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OREGON MOVES TO CUT GAS PRICE

CLOSE TELLS OF GAINS BY OLD JAPAN

America's Hope, He Says, is Cultivation of National Spirit.

U. S. FAR BEHIND IN NAVAL POWER

Likens Position of This Nation to That of Spain Before England Stepped Into Lead.

"The front door of America today is the Washington, Oregon and California coastline together with territorial possessions in the Pacific," asserted Upton Close, a visitor for a brief time in La Grande this morning, and addressing the students of the Eastern Oregon Normal school and townspeople on the theme of "Your Place and Mine in the Rapidly Unfolding Chapter of World History."

"Nothing out of Europe is going to determine the life of America any more. In that direction we may have nothing more than a side-door for our kinsmen. The only thing there for us to worry about is the fact that today the Bank of England is financing Japan in the building of a greater navy; that there is from France, Czechoslovakia and other countries the assistance in furnishing arms and war munitions. There is nothing left in Europe for Europeans to fight for but ashes," he asserted, and "even a victory should bring the countries there to war, would bring them nothing."

Dr. Frank Eames Vice President Of E.O. Dentists

Dr. Frank Eames, of La Grande, was elected vice president of the Eastern Oregon Dental society at the annual spring clinic held at Pendleton Friday and Saturday. Other officers of the association elected were Dr. J. H. Burchdorf, of Baker, president and Dr. Eyer Young, of Baker, secretary.

Those in attendance from La Grande were Dr. H. S. Brown, Dr. C. W. Erwin, Dr. Ray Murphy and Dr. Eames. They report one of the most helpful and instructive sessions of this organization which has been held for some time.

LITTLE GIRL HIT BY AUTO; HAND INJURED

A little girl whose first name was not learned, but whose last name is Cole and who lives on Second street, was struck by an automobile driven by Robert McMillan, 18, at the intersection of Third and Adams. The girl, aged seven years, suffered a cut hand, Robert reported to the police. He said he put on his brakes when he saw the girl, who he said stopped in the middle of the street and then zig-zagged in front of his car in seeking safety.

Another accident occurred Saturday at 4 p. m. when car driven by Robert R. Kelly, of La Grande, and F. Bruce Rehr, of Puyallup, Wash., figured in a minor collision at Adams and Spruce. No one was hurt.

VOTERS TO GET LOTS OF BALLOTS IN MAY

You voters, who like to scratch lots of X's on official ballots, will be in your glory at the May election. At least four, and possibly five ballots will be handed to each voter when they vote in the primaries, according to the copy for these ballots which has been prepared by the county clerk's office.

Will Prays For The Senate



SANTA MONICA, Cal. April 15 — On this sabbath day with a newspaper hid behind my song book, I saw where the republic of Ireland was about to do away with their senate. Now ordinarily that looks like a popular move in any country, but this being Sunday, and having a generous feeling toward all mankind (no matter how unfortunate his position), let's ask Our Redeemer not to let us act too hastily in following Ireland's example.

Thou Almighty, who seest all things, must know that as decides there is not a Saint Peter in the senate, and as for prophets, there is not a Moses in a carload. They seest not, but neither do the ones who rent 'em there. So let's be charitable. But, O Gracious One, if Ireland should be right, help us to see the light immediately. Amen.

Will Rogers BIG SIGN TO POINT ROUTE TOWALLOWAS

Chamber of Commerce Makes Plans; President Walker Selects 1934 Committees.

TO ADVERTISE LA GRANDE AND LAKE

Plans are being made by the Tourist committee of the chamber of commerce for the placing of a large Neon sign across Adams avenue at the junction of the Wallowa Lake highway with the following inscription: "La Grande, Entrance to Wallowa Lake Park, The Switzerland of America." The sign will be over 27 feet long, it is announced, and the height will be governed by the size of the lettering. The letters will be in red and green Neon.

It is believed by the committee that this sign will be of material benefit in inducing travelers to visit the Wallowa country.

