

TOWN ONCE OF 300, HAS ONE FAMILY

Maxville, Ore., Its School
Closed, Is Nearing
Last Days.

ONLY ONE MAN IS EMPLOYED TODAY

W. F. Matthes, Postmas-
ter and Company Store-
Keeper, Still Drawing
Pay Envelope.

Credit sawmill operations with the local record for increasing and decreasing populations, for building and tearing down communities, is a thing of the past. In 1920, when the Grande Ronde Lumber company was operating here, dropped to 145 in 1930, with the sawmill plant removed.

The Big Creek election precinct, including Medical Springs, had a population of 140 in 1920. Then the sawmill moved to a point within the precinct, established a town called Pondosa, and in 1930, when the census was taken, the population had jumped to 125 persons.

One Family at Maxville
Now comes the latest development. In 1920 there was no Maxville, in Wallawa county. The last census taken was in 1920, when the population was 300. Yesterday the Observer received a story from Mrs. M. F. Raymond, correspondent for Maxville, stating that Maxville, too, goes into the list of once thriving but soon forgotten communities.

"Five years ago there were 300 men employed here with 100 families, living in company houses. The payroll was between \$25,000 and \$30,000 monthly," Mrs. Raymond writes.

Work finished in November. The hotel contained more than 100 beds and was usually full. Seven locomotives were kept busy getting out timber to supply mills at Wallawa and Grand Rapids. The logs were taken out last November. There was a fully equipped hospital here with a resident physician and many babies first saw the light of day at Maxville.

"A modern three-room school house

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BIG SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY AT GOLF LINKS

A busy day is scheduled for tomorrow at the country club golf course with three tournaments arranged. The first round of the spring handicap must be completed by noon Sunday, and any matches not completed will result in forfeitures.

During the day, the golfers' tournament will be held, and also, in the afternoon, a husband and wife foursome tournament will be played, with couples to select their own opponents.

Portland Student Wins Poster Prize

PRINEVILLE, Ore., May 23 (AP) — Jack K. Zuber, Jefferson high school, Portland, was awarded first place in the state poster contest conducted by the American Legion auxiliary, according to an announcement yesterday by Mrs. L. D. Cobb, department chairman of the contest.

Dan Olsen of Medford high school, and Blanche Moser, Silverton high school, were awarded honorable mention.

David Mobley, Buckman school, Portland, won first place in the Junior school division.

Evelyn Edwards, 6th grade, Washington school, Medford, won first in the intermediate grade class.

The state contest was open to students from the fourth to the twelfth grade. A prize of \$10 was given to those placing first. Nearly 150 posters representing 58 schools were entered.

Mrs. John Couch Severely Injured

By Mrs. William Wiggins
(Observer Correspondent)

LOSTINE, Ore., (Special) — Mrs. John Couch, of the Leap country, was thrown from a horse yesterday and was severely injured. Somehow her sweater, which she was wearing at the time caught in the saddle and she was thrown from the animal and in which time, the horse kicked her in the face, breaking her nose and causing other injuries. She is in a critical condition.

WEATHER FOR WEEK
Far western states: The outlook is for normal temperatures, with a fairly heavy rain or snow shower, but with the probability of showers the first part of the week in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Northern California.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Sunday, showers in the extreme west portion, moderate temperature, moderate changeable winds offshore.

Police Dog That Bit Girl Rabid, Report Reveals

State Board of Health
Find Traces of Rabies
—Miss Milne to Receive
Serum Injection.

The police dog which attacked and injured Margaret Milne last Wednesday was suffering from rabies, it was learned today. Mr. Milne shot and buried the dog immediately after the incident occurred but, although Margaret's wound appeared to be healing satisfactorily, her physician recommended that the dog's head be sent to the state health department at Portland where an examination of the brain would reveal whether or not the dog had rabies.

A telegram was received this morning, stating that the dog's brain did show the existence of rabies. Margaret will therefore be given an injection of the serum which prevents the development of the disease which would otherwise appear in about 10 days.

