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ENGLAND RETURNING TO NORMAL

URGES LOCAL INTEREST IN HIGHWAY PLAN

Ontario Publisher Says We Must Be Alive to New Travel From South.

AIKEN SPEAKS AT FORUM LUNCHEON

Tells La Grande Chamber of Commerce of Opportunity For Increasing Tourist Visits.

Advantages of construction of a more direct highway between Eastern Oregon and Southern California were presented to a meeting of the La Grande chamber of commerce today by George K. Aiken, mayor of Ontario, Ore., and publisher of the Ontario Argus of that Southeastern Oregon community.

"The continued development and growth of California means added north and south travel," said Mr. Aiken. "In greater number each succeeding year, tourists from the heavily populated central and southern California districts are coming north to Canada, the Spokane country and our own Wallowa and Snake river territory."

"We of Eastern Oregon must quickly revive our interest in this tourist travel; take every means at our disposal to attract it here, and our communities of this section work harmoniously together to bring about new and improved roads that will shorten traveling time between here and the south. If we do not see to it..."

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Spring Sports Schedule About Completed Now

The schedule for the spring sports at the Eastern Oregon Normal school is nearly completed now, with four baseball games with Whitman college dated, and most of the intercollegiate tennis matches scheduled.

The Mountaineers' baseball season will open at Caldwell, Ida. Thursday afternoon against the College of Idaho Coyotes, a northwest conference team, and a second game will be played Friday.

Thursday also will see the E. O. N. tennis team meeting the College of Idaho racketeers at Caldwell. Friday the tennis team will meet Boise Junior college at Boise, Ida. then returning home.

College of Idaho's nine will play two games here April 30 and May 1, following a doubleheader between E. O. N. and Whitman at Walla Walla on April 27. On May 15 Whitman will be here for a double bill.

The remainder of the tennis schedule includes College of Idaho here May 1, Lewiston Normal school here May 5, E. O. N. at Lewiston May 12. Two matches with Whitman remain undated, and also a match here with Boise Junior college.

REGISTRATION BOOKS CLOSE THIS EVENING

Registration books at the county clerk's office will close at 5 p. m. today to all citizens eligible to vote at the May primary elections. If not registered at the closing hour this afternoon, it will not be possible for voters to cast their ballots in the election next month.

Those who voted at the last general election and who have not changed their precincts since, are not required to register, as they remain on the registration books in good standing.

LOCAL PEOPLE AT INDIAN ROOT FEAST

Bob Masterton returned yesterday from Cayuse, where he and Mr. and Mrs. Art Ingram and Ed Dunn were guests of the Umatilla Indians at their annual root festival. Mr. Masterton, in describing the event, said it is held the second Friday of each April and attracts Indians from all the inland Empire. He estimates around 450 were present, since 1933, at the first table, 160 at the second, and two more tables were well filled.

Roots, peeled and prepared in the

Fag Tappers Get Fatigued



SANTA MONICA, Cal. Apr. 16.—Woman died at Savannah, Ga., age 123. She had smoked a pipe for 112 years, while cigarette smokers figure they are passing out daily at the ripe old age of 30 and 40. I think it's the fatigue from tapping 'em on the cigarette case that wears 'em down so early. Saw a picture of the congressmen in their march to meet the president at the depot in Washington. It was a bonus march. For today they asked him for one and a half billion more to be spent by the government in their respective districts, especially the ones where they come for reelection this fall. Yours,

Will Rogers
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H. E. CLUB TO BE HOST AT CONFERENCE

Eastern Oregon Home Economics Students and Instructors to Meet in La Grande.

Members of the Home Economics club of the La Grande High school, of which Miss Elizabeth Milne is president, together with their instructors, Miss Agnes Hattberg and Miss Nora Myers, are busy with arrangements this week for a conference of home economics students and instructors to be held in La Grande

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STATE APPROVAL OF H. S. PROJECT EXPECTED SOON

State approval of a number of Union county FERA projects was being awaited here before putting men to work under the new program, and it unofficially was being reported that approval of the L. H. S. project may come within the next 24 hours, with the possibility that other county projects may be approved later this week. It also is reported that the fish hatchery work at Union has been approved, although orders to put men to work there have not come through as yet.