George Walker, president of the chamber of commerce, has announced the following committees for the coming year: Finance and membership: Harry McKinlay, chairman, Gene Walker and H. M. Howard; Grand Prix: Ernest DeLong, chairman, Lyle Kiddle, Clyde Bunting, R. F. Tyler, Harry Zurbick, and Lester Kingsley; publicity: Harold Finlay and C. J. Shorb; tourist travel, Harley Richardson, chairman, Angus McAllister, Gene Walker, Ed Fitzgerald, A. W. Nelson; retail merchants: Homer Leffel, chairman, F. A. Epling, Fred Siegrist, Hugh Leonard, J. L. Hedden, E. E. E. M. D. Geller, Roy Farnam, George Anderson, Ed Fitzgerald, Hal Bollenkamp and Cecil Myrick; agricultural.

STATE HIGHWAY HEADS AGREE TO CONSIDER PROJECT

Leslie M. Scott, chairman of state highway commission, R. H. Baldock, state engineer, Mr. Bishop, maintenance engineer, W. C. Williams, division engineer of this section, and Mr. Armstrong of the highway department.

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A Vanderbilt Sues For a Divorce



The only daughter of the late George W. Vanderbilt, from whom she inherited \$50,000,000, Mrs. Cornelia Vanderbilt Cecil (above) has asked court permission in Paris to sue John Francis Amherst Cecil, a former member of the British diplomatic corps, for divorce. The couple, married in 1924, have two sons, aged 4 and 4.

MRS. CLEAVER TO HAVE CHARGE OF BAKER MEETING

The theme for the annual meeting of the Grande Ronde Syncretical convention in Baker Tuesday and Wednesday will be "As we go deeper, let us go forward." Mrs. H. H. Cleaver, of La Grande, president of the group, will preside over the sessions.

The complete program follows: Tuesday morning, 10:00, Presbyterian executive; 11:00, "Forward" service, Mrs. J. George Wale, La Grande; 11:10, greetings, Mrs. Ward Chadwick, Baker; response, Mrs. Weston F. (Continued on Page Three)

200 SING IN LAST NUMBER OF FESTIVAL

Eastern Oregon High School Musicians Led By Prof. Paul Petri.

1934 MUSIC EVENT MOST SUCCESSFUL

Large Attendance Noted At Final Concert of Fourth Annual Festival At E. O. N.

Standing graduated terraces, 250 young men and women, the latter in the most colorful array of spring gowns — Prof. Paul Petri with his commanding baton — youthful musicians singing in full voice "And many we strive to bring a richer blessing," — made the very appropriate climax to the fourth annual Eastern Oregon High school music festival in the Normal school auditorium Saturday evening.

The accompanist was Miss Ola Mae Hough of the La Grande High school, the massed chorus was composed of young people from those schools who had representatives in the vocal numbers, the song was "Dear Land of Home" from Sibelius "Finlandia," and the audience made up of parents, friends and school patrons of this part of the state filled the great auditorium to capacity, with many standing.

Many who have attended the four festivals held under the supervision of the Normal school with the director of music, Miss Jennie Peterson in charge believe that Saturday's festival was the best of the four. And they likewise emphasize the great benefits to the young people, who not only are receiving a wonderful training but are also having instilled a love for music, an appreciation of music and a power to discriminate in the field of music.

The manner in which the festival (Continued on Page Three)

RECALL CHARGES FILED AGAINST THREE UNION COUNTY EXECUTIVES

Attempted recall of three Union county officers, District Attorney Carl Helm, Republican; County Judge U. G. Couch, Republican; and County Commissioner Tom B. Johnson, Democrat, was started late Saturday with filing of preliminary copies of recall petitions with the secretary of state and the county clerk.

