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REV. VOGLER TO SPEAK TO 64 GRADUATES

Walla Walla Minister to Deliver E. O. N. Baccalaureate Address.

COMEDY WILL BE STAGED TUESDAY

Commencement Set For Wednesday at 2:30 in the Normal School Auditorium.

Rev. Theodore Vogler, pastor of the First Congregational church, Walla Walla, Wash., will deliver the address at the baccalaureate services Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock for the second graduating class of the Eastern Oregon Normal school at the auditorium. Sixty-four students are completing their work and will take part in the activities which have been planned for the final week of the term and which include besides the baccalaureate services, the graduation exercises on Wednesday, the Sock and Buskin play on Tuesday, and several social activities.

"The Romantic Age," by A. A. Milne, has been chosen as the Sock and Buskin play, and it appropriately fits into the mood of the occasion with its gay humor and romance.

Dress rehearsals was held this morning under the direction of Miss Lena Foley, and seats are on reserve at the Glass Drug company. A school children's matinee is being presented Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Normal school auditorium.

Students who have been active in dramatics throughout the past year, many of them graduates, are taking part in the play, the last to be given this season, and one which promises to be very enjoyable because of its extremely clever lines and the unsophistication of which A. A. Milne is a master. The cast includes Marylou Piper, Jean Rayburn, Lee Johnson, Gilbert Perard, Alice Inlow, Austin Dunn, Kathryn Metcalf, Kermit Estes, Floyd Heagey.

Dr. Rebec to Speak

Dr. George Rebec, dean of the graduate school, University of Oregon, who has gained a reputation for himself among educators throughout the United States as a philosopher and a profound thinker, will be the speaker at the graduation exercises which are to be held Wednesday, at 2:30 o'clock at the Normal school auditorium.

Seniors, parents and alumni will be the guests of President and Mrs. H. E. Inlow Wednesday at 4:30, following the graduation exercises, at the annual president's reception in the music room. At 7 o'clock the alumni and seniors of the institution are to be entertained at dinner at the La Grande hotel.

The senior breakfast is planned for

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LIONS ELECT OFFICERS AT MONDAY LUNCH

Members of the La Grande Lions club will elect officers for the coming year at the session to be held Monday at noon in the Sacajawea Inn. The officers will take their positions in July, following the state convention to be held here the last week of this month.

Nominations follow:

For president; Max Sarvis and E. D. Towler; first vice president, Fred Henning; second vice president, Marcus Roesch; lion tamer, Cecil Myrick; tail twister, Jack Wright; directors, Harry McCarthy and Mr. Towler.

President L. L. Snodgrass will become a member of the board of directors by virtue of the office he holds this year.

Stolen Bicycles Found by Police

Four youngsters, ranging from about 13 years old down, were arrested yesterday by the city police, after three bicycles were found which, officers say, had been stolen and camouflaged. The boys are reported to have taken the bicycles to a place at the end of Fir street near the river where they dismantled the bikes and interchanged parts, also applying paint here and there. This morning the boys were completing the task of putting the bikes back to their original condition.

No charge was expected to be filed against the quartet, whose names are withheld at the request of the police, because of their age and previous records.

WEATHER FOR WEEK

Far western states: The outlook is for fair weather and nearly normal temperatures.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; fogs on the coast and local thunder storms in the high mountains; not quite so warm in the interior Sunday. Moderate west and northwest winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—65 above.
Minimum: 54 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 86, minimum 49 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER JUNE 6, 1930

Maximum 80, minimum 47 above.
Condition: Partly Cloudy.

Roseburg-Eugene Soldiers' Home Fight Did Not Influence Move To Merge Schools, Zurcher Says

McClellan Links West Oregon Campaign With Consolidation Move.

J. D. Zurcher, La Grande attorney who is representing sponsors of a plan to consolidate the University of Oregon and Oregon State college at Corvallis, today stated that as far as he knew, the Eugene-Roseburg campaign for the national soldiers home, has not entered into the consolidation movement in any way. He denied that it had influenced sponsors of the movement, which he declared is being launched purely and simply to follow out recommendations of the federal educational survey recently completed, and with the hopes of effecting further economy in the Oregon higher educational system.

