

## DOWN HICKS TO OPEN

### PLANNER HERE AND WALLOWA MILL TO RUN

Local Men to Go Back to Work on May 9 After Long Rest.

### WALLOWA SAWMILL TO OPEN JUNE 1

Operation Necessitated by Low Stocks Rather Than Improvement in Market Condition.

The unemployment situation was dealt a smashing blow today by the announcement of the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company to the effect that the local planing mill is to be opened for operation early next month, probably on a basis of one eight-hour shift two weeks per month, and the Wallowa sawmill will open June 1 in order to supply the lumber.

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### La Grande Eagles Baseball Nine to Play Tomorrow

Baseball will make its 1932 debut in La Grande tomorrow afternoon at 2:15 o'clock at the high school field, when the La Grande Eagles baseball team, managed by D. W. Hall, will play its first practice game of the season with a nine composed largely of last year's American Legion Junior League players.

Mr. Hall states that the practice game is being held primarily for the purpose of trying out several infield combinations in order to obtain the best balanced combination possible.

### High School Mimir Staff Is Complete

The Mimir staff, which will be responsible for the publication of next year's High School annual, has now been completed, according to word received yesterday. A few days ago Wallace Kaepke was elected as editor, and Paul Finlay was chosen for business manager.

The two have selected the following students to assist them in the various departments: Clara Norris, assistant editor; Myrn Smith, assistant business manager; Jeanne French, senior editor; Evelyn Campbell, junior manager; Everett Reynolds, organizations and activities; Bill Corey, boys' athletics; Sophie Gietthuber, girls' athletics; Delia Gray and Helen Conroy, calendar; Donald Culp, humor; David Hiatt and George Denny, snapshots; Mary Lou Rhea, alumni.

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
Oregon: Generally cloudy tonight and Sunday; probably occasional rain in west; moderate temperature; moderate southeast to south winds offshore.  
**WEATHER TODAY**  
7 a. m.—45 above.  
Minimum: 36 above.  
Condition: Partly cloudy.  
**WEATHER YESTERDAY**  
Maximum 67, minimum 36 above.  
Condition: Clear. Range—31 degrees.

**WEATHER APR. 30, 1932**  
Maximum 78, minimum 41 above.  
Condition: Clear. Range—37 degrees.

### La Grande Leads In Preliminaries At Track Meet

Willie Torrence Sets New Eastern Oregon Javelin Record With Throw of 166 Feet.

By Nolan Skiff  
La Grande High school took a commanding lead in the placing of qualifiers in eight events in the preliminaries this morning at Union in the annual Eastern Oregon track and field meet, chalking up 20 places and qualifying in all eight of the events.

The feature of the morning events, however, was the setting of a new Eastern Oregon javelin record by Willie Torrence, negro star of the La Grande High team. Willie tossed the spear 166 feet 9 inches, more than a foot farther than Gilliam's record, made many years ago.

Torrence placed first in the broad jump qualifiers with a leap of 20 feet 10 inches, qualified in the discus and shotput, and won his heats in both the high and low hurdles in fair time.

Corwyn Beery, La Grande sprint star, breezed in ahead of his field in both the 100 and 220 heats, but Graham, of Ontario, may press him to a new record in the furlong finals this afternoon.

Baker, of Ontario, winner of last year's Eastern Oregon discus event, loomed as another winner today with a toss of 111 feet 4 inches in the preliminaries. Baker was second to Boor, of Nyssa, in the shotput preliminaries. The results of the preliminaries follow:

100-yard dash: first heat: Woodell, Imbler, first; Graham, Ontario, second; Kavanaugh, La Grande, third; Layman, Pendleton, fourth. Time 10.7 seconds.

200-yard dash: first heat: Graham, Ontario, first; Beery, La Grande, second; Marshall, Nyssa, third; Williams, La Grande, fourth. Time 23.3 seconds.

220-yard dash: first heat: Graham, Ontario, first; Woodell, Imbler, second; Marshall, Nyssa, third; Williams, La Grande, fourth. Time 23.3 seconds.

