

HEAVY RAINS CAUSE NEAR FLOOD HERE

Hillside Streams Send the Surplus Water Into Business Section

RIVER UP 4 FEET OVERNIGHT, REPORT

More Rain Expected Dur- ing Remainder of Week —Condition General in This Section.

Heavy rains combined with warmer temperatures resulted in near-flood conditions in La Grande this morning. The Grande river was up four feet overnight and lowlands were menaced, with crews of men working in several points to prevent an overflow.

In La Grande hillside streams—coming out of Deals and Mill canyons—sent water into the business section to a depth of several inches this morning, although the peak of this overflow soon passed. Storm sewers were inadequate to handle the flood waters and intersections in business blocks were scenes of miniature floods. Business basements were threatened with the water and in some residential sections similar conditions existed. City crews were hard pressed to handle the situation.

The stream coming down L. avenue from Deals canyon overflowed yesterday afternoon, sending roly waters rushing down Fourth street but the overflow ceased up during the night, only to resume again this morning, with other streams feeding into La Grande following suit.

Slices Feared
Train and bus service was uninter-rupted, although some fears were held here of the possibility of slides in the canyons near La Grande. There also was a possibility of trouble from the river if the water continued to rise during today.

Rainfall during the period ending at 7 o'clock yesterday morning was .75 of an inch, and in the succeeding 24 hours .83 of an inch more rain fell, bringing the total for 48 hours to 1.58 inches. During this morning enough more rain fell to send the total up to around 1.70 inches.

Rainfall Excess 2.30 Inches
The rainfall brought the March total to 4.16 inches at 7 a. m. this morning, as compared with the average of 1.96 inches for March in La Grande, making an excess for the first 17 days of this month of 2.20 inches.

The overflow of water into the business section here was the worst

SCHOOL BOARD TO CONTINUE BOND EFFORTS

The \$80,000 block of training school bonds, offered for sale last night by the La Grande board of education, remained unsold this morning with no bids entered. Slowness of the bond market is blamed for the lack of bids, and it is called to mind that the state attempted to sell \$1,000,000 in highway bonds this week and was able to dispose of only a little over \$800,000 worth.

Wallowa County Acreage Purchased

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—A cash sale of 240 acres of ranch land was reported yesterday by the Wallowa Law, Land & Abstract company. The buyer was Wallace B. Truslow Jr., of Los Angeles, Cal., according to the Record-Chiefman.

He wrote first to the abstract company inquiring about lands in the county, saying he wanted a tract free of all encumbrances, including taxes, and it must be priced low enough to suit him.

After inquiry, the George Shaw homestead, 25 miles northeast of Enterprise, was located and Mr. Truslow was so advised. He directed that the abstract be prepared and deed drawn up and the sale closed. He did not tell what use he had for the land.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Rain tonight and Saturday; moderate temperatures; strong south winds, occasional gales offshore.
Sunday probably rain.
WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—43 above.
Minimum: 37 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rainy.
WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 57, minimum 36 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .83 of inch. Range—21 degrees.
WEATHER MAR. 18, 1931
Maximum 50, minimum 32 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .35 of inch. Range—18 degrees.

Towlers Leave Saturday For Astoria, Ore.

Conclude Long Period of Activity in La Grande —Arnold Gralapp New Principal Here

After 13 years of activity in educational and community enterprises in La Grande, E. D. Towler will leave Saturday morning for Astoria to become principal of the Astoria high school. Mr. Towler who has been principal of the La Grande high school since 1921, is succeeded here by Arnold L. Gralapp, head of the science department.

Mr. Towler received his training at the Southeastern Missouri State Teachers college, where he earned the degree of bachelor of pedagogy; the University of Missouri, at Columbia, where he received his bachelor of science degree; and the University of Washington where he was granted the degree of master of science. Since receiving his masters degree he has taken work at Stanford university toward a more advanced degree.

The former principal came to La Grande 13 years ago with several years of experience behind him as principal of the Bloomfield, Mo., high school for one year; a member of the history staff for one year in Excelsior Springs High school; and half of one year as science teacher and the other half as principal of a six-year high school in Missouri.

