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EQUIPMENT IS

Plans Made to Drill on

Plans Made to Drill on Hutchinson Farm Southwest of Town, west of Town, west of Town, GAS AT 3 LEVELS

Material For Derrick is Being Hauled From La Grande — Machinery Comes From West,

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)

UNION, April 23 (Special) — The W. H. Hutchinson farm approximately one mile south and west of Union has become the meca for many travelers during the past few days. Visitors have come the meca for many travelers during the past few days Visitors have come the meca for many travelers during the past few days. A short time back, while drilling for water on the ranch indications of gas and oil were found. Dr. David Eugen Olsen, scientific - petrolometer geologist was called in to make survey of the land and after a careful example of the land and after a careful example of the land and after a careful example in the same as found in other oil districts. His survey shows that there are three oil sands; the first to be reached at a depth of about 1,000 feet, the second at about 200 feet, Between the last depth and \$2,00 feet, Grat about sea level, a heavy gas and oil flow will be found he believed, as a bout so feet from the Hutchinson home, on the hillside and tested, as a bout 300 feet from the Hutchinson home, on the hillside and tested, as a commercial and the sea of the state of the state of the state of the last depth and survey of the state of the last depth and survey of the state of the stat should produce gas in commercial quantities.

Dr. Olsen's statements led to the decision to sink a test well. Dr. Olsen selected the site of this test well at about 300 feet from the Hutchinson home, on the hillside lying in the curve of the railroad designated by railroad men as Windy Point. The well will be christened the Blue Mountain Oil well, the individual operator of which has not as yet been made known. The work of sinking the well will go forward immediately as the preliminary work has already been begun. Mr. Hutchinson and his men are at work grading and preparing the ground for the 84-foot derrick, that will be installed within the next few days. The material for the derrick is being hauled from La Grande and it will be erected by a man expert in that line.

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from Portland consisting of two truck
loads of steel cables and other machlnery. The trucks were unable to
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well site and it was necessary to unload and complete the haul with

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The annual track and field day for the 1674 students of the five grade schools in the La Grande public school system will be held on Friday afternoon. May 15, it is announced today. Announcement of officials, events, etc. will be made later, but according to present plans the mass games will be run first this year in order that smaller children, who are entered in the various teams, will not be required to remain at the track in the event they become too weary to enjoy the succeeding events. The field day is an annual event, with boys and girls participating, and entering a huge parade through the business section preceding the track and field events.

Various schools already are practicing diligently for the honors.

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Moderate east becoming south winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—38 above. Minimum: 34 above. Condition: Partly cloudy. WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 49, minimum 32

above. Condition: Mostly clear.

WEATHER APR. 23, 1930 Maximum 74, minimum 49 above.
Condition: Clear during day,
rain .14 of inch.

Juniors Making Ready To Stage

Play "Daddies" Skit Presented at High School Today-Presentation Will be Next

Thursday, Friday.

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Tigers Leaving **Tonight to Take** Part In Relays

The La Grande High school track and field team will enter an event entirely new in its history when the Tigers compete in the state relays at Eugene Saturday. Coach Ira Woodie is taking nine athletes to the Uni-versity City, part of them leaving on train and part in automobiles to-night.

Because Joe Malcewicz, Utica panther, was so severely hurt in a wrestling match in San Francisco, that he is still confined in a Frisco hospital. Ray McCarroll announced at today that the match scheduled for Friday at the Eagles hall between Malcewicz and Wild Bill Donovan, would be cancelled. Mr. McCarroll decided to call off the match rather than substitute, although he had already gone to considerable expense for advertising. He announced that a match would be held as soon as suitable wrestling talent could be arranged for, and plans to go to Portland this weekend to endeavor to schedule a couple of headiners. Malcewicz suffered a severe eye injury, and was unable to meet Ira Dern in Portland last night, Charley Hansen, of Seattle, substituting for the easterner.

Stoffer Funeral Will Be Friday

The funeral of Mrs. Martha May Louenn Stoffer, who passed away Monday evening, will be held Friday afternoon at 2 oclock from the chapel of Walker's Funneral Home. Bishop Grant Bean will have charge of the services and burlal will be in the family plot in Summerville cemetery.

PRISONERS IN

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Governor and Treasurer

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The demonstration last night was preceded by several smaller ones during the penitentiary hearing and since that time, but nothing which was declared unusual until last night. The penitentiary hearing was held before the board of control on charges of incompetency placed against Meyers by Governor Julius L. Meier. Meier requested the dismissal of the superintendent, and it is known that Tom Kay, state treasurer is opposed to the move. The matter was taken under advisement by Secretary Hal E. Hoss, who will cast the deciding vote.