The preliminary petitions were filed by the Union County Better Government League, which has as president Roy Kurtz, 905 Lake street, La Grande; Harrison I. Anderson, sec-

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Here's New Kind of a Mother



Motherless alligators, recently hatched from eggs on a southern California alligator farm, find their food problem solved with a milk-filled rubber glove. Little Marilyn Brown helps out in the feeding.

LA GRANDE NINE TROUNCES UNION SUNDAY 14 TO 10

Alternately scintillating and then wavering uncertainly, the La Grande town baseball team drubbed the Union nine for its second Blue Mountain League victory in as many starts, by a score of 14 to 10, at Union yesterday afternoon before a good-sized crowd including many La Grande fans.

From the first inning when La Grande rang the gong for four scores, there was little doubt as to the final outcome of the game; the Unionites trailing all the way through the nine innings and were never less than three runs behind the victors. La Grande's scoring started when all was passed, Evans dumped a bunt down the third base line advancing Hall to second and beat the throw to first, Sullivan was hit by a pitched ball, and Hall was forced in from third for La Grande's first tally when Moore was walked. Jones whiffed. Nelson then

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EAST OREGON MASONS MEET HERE IN 1935

La Grande's Invitation Accepted at Conference Held in Pendleton Saturday.

The invitation of the La Grande Masonic lodge to the Masons of Eastern Oregon to meet in La Grande in May of next year was accepted during the annual session held in Pendleton Saturday afternoon and evening. This invitation was extended by J. H. Diehl, worshipful master and O. W. Warnock, senior warden of the local lodge, who headed the La Grande delegation.

There were 316 Masons present representing 62 different lodges at the meeting in Pendleton Saturday, 30 of this number being from La Grande lodge No. 41, A. F. and A. M. This included representatives from all of the lodges in Union and Wallowa (Continued on Page Two)

A CAPELLA CHOIR CONCERT TONIGHT

All arrangements have been completed for the first civic A Cappella choir concert in La Grande — in the western states, in fact — which will be held at 8 o'clock this evening at the 1st Presbyterian church.

The La Grande choir of 60 voices, directed by Andrew Loney Jr., who has been trained specially in A Cappella choir work in the eastern states, has a varied and interesting program prepared for presentation. Indications today were that the church would be filled to capacity for the concert.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 47 cents bulk here today, a new low for 1934, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Export bid 70 cents. Portland cash 67 cents.

CHICAGO, Apr. 16 (AP) — Severe downturns of all grain prices today formed a vivid contrast with conditions a year ago, when quotations started upward on account of inflation talk.

Wheat collapsed 5 cents, corn 4 cents and oats 3 cents a bushel. This was the first time in many weeks that the limit on one day's fluctuations in the grain markets have been effective.

Wheat closed excited, 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4 cents a bushel under Saturday's finish, May 80 @ 80 1/2, corn 4 @ 4 1/2 down, oats 2 1/2 @ 2 1/2 off, and provisions showing a setback of 5 to 15c.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

E. O. N. BUDGETED \$59,389.11
WOULD DENATURIZE WHEAT
DRIVERS TO BE CHARGED
BULWINKLE APOLOGIZES

PORTLAND, April 16 (AP) — A balanced budget of slightly more than two million dollars in which to run Oregon's higher educational institutions for the coming fiscal year was adopted by the state board of higher education at a regular meeting here today. This is within two thousand dollars of the budget adopted a year ago. E. O. N. was allowed \$59,389.11.

ROME, April 16 (AP) — Tens of millions of bushels of wheat are to be removed from the possibility of human consumption through a process of denaturation, if plans discussed today before the world advisory wheat commission are ratified by the government's here represented.

ELYRIA, O., April 16 (AP) — Sheriff Clarence W. Dick, of Lorain county, announced early today he would prefer manslaughter charges against William Daniels, and Andrew Schaffer, bus and truck driver respectively, who figured in yesterday's crash which killed six persons near here.

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP) — In a speech to the house, Representative Bulwinkle (D., N. C.), today retracted and apologized for his previous statement that Dr. William A. Wirt, author of the "brain trust revolution" allegations, had been confined to jail during the war because of pro-German activities.

