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Four Local Homes Are Burglarized

3 DWELLINGS ENTERED IN CONNORDALE

Robber Gets \$22 Saturday Night and 350 Pennies On Sunday

POLICE WARNING LOCAL CITIZENS

Only Cash Taken, Apparently, With Reports to Police That Other Valuables Passed By.

A series of house robberies occurred over the weekend, one Saturday night and three Sunday night, with the total loss \$25.50 in cash. Police officers were investigating the burglaries today, and also warned citizens to take precautions to protect their homes.

A home at 702 O avenue, whose owner was not named on the police records, was entered Saturday night through a side window and \$22 in cash stolen.

Sunday night the homes of Walter H. Furman, 1004 Twelfth street, Mervin Mortensen, 1103 Twelfth street, and M. G. Murray, 1105 Eleventh street, were entered. Nothing was reported missing from the Furman and Mortensen homes, the burglar scoring several articles of known value.

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E. Jacobson Retires After 51 Years on U. P.

E. Jacobson, Union Pacific engineer, went on the pension roll yesterday, April 1, completing 51 years of railroad service. Except for a very short period of time, all this period was spent as a Union Pacific employee. Mr. Jacobson, of 102 Greenwood street, has no particular plans for the future, except he expects to do his best to gain full enjoyment of the "next thirty years" of his life. Mr. Jacobson holds a unique position among the railroad old timers, in that he is said to be the only survivor of the crew which brought the first train into La Grande half a century ago. He is in excellent health, and is 70 years of age. His birthday took place on Mar. 16.

EGG AGREEMENT STATEMENT MADE

It was announced today by Tom Ruckman, chairman of the Union County Poultry association, that because of recent developments it has been necessary to cancel an agreement entered into by egg producers of Union county and retail egg merchants of La Grande which was designed to help both egg producers and consumers.

The plans of the agreement was to make it possible for egg producers to be assured of a reasonable profit on their produce, and at the same time, to guarantee grades of eggs to consumers, Mr. Ruckman said.

RETURN HOME IN NEW AUTO

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. McPherson have returned from a several days trip to Portland, Eugene and other Western Oregon points. They drove home in a new car which they recently purchased.

MARCH 8.9 DEGREES WARMER THAN USUAL

March continued along the path set by December, January and February by providing above normal temperatures for La Grande, a check of the monthly weather records today revealed. The mean temperature for March was 49.2 degrees, compared with normal for this month of 40.3, or an excess of 8.9 degrees. This is a bit warmer than the ordinary April in La Grande, and only four degrees colder than normal May weather. Mean temperature was 42.9 for February, seven degrees colder than for March.

Will Has New Idea For Our Fleet

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Apr. 1 — Not much news last couple of days from Astor's fishing smack. Pretty nice of England to let our president fish in their ocean. Speaking of oceans, our grand fleet of 110 ships have to leave this coast this week. Japan says they have been in their ocean long enough. We are about the only nation that has a fleet but no ocean to put it on. The thing we ought to do is to dig a canal right smack dab across the U. S. from east to west. Then when there is objections from the proprietors of the Atlantic and Pacific we could cruise in our own waters, something we can't do now. Yours,

Phil Rogers.
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SNOW FALLS IN LA GRANDE EASTER DAY

Two Inches Measured Officially—Mother Nature Enjoys April First Prank.

Mother Nature played a chilly prank on La Grande Sunday, which was April fool's day and also Easter. After only one inch of snow in January and none in February and March, she gave the city two inches of snow Sunday and Sunday night, although much of it melted soon after it fell.

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ERA OFFICIALS AWAITING WORD AS TO PROGRAM

With the GWA officially ended, local administrative forces are awaiting word from the ERA to put men back to work in the role of relief workers instead of GWA employees.

Administration forces here have been reduced to C. B. Miller, county manager; F. L. Meyers, disbursing officer; Jim Woods, timekeeper and clerk; A. H. Ortman, purchasing agent, and Mrs. Cora Scott, in charge of the relief office.