As far as stories printed in Portland last night that R. D. McClelland admitted that the Roseburg-Eugene fight figured in the matter, Mr. Zurcher told the Observer today that he has never discussed the matter with Mr. McClellan.

Mr. Zurcher produced a telegram today dated June 3, which he received from J. W. Perkins, of Roseburg, stating: "You are not to use or connect my name with the movement to consolidate the two universities." Mr. Perkins owns the biggest business block in Roseburg, is a retired capitalist, and has been actively engaged in seeking to secure the national soldiers home for Roseburg.

Support From McMinnville

Mr. Zurcher also stated that he has received a letter from James E. Burdett, McMinnville attorney, saying that a group of citizens there were "figuring on initiating a law to combine the two schools under one head and one campus. Our group has had this matter up for discussion for sometime, and we have largely sponsored the referendum on the higher education appropriation bill. We are heartily in accord with the idea, and I want to assure you that if there is anything we can do to assist you we will be mighty happy to do it."

The Portland Oregonian took no-

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Eastern Oregon Will Salute Its Future Farmers

"Future Farmer of Eastern Oregon!" Thus paraphrasing the name of the national organization known as the "Future Farmers of America," Eastern Oregon will salute its own rising agricultural leaders during the Eastern Oregon Livestock show, opening at Union next week, June 10-11-12, when the six departments of vocational agriculture located in Eastern Oregon hold their annual "round-up" of exhibits and vocational contests at the Union event.

The "future farmers" have been holding their annual stock judging contests for many years in connection with the show at Union, and began to expand rapidly into a major feature of the stock show, following the introduction of exhibit classes especially for them, during the regime of C. L. Cadwell as president. President Herbert Chandler and Tony D. Smith, secretary of the show both hold a large place in their hearts for the young farmers, so the "F. F. A." events at the Eastern Oregon Stock show have come to be a veritable mecca for the agricultural students.

The project exhibits of the F. F. A. boys differ from those of other departments, in that the efficiency of the boys throughout an extended period of time is measured in awarding the various prizes. The Smith-Hughes department has purposely avoided an extended list of premiums, desiring to emphasize the economics of practical agriculture rather than the glorification of registered stock simply for the sake of show ring

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Road Campaign Interest Keeps Up; More Donate

The campaign for the $2000 fund to apply on the Mt. Emily road project continues to go ahead, with more contributions reported today at the chamber of commerce offices.

Also, another indication of the interest that is being taken in other localities, is the printing of an editorial this week in the Enterprise Record-Chieftain. The editorial follows:

"The La Grande project to build a road to the summit of Mount Emily appeals to us as worthy and very interesting. This is a case of gathering up the diamonds at one's feet instead of running on and on to the foot of the rainbow. The landscape of Grande Ronde valley from the crest of the mountain is one of thrilling and satisfying beauty and can hardly be excelled in a month's travel. Union county people will be proud of their scenic road which shows them the charms of their very own home land."

New contributions include Sprouse-Reitz Co., Inc.; Leslie White, Mrs. Leslie White; Viola Benham, B. A. Benham.

Junior Leaguers Play Here Sunday

The American Legion junior league baseball teams of Union and Baker counties will play a practice game at the High school field here tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Both teams will meet again on July 11 and 12 at Burns when the district finals will be played, the winner to play the Western Oregon winner for the state championship.

Members of the Union county team are: Fowler and Blokland, catchers; Teutsch, McKinnis, pitchers; Irwin, first base; Jones and Simmons, second base; Frizzell, shortatop Smith and Bosquet, third base; Richardson, Fowler, Richards, L. Fihn, J. Fihn, Wright and Stanley, fielders.

Roy Farnam equipped the team with uniforms.

