steady downpour of
rain, and other conflicting meetings,
there was a good attendance at the
meeting which was dedicated to reli-
gious meditation.

Rev. A. J. Starnier, pastor of the
church in which the services were
held, presided.

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REPUBLICANS SEE NO NEED FOR CHANGES

Senate Leader Watson
Speaks After Confer-
ence With Hoover.

NO NECESSITY FOR REORGANIZATION

Reports Have Been Cur-
rent That President In-
tended to Oust National
Leaders.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (AP)—Sen-
ate Republican Leader Watson said
today after a breakfast conference
with the president that they had
agreed there was no necessity for a
reorganization of the Republican na-
tional committee at this time.

The Indiana senator said he and
the president had talked over the
general political situation and that
they were agreed that there was no
need for disturbing the present po-
litical peace.

"Politics is adjourned," Watson said.
Reports have been current recently
that President Hoover intended to
make a complete reorganization of
the national committee beginning
with the chairmanship.
Many of the reports were started
while the president was absent from
Washington on the trip to the Carib-
bean.

"Congress adjourned to give the
country a rest from politics," Watson
said, "and there is no reason for us
to start anything now. Congress will
not be in session for another eight
months and the election is more than
a year off."

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Church Reports Growth; Finances Are Satisfactory

One of the best attended annual
meetings of the congregation of the
First Presbyterian church, was held
Monday evening in the social room
of the church. Both growth and
development were shown by the re-
ports of the past year. Memberships
in all departments were written by
Justice R. Kelly, Brown and Belt
concurrent in the prevailing opinion.
Chief Justice Bean and Justice
Campbell dissented.
Justices Rand and Rossman took
no part in the decision.
Argued Jan. 20
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argued before the court January 20
of this year. John C. Veach ap-
peared for the appellant, the Tele-
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the Telegram on October 2, 1928, in
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ers made grave charges against Man-
nix, Portland attorney. Mannix filed
libel charges against the Telegram
on February 8, asking damages to
the extent of \$75,000 and punitive
damages in the sum of \$25,000 be-
cause of the publication of the story.
The Multnomah county court, pre-
sided over by Judge W. A. Ekwil,
found a verdict of \$35,000 for the
plaintiff.

Investigation of E. O. L. & P. Ordered Today

SALEM, March 31 (AP)—Investiga-
tion of the rates of the Eastern Ore-
gon Light and Power company, with
headquarters at Baker, was ordered
today by Charles M. Thomas, public
utilities commissioner. The company
was ordered to appear at a hearing be-
fore the commissioner on its rates,
service and operation. The date was
not set.

This is the fourth investigation in-
volving public utilities ordered within
the past week by the commissioner.

Vance Signs With Brooklyn Robins

NEW YORK, March 31 (AP)—Dizzy
Vance, Brooklyn's great speedball
pitcher, has accepted the club's terms
of \$23,000 in ending his prolonged
holdout, and will sign his 1931 con-
tract as soon as he joins the Robins
at Matcon.

State Rests In Brothers Trial

CHICAGO, March 31 (AP)—The
state rested its case in the trial of
Leo Brothers for the Alfred "Jake"
Lingle murder Monday after it had
introduced circumstantial evidence of
guilt, which testified to seeing
Brothers at or near the scene of
the crime.

Higher Taxes Not Necessary, Hoover

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—
President Hoover said today that
unless Congress increases the budget
figures there would be no increase in
taxes.

Mr. Hoover said that he had can-
vassed the entire financial situation
of the government through various
government agencies and departments
and that he saw no necessity for a
taxation increase.

Suspicion Points Toward Prisoner

LOS ANGELES, March 31 (AP)—
Arrested by federal officers who al-
leged he attempted to cash nearly
\$500 in money orders here yesterday,
Reid H. O'Brien, 21, also was held
today as a suspect in the slaying of
Virginia Brooks, San Diego school
girl.

Officers claim O'Brien admitted
stealing from his mother's grocery
store at Tecate, Mexico. Bloodstains
on his small coat and a hunting
knife in the car aroused suspicion.

L. H. S. BAND TO PLAY
The La Grande High school band
will play the same program before
the Rotary club luncheon tomorrow
noon that they will play in the state
convention in Corvallis this week-
end.