Registration of men eligible for work under FERA is continuing here, and it was announced in Baker Sunday by Victor Carlson, FERA executive for this territory, that only men who were on the county relief rolls before March 1 would be eligible for FERA jobs.

So far, no authentic reports have been received of any men going to work on projects in either Umatilla or Baker counties, although rumors to this effect have been heard.

HONOR REV. KOPP AT CONVENTION

Rev. Clarence W. Kopp, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, of La Grande, was named alternate deputy to the general convention to be held at Atlantic City in October, at the meeting of the Eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, which closed at Hood River today at noon. Baker was selected as next year's meeting place.

most approved manner, were the chief items on the menu, and in addition there were four deer, a great plenty of hogs, beef, salmon, pies, etc. Mr. Masterton waxed enthusiastic as he told of the good things to eat! Sunday night, following the supper, a war dance was started, which was scheduled to go on until the Indians gave out. It was still going yesterday and whether it went over into today had not been learned yet.

Chief Jim Hanine, of Cayuse, was the head man of the event.

One of 22



Another victim of the strange malady of calcinosis, which turns tissues to stone, has been found in Los Angeles. She is Trudy von Ravensberg, 19, above, and doctors believe she has conquered the disease.

EDITH DARBY IN SPEAKING GROUP

Miss Edith Darby, primary critic teacher of the J. H. Ackerman Training school, will be among a group of leading Pacific northwest educators who will speak at the annual educational conference of teachers and educational administrators of the northwest to be held Saturday, April 21 at Monmouth, Ore.

Miss Darby plans to leave here Friday afternoon for Monmouth. Problems in elementary education will be discussed in general assemblies and departmental sections. Speakers include instructors from the University of Oregon, the Oregon Normal school, Seattle public schools, Oregon State college, Portland, Lake Grove and others.

A CAPELLA CHOIR HERE WINS PRAISE

Concert at Presbyterian Church Last Night Brings Congratulations From Audience.

For almost a year, citizens of La Grande have been looking forward to an event; as news of the event has been circulated by printed page and word of mouth, the eagerness became more intense. Consequently last evening when the First Presbyterian church was filled almost to capacity for the initial appearance of the La Grande A Capella choir, the great audience was all expectancy. And from all reports today, there was not a shadow of disappointment but rather on all sides, words of commendation and congratulation for the 50 members of the choir and their director, Andrew J. Loney Jr.

Those who heard the concert are speaking their conviction that La Grande should be greatly proud of

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Two Red Cross Executives Are Guests of City

R. E. Carlson, national representative of the Red Cross with his headquarters in Portland, is in La Grande today for a two-day stay, and tonight Alice Higelow, national representative of the Red Cross from San Francisco, will arrive here. They will check on local Red Cross work and an elaborate program has been arranged for Mr. Carlson.

This afternoon he spoke on safety first at 3:30 o'clock to E. O. L. & P. Co. employees, at 4:30 he was to discuss plans for a swimming pool at

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SLOW SIGNS PLACED ON EIGHTH STREET FROM N TO K; 15 M. P. H. LIMIT

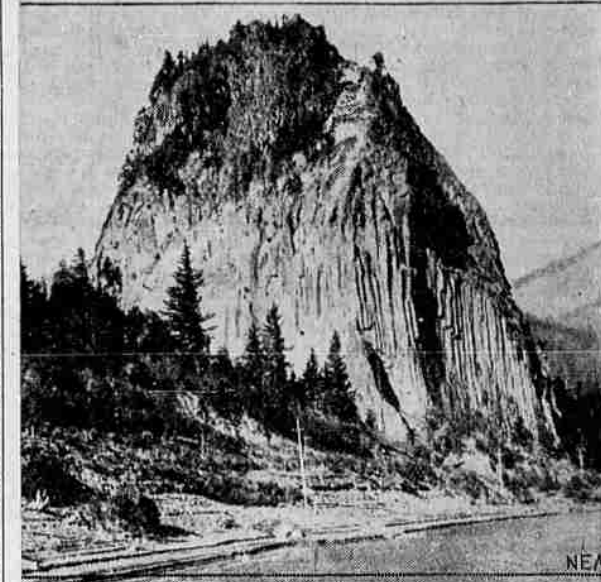
Slow signs have been placed on Eighth street from N avenue to K avenue, it was announced today by Police Chief Jim Steffert. The slow signs set an arbitrary speed limit of 15 miles per hour, backed by state law, and the police chief said that it would be strictly enforced.