W. C. T. U. Helping To Ban "Das Bier"

TORONTO, Ont., June 6 (AP)—The W. C. T. U. is doing what it can, the international convention was told today by Dr. Bertha Kraus, to replace "das bier" in Germany with "die milch."

"We have opened a big restaurant without alcohol on the campus of the University of Cologne," said Dr. Kraus, "and you can find there several hundred fraternity students in their caps and bright ribbons, sitting in the garden with a bottle of milk."

The W. C. T. U. also sends trucks to factories, carrying fruit beverages for the workingmen accustomed to beer.

It was necessary to establish W. C. T. U. restaurants, Dr. Kraus said, because the other eating places were controlled by the breweries, and soft drink prices were kept at high level so as not to compete with beer.

CARAVAN TO BE ON WAY MONDAY

Thirty-Five Cars to Leave For Lewiston and Spokane—Meet at Asotin

Headed by the American Legion drum and bugle corps of Enterprise and the Blue Mountain Wranglers, of La Grande, the Spokane-Lewiston-Enterprise road caravan will be on its way from Enterprise next Monday. Cars will leave points in the valley or the north end at the convenience of the drivers, but with the understanding all are to meet at Asotin, Wash., and wait there until 5 p. m. when all will drive into Lewiston in a solid line.

Wallowa county expects to send about 30 cars and La Grande will add four or five more to the total. Among those going from La Grande are Harold Boone, secretary of the chamber of commerce; Marcus Roesch, Senator Colon R. Eberhard, Fred Henning and others.

The delegation will be guests of the Lewiston chamber of commerce at dinner at the Lewis & Clark hotel.

All must leave Lewiston early Tuesday morning to get to the Coeur d'Alene hotel, Spokane, for the march thru the streets of that city at 10:30 a. m. At noon the visitors will be guests at the weekly luncheon of the Spokane chamber of commerce, which will be broadcast over a radio station the same as last year.

Heading the entertainment at the Spokane dinner and at the radio station, states the Enterprise Record-Chieftain, will be Mrs. A. K. Parker. The drum corps of the American Legion will head the street parades, the men in new uniforms and led by Irvine French in his snappiest style. The Blue Mountain Wranglers, an or-

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SCOUTS WILL HOLD TREASURE HUNT SUNDAY

Boy Scouts in La Grande are all set for their big annual treasure hunt, which will start from the La Grande High school Sunday afternoon, June 7 at 2 o'clock. The patrol that finishes following the trail and still has three boys in the group will be entitled to the treasure, which is a real one, Elmo Stevenson, Boy Scout leader, states.

Last year all of the six local troops entered at least two patrols of five boys. This year the only requirement is that at least three of the boys in each patrol unit must be together from start to finish.

The hunt will require the use of scouting and nature information and training. The trail will cross many obstacles, but will not be as long as the trail last year.

The local board of review will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock in the chamber of commerce. All names for awards of any kind must be presented to this board in order to receive the pins. The court of honor will be held on the following Monday evening.

Tot, 4, Victim Of Seattle Death Car

SEATTLE, June 6 (AP) — Little Sanwell Sadis, four-year-old traffic victim, died in a hospital here today. In another room, a few feet away, lay his mother, with a five-day-old baby son beside her. The mother was not told of her son's death.

Sanwell was fatally injured yesterday when he was struck by an automobile driven by Mrs. Marion Katsman, mother of two sons, seven and three years old. Mrs. Katsman said the boy ran into the path of her car and she was unable to avoid him.

Martial Law In Effect in City

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS, Cuba, June 6 (AP) — Martial law was declared here today after riots in the night in which 2,000 persons participated.

A crowd gathered in a park for a band concert, marched to the city hall shouting protests against the government's unemployment relief policies.

This town is in the center of Havana province about fifty miles south of the city of Havana.

THOMAS STONE PASSES

Thomas Stone, negro, died Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock following a week's illness, death being caused by lobar pneumonia. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary, with burial at the Masonic cemetery.