The world war interrupted his educational activities, and for a period both preceding and following the war he appeared on the chautauquas as a vocalist, after which, in 1919, he came to La Grande where he was head of the science department in the high school for two years before as-

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Gov. Murray May Open Drive Here In April

BURNS, Ore., Mar. 18 (AP)—William H. Murray, governor of Oklahoma and candidate for the Democratic nomination as president probably will open an Oregon campaign with a "personal appearance" on April 11. He expects to be in the state three days, according to Clyde B. Cornell, of Burns, his Oregon campaign manager.

Cornell said he is arranging for a schedule which calls for Governor Murray to open his Oregon campaign either at La Grande, or Pendleton, with the second address of the day at The Dalles. Portland and Salem will be visited on the second day. On the third day Klamath Falls and Medford will be visited.

C. K. McCormick Is A Candidate For Re-election

C. K. McCormick, county clerk of Union county, today filed his declaration of candidacy to succeed himself. He will seek the nomination in the Republican primary vote this May.

Mr. McCormick's slogan will be: "My past record your guarantee of my future conduct in office."
"If I am nominated and elected," Mr. McCormick said today, "I will during my term of office give the business of the office the same careful attention I have in the past and I will conduct it as economically as is consistent with the proper keeping of the records."

Mr. McCormick, who has held the office for a number of years, is very well known throughout the county. So strong has been his following that he has had practically no opposition in some previous elections. Mr. McCormick also has a high standing throughout the state as is evidenced by the fact that he served two terms as president of the Oregon Association of County Clerks and declined a proffer of a third term.

Bob Duncan Guest At Luncheon Today

A number of members of the La Grande country club and several prominent business men of the city met at the La Grande hotel at an informal luncheon today at noon given in honor of Bob Duncan, professional golfer formerly with the St. Andrews course in the British Isles. Mr. Duncan spoke briefly following his introduction by Charles H. Reynolds, president of the club. I. K. Kinzel also spoke briefly during the meeting.

Mr. Duncan is an applicant for the position of professional at the local course, seeking the place left vacant by the resignation of Landis Crimp.

OPPONENTS



Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, and Francis V. Galloway, of The Dalles, are opponents in the Democratic primary election for nomination for congressman. Both men filed with the secretary of state during the last week. Mr. Pierce is pictured at the top and the photo underneath is that of Mr. Galloway.

GALLOWAY TO RUN AGAINST PIERCE

Two to Campaign for the Democratic Nomination for Seat in Congress

The Dalles, Ore., home of congressmen from the second congressional district for many years, will be in the battle this year with a more numerous representation than usual. In addition to Congressman Robert R. Butler, who is expected to seek re-election, Francis V. Galloway, Democrat, has announced his candidacy.

Mr. Galloway, a native son of Oregon, moved to The Dalles in 1913 to take the place of Congressman N. J. Sinsott with Judge A. S. Bennett in the law firm of Bennett and Sinsott, remaining in the firm until Mr. Sinsott died and Mr. Bennett retired. He is a former district attorney of Wasco county and is building his campaign upon a program of development of the Columbia river by whatever plan is ultimately approved by the U. S. army engineers; federal tax burden lessened, and equalized toward standard ability to pay; and general promise of active representation of this district.

The entrance of Mr. Galloway into the campaign pits him against former Governor Walter M. Pierce, of

Mr. Towler Given Masonic Ring By L. H. S. Students

At a special student body assembly held at La Grande High this morning at 9 o'clock, the student body presented Principal E. D. Towler with a Masonic ring in appreciation of the aid he has given the students during his years in office here, and as a farewell token. Mrs. Towler also was present at the assembly.

James Leslie, student body president, in his presentation speech, said the following: "Four years ago we seniors entered L. H. S. as freshmen. At that time we understood very little of the ideals of the school. As sophomores we had learned little more. As juniors we had learned little more."