Eighth street is the hill leading to the K avenue entrance to the Normal school, and there has been some

sentiment for restrictions in traffic there, headed by a petition by the J. H. Ackerman P. T. A.

The city also marked traffic lanes for children to use and urged that both parents and school teachers instruct the children as to proper use of these lanes. The police also ask that automobile dealers co-operate by refraining from using Eighth street for demonstration purposes.

Historic Rock Offered to Nation



Beacon rock, second largest monolith in the world and a guiding mark for Lewis and Clark's expedition to Oregon in 1805, has been offered to the United States as a national monument. The rock, on the Columbia river highway on the Washington shore, 43 miles from Portland, is 840' feet high.

SAYS SALES TAX WILL BE BENEFIT TO THIS COUNTY

In the event the state sales tax is adopted Union county will get much more revenue from the tax than the people of the county will pay, according to C. P. Strain, former Umatilla county assessor and the father of the sales tax in this state, who was in La Grande yesterday visiting State Senator Fred E. Kiddie and other acquaintances.

"On the basis of \$4,000,000 annual

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WIRT'S STORY IS BRANDED AS "UNTRUE"

Attendants at September Dinner Party Testify Before Bulwinkle Committee.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (AP)—After hearing six witnesses testify that Dr. William A. Wirt's allegations about "brain trust" and "Kerensky" discussion at a Virginia dinner party in September were false, the Bulwinkle investigating committee adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (AP)—Attendees at the September dinner party where Dr. William A. Wirt said he heard talk of revolutionary conspiracy within the administration today branded his testimony "false" and "untrue."

"He did all the talking," was the substance of assertions to the house investigating committee by Miss Alice

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DRAW REQUA INTO AIRMAIL INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—Mark L. Requa, Republican national committeeman from California, and described as "close friend and adviser" of former President Hoover, was pictured to the senate airmail investigating committee today as having volunteered to use his Washington influence in 1931 in the interest of an aviation company controlled by E. L. Cord.

The Cord company, it was shown in other correspondence, was seeking to have airmail routes thrown open for competitive bidding and was not trying to make a deal for any contract.

Secretary Dern dropped the army's air policy into the lap of an 11-man board of inquiry today. The war department chief opened the investigation into all phases of army flying just a day after President Roosevelt called for a commission named by congress to outline a national air policy.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 46 cents bulk today, a new low point for the year, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 65 1/2 cents. Export bid 69 cents.

CHICAGO, April 17 (AP)—Enormous transfers of ownership of grain futures today accompanied swift changes in prices, with big downturns predominating.

Some recovery in values near the end of the day was associated with upturns of securities of cotton.

Wheat closed nervous, 1 1/2¢ under yesterday's finish, May 78 1/2¢ 1/4¢, July 78 1/2¢ 1/4¢; corn 1/4¢ 1/4¢ down, May 42 1/4¢ 1/4¢; July 45 1/4¢ 1/4¢; oats 1/4¢ off to 1/4¢ up, and provisions unchanged to 12¢ decline.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

CURRY'S REIGN THREATENED
CONVICT IS RECAPTURED
F. R. TO TALK SILVER
CANNON'S MOTION FAILS

NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (AP)—The reign of John F. Curry as leader of Tammany hall appeared headed for an early end today when William F. Kennelly, chairman of the Tammany executive committee, signed a petition demanding the Tammany leader's resignation.

CANON CITY, Colo., Apr. 17 (AP)—Raymond Perry, one of five convicts who fled from the Colorado penitentiary here in a daring break yesterday, was captured today in a field near Beaver creek station, on the Rio Grande railroad about 22 miles east of here by three ranchers, Claud Reeves, the other convict who escaped last night, is still at liberty.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (AP)—Senator King (D., Utah) said today he had arranged for congressional leaders of the move to renominate silver to confer with President Roosevelt Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (AP)—A defense motion that the jury be instructed to acquit Bishop James Cannon Jr. and Miss Ada L. Burroughs on a charge of conspiracy to violate the federal corrupt practices act was rejected today in District of Columbia supreme court.