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### 125 Musicians Will Appear On Sunday Program

Over 125 musicians will appear in the opening program of National Music Week, which is being observed in La Grande on May 1 to 7, in which practically all of the churches of the city are contributing vocal ensembles and solo numbers, tomorrow evening at 7:55 o'clock at the L. D. S. tabernacle. The "Prelude in F," by S. Lester Price, will begin at 7:55 o'clock with Mrs. W. M. Heughan at the organ, and all who are appearing on the program are asked to be seated by 7:45 o'clock.

Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, of St. Peter's Episcopal church, will deliver the invocation, and will be followed by the program which has been arranged under the chairmanship of Rev. Paul De F. Mortimore, of the Central Church of Christ.

Music organizations which are taking part in the program are a quartet from the Methodist church, South, composed of W. C. Wendt, Paul Walker, W. B. Starnier and D. E. Elam; Church of Christ choir, directed by Mr. Mortimore; Baptist Church choir, directed by Mrs. W. H. Parkinson; Methodist church choir, directed by Paul Knutts; double quartet from the Presbyterian church, composed of Mrs. S. B. Morgan, Mrs. Ray Fuller, Mrs. W. H. Borkenkamp, Miss Corrine Baker, E. E. Hurley, George Plank, Raymond Williams and C. E. Anderson; L. D. S. choir, directed by Miss Barbara Hiatt.

The program includes: "Prelude in F," by S. Lester Price; "The Beautiful Land," by F. A. F. White; "Quartet," M. E. Church South; "Hymn of the Last Supper," by Bainer; "Hymn of the Last Supper," by Bainer; "Hymn of the Last Supper," by Bainer.

Miss Helen Jensen, accompanist; "The Beautiful Land," by F. A. F. White; "Quartet," M. E. Church South; "Hymn of the Last Supper," by Bainer; "Hymn of the Last Supper," by Bainer.

### Fire Damages Roof Of Brown Residence

A defective flue in the attic of a home of E. J. Brown, 1504 M. caused a fire which broke out directly after noon today and burned for 45 minutes before it was extinguished by the fire department. The roof was burned, but practically no damage was done to the remainder of the house.

### ONE OF JAP OFFICIALS IS DEAD TODAY

Another is in Serious Danger as Result of Bomb Thrown by Jap

### THREE INJURED ARE RECOVERING

Sino-Jap Negotiations Expected to Be Held Since Bomb Thrown by Jap Subject.

SHANGHAI, Apr. 30 (AP)—One of the five high Japanese officials severely injured by a bomb explosion in Hongkong Park yesterday, Y. Kawabata, president of the Shanghai Japanese residents' association, died today.

Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese minister to China, was in serious danger. Thirty-two pieces of the hand grenade alleged to have been thrown by Yin Kitau, a Korean revolutionary from Manchuria, entered M. Shigemitsu's body.

The other victims General Yoshinori Shirakawa, Major General Kenkichi Uyeda and Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, were recovering. General Shirakawa, commander-in-chief of

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### ROAD BOARD TO OPEN BIG BIDS

May 18 Session Will Consider Seventeen New Highway Projects.

SALEM, Apr. 30 (AP)—Three large highway projects will be included in the call for bids to be issued for the next highway meeting May 18, it was announced by the highway department here today following the two-day session in Portland. The commission will open bids on about 17 projects, to be constructed at an estimated cost of about \$1,000,000.

The largest of these jobs is the grading and gravel topping of nine

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## Journalism Is Re-Instated

### Starr, Sammons Will Search East For a Chancellor

PORTLAND, Ore., April 30 (AP)—The Oregon state board of higher education today authorized its president, C. L. Starr, and E. C. Sammons, board member, to go east in search of the man who will become chancellor of higher education under the new unification program.

University of Oregon, Oregon State college, and the normal schools Monmouth, a Graceland and Ashland will be under supervision of the chancellor. The two major schools will have a president on the campus who will be directly responsible to the chancellor. The three normal schools will be under one head, also directly responsible to the chancellor.

The finance committee of the board, of which Sammons is chairman, sent back to the presidents of the schools their budget estimates with instructions that they must cut out some departments, reduce personnel, raise additional revenue through student fees, or by other manner they see fit in order to balance the budget.