Gibson Funeral To Be Held Saturday

The funeral of Harry Gibson will be held from the chapel of Walker's Funeral home Saturday afternoon at 2:30 with the First Church of Christ, Scientist in charge of the services. Burial will be in the family plot in the Masonic cemetery.

DAKOTA VOTE TREND EYED BY COUNTRY

Roosevelt's Standing In- creased Greatly Over the Entire Nation

MURRAY HARD HIT BY THE OUTCOME

Hoover Expected to Get Most of the Republican Votes in Spite of Coxey- France Race

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (AP)—North Dakota's vote may count for less than one per cent in the electoral college, but near-complete returns today from Tuesday's primary showed he had spoken loudly enough to be heard from coast to coast on three important political questions of the hour.

So far as she herself is concerned, she affirmed overwhelmingly the oft-quoted ability of New York's governor, Franklin D. Roosevelt, to command the support of the rank and file of western voters; disposed of any surmise that "Alfalfa Bill" Murray has become the universal idol of distressed agriculture; and notified the Republican party that there is appreciable party disaffection that particular Republican territory.

Strengthen Roosevelt
For Roosevelt, the North Dakota triumph falls into a class with his conquest of New Hampshire a week ago. Only ten delegates were at stake and until the final count he was not assured of every one, but it was a decisive win at the polls and not in convention and won against a candidate having special appeal to

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Hope For Fair Weather for The Spring Opening

The surplus of rain in La Grande this week end may be an indication of fair weather for the first of next week—according to the law of averages. At least, that is the hope of the merchants of this city who are sponsoring the annual Spring Opening next Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9 p. m. in the business section.

Men's and women's new styles in clothing and the newest in home furnishings will be exhibited on that evening, and merchants are busily engaged this week making arrangements for their exhibits.

In connection with the Spring Opening, which will take place on the first full day of spring—winter is scheduled to move into past history on Monday, Mar. 21—a musical program on the streets will be furnished by the La Grande band, directed by Andrew Loney Jr.

In connection with the Spring Opening, Adams avenue from Chestnut street to Greenwood street will be roped off so that pedestrians in that area may not be interrupted by automobile traffic.

The annual fall and spring openings in La Grande invariably bring out large crowds of people, and are eagerly looked forward to by merchant and patron alike.

Easter Egg Hunt Set For Saturday

An invitation has been extended to all the children who have been attending the chapel car service to meet with Rev. and Mrs. Cutler at the chapel car not later than 3:15 p. m. Saturday to line up for a big Easter egg hunt. No one is sure just where B'er Rabbit will deposit the brightly colored tokens of Easter, but Mr. Cutler says he has been in touch with the long eared gentleman and is sure that the treasure can be found.

The evangelist requests that all mothers who have promised to help by furnishing Easter eggs should bring them to the chapel car not later than Saturday noon. Prizes are to be awarded to the children who are most successful in the hunt.

Winter Term Of E. O. N. Is Closed

After two days of final examinations, the winter term of the Eastern Oregon Normal school closed this afternoon, and the students will enjoy two days of vacation before registration starts Monday morning. No spring vacation will be held between this year, President H. E. Inlow states.

Those who have completed their requirements for graduation are Miss Mabel Long, of Haines, and Miss Victoria Worden, of La Grande.

"Sonia" Staged At High School To Large Crowd

Musical Comedy Is De- lightful Entertainment —Second Presentation This Evening

The musical comedy "Sonia," presented last night at the High school auditorium by the L. H. S. student body, won immediate and favorable response from the large crowd in attendance. The excellent acting of the leading characters, the well-trained chorus work and the fast-moving plot all combined to make the comedy one of the best presented here in some time. The solo numbers throughout were well done.

The final staging of "Sonia" will take place at the auditorium at 8:15 o'clock tonight.