The deceased, who was born in Texas July 11, 1895 and was 35 years, 10 months and 24 days old, leaves his widow, Mrs. Anna Louise Stone, besides other relatives and friends.

MEMBERS OF STATE BOARD IN SESSION

Higher Education Meeting Under Way Behind Closed Doors.

FACES THE LOSS OF APPROPRIATION

Board, However, is Far From "Broke" With $4,886,000 For the Present Biennium.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 6 (AP) — Once more surrounding themselves with the secrecy of an executive session from which the press was barred, members of the state board of higher education met here today.

Primarily the meeting was for the purpose of reconciling Oregon's higher educational problems with the recommendations made by the recent federal educational survey, but the board had another matter — a more recent development to consider.

For it was definitely assured today that the initiative movement to refer the recent legislative appropriation of $1,181,376 for higher education was successful, and this appropriation will be referred to the voters at the next general election.

Far From Broke

It was understood at the outset, however, that the board is far from "broke." It has its receipts from the millage taxes amounting to $4,886,000 for the present biennium, and continuing appropriations given by the legislature. The millage tax is for the university, college and the Oregon Normal school. The Eastern Oregon Normal and Southern Oregon Normal schools depending upon the legislative appropriation of $1,181,376 for existence.

C. L. Starr, president of the board, said today before the meeting that he had no idea what action the board might take.

Filing of the petitions will mean a "drastic curtailment" in higher education in the state, Starr said, and there appears to be no question that certain departments of each of the five schools will feel the axe of economy.

Through a resolution presented at the April meeting by C. C. Colt, the board already has committed itself to save $1,500,000, an amount larger than the legislative appropriation.

Called on Presidents

In deciding to save the million and a half dollars the board called upon presidents of the five institutions of

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Labor Will Not Agree To Wage Cut, Green Says

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP) — President Green of the American Federation of Labor said today rumors reaching him that the federation would agree to a ten per cent wage reduction were "positively untrue."

"I don't understand how such a rumor could have been inspired," Green said. "There is no justification for it whatsoever. Not only has the federation not consented to any lowering of the wage scale, but it is not sympathetically inclined toward such a move."

Reports reached here also that Secretary of Labor Doak had been in conference with labor leaders and that a downward revision of the wage scale had been agreed upon. Doak characterized the rumor as "foolish." He reiterated he favored upholding the wage scale.

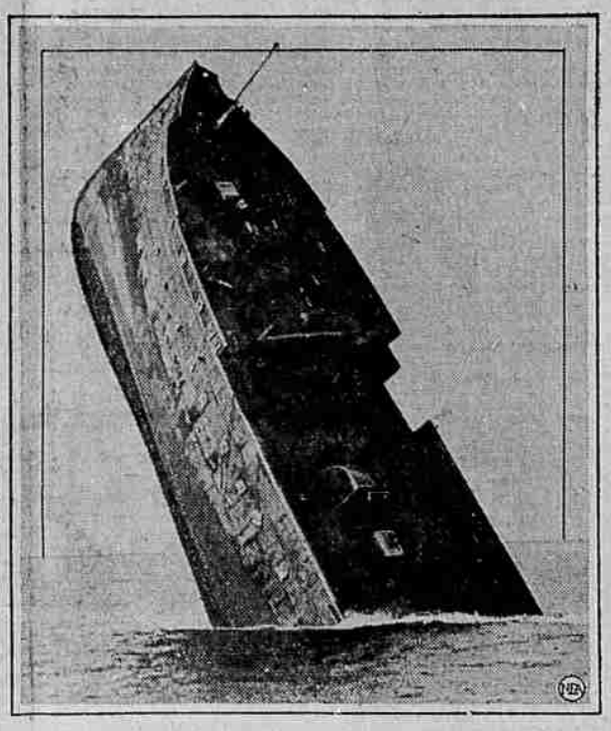
PROHIBITION HERE TO STAY, CUBAN STATES

NEW YORK, June 6 (AP) — Luis J. Bacardi, of Santiago De Cuba, whose family has been long identified with rum making, says prohibition is "here to stay — and you folks in this country will have to take it or leave it."