QUEEN OF APPLE BLOSSOM LAND



Meet Her Highness Queen Carol McLaughlin, queen of the 14th Annual Apple Blossom Festival to be held at Wenatchee, Wash., early in May. She is 17, pretty, and was chosen because of popularity and high scholastic standing in the Wenatchee High school.

Reverse Verdict In Mannix Libel Suit For \$35,000

SALEM, Ore., March 31 (AP)—The
supreme court today reversed the
verdict of the Multnomah county
court through which Thomas
Mannix, Portland attorney, was
granted \$35,000 in a libel suit against
the Portland Telegram, and the high
court ordered a re-hearing of the
suit.

Justices Kelly, Brown and Belt
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plaintiff.

DAYLE TRIAL JURORS FIND "NOT GUILTY"

SALT LAKE CITY, March 31 (AP)—
Jean Dayle was found not guilty of
the murder of Sam Frank, Memphis
jewelry auctioneer, by a jury which
returned its verdict at 11:13 a. m.
today.

Governor Hears Protests From Clatsop Group

SALEM, March 31 (AP)—Protests
against high taxes and requests that
the governor select a farm expert not
connected with any extension service
or experimental station to head the
new department of agriculture, were
voiced by a delegation from Clatsop
county late yesterday. Thirty per-
sons, representing virtually every
community in the Lower Columbia
river county, were granted an audi-
ence with Governor Julius L. Meier,
in the senate chamber.

Under the leadership of L. E. Wil-
son, speakers presented an urgent
plea for some relief in the present
tax situation in that section, and
urged the governor to use his influ-
ence in eliminating the high cost
of the county agent's office there.

They also criticized their county court
in raising the county agent's salary,
declaring the services of the present
official as unwarranting a raise. Vir-
tually every member requested the
governor not to consider the name
of A. E. Engstrom, head of the ex-
perimental station in that county, as a
possible candidate for director of
agriculture, as they understood was
the case.

The governor, during the discus-
sion told the delegation he had not
yet selected the agricultural head,
and that he was glad to hear their
recommendations.

Dictionary Used Wrongly, He Says

CHICAGO, March 31 (AP)—His
wife's words were too forceful, Ollen
G. Harns complained in a suit for
divorce, alleging she brought down
an unabridged dictionary on his skull
as she announced she wanted "to
inject some knowledge" into his head.

Son Born to Woman 4000 Feet In Sky

THE PAS. MARI, March 31 (AP)—
The stark flies high. A cabin air-
plane 4000 feet in the sky was the
birthplace of a son born to Mrs.
Alex Miller, who was being rushed
to a hospital by flight lieutenant A. L.
McPhee of the Royal Canadian Air
Force.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 31 (AP)—Wheat
prices tightened up late today, and
lifted other grains. The wheat market
was bullishly influenced by May de-
livery advancing to well above 62 1/2,
the minimum at which the grain
stabilization corporation, commencing
tomorrow, will start to offer its Chi-
cago holdings of No. 2 hard winter
wheat against sales of September
wheat. The difference between those
two deliveries.

Wheat closed nervous, unchanged
to 1/4 cents higher, corn 1/4 to 1/2 up,
oats 3/4 to 1/2 advanced, and provisions
varying from 5 cents decline to 5
cents gain.

NOTRE DAME COACH DIES IN FLAMES

Famous Football Mentor
Passenger on Ill-Fated
Western Air Liner.

SEVEN OTHERS DIE IN TRAGIC WRECK

Plane Falls in Flames in
Pasture Several Miles
Southwest of Bazar,
Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, March 31
(AP)—Knute Rockne, famous
football coach of Notre Dame
university and seven others
were killed when a trans-con-
tinental and Western air pas-
senger and air mail plane
crashed in flames today in a
pasture several miles south-
west of Bazar, Kan.



KNUTE ROCKNE

Rockne boarded the plane here en-
route to California at 9:15 a. m. and
about 11 a. m., the ship, identified
by its department of commerce in-
crease number, crashed and burned
as it fought a fog and storm enroute
to Wichita, Kas.

The body of Rockne and the other
victims had not been definitely iden-
tified at the scene, but it was certain
the noted coach was a passenger on
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CAR WRECK IS FATAL; NAVAL OFFICER DIES

AKRON, O., March 31 (AP)—Lieuten-
ant Charles E. Bauch, 34, assigned
here as the first naval