LOS ANGELES, April 16 (AP) — Paul Thompson Sunday, 29, identified by police as the youngest son of W. A. (Billy) Sunday, famous evangelist, was arrested today on suspicion of intoxication while in an automobile.

FRUIT GROWERS OF NORTHWEST IN GOOD POSITION

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 16 (AP) — A keen demand coupled with unusually heavy crop prospects, is expected to put much cash in the pockets of Pacific Northwest fruit growers this season. Producers of pears and peaches, especially, are expected to benefit.

As a result of extreme damage to fruit trees throughout the east and midwest by exceptionally cold winter weather, fruit prospects in the east are the poorest in years, according to information gained by the office of the extension economists at Oregon State college.

In the past buds were killed and even trees were injured by the extreme low temperatures, whereas in Pacific Northwest a heavy crop is in prospect for all northwest fruits, the result of the unprecedented mildness of the winter season.

CONGRESS GIVEN F. R.'S VIEWS ON LEGISLATIVE NEED

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP) — President Roosevelt has let congress know in a series of weekend conferences just what he wants it to do, what not to do, and when to go home.

He told congressional leaders over Sunday, among other things, that he shortly would hand them a new request for one and a half billion dollars for relief purposes.

He told them he wants a stock market regulation measure with teeth, and not the kind of teeth the much modified Fletcher-Rayburn measure now carries.

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TO BUY GAS OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE

Board of Control Takes First Definite Step to Lower Price.

ALL MEMBERS IN UNANIMOUS VOTE

In Meantime Price Continues at 18 Cents Here, But Rumors of Rise Are Heard.

Gasoline was still selling at 18 cents a gallon for first grade here early this afternoon, but dealers were uncertain how long the reduced prices would continue. Rumors were general over the weekend that a rise in price was imminent and unconfirmed reports here today were that Baker gasoline prices had gone higher.

SALEM, Apr. 16 (AP) — A definite move by the state of Oregon to reduce gasoline prices to its department stores, which it was declared, would likewise reflect in commercial prices, was taken by the board of control (Continued on Page Two)

Eckley Tells Of Railroad Coming Here Back In '84

Colonel Ed Eckley, speaking at the Lions club luncheon at the Sacajawea Inn today, gave full credit to Dan Chapman for being responsible for La Grande getting the division shops of the O.-W. Mr. Eckley's talk concerned the railroad and La Grande about a century ago, and he said had it not been for Chapman, the division point would have been at Hilgard.

He said a man named Steele, who was quite influential, sought to have the point at Hilgard, which was halfway between Huntington and Umatilla, but that Chapman offered 100 acres to the railroad in La Grande if the division point were placed here — and Chapman's offer was accepted.

TWO LICENSES TO WED ISSUED

The first two marriage licenses of the month of April were issued at the office of the county clerk on Saturday. One was issued to George A. Henderson and Sadie Tomlinson, both of whom gave their address as Salem, and another to Guy G. Hall, of La Grande, and Ernestine H. Mastin, of Mohalla, Clackamas county. The latter couple was married by Judge Couch.

Big League Ball Game Postponed

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP) — Rain forced the postponement today of the opening game of the major league baseball season between the Washington Senators and Boston Red Sox. The game and all its festivities, including the throwing out of the first ball by President Roosevelt, were abandoned shortly after noon after a steady downpour through the morning had soaked the American League ball park.

SHE SMOKED A PIPE FOR 112 YEARS!

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 16 (AP) — Mrs. Belle Rhynes, who attributed her long life to the fact that she had smoked a pipe since she was eleven years old, is dead.

Funeral services for the 123-year-old woman were held today. During her early years Mrs. Rhynes was a circus snake dancer and charmer.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Apr. 16 (AP) — Peter Potted, of Conception, celebrated his 100th birthday by diving into the rushing Wyma stream near his home