Each person given work on the new

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BUILDING PERMIT TOTAL AT \$4605

Four building permits were issued in La Grande during the month of March, bringing the total value of new construction for the month to \$1,220, and for the first quarter of this year to \$4,605. William Hesse last week took out a permit to alter and repair a two-story home on Washington between Greenwood and Hemlock, the work to cost \$150.

Month	Permits	Total
January	2	\$2,200
February	7	1,195
March	4	1,220
Total	13	\$4,605

Blossom Ruler



Roberta Hensel, 16, Wenatchee, Wash., high school miss, will rule over the extensive apple district in central Washington this year as queen of the annual Apple Blossom Festival April 14.

EASTER SUNDAY IS OBSERVED BY LOCAL CHURCHES

In spite of inclement weather, unusually large congregations attended Easter services in practically all churches of the city yesterday, the services ranging from sunrise services to evening cantatas.

Easter services at the First Methodist Episcopal church reached a very successful climax in the Easter Cantata presented last evening by the large senior choir before a capacity audience. Under the direction of Paul Knautz, with Miss Genevieve Adler at the organ, the organization sang Mrs. E. L. Ashford's "King Triumphant" a beautiful presentation of the Easter story in 11 parts.

Solo parts were taken by Mrs. Thomas McGuire, Mrs. Sherwood Williams, Mrs. Frank Jasper, Mrs. Ray Fuller, Mrs. A. W. Nelson, Harvey Carter, Sherwood Williams, Fred Hertzog and Paul Knautz, the other members of the choir being — so-

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PLANE TRAIN STOPS TODAY ON WAY EAST

Great Interest Shown By La Grande at Local Inspection; Hundreds Arrive Too Late.

The Union Pacific Streamline three-car train, now on a "triumphant tour" of the system, was open to public inspection in La Grande for two hours and 40 minutes this morning just north of the depot, and during that time 4,731 people inspected it—more than half of La Grande's population. People were here from over all of Union and Wallowa counties to see the newest development in passenger carriers.

The last person to go through the train in La Grande today made a to-

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M.I.A. Stakes To Begin Contests Tuesday Evening

Participants in the preliminary contests of the M. I. A. of the various stakes will meet tomorrow evening. The La Grande First Ward will go to Union where they will meet members of the Union Ward. The La Grande Second Ward will go to Imbler on the same evening to hold their contests. The contests will include public speaking, re-told stories, and drama. The winners of tomorrow evening's contests will meet on Tuesday evening, April 10 at the recreational hall in La Grande for the final elimination contests and Friday, April 13 will be Stake Honor Night when the winners will make their appearance.

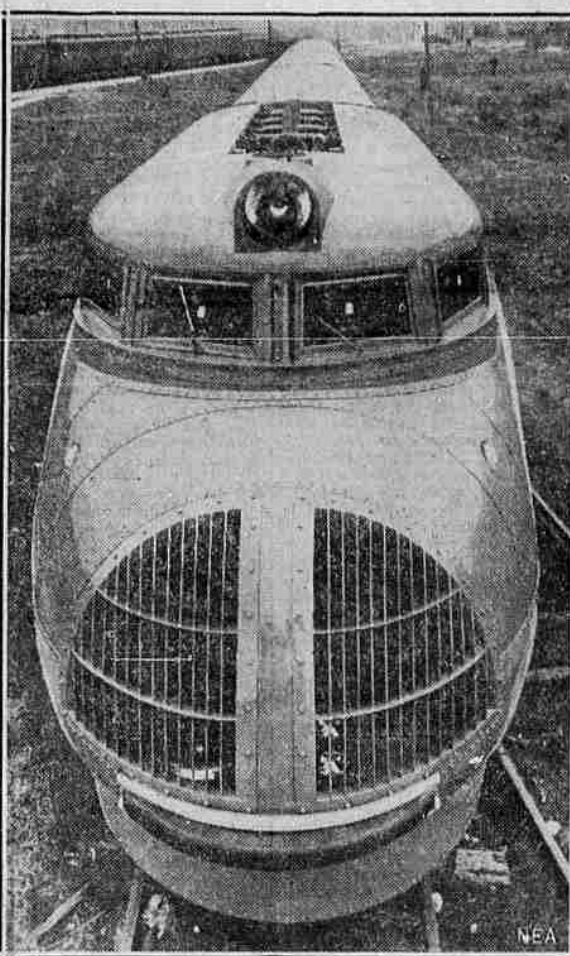
The public is cordially invited to any and all of these contests, it is announced by the committee in charge of arrangements.

