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JAPAN-U.S. EXCHANGE PEACE NOTES

FISHING LAWS FOR '34 LIKE LAST YEAR'S

Season Opens Ten Days Earlier, However, in Most Streams.

CATHERINE CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 15

Stream Above Union Fish Hatchery Will Be Open From April 15 to July 10.

Rules and regulations to govern 1934 fishing in Oregon have been issued in detail from the headquarters of the state game commission, according to local state police officers, and they allow trout fishing in all streams in Union county beginning April 5 except Catherine creek.

In both Union and Wallowa counties it is unlawful to catch trout less than six inches in length. In Union county Catherine creek above the state fish hatchery will be open for fishing from April 15 to July 10, both days inclusive. An order issued last year closing this section of fishing water from July 10, 1933 to April 15, 1934, was not changed by the recent decision to open the general season ten days early.

The open season in Union county on all lakes and their tributaries will be from June 15 to Sept. 30.

Restrictions in Wallowa county follow: Bear creek from the point of diversion of the city of Wallowa's intake to the mouth of Little Bear creek, a distance of approximately five miles, closed.

See lake and Minam lake, open season April 15, 1934, to April 14, 1935. All tributaries to Wallowa lake to the falls in said tributaries, open season.

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Seven Suitcases Are Stolen From Stage Tuesday

A robbery that involved considerable daring occurred between La Grande and Pendleton yesterday, when someone caught a ride on top of a Union Pacific stage bus, broke the lock to the luggage compartment, and threw off seven suitcases and then made his escape. The loss was not discovered by the stage driver until he stopped at Pendleton.

Officers believe the suitcases were thrown off between La Grande and Meacham, probably picked up by some companion following in an automobile.

Several thefts of this nature, have been reported in various sections of the country the last few months, indicating the development of a new "trick".

COUNTY AGENT LEADER HERE ON BUSINESS

F. L. Ballard, of Corvallis, county agent leader for Oregon, arrived in La Grande this morning to confer with the county agricultural agent, Harry G. Avery, on business matters. Mr. Avery and Mr. Ballard went to Enterprise today to spend the day.

British Make Post Office Pay



HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Mar. 20 — Just like to show you what our cousins are doing in the way of toting the mail. "London, March 16, the British postoffice showed a profit at the end of this fiscal year, ending February of \$70,000,000. Last year \$57,000,000 post-office profits are applied to the reduction of taxes."

We lose \$130,000,000 a year. Who's looney now? They also run the telephone and telegraph, so when you say "a government can't run a business," you mean our government can't run it; so don't forget to always put that word "our" in there.

Jim, this is no reflection on you and your P. O. gang. It's on our lawmakers who won't charge for a letter, paper or crate of eggs what it costs to carry it, be it by plane, boat, train or mile and charge accordingly.

Yours,
Will Rogers.
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PIONEERS ENJOY PROGRAM GIVEN BY CLUB WOMEN

A program closely allied to the progress made in the Grande Ronde valley since the coming of the first settlers, was enjoyed by a large group of pioneers from all parts of the valley and members of the Neighborhood club yesterday afternoon at the La Grande hotel.

Mrs. Lloyd Pierce, chairman of the program, arranged a depiction of the growth of transportation, from "Vagabond to Wings" and the pioneers, and their descendants were the guests of

MATINEE STAGING OF L. H. S. MUSICAL COMEDY IS HELD

The first matinee performance of "Jewels of the Desert" yesterday afternoon found the musical comedy whipped into shape under the able direction of Andrew Loney Jr., music director, and Miss Kathryn Sartain, dramatics and stage director, and after another matinee performance for the high school students this afternoon, it is expected that a finished performance will be ready for the adult public Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the high school gymnasium. Colorful costumes and stage settings redolent of Oriental glamour

PRESS FREEDOM HELD NECESSARY TO U. S. LIBERTY

"If the government ever controls the newspapers we can bid democracy and liberty good-bye and prepare to live under dictatorship," Bernard Mainwaring, editor of the Baker Democrat-Herald, told Rotary club members today noon at the La Grande hotel.