Nick Hughes, cast as a college sophomore cheer leader, handled a comedy role in excellent fashion, and Sally Siegrist, a campus belle, not only enlivened the show with her part but in addition furnished a solo act in the second act that was very generously applauded. Jean McKennon, a co-ed by choice and a colleen by necessity; Doris Williams, Sonia's aunt and guardian; Cecil Black, cast as Pat Dunn, the hero; Virginia Bramwell, as Sonia; Wytheil Hoke, in the cosmetic line; Bob Ward, a Russian by adoption; Rollin Heasler, a no-account Russian nobleman; William Cooper, a Cossack officer, and Myron Wheeler, as a hard-boiled sergeant, all furnished splendid performances in their particular parts.

The story opened in an American college with Stephen Mogensen, a former cadet to lead her to her missing father, a Russian. Two schemers were attempting to swindle her by providing an "impromptu" father. In the second act the group appeared in Russia, still in search of her father, and Bolshevik activities added to the interest. The finale also took

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EX - CASHIER OF BANK HELD ON 7 COUNTS

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 18 (AP)—Accused of embezzlement on seven counts, Stephen Mogensen, former cashier of the Junction City State bank, was arrested last night following the return by the Lane county grand jury of seven secret indictments. The Junction City State bank now is in the hands of the state bank examiners for liquidation.

Indictments allege six charges of larceny by embezzlement, and one charge of embezzlement of state banking funds by an officer of a bank.

In one indictment Mogensen was charged with the theft of \$8500 said to have been given him by Mr. and Mrs. P. C. N. Lauridsen for purchase of school warrants. Another charge involves theft of \$1855 left with him for purchase of bonds by J. C. Beck. In another case in which an indictment was returned it was charged a note for \$2000 was paid by an agent to the bank for the account of Mrs. Mary S. Bailey, and the records of the bank show the money has disappeared.

Committee To Be Named at Meeting

A general executive committee from among those who signed waivers on checking and savings accounts in the United States National bank will be selected when the signers meet Monday evening, Mar. 21, at 8 o'clock at the Spacajawa Inn, it was announced today. The committee will represent them during the liquidation of the assets of the defunct bank.

Following the investigation, letters will be sent out to all who signed waivers, explaining what has been done and what will be done in the future.

Keenholts Guilty Of Embezzlement

ASTORIA, Ore., March 17 (AP)—Specially charged with converting \$5880 to his own use, Ray Keenholts, former manager of the Astoria Savings and Loan association, was convicted on an embezzlement charge in circuit court here last night.

Keenholts will be sentenced Saturday, a penalty of from one to 15 years in the state prison is provided for by statute.

The new sending machines link the Observer directly with the Portland office, and make it possible to put La Grande news directly on the day wire, instead of sending it to Portland by commercial telegraph or telephone for distribution.

La Grande is the first newspaper on the day circuit to add this new feature, although Salem and Portland have been equipped with sending apparatus since the service was first started here a few years ago. The Associated Press plans to install send-

CHURCHILL IS LIKELY HEAD OF SCHOOLS

Committee Recommends He Become Director of Elementary Training

REPORT MADE TO EDUCATION BOARD

Recommendations Also Presented as to Person- nel of Deans and Direc- tors of Colleges

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18 (AP)—Reorganization and realignment of the personnel of deans and directors of Oregon's institutions of higher learning was recommended to the board of education here today by the unification committee of the board.

Several of the changes will have far-reaching results. Among other things the committee proposed J. A. Churchill, president of Southern Oregon Normal school at Ashland, as director of elementary training and president of Oregon Normal school, with a transfer to Monmouth.

The committee recommended that the tenure of office of the deans be at the pleasure of the board and that the dates of appointment be in accord with the report of the curricula committee submitted last week.

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FAMOUS SINGER DIES IN EUROPE

Chauncey Olcott, of Irish Tenor Fame, Passes at Monte Carlo

PARIS, March 18 (AP)—Chauncey Olcott, whose sweet Irish tenor won the hearts of millions nearly half a century ago, died today at Monte Carlo at the age of 73.

His adopted daughter, Jeannette Marie Olcott, who was born in Monte Carlo, was with him. He has been ill for a long time and yesterday his friends learned that the end was near. His wife and son had been caring for him in his sickness.

Mrs. Olcott said today she would start home with the body tomorrow for the funeral in New York.