Warns Local People
The doctor wishes to warn the people of La Grande that other dogs also may have rabies, and the smallest bites should receive immediate attention. A dog which has bitten a person should be tied or locked up where it can be observed for several days; if it fails to develop any symptoms of madness or hydrophobia it can then be released if the owner wishes. If the dog is shot, however,

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Steiner, Butler To Attend Show Held At Union

(By Mrs. L. Z. Terrill,
Observer Correspondent)

UNION, Ore., May 23 (Special) — Senator Frederick Steiner, of Pendleton, and Congressman R. B. Butler, of the Dalles, have accepted the invitation of the Union Livestock Show association to attend at least one and maybe two days of the stock show according to word received by D. Smith, secretary of the association. Each will address the stock show audience on the days they attend.

Social emphasis is being made by the stock show management this year on the reduced admission prices, which it is hoped will encourage better attendance. All children under the age of 14 years who do not have exhibits will be admitted to the first day to take advantage of the free admission tickets. Adults will appreciate the reduction of general admission tickets 50 per cent.

Second Fire In Less Than Day Causes Damage

Fire, apparently starting from a defective fuse, gutted the interior of a hotel here yesterday, causing a loss of many hundreds of dollars. The estimate as to the loss was not available today.

This was the third damaging fire that has occurred here recently, and was the second in less than 20 hours. The fire truck made a quick run to the scene and, after about 15 minutes with the blaze extinguished.

The house was owned by Mrs. James. Furniture belonging to the present occupants was mostly saved.

Crow, Maggie Shoot Set For Tomorrow

Sponsored by the La Grande Gun Club, the annual spring predatory bird shoot will be held over the Grande Ronde valley tomorrow, it was announced today. All shooters who start to participate are expected to start out before daylight, with the object of killing as many crows, magpies, etc., as possible.

Selling Poppies On Local Streets

American Legion auxiliary women and Camp Fire Girls are doing "their bit" today to honor the memory of the world war dead and to aid financially the war widows by selling the red memorial poppies on the streets. Mrs. Victor Eckley is chairman of the sale and is being assisted by Mrs. Bertha Plummer, Mrs. Marion Parlett, Mrs. Mae Desilet, Mrs. Vada Fallows, Mrs. Hazel Wagner, Mrs. Lillian Shevemaker, and the Camp Fire Girls.

The La Grande auxiliary, all of which of 4000 poppies, all of which were made by the veterans in the United States Veterans' hospital in Portland, and those that are not disposed of today will be sold on Thursday, Mrs. Eckley states.

Plenty of Work Is Facing Cubs

CHICAGO, May 23 (AP) — Plenty of hard work is chiefly what the Chicago Cubs need to make them snap out of their lethargy. This, at least, is the opinion of Manager Rogers Hornsby, who today brought the Bruins back home in an attempt to exact a measure of vengeance for the disappointments in the east.

The Cubs will tackle Pittsburgh in a three-game series, and Hornsby is determined to work his players until he hurts.

William L. Veeck, president of the club, came to the defense of the players, who returned from their eastern trip beaten in four out of six starts. He declared there was nothing wrong with the Cubs.

"They haven't been playing high class ball," President Veeck explained, "but every team passes through periods when it isn't clicking. The reports that Hornsby has been made to answer for the Cubs' showing in the east are not true. Hornsby is a great player and a splendid leader. Baseball will come to know that before the season is over."

GRANTS PASS DEDICATION HELD TODAY

Major General Smedley D.
Butler Drinks From
"Bucket of Blood"

MEILKE SPEAKS
AT CONFERENCE

Time for Oregonians to
"Awake," He Declares,
In Discussing Highway
Advertising.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., May 23 (AP) — Before a gaping crowd that jammed the railway station here, Major General Smedley D. Butler drank from the ceremonial "bucket of blood" and gnawed raw flesh as part of the ritual of the Oregon cave-men clan.