### All in Readiness For Health Round-Up On Monday Morning

Pre-school children from all of Union county are planning to attend the Summer Round-up clinic, which will be held in La Grande on Monday from 9 until 12 o'clock. Children from Island City, Cove, Elgin, Imbler and Willowsdale will receive examination at the Sacajawea Annex and in the office of Dr. Lewa Wilkes in the Foley building; those from Riveria, Greenwood, Willow, Ackerman and North Powder will be examined at the Foley building; and Union and Central school will use the Sommer building.

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### Baker and Mann Won't Resign In Face Of Recall

Jury of Five Men and Seven Women Picked to Try Five on Charge of Malfeasance.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 30 (AP)—Five men and seven women and one woman alternate have been sworn as jurors to try Mayor George L. Baker and four others on charges of malfeasance and negligence in office. The jury was completed in an overtime session of court last night, following which adjournment was taken until Monday morning.

Defendants with Mayor Baker are two Portland city commissioners, Earl Riley and John M. Mann, the city engineer, Olat Laugaard, and C. Lee Wilson, contractor.

Baker, Mann and Riley are accused of effecting an alleged overpayment of \$200,000 in fixing the price of a municipal market site purchased

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### League Assembly Plans Shanghai Settlement Soon

GENEVA, April 30 (AP)—The league of nations assembly adopted today a resolution endorsing a plan for settlement of the Sino-Japanese controversy at Shanghai.

The Japanese delegates refrained from voting on the resolution, which provides that evacuation of the Japanese troops shall be completed in the near future, and that the league member countries be authorized to meet and discuss the situation.

Previous to the vote on the resolution Ambassador W. W. Yen, Chinese spokesman, had announced China accepted it.

The secretary of state Henry L. Stimson sat in the spectators' gallery with the American delegation during the assembly meeting.

M. Magsalona, Japanese spokesman, expressed dissatisfaction with the compromise proposal of Sir Miles W. Lampson, British minister to China, which was included in the resolution.

The assembly adjourned until further developments in the Sino-Japanese situation require its attention.

The first report from the league's Manchurian commission is expected to be submitted to the council in a few days.

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## SEVERAL ARE HURT IN MAY DAY MARCHES

Philadelphia Police Are Kept Busy Breaking Up Demonstrations

### COPS SWING CLUBS, ARREST 6 PERSONS

Peaceful Demonstration of 6,000 Socialists in New York City Guardred By Police.

PHILADELPHIA, April 30 (AP)—Attempts of several organizations to hold May day marches on city hall today were broken up by police in two clashes in which several persons were injured and half a dozen arrested.

The first clash occurred at Fourth and Federal streets in southeast Philadelphia when 500 persons starting to march were charged by police who used their clubs. The marchers fled, but attempted to reassemble and were again dispersed.

The second disturbance occurred at 15th and Thompson streets as several hundred marchers fell in behind a leader who in an address asked them to follow him to city hall a mile and a half away. One man was knocked down by police, several

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### Ward Holden Of Baker Freed By Jury Last Night

BAKER, Ore., Apr. 30 (AP)—Ward Holden of Baker was acquitted of a charge of second degree murder in the death last March 9 of Milton Hopkins. Cheers greeted the verdict.

The defense asserted Hopkins invaded Holden's home with the intention of beating him and that Holden shot him because of fear of bodily harm.

FLYING HOME

CINCINNATI, April 30 (AP)—Delayed more than two hours by rain and low hanging clouds, Governors James R. Rolph of California and Fred B. Balzar of Nevada, left here at 10:10 a. m. Eastern Standard time, today, continuing their projected Washington to Los Angeles dawn-to-dusk flight.

CHARGED WITH ATTACK

HILO, T. H. April 30 (AP)—Charged by a 12-year-old girl with a criminal attack on her, three youths were held here today. One of the boys was over the legal age and two were under age.

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## Massie, Others Guilty

### NEW SENATOR



Major John S. Cohen (above), distinguished publisher of the Atlanta Journal, has been appointed by Governor Richard B. Russell Jr., of Georgia to serve until fall in the senate seat left vacant by the death of Senator William J. Harris. A Democratic national committeeman, Major Cohen has been active in many public benefactions.