"Of course, we do manufacture rum," he said today during a visit here, "and would like to see the situation other than it is; but as a careful observer of things wet and dry, I am convinced the United States will remain dry.

"I believe prohibition is unpopular, but it is one of the paradoxes of the American people to dislike something but do it anyway. In other words, although Americans would like to have their liquors back, they'll continue to vote dry and stay that way."

AN UNUSUAL PICTURE



For 40 years the Australian steamer, Wodonga, traveled over 4,000,000 miles on the surface of the seas. And here she is, going beneath the waves for the first time, sunk off Sydney to get rid of the hull which previously had been stripped of its marketable equipment.

Five Killed In Cave-In Today; Others Injured

PHILADELPHIA, June 6 (AP) — Five workmen, working in caisson holes 70 feet below the street level, were killed in a cave-in early today and a policeman was fatally injured when a patrol wagon, en route to the scene, crashed into a truck.

The workmen, all negroes, were entombed when the side wall of an excavation for a 32-story office building collapsed.

Five other workmen were injured and 40 endangered as tons of rock and debris fell into the pit.

The dead patrolman was Elmer Patterson, 45. He died of a fractured skull. Other patrolmen were slightly injured in the crash.

Government Moves Against Al Capone

CHICAGO, June 6 (AP) — Less than 24 hours after "Scarface Al" Capone was indicted on income tax evasion charges, government officials today sought speedy arraignment and trial of the gang chief.

District Attorney George E. Q. Johnson appointed Samuel Clawson, Jacob I. Grossman and Dwight H. Green, his assistants, to prosecute the case before Judge John P. Barnes, probably this summer.

Grossman and Green participated in the successful prosecutions of Al's brother, Ralph, his business manager Jack Guzik and other gangsters. The government has yet to lose a case here on income tax charges.

More Automobiles Are On Highways

SALEM, June 6 (AP)—Applications for new automobile license plates for the coming year have to date exceeded the demand of a year ago, the secretary of state's office announced today. At the close of business last night the office had received $139,195 for new plates as compared with $129,575 on the same date a year ago.

In addition, it was announced, licenses at the rate of 80 to 100 daily are being issued for cars on the final quarter basis, terminating July 1. This large number was declared indicative of more cars being put onto the highways, despite the fact that after June 15 the new year license plates can be used for the remainder of the quarter.

Ernest J. Stine Passes In Boise

Ernest James Stine, son of Mrs. Emily J. Stine, of La Grande, passed away yesterday at 3:45 a. m. at a hospital in Boise. He was born Apr. 20, 1907 and was 24 years of age at the time of his death.

He is survived by his widow, his mother, and three brothers and one sister; W. C. Stine, of Nampa; C. C. Stine, of Missoula, Mont.; V. A. Stine, of La Grande; and Mrs. Tom Boyl, of Sumpter, Ore.

TROJANS LEADING IN CHICAGO MEET

Ralph Hill Nosed Out in 4:18 Mile by Ray Putnam, of Iowa State.

STAGG FIELD, Chicago, June 6 (AP) —Jack Keller, blond speedster from Ohio State university, bounded to an easy victory in winning the 120-yard high hurdles, opening event of the National Collegiate Athletic association track and field championships at Stagg Field today.

Ray Putnam of Iowa State college, running a remarkably courageous race, won the one mile run, beating Ralph Hill, of Oregon by three inches in the last two jumps of the race, with George Dawson of Oklahoma third. The time was 4:18, four tenths of a second slower than the N. C. A. A. record held jointly by Ray Conger, another Iowa State ace, and Rufus Kiser of the University of Washington.

Letts Breaks Record

Dale Letts, University of Chicago, accounted for the first record of the

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America Today Is Richest Nation; Wealth Trebles

Editor's Note—this is the third excerpt from a speech delivered by B. E. Hutchinson at the convention of the Association of National Advertisers in Detroit recently.

