

PASSENGERS TRANSFERRED BY AUTO BUS

Hundreds Taken Around Washouts Between Umatilla and La Grande.

FLOOD CONTINUES TO RECEDE TODAY

Conditions Locally Nearly Normal With Little Damage — State Highways are in Fair Shape.

La Grande and Union county people, residing within the limited areas that suffered from floods yesterday and Tuesday night, were digging out and cleaning up today, and surveying the damage done—mostly limited to basements that had filled with water, excepting in the vicinity of the Mountain Springs station this side of Hilgard where the damage was proportionately heavy.

The river and its tributaries were receding during the night despite a rainfall yesterday and during the evening which reached 1.8 of an inch in La Grande. The temperature, which dropped to freezing point and in outlying and mountainous areas, colder weather was reported, the chill serving to check the flow of water from the hills. The sky was cloudy here this morning, but there was promise of clearer weather.

Hundreds of men at work on the situation on the Union Pacific railroad between the top of the mountains and Umatilla remained serious, with hundreds of men working to bridge the gaps cut in the track by washouts west of Meacham and east of Gibbon. Water late yesterday was pouring through the U. P. tunnel on the other side of Pendleton, and no trains were running this morning between La Grande and Umatilla. Railroad service between Portland and Spokane from Umatilla had been resumed.

Bridging the washouts may not be completed until the last of the week, officials here late yesterday it might take from three to five days to finish the job and resume through train movements.

In the meantime, the railroad was dispatching eastbound trains from La Grande on regular schedules and westbound trains were stopping here, turning around and going eastward.

Passengers and mail were being transported between La Grande and Umatilla by Union Pacific auto trucks, although there was no service last night in the interests of safety.

Yesterday about 10 o'clock the first stage moved out of here for the west with 30 passengers, and was followed by another stage with 20 passengers.

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MORE LIQUID RUNS THROUGH LOCAL SEWER

There was another flood this morning in La Grande—one that brought out the flood of some of the various other sentiments to others. The flood occurred in the alley off Elm street a little distance from the city hall and was caused by a considerable crowd, stationed in a semi-circle around the flood source.

Nature, however, was not to blame—this was a man-made flood, one made liquid. Every liquid, one might say.

You see, the police dumped the last year or two's accumulation of liquor into the sewer. Chief of Police Clint Haynes poured (but there was no tea table) and Officer Bill Howard and City Manager A. B. Cherry helped carry the dozens of bottles, ranging from flasks to those of jug size, from the police station to the scene of the annual party.

Dr. Olson To Make Oil Survey Here

Dr. David E. Olson, geologist, who is to make an oil survey of the Grande Ronde valley for information purposes only, expects to arrive in La Grande today or tomorrow, according to a telephone message received from him by the chamber of commerce.

Unity where drilling is being carried on in search of an oil gusher.

The movement is being carried on by members of the chamber of commerce who believe that an oil survey would be valuable to the Grande Ronde valley. Dr. Olson will be the speaker at a formal luncheon of the chamber after the survey, which is expected to require from three to four days.

SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (AP)—Serious complications in the Franco-Italian naval negotiations as a result of additional French demands were indicated today in dispatches received at the state department from American representatives in Europe.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair tonight and Friday.

7 a. m.—above.

Minimum: 32 above.

Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 46, minimum 37 above.

Condition: Cloudy, traces of snow, rain 1.6 of inch.

WEATHER APR. 2, 1930

Maximum 73, minimum 34 above.

Condition: Clear.

Legislators Are Honor Guests At Union Banquet

Herbert Chandler, New President of Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, Gives Address.

A very enthusiastic and interesting meeting was held at Union last evening in the interests of the Eastern Oregon Livestock show.

A fine banquet was served at 6:30 o'clock at the Union hotel to about 75 members and guests. While the banquet was in progress the Union High school orchestra furnished a splendid program of music.

Between numbers two young men, dressed as cowboys, contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion by reciting a composition, dedicated to Herbert Chandler, of Baker, the new president of the stock show association, and another one to the Union Wallows and Baker county legislators.

Mr. Chandler responded with an oration entitled "An Ode To The Bull," which brought great applause. G. I. Hess, vice president of the association, in a laudatory speech introduced Mr. Chandler.