"It is no accident that public opinion is important and dictators all powerful in Russia, Italy, Germany and other countries where the government dominates the press," he explained.

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HOMEMAKERS' CONFERENCE ON MARCH 29

All Women of Union County to Be Invited — County Agent Announces Coming Event.

A county homemakers' conference open without charge to all women of Union county will be held on Thursday, March 29, the meeting place to be announced later, County Agent H. G. Avery announced today.

Three members of the Oregon State college extension staff in home economics are to give lectures and demonstrations, while various exhibits, some of which were shown recently at the state home interests conference at Corvallis, will be set up. The program begins promptly at 10 o'clock and will continue until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Louie Standley, of the Iowa district, and prominent member of Pleasant Grove grange, will preside at the morning session and another will be in charge of registration. A committee will be appointed for the noon meal. Miss Lucy A. Case, state nutrition specialist, will demonstrate one dish showing the preparation of vegetables and this will be served at noon, in addition to the meal planned and arranged for.

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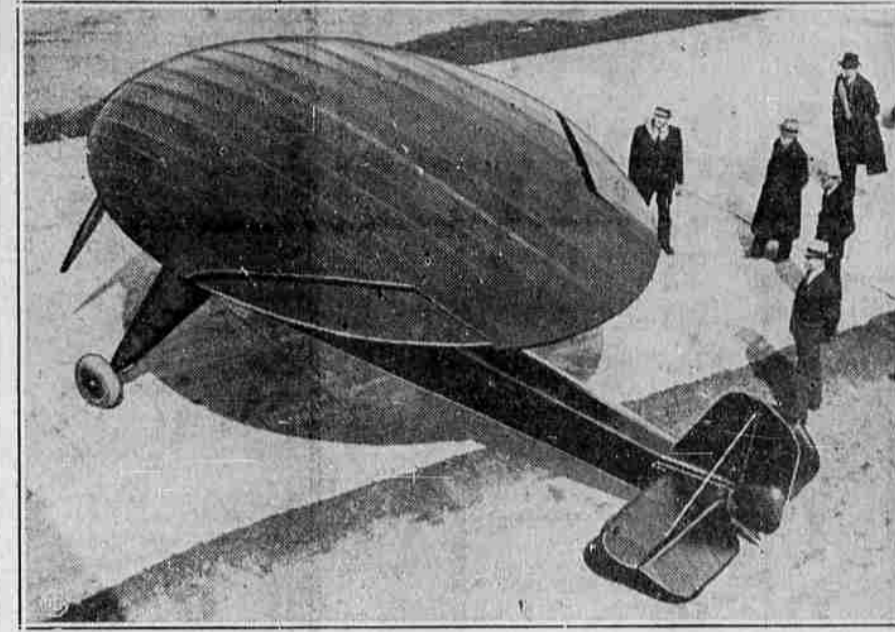
Principals Of Local Schools Are Re-elected

Six school men were re-elected to fill the positions they held during the present school year and at the same salary when the school directors held their March meeting. A. L. Griffin was re-elected principal of the High school; J. W. Leonard, Central; R. A. Wilkerson, Greenwood; John W. Bennett, Riveria; Sarah Williamson, Willow, and Andrew Loney Jr., supervisor of public school music. The re-election was made upon the recommendation of Supt. Herbert Evans, and the board gave its unanimous approval.

The board is contemplating no reduction in salaries of teachers and also no general increase this year, it was reported. Any possible changes in any salaries will await study by the board of spring tax payments.

The re-elected school men and women have from a month to six weeks to signify their decisions concerning re-election.

All Set for That Rainy Day; Umbrella Plane Flies



A startling novelty in airplanes is this "umbrella" type ship, tested with success in Chicago. Taking off with a 100-foot run, it can attain a speed of 135 miles an hour and land at a 60-degree angle in a 25-foot circle. The craft has a 12-foot circular "awning" instead of standard monoplane construction and is driven by a 125-horsepower motor. It can come to earth slower than a parachute, say its inventors.