The ritual was performed publicly shortly after he reached here to be the speaker of the day at the dedication of the new Rogue river \$125,000 bridge.

The general was cracked with the crowd while sound-movie machines ground away.

O. W. Melke Speaks
Declaring it is time Oregonians "awake to the absurdity" of spending a hundred million dollars of tax money on highways without spending one-twentieth of that sum for advertising these roads, O. W. Melke, president of On-To-Oregon, Inc., spoke to members of the all-Pacific coast advertising conference here last night.

Oregon officials, he said, are in favor of a business-like plan but none advertising personally to "start the ball rolling."

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STATE ENGINEER DENIES REQUEST

Application by North
Powder Milling and
Merc. Co. Refused.

SALEM, May 23 (AP) — The application of the North Powder Milling and Mercantile company, of North Powder, for a change in use of the power and point of diversion of water from North Powder river and its tributaries situated in Union county, was denied by Chas. Strickland, state engineer, today.

The applicant company proposed to transfer its rights to the use of 28 cubic feet per second of the waters of the North Powder river and its tributaries for the development of 100 theoretical horse-power with a date of priority of 1870, for a supplemental supply for the irrigation of 1887.5 acres and a primary and initial right for the irrigation of 87 acres.

Hearings were held before the state engineer, and considerable testimony and evidence were submitted by the applicant and objectors for and against the approval of the application. Approximately 20,000 acres of decreed water rights were involved in the proceeding.

Hoover Dedicates Cornell Memorial

ITHACA, N. Y., May 23 (AP) — President Hoover, dedicating Cornell university memorial today to its 264 world war dead from 33 states and four foreign lands, and speaking from his summer camp at Rapidan, Va., said in the occasion not only the honoring of the memory of those dead, but the tribute to the service of all university men in that conflict.

The dedication ceremonies marked the fourth anniversary of the day when the stars and stripes first went into battle, carried by a small group composed principally of Cornell men.

Timber Contract Given I. J. Irwin

Ira J. Irwin has secured a contract from the Mt. Emily Lumber company to deliver three million feet of timber located at Pelican creek above Hilliard. The timber will be handled by truck, with approximately 35,000 feet moving each day. Delivery will start within a few days and the contract is to be finished by Oct. 1.

Pope Characterizes The Modern Economic World as "Dictatorship"

VATICAN CITY, May 23 (AP) — Pope Pius XI, in his encyclical on labor made public today, characterizes the modern economic world as a "dictatorship," describes the modern business life as "hard and cruel in its measure," and calls for a return to the justice of God in laying down the rules of conduct for capital and labor in their mutual relations.

God and his goodness, he wrote, too often are the victims of the struggle for wealth, and riches often become a great evil. The encyclical condemns all forms of socialism and communism.

President Mussolini's corporative state, with which the pope has clashed more than once, although it is not mentioned in the encyclical by name, is described as possibly making "the serving of particular political aims rather than constructing to the initiation of a better social order."

Many fear, said the pope, "that the new syndical and corporative

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GRAN MEET CONCLUDES WORK TODAY

All Countries Unanimous
On Question of "Or-
derly Marketing."

CUT IN ACREAGE
IS RECOMMENDED

No Specific Proposal Is
Made As to How Such
Restriction Would Be
Accomplished.

By Tom Milhelm
LONDON, May 23 (AP) — The international conference called to solve the world's problem of wheat production, which is laboring this afternoon agreeing to establish an information bureau for the collection and distribution of accurate figures on all phases of the wheat industry.

Other articles in the agreement recommended reduction of wheat acreage wherever possible.

Although not incorporated in the agreement, Chairman Howard Ferguson, of Canada, said all countries had been unanimous on the question of "orderly marketing."

Each country represented would appoint under the agreement a member on a "continuing committee" to establish the information clearing house, continue a study at wheat problems and draft an agent for a future conference if an agreement on the major proposals is reached.