Following the banquet the members of the legislature and newspaper men were introduced and the former were called on for short addresses.

Senators Fred E. Kiddle and Colon R. Eberhard and Representative L. F. Allen, all of Hilgard, each expressed their appreciation of the splendid spirit of co-operation that exists between the various interests in Eastern Oregon which has made possible the success of the Eastern Oregon Livestock show, and congratulated the members in securing such splendid leadership for the organization.

Each one told one or more incidents that occurred during the recent legislative session to demonstrate the feeling of all the legislators that the Eastern Oregon Livestock show is such a worthwhile project that it should be aided in every legitimate way.

Herbert was expressed that Senator W. H. Strayer and Representative A. V. Swift, of Baker county, were unable to attend, and a tribute was paid to them for the assistance given in securing the legislation. Bernard H. Hald, of the Baker Democrat, spoke for them expressing their kindly feeling and desire to assist in promoting the welfare of the organization.

In closing, President Chandler said the purpose of the stock show

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E. O. N. Debate Team Home From Trip Into Idaho

The girls' debating team of the Eastern Oregon Normal school returned last night from a trip into Idaho, which was their first experience in the field.

The team, which was composed of Miss Grace Herr and Miss Lucille Hudson, accompanied by Miss Zabel, while on the tour they met the girls' debating team of the Northwest Nazarene college, at Nampa on Monday, and the College of Idaho at Caldwell, on Tuesday, the Normal school winning both trips.

The question which they upheld during the season was "Resolved: That the nations of the world should adopt a policy of free trade."

Starmer Speaks At Wednesday Night Service

Rev. W. H. Hertzog, pastor of the Methodist church, will be the soloist for the evening at last night's service.

Rev. B. Marcus Godwin, Baptist minister, led the singing, and Mr. Hertzog read the scripture.

HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

Thursday, 7:30—"A Christian Experience," St. Peter's Episcopal church, Fourth and O.

Friday, 7:30—"Jesus Christ, the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever," Methodist Episcopal church, Fourth and Spring.

The sacrifices of Christ, who died on the cross out of love for man, were pointed out by Rev. A. J. Starmer, pastor of the Methodist church, at the third in a series of union services being held during Holy Week. The church was well filled and the service one of the most interesting of the series.

"Christ Our All" was the topic on which Mr. Starmer spoke. He stated that men are helpless without Christ, and that He is the one great friend who can go beyond the grave. Great sacrifices are made by earthly friends, Mr. Starmer stated, but they are very small compared to the great sacrifice made by Christ.

The events leading up to Easter will be presented tomorrow evening by Rev. W. H. Hertzog, pastor of the Methodist church, who will speak at St. Peter's church on "A Christian Experience."

Harvey, of John was the soloist for the evening at last night's meeting. Rev. B. Marcus Godwin, Baptist minister, led the singing, and Mr. Hertzog read the scripture.

Brothers Murder Case Up To Jury

CHICAGO, Apr. 2 (AP)—The murder case against Leo Brothers, charged with the assassination of the Tribune police reporter, Alfred "Lucky" Lindge, was placed in the hands of a criminal court jury at 2:24 p. m. today.

The 12 men, qualified to assess the death penalty, were told in the prosecution's last argument that "no penalty is too severe" for "this cold blooded, cowardly murder."

NEW OFFICERS OF B. P. O. E.



New officers of the Elks lodge will take their positions tonight. They are pictured above: Left to right, back row: Sherwood Williams, called knight; E. R. Carey, est. lecturer; knight; E. Williams, est. leading knight; front row: W. R. Winters, secretary; R. Kitchin, est. leading knight; C. L. Thompson, P. E. R. and delegate to grand lodge.

BAND TO LEAVE HERE TONIGHT

Play at Assembly This Morning—Railroad Provides Transportation.

The High school band is drilling here to Corvallis to perfect its repertoire for the state band contest at Corvallis Saturday. The band entertained the members of the Rotary club at their noon meeting yesterday, and played its group of contest numbers again at the High school assembly at 1:00 o'clock today.