Olcott was born in Buffalo, N. Y., July 21, 1860. Although his greatest fame in the United States was as a singer of Irish ballads, Olcott first appeared on the stage as a member of a minstrel troupe. He also achieved a considerable reputation in comic opera roles.

In more recent years, before his retirement, he specialized in romantic comedy, clinging to the Celtic tradition that had grown up about him. "My Wild Irish Rose," which achieved a tremendous popularity from one end of the country to the other, in its time, was one of his most famous ballads. It was in Irish

LABOR AGAINST M'KINTOSH AS CIRCUIT JUDGE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (AP)—Confirmation of Kenneth Mackintosh, of Washington, as judge of the ninth circuit was opposed before a senate judiciary subcommittee today by the American Federation of Labor.

Edward J. Tracy, representative of the federation, testifying at the opening of hearings on the nomination of the Wickwar commission member, said the views expressed by Mackintosh in two written opinions were not in accord with the "trade union law" or the anti-injunction bill now pending before congress.

He cited particularly Mackintosh's decision on an injunction issued against theatre musicians in Seattle. The injunction, sought by theatre owners to prevent picketing, was upheld by Mackintosh.

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"Gamest Kid In America" Dead After 177 Days

Clarence Hastings' Long Fight for Life Is Fail- ure, But He Smiles Al- most to the End

By Charles Lang
SYRACUSE, N. Y., Mar. 18 (AP)—Clarence Hastings, whose friends called him "the gamest kid in America," is dead.

The 14-year-old boy whose case was known in all parts of the country, after spending 177 days in a respirator that prevented his moving any part of his body but his head, died at city hospital today of infantile paralysis complicated by the shock of an operation Tuesday for an abdominal obstruction. The infantile paralysis had paralyzed his respiratory organs so that he depended for life upon the hospital's respirator.

Almost to the end freckle-faced Clarence smiled. While nurses and doctors stood this morning around his breathing apparatus and watched his life slip away, he turned his head and said:

"Please shut off the machines. They're making too much noise." He had just died when a telegram was received from Bert Acosta, transatlantic flier, and Townsend McAlister, an aviator, who had taken an interest in the case. It said: "You will be all right. I mean in good health. When you recover look me up at Roosevelt flying field and I'll take you for a good flight for being so brave."

Scores of Telegrams Received
It wasn't the first such telegram sent to the boy in his long fight to recover his health. Scores of them, and thousands of letters have poured in as a result of some kind words addressed to the boy a month or so ago by Kate Smith, singer. On one day he received two mail sacks full of correspondence—more than any other individual in the city.

The mail brought many little gifts. A youngster in the Bronx sent his rabbit's foot. A minister from the mid-west breathed a prayer. There were picture postcards, travel pictures, handkerchiefs. Little girls in New York City wrote valentines.

"Boy, you got more pluck than ten

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Alleged Murder Plot Foiled By Police Action

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (AP)—An alleged murder plot against officials of a labor union was foiled last night by an eleventh-hour police raid in which four men and a woman were arrested.

The plotters, police headquarters announced, had intended to kill C. E. Haury, representative of the International Union of Operating Engineers, while he dined at a restaurant. But under the present plan his name, the dispatch says, will not be entered in other states.

Police said they obtained evidence of the attempt by listening in on conversations of the group after anonymous telephone messages to the intended victims gave the tip.

These union officials figured last year in another attempt which nearly cost Langdon his life. He, Poesehl and Arthur M. Huddell, then president of the union, were trapped in a cafeteria by a lone gunman. Langdon had an eye shot out and was otherwise seriously wounded, while Huddell's pocketbook stopped a bullet at his heart. Haury was attacked in public by a woman with a horsehair just before the first murder attempt. She accused him of keeping her husband out of work.

"Trouble in the union, police said, was caused by alleged discrimination in the order in which employment is assigned. The union designates members available for each job as it offers."

All those arrested gave Washington addresses but one, George McSullen, 47, who was said by police to come from Chicago. The others gave the names of Walter Reed, Mrs. Kay Reed, Ed Johnson and Bert Wilson Carpenter. The men all said they were engineers.