By B. E. Hutchinson

Looking back to 1900, then, the population of the United States amounted to something less than 76 million people. At present the country is supporting more than 122 million. Since 1900 our national wealth has grown from 88½ billion dollars to more than 360 billions and per capita wealth from $1165 to $2977. Both in respect to the total and per capita ratio, we are far and away the wealthiest nation in the world.

Turning to the records of the production we find that in 20 years the value of our manufactured products has more than trebled, increasing from 20 billions to 68 billions dollars. In the same period farm products increased in value from a little less than 8½ billion dollars to nearly 16 billion dollars. Our foreign trade, despite the effect of the world depression in 1929 and last year, increased in value from three billion three hun-

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Baseball Today

American League

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	8	12	3
Boston	9	14	1

Batteries: Coffman, Kimsey and Ferrell; Kline, Durham, Lisenbee, Moore and Berry.

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	3	8	0
Washington	7	14	2

Batteries: Caraway, Frazier, Braxton and Grube; Fischer and Spencer.

	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	5	7	2
Philadelphia	11	13	0

Batteries: Hoyt, Herring and Grabowski, Hayworth; Walberg, Earnshaw and Cochran.

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	7	12	1
New York	5	11	0

Batteries: Miller, Shoffner, Harder and Myatt; Sherid, Weinert and Dickey. (Babe Ruth hit 11th home run, and Morgan, Vosmik, completed triple play.)

National League

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	2	8	0
Pittsburgh	3	9	1

Batteries: J. Elliott and Davis; Kremer and Phillips.

	R.	H.	E.
New York	1	9	1
Chicago	5	7	0

Batteries: Berley and Hogan; Smith and Hemsley.

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	5	16	1
Cincinnati	6	15	0

Batteries: Seibold, Cantwell, Frankhouse and Cronin; Benton, Kolp and Sukeforth.

Mid-Summer Weather Continues; No Rain In Valley For Twenty Days

With the mercury hitting a peak of 86 above yesterday—making it the fifth warmest day this year — La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley continued to receive mid-summer weather today.

The minimum temperature last night was 54 above and clear skies today indicated another "scorcher."

Lack of rain continues and unless rain comes soon, crops will be damaged beyond repair, it is said. The spring wheat crop is not doing very well, although the outlook for fall-sown grain is fair. All vegetation is suffering from lack of water.

No rain has fallen in La Grande for 20 days, and during that period the maximum temperatures have ranged from 41 to 93 above, with 14 of the 20 days seeing the mercury over 70 above. The rainfall during the last 40 days has been much below normal. On May 1 and 2 there was a total precipitation of .18, then on May 15 a rainfall of 32 of an inch was registered. The next two days added .07 of an inch to the total, the last rain to be received here.

JACKMAN MAKES SURVEY

PORTLAND, Ore., June 6 (Special) —Eastern Oregon, normally the most stable of any wheat-growing section of the United States, needs rain and needs it badly. Only a downpour and a widespread one at that, can save the crop and at best it will not be a full yield. Much of the damage done is irreparable, and as conditions stand now, Eastern Oregon is facing a 50 per cent of normal yield.

These are the views of E. R. Jackman of Corvallis, crop specialist of the extension service of the Oregon State college, who returned yesterday from an inspection tour of the eastern counties.

"Sherman, Wasco, Morrow and Gilliam counties are in probably the worst condition they have been in 20 years," said Mr. Jacksan. "In what is usually good yielding sections,

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Many Airplanes Poised for Hops Across Oceans

Aviation Raises Curtain On Season That May Rival Dazzling Feats of 1927.

HERE ARE MAJOR OCEAN FLIGHTS

NEW YORK (AP) — Ocean flying traffic will be heavy this season, if the many projected ventures are carried out. Major American flights so far arranged with a degree of certainty are:

Round-the-World

Wiley Post and Harold Gatty in Lockheed-Vega.

Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon Jr., in Bellanca.

Trans-Atlantic

Ruth Nichols, Newfoundland to Paris, in Lockheed-Vega.

Otto Hillig and Holgar Hoirlis, Newfoundland to Copenhagen, in Bellanca.

Comm. Donald B. MacMillan and C. F. Rocheville, Boston to London and return, in Lockheed-Vega.

Col. James C. Fitzmaurice and A. S. Stanford Jr., New York to London, in Sikorsky amphibion.

Capt. Roy Ammel, New York to Paris, in Lockheed-Sirius.

Laura Ingalls, in unnamed plane, New York to Paris.

Mrs. Geraldine Grey Loffredo, Buffalo to Rome in Bellanca monoplane.

Trans-Pacific

Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindbergh, U. S. to Japan, and thence over orient.

Seihi Yoshara, Tokyo to Washington.

By Oscar Leiding
(Associated Press Aviation Editor)

NEW YORK (AP) — Aviation raises the curtain on another ocean flying season with plans to rival the dazzling feats of 1927.

Not since Lindbergh blazed his lonely trail to Paris and the aero-

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Three Come To The Defense Of Abraham Lincoln

NEW YORK, June 6 (AP)—A woman biographer, a German historian and a psychiatrist, all widely known, were on record today as opposed to Dr. A. A. Brill's theory that Abraham Lincoln was a "schizoid-maniac" personality.

Dr. Brill's contention that Lincoln was a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde type who succeeded in keeping his baser nature under rigid control was disputed by Ida M. Tarbell, Emil Ludwig, and Dr. L. Pierce Clark.

Miss Tarbell said she never had been able to trace to Lincoln any story that could not be repeated to decent-minded persons. Dr. Brill claims Lincoln had a low taste in humor which descended to the obscene.

Dr. Brill expressed his views in a paper which he delivered before a joint session of the American Psychoanalytic and American Psychiatrist associations in Toronto, Ontario, yesterday.

"I have sometimes suspected," said Miss Tarbell, "that those who insist on his (Lincoln's) grossness might have been finding what they looked for — and enjoyed — that it was their obscenity rather than his that was behind the story."

Emil Ludwig, in a radio address, said the spirit of Lincoln was the

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Kenneth Harlan Sues Salem Paper

SALEM, June 6 (AP) — Suit for $80,000 was filed against the Statesman Publishing company, Salem, as damages in a libel action, in the circuit court here late yesterday. Kenneth Harlan, of the firm of Carey & Harlan, Portland rate experts, instituted the action.

Harlan, in his complaint stated the action is based on alleged libelous assertions made in an editorial published in the Statesman of June 6, 1930. He stated the editorial caused his firm to loose a contract with the city of Salem in connection with the purchase of the water plant. He asks for the $5000 and $75,000 for injury to his reputation and prestige as a valuation engineer. Harlan averred the editorial meant that the plaintiff is incompetent and not qualified as a valuation expert.

General Fechet And Capt. Eaker Escape

MEXICO CITY, June 6 (AP) — Advices from the frontier town of Tapachula, Chipas, today stated that Major General James E. Fechet, chief of the American air corps, and Captain Ira C. Eaker, army flier, narrowly escaped death on landing there yesterday to refuel while en route to Panama.

Dispatches today said their plane's retractable landing gear was not in readiness for the landing and when the plane came down, the wheels folded up. The ship was damaged and the propeller broken, but the American airmen were said to have escaped with bruises.

Boys Drown Near Colfax In Palouse

COLAX, Wash., June 6 (AP)—While their parents attended a funeral nearby yesterday, Freddie, 15 and Harold, 16, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson farmers, were drowned in the Palouse river. Five Jackson brothers went swimming. Freddie, Harold and Dale were sucked under water. Robert, 14, rescued Dale with a pole. Neighbors recovered the bodies of the two boys.