The factor of transportation from here to Corvallis is giving no end to difficulty, however. The band originally planned to charter a bus for the trip, but later decided to go by train, when it was found possible to take advantage of the unusually low Easter rates. Then the recent storm, which washed out the tracks between here and Umatilla, upset the plan. It is now necessary to go to Umatilla by bus and take the train from there. But in any event, the band is assured by the Union Pacific system that some means of transportation will be provided. The band leaves tonight.

Thirty musicians were at first chosen to make the trip, but William Cooper, who plays the clarinet, recently became ill of intestinal flu and will be unable to go.

30 BANDS ENTER CONTEST

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 2 (AP)—With 30 bands of 619 members entered for the eighth annual band contest, the largest gathering of high school musicians ever to assemble in Oregon, will begin today at the University of Washington in Seattle. Marie, a sophomore at Willamette university, and Lyle, a high school student, are the two grand prize winners. Dorothy Jean and Nadine Ledbetter.

Brothers and sisters surviving are: Mrs. Nora Wright and Floyd McKennon, of Portland; Mrs. Alice Wright, Mandan, N. Dak.; Mrs. Ira Keltner, New York City; Mrs. Fannie Shackett, of Sheridan, Ore.; Bliss McKennon, of Woodland, Cal., and Frank and Routh McKennon, of the valley.

She is survived by her husband and the following children: Edna, of Baker; Mrs. Ruby Loeppich of Muddy Creek; Eva, a member of the Lewiston High school faculty; Edna, a member of the Western High school faculty; Glenn, going advanced work at the University of Washington in Seattle; Marie, a sophomore at Willamette university; and Lyle, a high school student. She also leaves two grandchildren, Dorothy Jean and Nadine Ledbetter.

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MRS. HODGIN IS APPOINTED TO LIBRARY BOARD

Mrs. Minnie E. Hodgin was appointed a member of the La Grande library board, succeeding C. M. Hunt, who resigned.

The question of sidewalk repairs in front of the Piggy Bank, on Adams and the C. E. Happersett place on Seventh were referred to City Manager A. B. Cherry. P. J. Wiggly submitted a bid on the Piggy Bank job in the amount of \$35.

The commission's attention was called to a court order authorizing the destruction of intoxicating liquor held by the city.

An application by Mrs. C. H. Sylvie to operate the Savoy hotel was referred to the city manager and Police Chief A. C. Haynes.

The salary list for March, in the amount of \$585.79 was ordered paid by warrant.

The city manager reported on local flood conditions, also stating that he had ordered 20 sets of Dresser cup clamps for the Adams avenue pipeline, and had signed a protection contract with the Standard Oil company for gas line repairs.

The cash on hand at the end of the week ending Mar. 28 was given as \$22,399.59, divided as follows: La Grande National bank, \$10,024.11; U. S. National bank, \$11,919.29; cash \$446.69.

Elks Lodge Will Install Officers

Tonight, after a year of active service for his brother Elks, Chester L. Thompson will become a past exalted ruler of the lodge, and his place will be filled by Sherwood Williams, former esteemed leading knight. Impressive ceremonies will mark the end of the old year and the beginning of a new year under new leadership tonight at 8 o'clock at the Elks temple.

Officers, elected on March 3, who will be installed tonight are Mr. Williams, exalted ruler; R. J. Kitchin, esteemed leading knight; B. E. Williams, esteemed leading knight; R. Carey, esteemed lecturer; knight; C. Kennedy, trustee; T. W. Ruckman, treasurer; W. R. Winters, secretary; F. B. Lee, Tyler.

Other members of the board of trustees are F. J. Henning and J. H. Fears, whose terms do not expire this year.

During the last year positions were held by Mr. Thompson, exalted ruler; Mr. Williams, esteemed leading knight; Mr. Williams, lecturer; knight; Mr. Winters, secretary; Mr. Ruckman, treasurer; Mr. Lee, Tyler; Mr. Carey, exalted ruler; Mr. Winters, French or Greek, returning to Europe from the Argentine.

NORTHWEST IS NEAR NORMAL AFTER FLOOD

Residents Checking up on Damage and Making Plans For Repairs.

SLIDES BLOCKADE RIVER HIGHWAYS

Walla Walla Using Water From Wells and Spring—Considerable Damage is Reported.