Tax Payments On Mar. 15 \$12,648,765

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (AP)—Payments of income tax on Mar. 15 on incomes in 1931 amounted to \$12,648,765 as compared with \$13,100,362 received on the same date a year ago.

The payments made the total for the month \$44,701,384 and for the fiscal year \$973,822,726.

For the same number of days in March last year income payments amounted to \$56,124,004 and for the fiscal year \$1,229,555,929.

2 SERVANTS ARRESTED IN KIDNAP CASE

Cook and Butler for C. Leandro Lightfoot to Be Questioned

KNOWN TO POLICE BY ANOTHER NAME

In Meantime, Man Arrested in Pocatello, Idaho, Tells Conflicting Stories About Lindbergh Case

HOPEWELL, N. J., March 18 (AP)—Police at the Lindbergh home announced today that the two Franklin Park servants who disappeared the day after the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby had been located and were to be questioned.

They were cook and butler for the C. Leandro Lightfoot and the circumstance of their sudden departure caused the Lightfoots to make a report to police investigating the kidnaping. The servants, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornburg, left with the statement that Thornburg's mother was dying in Germany. After they had gone the Lightfoots missed some rough wood similar to that used in the ladder employed by the kidnapers and a chisel like one found beneath the Lindbergh nursery window.

Chisel Recovered
The chisel was found at the Lightfoot home yesterday.

The official bulletin issued today by Superintendent of State Police H. Norman Schwarzkopf, revealed that the investigation had resulted in location of the missing pair.

It also disclosed the servants were known to police by another name than Thornburg.

"Henry Johnson (the suitor of the

HOOVER WILL NOT ENTER IN OREGON VOTE

PORTLAND, March 18 (AP)—A special dispatch to the Oregonian today from Washington, D. C., says the definite and final information is that President Hoover will not enter Oregon's presidential primaries in May.

In Ohio and in Massachusetts where the law specifies no candidate for delegate to the national convention can run without the consent of the presidential candidate, Hoover has entered the contest. But under the present plan his name, the dispatch says, will not be entered in other states.

Scholar, 57, Fast, Wants Suitable Job

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (AP)—Unless somebody gives him a suitable job Dr. Fred T. Wolters, 57-year-old, maintains he will starve himself to death in protest.

To prove that he means business, Wolters has eaten but one peanut, which he said he picked up in a store, since beginning to fast on Feb. 28. To avoid being clapped in an asylum, the scholar took the precaution of having himself declared sane by a physician before announcing the hunger strike. They pronounced him abnormal in some respects.

Wolters is an expert at hunger strikes, having undertaken them before both here and abroad.

He walks a short distance daily, growing weaker but, he says, feeling no hunger. Already he has lost enough weight for his clothes to hang loosely on the Wolters frame.

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Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 18 (AP)—Under a big wave of general selling, largely due to stop losses, which collapsed about 2 cents a bushel today and more than a cent.

Lowest prices since Jan. 15 were reached. Fears of semi-demoralization in the world's wheat markets were expressed following announcement by Secretary of Agriculture Hyde that an intensified effort was contemplated to sell abroad some of the huge surplus stocks of wheat in this country. A bearish construction also was placed on announcements that President Hoover was seeking further financial assistance for the farm board so that the board could make sales of wheat abroad on credit.

Wheat closed fluged, at virtually the day's bottom, 1 3/4 @ 2 1/4 under yesterday's finish, corn 3/4 @ 1 1/4 down, oats 5/8 @ 3/4 off, and provisions showing 2 to 2 1/2 decline.

PORTLAND, Mar. 18 (AP)—Secretary Hyde's reported campaign for the sale of American farm board wheat abroad caused a slump in all American and Canadian markets, resulting in a complete loss of export sales in the dominion. On the Portland futures market new low records for the season were forced in both July and September at 57c. May lost 2c. July 1 1/4 c and September 2c a bushel. Cash wheat on the merchants' exchange, there were no sales of futures; in fact, none cared to buy at any price.