The preamble to the agreement blamed the world's wheat ills on four factors: world over-production, absence of adequate statistics and sensitiveness of the wheat market.

Although recommending acreage reductions, the document made no specific proposal as to how much restriction would be accomplished.

Chairman Ferguson, in describing

\$51 IS ADDED TO MT. EMILY PROJECT FUND

Three more organizations have turned in donations for the Mt. Emily \$2000 road fund to the chamber of commerce offices. It was announced today that the three groups gave a total of \$51.

State highway department employees who donated follow: W. C. Williams, M. Stephenson, L. R. Sharkey, R. E. Smith, George J. Ferrer, H. E. Smith, E. B. Johnson, C. W. Parker, J. C. Garney, J. P. Gram, C. F. Erbe, Joe Sellers, C. L. Wagner and H. E. Smith.

Montgomery Ward employees who donated follow: J. W. Farris, Wilma Gaskill, Mary Starr, Una Rollins, Grant Struham, Ed Allen, Ilo Hanks, J. C. Briggs, and the Tiffany, Mrs. Ruckman and O. Lee.

Employees of the post office gave \$20 but asked that their names not be published.

Varied Program For Tuesday Luncheon

The forum luncheon of the Union county chamber of commerce Tuesday noon at the Sacajawes Inn, will consist of a varied program, including La Grande, day at the Eastern Oregon Livestock show, the question of licensing the out-of-town peddler, the Pacific Northwest Air Tour and the Mt. Emily road fund.

A regular daily truck service is now established between La Grande and Pondosa. The chamber of commerce feels that this should be an opportunity for La Grande merchants to expand their trade territory into that region.

Oregon Stockmen Elect H. Oliver

BAKER, Ore., May 23 (AP) — Herman Oliver, of John Day, was re-elected president of the Oregon Stockmen's Horse Raisers association at the concluding sessions of the annual meeting at John Day late yesterday.

W. B. Snyder, of Paisley, was elected vice president, and Wayne Stewart, of Dayville, second vice president.

The association adopted a resolution permitting the executive committee to employ a secretary to succeed the late William Doby. Another resolution recommended that the organization unite with the Oregon wool growers in matters of legislation and other items of mutual interest.

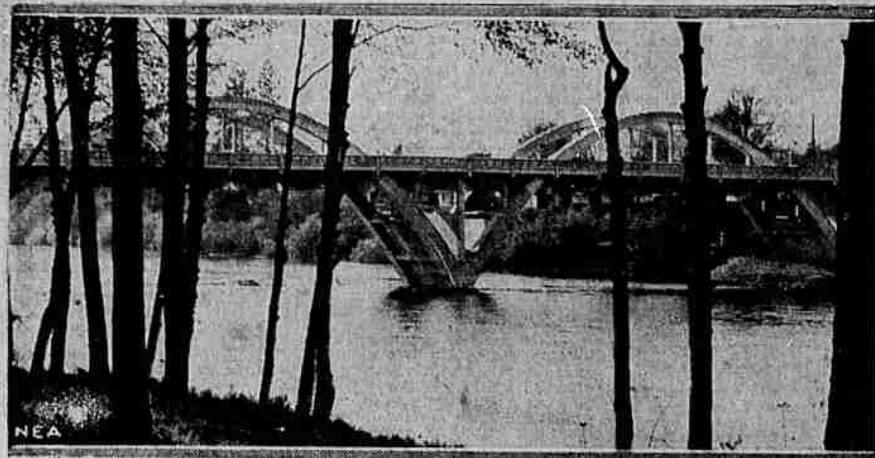
Oregon K. of C. Opens Convention

SALEM, May 23 (AP) — As one convention closes another state meeting will get under way in Salem, it was announced here today. The 23rd annual convention of the Knights of Columbus will open here tomorrow for its two-day session, and the attendance expected to be upwards of 400 delegates, from the 23 councils in the state. The Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's club session will close tomorrow night.