KERR TO RESIGN WHEN SUCCESSOR CAN BE SELECTED

PORTLAND, April 17 (AP)—After more than 27 years of service in Oregon's institutions of higher learning, Dr. W. J. Kerr will resign whenever his successor can be appointed. Dr. Kerr, for the past two years chancellor of Oregon's system of higher education, and for more than a quarter of a century president of Oregon State college, made the formal announcement of his retirement

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WHEAT REDUCTION PLANS ADVANCED

ROME, Apr. 17 (AP)—Wheat acreage reduction on a world-wide scale was outlined this afternoon by the world wheat advisory commission. Just at a moment when its labors were about to end, it found itself faced with what is perhaps the most important subject of its meeting.

The United States delegate, Frederick E. Murphy, of Minneapolis, was responsible for the new development. Telling the committee it had transferred its interest from what was its fundamental function, namely the reduction of production, to a secondary problem, minimum export prices, he demanded it take action on the fundamental question.

Murphy laid before the commission three plans:

1. To absorb the excess stock in three years;

2. To absorb them in two years;

3. To absorb them in one year.

Baseball

National League
Chicago 6 11 1
Cincinnati 0 1 0
Batteries: Warneke and Hartnett; St. Johnson, Benton and O'Parrell.
R. H. E.
Philadelphia 1 4 0
New York 6 8 0
Batteries: Elliott, Hansen, Collins and Wilson; Hubbell and Richards.

TROTZKY ORDERED TO LEAVE FRANCE

PARIS, April 17 (AP)—Leon Trotsky, exiled Russian revolutionist, was ordered to leave France by the government today because of his efforts to organize a world revolution. Minister of the Interior Albert Sarraut announced the cabinet decided to withdraw the permission granted Trotsky to live in France because he "violated the political neutrality" which was made a condition of his stay at Barbizon.

Trotsky has been living in a secluded villa near Barbizon, about 35 miles from Paris, since granted sec-

ret permission by the ministry of the interior when he came to France from Corsica last July.

The most extraordinary precautions were taken there to conceal his presence, for he feared attacks on his life by White Russians. Villagers who became suspicious of the mysterious character of the Trotsky household, however, reported to Barbizon authorities. They, unapprised of the government's arrangements with Trotsky, who had lived in their midst for

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INCOME TAX IS REDUCED 10 PER CENT

Chancellor of Exchequer Cheers Britishers With Financial News.

TO RESTORE PAY CUTS ON JULY 1

Auto License Tax to Be Cut 25 Per Cent on Jan. 1; Government Has Fat Surplus.

LONDON, April 17 (AP)—The British public today received a gift of a six pence in the pound reduction of income taxes—a reduction, in the case of small incomes, of approximately 10 per cent.

The reduction was announced by Neville Chamberlain, chancellor of the Exchequer, in telling the House of Commons and a cheering throng of spectators of his budget for 1934-35. He further declared that one-half the pay cuts suffered by government employees would be restored July 1 and that unemployment relief would be fully restored at the same time.

He said that with the first of the year the present automobile license tax would be cut 25 per cent from its present rate of £1 per one horse power.

He announced that in the fiscal year just ending, Great Britain had run up a surplus in its government operation of £39,000,000—approximately \$200,000,000—and that the ensuing year should show Great Britain with a profit of £20,100,000—or \$148,500,000.

In this budget, he declared, he did not propose to make any provision for the payments of war debts to

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Revenue Measure Is Facing Veto Unless Changed

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—In a move foreshadowing the possible veto of the \$480,000,000 revenue bill, the senate today returned the measure to the house without seeking reconsideration of taxes on Philippine coconut oil opposed by President Roosevelt.

President Roosevelt has indicated he would veto the legislation if the coconut oil opposed by President maintains that action violated the Philippine independence act.

Chairman Harrison of the finance

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Severe Quake In Santa Ana Today

SANTA ANA, Cal., April 17 (AP)—A severe earthquake shock caused persons to leave their homes and office buildings in Santa Ana today. No damage was believed to have been done, but the Orange county courthouse, swayed perceptibly and almost everyone left the building.

Bandits Beheaded In Berlin; Four Executed

BERLIN, Apr. 17 (AP)—Four men who staged a daylight hold-up in which one person was killed were beheaded at dawn today. They shot down four attendants of the Berlin Bus company September 15, 1932, escaping with \$10,000 the attendants were taking to a bank for deposit.