MABEL MORTON IN CHARGE OF SOCIAL-LOCALS

Miss Mabel Morton, who has been valley news editor of the Observer the last several years, today took charge of the society news. She also will continue to conduct her valley work.

Miss Kathryn Moran, formerly employed by the Observer, has returned to the staff as a news reporter.

"TOMORROW'S TRAIN" HERE TODAY



Like a glaring, "toothy" prehistoric monster this creation looks, but instead it's the last word in modernity—the train of tomorrow. A long, low projectile, its "body" only 9 1/2 inches from the rails, this Union Pacific train, capable of 110 miles an hour and more, was in La Grande this morning for a public inspection.

POLICE CONTINUE SEARCHING TODAY FOR TWO BANDITS

ST. PAUL, Apr. 2 (AP)—The search for John Dillinger spread to the en-

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HESS TO SPEAK ON "TAXATION"

State Senator Henry Hess is to speak on the subject of "Taxation" to the senior class of the First Ward M. I. A. Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the L. D. S. tabernacle. It was announced today.

NAME CAISER PRESIDENT OF EDUCATORS

Milton-Freewater Man Honored — La Grande to Hold 1934 East Oregon Track Meet May 5.

The annual spring convention of the Eastern Oregon Superintendents, Principals and Teachers association closed here Saturday afternoon with election of officers, and designation

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GILSTRAP SPEAKS AT LIONS LUNCH

Dr. Clarence Gilstrap of this city, addressed the Lions club at its noon luncheon in the Sackajawa Inn today, using as his subject, "The Dawn of a New Era." He pointed out that the United States is different from other nations in that it did not win its stability through war.

A committee was appointed, headed by Ira C. Woodie, to take charge of the swimming pool for the summer, in connection with the community playground movement, of which the pool is one unit.

Dr. W. K. Ross was elected a delegate to the state convention of the Lions to be held in June.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 35 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Export bid 76 cents, Portland cash 72 cents.

CHICAGO, Apr. 2 (AP)—Influenced by the showing made by comprehensive monthly private crop reports, wheat values sagged today, late as well as early. Probable 1934 United States winter wheat acreage remaining for harvest was figured at 35,400,000 acres, compared with 28,420,000 in 1933. Estimates of the abandoned acreage this season were placed at 13.6 per cent, a fraction larger than usual. Wheat closed unsettled, 3 1/2 c. lower than Saturday's finish, May 86 1/2 c., corn 1 1/2 c. down, oats 3 1/2 c. off, and provisions unchanged to a decline of 22 cents.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

TAX BILL BEFORE SENATE

OLEO, TAN IS UPHOLD

THOMAS IS DENIED RADIO

"FUNNY PAPER" DEATH CAUSE

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (AP)—The \$330,000,000 revenue bill, designed primarily to make it more difficult for the wealthy to avoid taxation, was taken up by the senate today with an opening statement by Chairman Harrison of the finance committee that it "distributes the tax burden fairly among taxpayers and in no way impedes legitimate business transactions."

WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (AP)—The Washington state tax of 15 cents a pound on oleomargarine was sustained today by the supreme court.

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BETTERMENT OF BUSINESS TO CONTINUE

J. L. Haight, U. P. Official, Gives Resume of Conditions at Breakfast Here This Morning.

Manufacturers, industrialists and other leaders in community life the country over are confident of continued upward business trend, said J. L. Haight, of Omaha, vice president and assistant to the president of the Union Pacific railroad, speaking this morning to a group of local business people who gathered at breakfast with officials of the railroad at the Sackajawa Inn.