The Knights of Columbus convention this year will be the first held in an upstate city since 1912 when Eugene was host to the group. Inauguration ceremonies, high mass, and addresses by state speakers will feature the program. New state officers will be chosen at the final session of the convention.

Pat Lonergan, of Portland, heads the state convention.

NEW ROGUE RIVER BRIDGE DEDICATED



Dedication of the new Grants Pass bridge, pictured above, was a leading event today in Oregon. General Smedley Butler, of the U. S. Marines, was the chief speaker. The bridge, originally dubbed the Cayman bridge, spans the Rogue river. Marking the northerly gateway to the Redwood Empire, the new bridge is of the hinged arch type, third of its kind to be built in the United States.

Head of Bureau To Test Drivers In Auto Accident

SALEM, May 23 (AP) — William A. Hammond, recently placed to head the state bureau for examining drivers' license applicants, will appear in court later today to answer a charge of reckless driving as the result of an automobile collision last night which sent one person to the hospital in Salem.

Hammond, driving the car belonging to Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, collided with a smaller car driven by Howard Smalley, manager of a local gasoline distributing plant, on a city street intersection.

Smalley's car was hurled 40 feet onto a lawn, police reported, and Smalley suffered a severe cut in the neck and his external jugular vein was severed. Hammond applied first aid, stopping the flow of blood, which probably saved the victim's life, physicians reported.

Huge Stills Are Seized In Home Of Social Elite

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP) — In Sutton Place, the home of social elite prohibition agents were today dismantling what they say are the two largest whiskey stills ever seized in the country.

A dozen agents entered the old country house at 442 Sutton Place yesterday and uncovered the cleverly hidden stills, each, they said, capable of turning out 45,000 gallons of alcohol a year.

The front of the brewery was used as a garage, where many of the wealthy neighbors stored their automobiles. In the rear, the agents discovered the plant. They found 15,000 gallons of finished alcohol, private lighting and extensive telephone systems.

Two men were arrested, and a quantity of ingredients and five trucks were taken away by the raiders.

Reduce Rates On Fruits Shipped Out of Medford

PORTLAND, May 22 (AP) — A reduction of 6 1/2 cents in freight rates on fruit from the Medford district for export was announced by the Southern Pacific railroad here yesterday, to become effective August 1, in time for this year's harvest.

The announcement was taken by Portland shipping circles to mean that this city enters into the fruit export picture in a larger way.

The new rate will be 28 1/2 cents per hundredweight, comparing with the old rate of 35 cents.

The lower rate is expected to stimulate fruit exports through the port. J. H. Mulchay, assistant freight traffic manager for the railroad, said the cut was made to meet truck line competition.

Most of its exportable surplus of fruit has heretofore been shipped overland to New York by Medford, for dispatch from that port to Europe.

Shipping men here said yesterday the new reduced rate undoubtedly will mean that more of this movement will be diverted through this port.

Baseball Today

American League	
Washington	R. H. E.
New York	6 14 0
Batteries: Brown, Fischer and Spencer, Hargrave; Pennock, Wells and Dickey.	
National League	
Detroit	2 8 3
St. Louis	7 11 2
Batteries: Hoyt, Sullivan and Schang; Gray and Ferrell.	
First Game	
Philadelphia	R. H. E.
Brooklyn	5 9 1
Batteries: J. Elliott, Shields, H. Elliott and Davis; Rens; Clark; Heinman, Quinn, Mattingly, Moore, Shantz and Lopez.	
Second Game	
Philadelphia	R. H. E.
Brooklyn	7 12 1
Batteries: Bolen and Rens; Day, Heimach and Lombardi.	
(Ten innings)	
St. Louis	R. H. E.
Chicago	2 4 0
Batteries: Rhem, Derringer and Wilson; Mancuso; Lucas and Sukerth.	

LEGAL FIGHT WAXES OVER POLICE BILL

Second Appeal Is Filed,
Serving to Delay Su-
preme Court Hearing.

CIRCULATION OF
PETITIONS SOON

If Delayed Until Next
Saturday, Only 5 Days
Would Remain to Get
10,680 Names.