LA GRANDE TIGERS PLAY OPENING GAME IN STATE TOURNEY AT 5:00 TODAY

game or two if things work out right. Tigers Play at Five
La Grande starts its play at 5 o'clock this afternoon against Eugene, ranked as one of the three or four strongest teams in the tournament. If the Tigers were to click strong enough to upset the University city boys, a lot of fans at home would do some lat celebrating. The

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Seven Perish in Tenement Flames

NEW YORK, Mar. 21 (AP) — Seven persons perished today in a tenement house fire on the upper east side, bringing to 25 the number of deaths from similar fires in the last six weeks.

SENTENCED TO JAIL
PORTLAND, Mar. 21 (AP) — Mrs. Mary E. Griffin, former postmistress at Rye Valley, Baker county, was sentenced to six months in jail and was placed on probation when she pleaded guilty in federal court here Tuesday to making false reports to stamp sales.

The Agricultural Situation Might Be Worse

SUPPOSE ALL THE SPRING GARDENS SHOULD COME UP TO EXPECTATIONS



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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 52 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. No export bid. Portland cash 7 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, Mar. 21 (AP) — Despite reports of unfavorable crop conditions southwest and northwest alike, wheat prices ranged lower almost throughout today's trading, but rallied a little at the last.
Based largely on advices relating to labor difficulties and to proposed stock market restrictions, grain trade sentiment was pessimistic. Transactions in wheat were of unusually meager volume.
Wheat closed unsettled, 1/4 to 1/2 cent under yesterday's finish, May \$7 1/2 to 1 1/2, corn unchanged to 1/2 cent down, oats 1/4 to 1/2 cent off, and provisions unchanged to 1/2 cent decline.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

VERNON HULL FILES TODAY

SAYS U. S. AVIATION HOPELESS

FEAR 1,000 LOST IN FIRE

CONFERRERS FAIL TO AGREE

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 21 (AP) — Vernon Hull, of La Grande, a Democrat, filed today for the nomination for state representative from the 24th district, Union county, now represented by Rep. Victor Eckley, Democrat, of La Grande.

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP) — Brigadier-General William Mitchell told the house postoffice committee today American aviation was "hopeless" compared with that of the rest of the world because "it is in the hands of this gang that had control of the airmail."

TOKYO, March 21 (AP) — The Bengo (Japanese) news agency correspondent out at Hakodate reported today that one thousand persons are feared to have died in a fire which destroyed the greater part of Hakodate.

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP) — Congressional conferees failed to agree at their first meeting today on the controversial veterans' benefits and federal pay questions and the house group prepared to ask the house to insist on its less liberal provisions.

PORTLAND, March 21 (AP) — Edgar Freed, Oregon compliance director for NRA, announced today that three Portland retail mercantile establishments, accused of violating NRA fair trade provisions, have agreed to abandon their erring ways and have returned to full NRA compliance.

MRS. MELVILLE PASSES AWAY AT HOME LAST NIGHT

Mrs. Mary Ellen Melville, native daughter of Oregon and a resident of La Grande for the last 43 years, died unexpectedly last night at her home at 705 N. avenue.

Christian Science services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary, and interment will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Melville was born in Lafayette, Ore., on July 11, 1859 and moved with her parents to The Dalles at the age of two years, where she grew to young womanhood. She was married to John Melville in April of

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SENATE FINANCE BOARD ASKS TAX ON CAPITAL STOCK

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP) — A \$300,000,000 tax bill was approved today by the senate finance committee and Chairman Harrison (D., Miss.) said he expected the senate would take it up early next week.

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP) — The senate finance committee today unanimously approved a capital stock tax of one-tenth of one per cent to take effect July 1, 1935, and estimated it would bring in \$95,000,000 in revenue.