Both the governor and Kay are anxious that the matter be settled at once, and expect Hoss to return from Portland today at which time a board meeting may be called. The governor will leave Salem today for the weekend, to fill several speaking

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ASSEMBLY HONORS J. H. ACKERMAN

Seventh Grade at Training School Presents Program at E. O. N.

In honor of J. H. Ackerman, for a number of years president of the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth, and the man for whom the Training school at the Eastern Oregon Normal school was named, the seventh grade of the J. H. Ackerman Training school presented an assembly at the Normal school yesterday. The life and work of this man, one of the foremost educators in the state who began his professional life as a teacher in the rural schools, but who won his way to the top of the list, was described.

From information and material re-

Winds Continue Over the State; Fires Reported

Danger of Flaming For-ests Great — One Death and Three Injuries Caused by Storm.

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CITY DADS IN MEETING; MINOR BUSINESS UP

Matters mainly of a routine nature were before the city commission meeting last night at the city hall. An ordinance declaring the cost of lighting improvement district No. 4 at 84108.11 and announcing assessments, was passed. The city manager's weekly report included announcement that two street lights had been installed at the Normal school, that the remainder of the city books and records have been returned from the Baker court house, and that definquent water issus have been reduced in numbers materially. The balance was listed at \$16,259.12, divided as follows: La Grande National bank \$8141.58, U. S. National bank \$7028.52 and cash \$489.02.

A resident of the district asked that a light be installed on S and Greenwood and also complained of broken sidewalk and piles of debris near the John Mars property. Mr. Cherry, city manager, stated that the city was powerless to remove the debris, etc. until building permits—allowing use of the streets—had expired. He promised to investigate the light situation.

Rahn Services Are Announced Today

Board of Education Explains Plan To Solve Free Textbook Problem

The recent passage of a state law requiring that school districts shall furnish elementary school textbooks at a public expense brings the La Grande board of education and passage with the problem of how these books may be provided without placing an indue burden upon the taxpayers.

The new law is effective with the apping of the 1931-32 school year, next fail, and if it were necessary to supply all books at that time the taxpayers of the district would have to contribute a total of nearly \$12,000 in addition to the regular budget. In order to protect the taxpayers and in different to the parents of school children in carrying out the following plan.

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DEFENDANTS SENTENCED: TOOZE FREED

Portland Attorney Acquit-ted by Federal Jury of Conspiracy Charge.

BROWN IS GIVEN TERM IN PRISON

Bouthellier and Seven Others Facing Confine-ment — Elsie Hodgson Gets Parole.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 23 (4) — Joseph Brown, alleged ringleader of a Pacific Northwest liquor syndicate, convicted last night on a liquor con-spiracy charge, was today sentenced to 18 months in federal prison. Rudolph Bouthellier, convicted on Rudolph Boutheiller, convicted on a conspiracy count, was sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison, and to six months in jail on a liquor naw violation charge. Elsie Hodgson was given a suspended sentence of one year.

The three were convicted on conspiracy charges, upon which 36 persons were indicted by the federal grand jury.

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Seven others acquitted of conspiracy, were convicted on other counts charging sale, possession and transportation of liquor. They were sentenced as follows:
Earl Trowbridge, Jack Kelly, Dominick Mussoratite and Wilford La Jesse, 8500 fine each; James Short, \$400 fine: Gus J. Daskoslos, \$100 fine; Fank Bouthellier, brother of Rudolph, ten months in jall.
While Walter L. Tooze Jr., Portland attorney, and 12 others were acquitted of the conspiracy charge.

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PORTLAND. Apr. 23 (4) — Art M ish, chief of law enforcement for be state game commission, left to ay for Pendleton where lie will aprear as a witness in the trial of laniey Stubblefield, accused of ilegal possession of elk meat.

Considerable attention has been irected to the case in Umattila, Pish sid, as there is some question as to Hanley Stubblefield, accused of illegal possession of elk meat.
Considerable attention has been directed to the case in Umatilla, Piah said, as there is some question as to whether or not the meat found in Stubblefield's automobile was in fact clk meat.
Prof. E. T. Sims of Oregon State college, will testify as to tests he made of the meat in an attempt to identify it.

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NOTED NEUROLOGIST DIES

PHILADELPHIA, April 23 (P) — Drinnels X. Dercum, noted neurolo-ist and president of the American intlosophical Society, died suddenly day as he was about to open the nual meeting of the scientific or-anization founded by Benjamin yanklin.

Franklin
Dr. Dercum, who had been ill, toppled over as he sat in the president's
chair surrounded by scientific men
lie died in an adjourning room in a
few minutes.

Baseball Today

All National league baseball games
postponed today on account of rain

POETESS IN

Miss Ella Young, 63-year-old Irish poetess, who finally con-vinced immigration authorities that she is able to support her-self and gained permission to re-enter the United States after be-ing held at the Canadian bor-der for months.