PENDLETON, Ore., April 2 (AP)—Losses from the high water with which Walla Walla is still struggling aggregate approximately \$20,000. One wholesale firm was damaged to the extent of \$12,000. The levee along the city water front escaped damage, but will be surveyed for possible weakness and means adopted to prevent future inundation.

The reported drowning of a Greek farmer yesterday, appeared groundless today.

Some reseeded and plowing will be done in the west end of the county where water is still standing over lowland.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 2 (AP)—The flood menace halted all main line railroads in Oregon were operating today except between La Grande and Umatilla where large crews of men were bridging a 1,100 foot washout. The Tillamook branch of the

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EMPLOYEES OF DEPARTMENT ARE DROPPED

SALEM, Apr. 2 (AP)—Further curtailment in the number of employees of the state industrial accident department will be made during today, Charles T. Early, chairman of the new commission, announced. Following the discharge of more than a half dozen employees yesterday, the commission expects to readjust the entire department, and combine several departments.

Walter J. Page, who has been selected to succeed Mr. Early, has been in claim agent for the past 13 years. Page was one of the first men to be relieved by the commission. Dr. Andrew C. Smith of Portland, was elected official physician for the accident commission to succeed Dr. Fred Thompson of Salem. The commission also announced that it had selected Dr. J. H. Hoskins, of Woodland, as its official physician for the past four years has been in charge of the vocational education branch in Portland.

East Oregon Road Oiling Discussed

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 2 (AP)—J. C. Compton, McMinville, entered a low bid of \$14,712 on the Kamela Union section of the Old Oregon Trail.

PORTLAND, Apr. 2 (AP)—Bids for construction of a large bridge over the Willamette river, north of Florence, for ferry service across Alsea and Yaquina bays, to be considered by the state highway commission at its meeting here today, gave promise of an early completion of the Oregon coast highway. The Cape Creek bridge is the last of the large spans required.

The Wallace cut-off was another project to be taken up. Grading of the Gate Creek-Nimrod section of the McMinville highway, and the Kamela-Union section of the Old Oregon Trail, and resurfacing of the Nye-Pilot Rock section of the Oregon-Washington highway, all were to be discussed.

Theatre Magnate To Get New Trial

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2 (AP)—Alexander Pantages, theatre magnate, today.

An appellate court order granting him a new trial on charges of criminally assaulting Eunice Pringle, youthful dancer, in his Los Angeles office two years ago, was affirmed by the state supreme court.

Increased Number of Fish And Birds Released in Last 2 Years

A total increase of 467,495 fish were "planted" in the state game commission, and the sportsmen of La Grande, Mr. Cornell was able to do a great deal with a constructive program for the betterment of game conditions. Law enforcement was aided by Charles McClees, district game warden, and A. M. Pich, chief game warden, both stationed in Portland, who worked with Mr. Cornell.

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WAGE SCALES MAINTAINED, HOOVER SAYS

Expresses Pleasure With Action Taken by Leading Industries.

FAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE REPORTED

Europe Continues the Larger Buyer of American Goods — Soviet Russia Buying More.

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—President Hoover was described at the White House today as highly pleased that leading industries stood by him in maintaining wage scales during business recession.

It was said Mr. Hoover was deeply appreciative of the fact that since the depression hit the country there have been no strikes, no general wage reductions and no social dislocation. This was described as unique in the history of business recessions.

President Hoover, when the depression began, called a conference of leading industrialists and urged that wage scales be maintained for at least a year. The year has passed and the general agreement was described as having been maintained far beyond the time first agreed to. Mr. Hoover, it was added, will continue to advocate the maintenance of wage scales and has received no indications of any organized movement to bring them down.

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—The United States had a favorable foreign trade balance of \$49,305,938 in February, commerce department figures showed today.

Europe continued the largest buyer of American goods by a large margin in February, that country's purchases being valued at \$19,624,313.

The only country which bought more goods from the United States during February than it did in February 1930 was Soviet Russia. During the month the Russians purchased \$21,593,013 worth of goods as compared with \$19,624,313.