SALEM, May 23 (AP) — A second appeal, which it was announced would be filed from the ballot title on the referendum against the state police bill, who is understood to be the delay of the supreme court hearing on the first appeal, scheduled for today, Henry J. Bean, chief justice of the supreme court, announced. The hearing, at which arguments on both appeals will be heard, was expected to be held Tuesday.

The new appeal will be filed by Custer Ross, Salem attorney, for J. J. McDonald, Salem, Ross told Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle last night. The appeal will not be a friendly suit, as the first was represented to be, but will make claims against the title.

To Test Legality
The friendly appeal was filed yesterday by Attorney Chris Kowitz, charging the title as insufficient, in order to test the legality. The supreme court set the hearing for today, until attentions were brought to the announcement of another appeal.

McDonald, who is understood to be the plaintiff in the new one, filed the complaint against the original referendum petitions filed by Independence Hall corporation, Portland, resulting in a temporary injunction against further progress on these petitions.

Ed Averill, immediately filed a new preliminary petition, supported by Fred L. Gifford, head of the Independence Hall corporation, upon which he was issued a ballot title. It is this ballot title against which the friendly suit has been filed and the second suit would be filed. The referendum, if completed, would delay the enactment of the state police system until after the November 1932 election. The bill provides for its enactment August 1.

To Circulate Petition
Circulation of referendum petitions, in lieu of the state against the title, had not been started last night, but reports from Portland indicated circulation would either be started today or the first of the week. If circulation of petitions is delayed until the court hands down its decision, expected not later than next Saturday, there would remain but five years ago, in which to collect 10,680 names of legal voters.

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EX-CHAMPION, WIFE ROBBED AND SLUGGED

LOS ANGELES, May 23 (AP) — Tommy Young, who as Tommy Ryan was the world champion middleweight boxer about 20 years ago, and his wife were severely beaten early today by robbers who waylaid them and took \$3350 cash, they reported to police.

The Youngs, who operate a movie studio, were beset by five robbers as they pulled into their garage in Palms with a week's cafe receipts, about \$5000, and a suitcase full of his life savings, and was clipped in the head with a gun butt. Mrs. Young was badly bruised before she would disclose the money's hiding place in the car.

They intended to bank the money today.

Education Board Meets Wednesday

SALEM, May 23 (AP) — The state board of higher education will meet in Portland next Wednesday at which time a joint report from the heads of the large Oregon institutions of higher learning will be received, it was announced by the board here today.

President A. B. Hall of the University of Oregon and President W. J. Kerr of Oregon State University, were requested to prepare a joint survey containing recommendations of policy for a possible financial retraction, for this meeting. The board then expects to outline a program of both economy and consolidation as based on the recent educational survey.

Doak Withdraws From Labor Meet

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP) — Secretary Doak has called Miss Mary Anthony, director of the women's bureau, not to attend the international labor conference beginning May 28 in Geneva to which she had been sent by him.

The labor secretary today disclosed the action had been taken on the advice of the state department, which took the position it was inadvisable "to have any one there, official or unofficial."

Funeral Services Held For Dunlap

PARIS, May 23 (AP) — Funeral services were held at the American cathedral today for Brigadier General Robert H. Dunlap of the United States marine corps, who lost his life last Tuesday near Tours in an effort to save a peasant woman engulfed by a landslide in her cave home.

One of the chief mourners was General John J. Pershing, who said on leaving the church: "He died a hero's death."

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, May 23 (AP) — Grains and provisions alike today dropped to below the season's low. Bottom level. Anxiety about frost damage to winter wheat southwest faded away to a large extent. The outlook was for improved moisture supplies in the spring wheat belt northwest. Export demand for North American wheat was almost at a halt. July wheat and September corn, which had been at a new low for the season, were lower to 1 1/2 higher, corn 1 1/4 down, oats 1/4 up, and provisions at 12 to 20 cents setback.