### NOTHING NEW IN KIDNAPING CASE

Lindbergh Baby, Will Have Been Gone Two Months Tomorrow

HOPEWELL, N. J., April 30 (AP)—It will be two months tomorrow since kidnapers stole Charles A. Lindbergh Jr. So far as the public knows, there is still no definite clue to the child's whereabouts.

John H. Curtis, one of three Norfolk men trying to negotiate the child's return, has gone on still another secret mission. He was reported to have put to sea with Lieut. George L. Richards and Edwin B. Bruce of Elmira, N. Y.

No results were reported from a radio call asking Harry Fleischer, Detroit gunman long sought in the kidnaping, to communicate with an unidentified person through a New York lawyer.

### Find Man's Body; Had Perished On Desert In Idaho

BOISE, Ida., Apr. 30 (AP)—The body of a man believed to be William Lawson, 80, of Middleton, Idaho, who wandered away in a Prince Albert coat two years ago apparently to perish on the Mountain Home desert, lay in a Mountain Home mortuary today.

It was found Tuesday by a sheep herder, Bill Stuart, who came upon it on Dorsey butte, the shrunken form half buried in the volcanic sands. The coroner tentatively identified the body as that of Lawson and relatives were called in today to make certain of the identification.

Two years ago in July Lawson started in a buckboard for Grand View to visit a nephew. The horses arrived and the buckboard was found, stranded in the desert. A search was made of many miles of desert but the man was not found.

### 13-Months-Old Baby Run Over By Train; Lives!

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Apr. 30 (AP)—An engine and ten freight cars ran over a 13-month-old baby, lying between the rails, but the only injuries were bruises on the temple and cheek.

A flagman on the rear of the freight train saw a little white bundle between the rails after the train passed over the spot near Goodwill. The bundle looked so much like a baby he signaled for an emergency stop and ran to the spot.

He and other members of the train crew found the baby, Anna Akers, crying. The child, too young to walk, is believed to have crawled to the track from her parents' home nearby.

Play Qualifying Rounds Tomorrow

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### Three Vancouver Buildings Fired By Incendiaries

Evidently Set By Same Persons Who Started Several Oregon Fires Last Week.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 30 (AP)—Fire described by Fire Chief George H. Wiegell as of incendiary origin was discovered in three large industrial plants here last night. Damage was negligible.

Fire started in the Washington Co-operative Poultry association and in the Clarke County Seed company plants shortly after midnight and in the Washington Growers' packing plant four hours later.

All three fires were discovered before they had made much headway and firemen said methods used in setting the three fires were almost identical. In each case paper and wood chips and kindling had been piled against the outside walls of the frame buildings in such a way that the fire would quickly work its way under the buildings.

Police said they found several clues which they considered promising. Fire Chief Wiegell said the methods used in starting the fires were similar to those used in alleged incendiary fires started in several Eugene, Ore., industrial plants last week.

The state fire chief was expected here today to investigate the fires.

### Massie Case To Be Taken Into Higher Courts

HONOLULU, Apr. 30 (AP)—The indictment upon which Mrs. Grace Fortescue and her three naval co-defendants were tried and convicted of manslaughter in the killing of Joe Kahahawai will be the ladder upon which the case will be taken to the higher courts, Defense Attorney Montecary Wynn announced today. Wynn charged the indictment was returned after pressure was used by a territorial court.

Mrs. Fortescue, her son-in-law, Lieut. Thomas H. Massie, and two enlisted men, Albert O. Jones and E. J. Lord, were found guilty yesterday by a territorial circuit court jury which recommended leniency.

How the jury voted during its nearly fifty hours of deliberation was revealed today. It split at first nearly along racial lines—the jury being a cross section of Honolulu's polyglot population—and it was only in the end that the Orientals and men of mixed races swung the caucassians over to their point of view.

The foreman of the jury was a white man, John F. Stone, corporation official.

Wynn, pushing aside for the moment the verdict returned by the trial jury, declared the next step in the fight to free the New York society woman and three men would be an attack on the indictment returned after Circuit Judge Albert M. Cristy had kept the grand jury in session several days.