MYSTERY OF OHIO FIRE IS SOLVED

Two Convicts Confess Starting Flames That Were Fatal to 320 Men.

COLUMBUS, O., Apr. 2 (AP)—Sole responsibility for the fire that took the lives of 320 prisoners at Ohio penitentiary last April 21 rested today on the shoulders of two men.

The confession of the two men, who were indicted last month, was the result of a long investigation by the federal narcotic bureau here and Mr. Medall's office. Major Joseph A. Manning, head of the bureau, led the raiders.

Commission To See Changes, Is Meier's Report

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Holmes is specifically charged with having failed to arrest Jeil Chambers who escaped from the Benton county jail.

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One of them, laughing perhaps as he acted, turned in a false alarm for a joke on the firemen. On their way to the supposed fire a small automobile got in the way of their truck and the driver swerved to one side to save the lives of three persons in the passenger car. The truck hit a trolley pole.

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Women Outwit Former Banker Of Beemer, Neb.

Paul Wupper, 54, Accused of Embezzlement, Non-Support and Bigamy — Held in Jail.

PHILADELPHIA, April 2 (AP)—Police circulars sent out two years ago, picturing a dapper, good looking man, carried the notation "quite a ladies man."

Today that man, emaciated, hollow-cheeked, sits in a city hall cell, admitting he was outwitted by two women after eluding police.

Paul Wupper, 54, self-confessed embezzler, former mayor and bank president of Beemer, Neb., and charged with bigamy, attributed his arrest to the mother-in-law of his second wife, who, he said, had an uncanny ability to "read his mind."

It was his conscience, weighing the fear that his second wife, who had been his mistress for years, "knew everything" that led him to confess, as he awaited a continued hearing on non-support and bigamy charges.

Her Love Is Cold

After leaving Beemer in September 1928, he wandered aimlessly about. Finally arriving here under the name of Frederick Brinkman, he met and married the woman who was to cause his undoing. She was, he said, but doesn't now.

Two weeks ago a prologue was staged in domestic relations court, before Judge Edwin Frank Gable, in which the man confessed to his wife "knew too much."

She had trailed him to New York, carrying her own warrant, and had him arrested for desertion and non-support. Then at the hearing cross examining him in the manner of a skilled barrister, she began to hint at bigamy.

Hints at Bigamy

"Now, as a matter of fact," she hinted at him, "I'm sure you had another wife before you married me?" "You didn't ask me," he replied.

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Ton Or More Of Narcotics Taken By U. S. Agents

NEW YORK, April 2 (AP)—Federal agents aided by attachés of the United States attorney's office raided the headquarters of the A. B. Express company today and seized 2000 pounds of opium valued conservatively at \$115,000.

NEW YORK, April 2 (AP)—Federal Attorney Medall announced today a seizure of federal agents had raided a store in Greenwich Village, where between one and two tons of narcotics. The contraband was valued roughly at \$1,120,000 per ton.

The seizure was made in the largest ever made in this district. Abraham Goodman, alleged proprietor of the A. B. Trucking company on Hudson street, in whose office the narcotics were found, was arrested. Agents said they believed he was connected with the same ring as Al Spitzer and Abe Stein, who were indicted last month.

The raid was the culmination of a long investigation by the federal narcotic bureau here and Mr. Medall's office. Major Joseph A. Manning, head of the bureau, led the raiders.

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QUAKE DEATH TOLL HIGHER IN MANAGUA

Estimate More Than 2000 Persons Killed in Nicaragua Tremors.

MARINES BRING NEEDED RELIEF

Heroic Work of American Doctors Save Scores — Fresh Shocks Occur During Night.

By William H. Ewing
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MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 2 (AP)—With 600 bodies recovered from the ruins, Colonel Frederick L. Bradman, U. S. M. C., in charge of the relief work today, estimated the total dead from the earthquake at 2000 persons.

The excavating of bodies continued throughout the day and more were being taken out hourly.

Meanwhile, new shocks occurred. Two tremors during the night shook down a number of rocky houses still standing. The hardest one appeared about 4 a. m. awakening out-door sleepers who had scattered to the outskirts of the city to rest on cots, benches and on the ground.

Natives Hunt Belongings

At daybreak, hundreds