RAILROADS LOOK FOR BETTER DAYS

Executives Appear to be Optimistic, M. W. Harrison Reports.

Giant shade trees were toppled over, it being estimated that 500 were down in Ogden, including half those in the two city parks.

Elected at O. S. C.

SEAHURST PARK, SUSSEX, England, April 23 (#) — Air Vice Marshal Pellon, Vessey Holt, commander of the air defences of Creat Britain, was killed today in an simplane collision. His pilot, Flight Lieutenant Henry Moody, also was killed but the occupant of the other plane escaped injury.

All National league baseball games postponed today on account of rain and cold.

Russian Lumber Off Providence; Plan Examination

If Cargo is Northern Spruce, Treasury Offic-ials Will Not Permit it to Enter U. S.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Apr. 23 (P)—Admission or rejection of the soviets "test case" cargo of lumber, which arrived here today aboard the Finniah tramp steamer Anversolse, rests with the commissioner of customs at Washington.

All facts gathered by federal officers here today, together with evidence submitted by the A. C. Dutton Lumber company, consignees, were being forwarded to Washington, and local customs officials said a decision was hoped for tomorrow.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Apr. 23 (P)—
The Finnish steamer Anversoise, loaded with 4,000,000 feet of lumber from the soviet republic, arrived off quarantine at Field's Point early this morning. The cargo is expected to furnish the first test case as to the validity of Russian lumber for import into this country. The treasury department decreed an embargo against such imports Feb. 10, unless the shippers can prove the imports are not produced by convict labor.

AWAIT EXAMINATION
WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (P)—Treasury officials today awaited examination of the cargo of Russian lumber which arrived at Providence to determine whether Russia had really sent a cargo to test treasury regulations barring convict produced lumber or had only made a gesture to satisfy home insistence for action.

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It was announced in Eussia that the shipment was to test the regula-tions barring lumber produced in Russian forests north of latitude 80 unless it could be shown convict la-bor did not enter into the produc-tion but treasury information was that the lumber was spruce from the forests of Southern Russia where no question of convict labor has been

Elected at O. S. C.

Lumber Mill Will Reopen, Is Report

GRANTS PASS, Orc., Apr. 23 (A)—Re-opening of the Swede Basin Lumber company mills was announced here today by G. H. Kesterson, part Owner. For the present only a day shift will be employed, with a wage reduction of 20 per cent. Nearly a half million feet of logs are already in the pond.

Struck by Automobile Driven by John Stringer Near Huntington.

INJURY FOLLOWED QUARREL, REPORT

Stringer is Arraigned in Court on Charge of Malicious Destruction of

BAKER, Ore., Apr. 23 (49)—Robert
N. Stanfield, former United States
senator, was critically injured last
night near Huntington when he was
struck by an automobile driven by
John Stringer, foreman of the H. B.,
Duif company sheep ranch.
Physiclans were unable to move
Stanfield because of his condition.
He was unconsolous part of the night
but railled slowly this morning.
Follows Altercation
Wilnesses said Stanfield's injuries
followed an altercation between himself and Stringer whom he has accused of cutting a fence on land said
to be leased by the Stanfield feeder
company.
Stringer approached Stanfield and

company.
Stringer approached Stanfield and requested him not to close the fence.
Witnesses declared Stringer turned about and entered his car. He put the machine in gear and it lesped forward directly at Stanfield who was thrown in front of the car and run

thrown in front of the car and run over.

Stringer rafused to talk except to deny he deliberately drove the car as Stanfield had been repairing the fence in front of the road leading from the highway across hand leased by him to a sheep shearing plant owned and operated on Duff land.

Stringer was arraigned in justice court today on a charge of malacious destruction of fence, and released under \$500 bond. He will enter a plea next Tuesday.

CAPETOWN, South Africa (47)—
South Africa has two southpaws in the three Davis cup players who sail this month for Europe.

They are Louis Raymond, who has just won the South African champlonship for the sixth time, and V. G. Kirby, a young star.

The third member is Norman Farquharson, who showed Californians what he could do by carrying Does into five sets.

RULE TO ELIMINATE TIES SUCCESS IN HOCKEY LOOP

DULUTH, Minn. (3) — Changing the American Hockey league rules relative to overtime play and tile games was a distinct success.

Only eight league games were left deadlocked this season, compared to 4H stalemates the year before.

The new rule eliminated the giving of one point credit for a tie and atipulated 20 instead of 10-minute overtimes. St. Louis played its 47 games without a single tie.

Wheat Today

LICENSE REVOKED

AMERICAN LEAGUE

SALEM, Apr. 23 (F) — Charles 'A. Coodwin, assistant corporation commissioner today announced the department had revoked the Heenes of the Paul E. Williams company, brokers, to operate in Oregon. The reason given was alleged defaultation, in listing securities on the partial payment plan.

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