POLICE BILL REFERENDUM ACTION FAILS

Petitions For Vote on Legislative Measure Short by 1219 Names.

McKENZIE RIVER MOVEMENT FAILS

Others Succeed, With 13,585 Signatures on Higher Education Appropriation Stay.

SALEM, June 6 (AP) — The act creating the new state police bill will become operative August 1 as provided by the state legislature, while the legislative appropriation for the higher institutions of Oregon will be submitted to a vote of the people November, 1932. The referendum movement against the police act failed by 1219 names while the one against the $1,182,000 appropriation for higher institutions of learning was successful, with a total of 13,585 names. The statute required 10,680 names.

All petitions out yesterday had been filed with the secretary of state before midnight last night, and while those against the educational appropriation went over the estimate, Ed Averill, sponsor of the move against the administration's police bill admitted defeat when up-state petitions failed to come up to advance reports. He arrived here at 10:30 last night from Portland when the last of the petitions, and admitted his cause had been lost.

Three Actions Succeed.

Three of the five actions for referendum on measures passed by the last legislature proved successful, completed petitions having been filed before the statutory deadline at midnight yesterday, thus submitting the measures to a vote of the people. In addition to the educational referendum, the 10 cent tax on oleomargarine sold in the state, and the act closing the Rogue river to commercial fishing have been delayed.

The referendum on the act closing portions of the McKenzie river to commercial fishing, along with the one on the state police bill, failed because of incompleted petitions. Today 335 new laws become effective, while two more have been enacted and will become operative later. The agricultural department is effective July 1, and the police bill August 1, as provided by the legislature.

The first completed petitions for a referendum was received by the secretary of state on the tax on oleomargarine, with 15,001 names. The movement against the tax was sponsored by the anti-food-tax league, of which Mrs. Alexander Thompson, of Portland, is head.

Early this week completed petitions on the referendum against closing the Rogue river to commercial fishing was filed with 15,500 names. This referendum campaign was conducted by F. W. Prostel and nine other com-

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BUILDING OVER COAST STATES SHOWS A GAIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 6 (AP)—Building gained appreciably in 44 Pacific coast cities checked by S. W. Straus & Co. during May, the firm reported.

A total of $13,991,350, made by the first 44 cities to report compared with $12,457,609 in April and $22,083,218 in May, 1930.

Los Angeles maintained first position among the 25 cities having the largest volume. The southern metropolis showed $3,095,700.

San Francisco retained second place with $2,853,671, a gain of more than $1,000,000 over April. Seattle also exceeded the April figures with $1,006,800.

Yakima, Santa Barbara and Sacramento ranked next, all having more than $500,000 in new building. Portland, Long Beach, San Diego and Oakland followed in order with more than $400,000, while Salt Lake City and Pasadena each had more than $300,000.

Yakima showed the outstanding gain over April and also over May, 1930, with $618,920 compared with $76,475 a month ago and $70,125 a year ago.

Father Killed On Way to See Baby

COTTONWOOD, Ida., June 6 (AP)—While James Lamb, 30, of Portland, was speeding to Orofino with William Thompson, whose wife had just borne a son, their automobile skidded in loose gravel and Thompson was fatally injured. Lamb who was badly hurt succumbed to his injuries yesterday. His widow and one child reside in Orofino where he was stationed with a road contracting firm.

CRUSHED TO DEATH

LEWISTON, Ida., June 6 (AP)—James Black Eagle, 29, prominent member of the Nez Perce Indian Tribe, was crushed to death by a rolling log yesterday.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, June 6 (AP) — Notwithstanding that an authoritative summary said the Canadian crop situation was the worst at this season in 29 years, wheat prices today showed weakness. The chief reason was that the report asserted one good soaking rain within a week would materially alter the outlook. Another bearish factor was scantiness of fresh export demand for wheat from North America.

Wheat closed unsettled ⅛ @ ¾c lower, corn ¼ @ ½c down, oats ⅛ @ ⅜c off and provisions unchanged to 12 cents setback.