Mr. Haight, who has visited over the nation as a member of the party aboard the Union Pacific's new streamline train, has talked and visited during the countrywide trip with

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TURKEY AGREES TO SEND INSULL BACK TO AMERICA

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—Turkey today notified the United States that Samuel Insull would be extradited to Chicago to stand trial.

Robert P. Skinner, American ambassador at Ankara, notified the state department the Turkish government had informed him at 5 p. m. (Turkish time) that Insull's extradition had been granted.

The Turkish government at the same time informed Skinner that Insull was now at the ambassador's disposition.

LABOR DEPARTMENT SAYS WOOD "FIRED"

BOSTON, Apr. 2 (AP)—There appeared to be a difference of opinion today on the "resignation" of Charles G. Wood, counselor for the federal G. Wood, in industrial disputes in the east, south and middlewest.

Wood announced his resignation yesterday in a sharp worded letter to Miss Frances Perkins, secretary of labor; the labor department said, "Wood was dismissed more than a month ago."

In his letter to Miss Perkins, Wood charged her with having "fallen down on the job" through failure to take the lead in reconciling industrial belligerents.

The labor department at Washington issued the following statement last night:

"Charles G. Wood was a minor employee in the department of labor and did not resign, but was notified

REPUBLICAN GENERAL MAY BE CANDIDATE

McAlexander, "Rock of the Marne," Flirting With Contest Today.

HALL AND DODD THROW IN HATS

Charles M. Thomas Decides Not to Run; More Candidates For Congress Make Appearance

By the Associated Press
With tomorrow the final day to file as a candidate for party nomination in the May primary elections, there was the usual rush of candidates over the weekend. Several new developments occurred in the gubernatorial race, indicating quite a few candidates for both party standard bearers.

General Ulysses S. McAlexander, one of Oregon's most famous fighting men, and known throughout the continent as "Rock of the Marne" for his exploits in the World war, was in Portland today discussing with well-informed members of the Republican party his chances as a candidate for the Republican nomination as governor. A decision was expected soon, but he made no comment.

If McAlexander entered, it will put a general in each party contest, with General Martin a candidate for the

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Bremerton Holds Three Suspects In Murder Case

BREMERTON, Apr. 2 (AP)—The "hammer murders" were studied and worked on intensively here today, in attempts to untangle clues to the grisly slayings of six persons, but the only living witness to the ghastly deed found in the house couldn't help any—it was a big white cat.

Although a plausible motive appeared to be the theft of two valuable diamond rings, one of them a \$1,500 diamond ring, from Mrs. Frank Flieder, one of the victims, the killings were of the most fiendish nature, authorities said. The throats of two of the victims had been cut and all bore numerous deadly hammer and knife wounds.

Three men were being questioned, as part of a roundup of underworld characters here. The evidence was taken from Flieder's ransacked and blood-stained home in a summer colony on Eliland's point, where the murders were discovered Saturday night.

The victims: Frank Flieder, 45, owner of the home, Mrs. Anna Taylor Flieder, 50, his wife.

Eugene Chenevert, 38, better known as Bert Vincent, the "Singing Bartender" and former vaudeville player.

Mrs. Peggy Chenevert, 30, his wife. Magnus Jordan, 56, retired navy man and caretaker of summer homes.

Fred Hansen, bar tender at a Bremerton beer parlor.

The inside of the house was a "shambles," with the bodies, battered or shot to death, lying about in three of the rooms.

Industrial Recovery Held Irresistible

NEW YORK, April 2 (AP)—Industrial recovery, in the opinion of Alfred P. Sloan Jr., president of the General Motors corporation, is now under way with "irresistible force."

In his pamphlet report for 1933, written about the middle of March and made public today, Sloan dated the business upswing as beginning in the summer of 1932.

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