The committee also provided a 5 per cent penalty tax on corporations if earnings exceed 12 1/2 per cent, as a guard against undervaluations in determining their own capital stock valuations. Both propositions were advanced by Chairman Harrison (D., Miss.).

As a partial offset for these new taxes, the committee eliminated the excise tax on soft drinks, which bring in an estimated \$6,200,000, but increased the tax on colored matches

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IRISH GIRL CROSSES SEA IN CHILLY BOAT

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, March 21 (AP) — Adeline Carr, Catherine, Texas Carr — who brought two boxes of bread and set out for Canada because she couldn't find a job in Scotland — is recovering in a hospital today from an 11-day Atlantic crossing in a freighter's lifeboat.

Huddled beneath the boat's flimsy canvas covering, she suffered intensely in the bitter cold of a winter passage. Still, not until she was carried yesterday from the Donaldson line freighter Sulairia, did the 24-year-old Irish miss collapse.

TWO NATIONS 'SHAKE HANDS' ACROSS SEA

Communications Pledging Peace Published in Both Countries.

TRADE EXTENSION FAVORED BY BOTH

Japan Expected to Open Discussions With U. S. Soon On Several Important Questions.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21 (AP) — The United States and Japan today "shook hands across the Pacific" in a significant exchange of notes mutually pledging peace.

Hoki Hirota, foreign minister of Japan, in a formal note to Roosevelt administration diplomatic chiefs here asserted the Nippon government "has no intention whatever to provoke and make trouble with any other power."

Secretary Hull, evidently scanning reported war clouds in the far east, based on strained relations between Japan and Soviet Russia, replied:

"I receive this statement with special gratification. . . . I am glad to take this opportunity to state categorically that the United States on its part has no desire to create any issues and no intention to initiate any conflict in its relations with other countries."

"The Hirota-Hull exchange was the first such passage of good will notes since President Roosevelt took office more than a year ago.

In their messages, the diplomatic chiefs of the two nations uttered definite agreements, using the words of Hirota, that:

"No question exists between our two governments that is fundamentally incapable of amicable solution."

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Lilyan Tashman, Movie Actress, Succumbs Today

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP) — Lilyan Tashman, motion picture actress, died this afternoon at Doctors hospital after an illness which had lasted a year and became acute March 16.

A. J. Gerstenbach, directing manager of the hospital, announced that death had been caused by "an advanced tumorous condition" which had necessitated an emergency operation shortly after she was admitted to the hospital.

Hospital records gave her age as 33 years. She leaves her husband, Edmund Lower, also of the firm. An announcement by the hospital paid great tribute to Miss Tashman's tenacity in carrying on her moving picture work despite the seriousness of her condition.

33 Killed, 68 Hurt In Russian Wreck

MOSCOW, Mar. 21 (AP) — Thirty-three persons were killed and 68 injured in the wreck of two trains near Svetloystok, revealed here yesterday by the latest in Soviet Russia's recent epidemic of serious railroad accidents.

The responsible employes already have been placed on trial. The maximum penalty for conviction in such a case is death.

This is the fourth such catastrophe reported within a month.

HERE'S REAL SCOOP! IT'S SPRINGTIME

Tra la la, etc. Spring is here! What! You're not surprised! Maybe you're not surprised, but nevertheless, all the calendars, astronomers, weather charters and others of authority in relation to climates, insist that today is the first day of spring, and that "winter" ended at 11:28 o'clock last night. We've had the idea all along that spring came about a month ago, but after all, it must have been merely an unusually warm winter, with emphasis on the unusual. However, the little drawing above is quite true to life. Lambs have been gamboling around in the sheep pens for the last few weeks, and the kiddies are just as much at home on the green lawns as they are inside—much more so, in fact. But getting back to this arrival of spring, let's invite Mother Nature, herself, was fooled into believing it was here a long time ago, as well as mere human beings. Take, for example, the cherry tree near La Grande that burst into bloom on Feb. 24. And the buttercups that started blooming late last December and are still at it.

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