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Mrs. Mary Titus Called By Death

Mrs. Mary Titus, 79 years old, who crossed the plains with her husband in a covered wagon drawn by a mule team in 1887, died last night about midnight at her home in Union. Mrs. Titus has been ill for about two years, never having recovered from the shock received when she was one of the passengers of the train which was wrecked near Telocaset about two years ago.

She crossed the plains in 1887 and homesteaded at Ramo Flat until coming to Union 13 years ago. Mr. Titus died 11 years ago.

Mrs. Titus is survived by 10 children and six grandchildren. Her funeral services will be announced later, but will probably be held on Monday, it is believed. Cook Brothers, of Union, are in charge of funeral arrangements.

BANQUET FOR KLEIN

SALEM, Apr. 30 (AP)—The state highway department will be host tonight to a banquet in honor of Roy A. Klein, former state highway engineer, whose resignation became effective Apr. 1. Newspapermen and friends of Klein have been invited to join with department officials and employes at the dinner.

### Clearing Snow On Crater Lake Road

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Apr. 30 (AP)—Clearing of snow from the Crater Lake park entrance is going rapidly forward.

James Bromley, maintenance engineer, said that the state and park crews will meet at the gateway about the first of the week and the road then will have been cleared to the lake rim.

Travel into the park so far this season has reached a total of 8620 persons, arriving in 3052 cars. All of this travel has been through the Klamath entrance.

Snow conditions at the rim are reported ideal for winter sports.

ARMY-NAVY

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (AP)—The house today rejected a proposal that the army and navy be consolidated under a department of national defense.

## JURY URGES LENIENCY IN SENTENCING

Four Persons Tried in Honolulu Convicted of Manslaughter.

### DARROW FAILS TO EXPRESS ELATION

Rumors Fly Thick and Fast—One is That Plot Exists to Lynch Lieutenant Massie.

By William H. Ewing  
HONOLULU, April 30 (AP)—The four persons tried for the lynching of Joseph Kahahawai were convicted of manslaughter by a racially mixed jury nearly 40 hours after it was given the case.

Officers of the national guard kept in close touch with the situation today to prevent any repercussions as Honolulu was pervaded with an ominous surface quiet.

As news of the verdict spread last night that the jury had convicted Lieut. Thomas H. Massie, Mrs. Grandville Fortescue and two navy enlisted men, Albert O. Jones and E. J. Lord, it was paralleled by a whirl of rumors and intense excitement.

Rumors that the national guard had been called out were denied by Governor Lawrence M. Judd, but he added "we are ready for anything."

"Certainly we have taken precautions," he said, though he declined to reveal what they were.

The four men at liberty under bond

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### DEFENSE HARD HIT FRIDAY IN IDAHO TRIAL

LEWISTON, Idaho, Apr. 30 (AP)—Defense in the fraud trial of Henry Gusman and H. F. Fox received a heavy blow late Friday when the court denied a motion for an instructed verdict of acquittal, intimating that evidence denied by the defense showed Gusman guilty of conspiracy to defraud the state of Idaho on machinery sales, and said the jury would be advised to acquit Fox, Gusman's former employe. The defense had rested its case.

Judge Johnson, in announcing he will advise the jury to return a verdict of acquittal for Fox, pointed out that Fox was not in Gusman's employ when the alleged conspiracy was conceived and that other bookkeepers of Gusman's Lewiston Auto Parts company, through which the state's "short" purchases were made, had signed certificates to vouchers for parts allegedly undelivered, as Fox did.

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### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Apr. 30 (AP)—With apparent completion of urgent selling to wind up May contracts, wheat developed a stronger tone today and eastern purchasing of futures was a late feature.

New export business in North American wheat was of fair volume, totaling 600,000 bushels. Continued liquidating sales in corn and rye, however, brought about new low price records for those commodities.

Wheat closed firm,  $\frac{1}{8}$  @  $\frac{1}{2}$  above yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to  $\frac{1}{8}$  lower, oats  $\frac{1}{8}$  @  $\frac{1}{2}$  up, and provisions varying from 5 cents decline to an equal advance.