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# ESCAPED CONVICTS SHOT TO DEATH

## FINE APPLE CROP LIKELY THIS SEASON

Imbler Orchardists Report Conditions Ideal for Growing

## CODDLING MOTHS BIGGEST DANGER

Fruit Growers Already Applying Calyx Spray; Fight to Be Carried On in Summer

Most of the apple orchards in the Imbler and other districts of the county show a very heavy bloom this year, and with an added month of growing season when moisture and other factors are most favorable to rapid growth, the crop should be the heaviest in six years, orchardists report.

The local situation, contrasted with reports of damage to eastern crops, indicates to local growers that their apples may be in real demand this year, and better prices are expected, particularly in view of improved economic conditions.

At present, the only shadow on the horizon, is the arch enemy of the fruit growers—the codling moth; and Union county orchardists are planning to wage a battle royal against this pest.

Imbler growers already are applying the calyx spray for codling moth, about a month earlier than in normal years.

## Rehearsals For Junior Play Are Making Progress

Rehearsals for a play to be presented some time in May by members of the junior class of the La Grande High school, under the direction of Miss Kathryn Sartin, are being held regularly. The play is entitled "The Lilies of the Field" and proceeds will go toward financing the junior-senior banquet.

Those who have been appointed to assist in the presentation are: business manager, Elbert Wattenberg; assistant business manager, Knox Parker; stage manager, Bob Denning; assistant stage manager, Robert Spencer; electrician, Ray Kelly; assistant electrician, Morris Robertson; properties, Gilbert Stein; prompters, La Velle Hanna and Irene Gelsler; make-up, Mildred Brack, Sylvia Hodgkin and Lillian Schubert.

## INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR HERE

H. E. Wirth, state manager of the Great Northern Life Insurance Co., with headquarters in Portland, was a visitor in La Grande yesterday. He states that he is satisfied that he will be the next governor of Oregon, and will run in the November election on an independent ticket. Mr. Wirth will unfold his platform in full later in the year.

He is opposed to the sales tax in its present form and also is opposed to state control of the public utilities. Mr. Wirth feels that private interests can more advantageously manage public utilities, although he said he is not tied to public utilities and if their stock is watered or if they otherwise are in violation, he would insist upon corrections.

## FIDO MUST HAVE A LICENSE BY TUESDAY

If Fido or Rover or whatever his name is, goes nosing around the city next Tuesday, May 1, without a license on his person—then it'll be too bad for that particular canine.

## Will Boosts Fresno and Wine

FRESNO, Cal., April 27—This is Fresno, Cal., a beautiful little city of 80,000. You might ask, "Well, what about it? Well, you go home tonight and have a nice glass of native wine with your meal. Fresno gives it to you. Grapes grow here like lobbyists in Washington. Forty wineries here, and a Rotary convention. All 41 are going strong, night and day.

The Bulwinkle congressional committee investigator of the famous Wirt dinner (where nothing but apple sauce was served) exonerated everybody connected with it, including the cook, but advised the doctor the next time he dined out to take a dictaphone with him.

P. S.—No news from Dillinger today, so the papers are all half size.

## LOCAL STORE LEADS COAST IN SALES GAIN

Montgomery Ward Co. Establishment Here Makes Splendid Record

A splendid indication of the retail business conditions in La Grande as compared with other sections, was evidenced today in an announcement of Jack Fariss, manager of the Montgomery Ward store here, that the La Grande store led all Montgomery Ward stores on the Pacific coast—large and small—in increased percentage of sales during the recent Ward week.

The La Grande store exceeded its quota of sales for Ward week by 157.5 per cent. San Bernardino, Cal., was second in increased percentage with 153. The La Grande store also was the leading store in this district, which includes Boise, Pendleton, Spokane, Walla Walla, Baker, Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Knapa and Weiser, stores in the Pacific coast area in which La Grande placed first include Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and some Ward weeks.

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## PROGRESS SHOW TO END TONIGHT

A fair crowd was present at the Odd Fellows hall for the first showing of the miniature "Century of Progress" which opened last night. Interest in all the exhibits was high, and a varied program was presented at intervals during the evening in the main hall.

Miss Natelle Ebert, dressed in old-fashioned costume, sang "The Old Spinning Wheel," using Mrs. Turner Otter's spinning wheel, which is over 100 years old, during this number.

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## PLANS COMPLETED FOR P. T. ROUND-UP

Plans are quite complete for the annual summer roundup, sponsored by the parent teacher association, to be held Monday morning between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock. Arrangements of schools and buildings are as follows: Gardner building, Willow and Island City schools. Sacajawea annex, Ackerman and Greenwood schools. Sommer building, Central school. Foley building, Riviera and outlying schools.

That has no license. Licenses are issued by County Clerk C. K. McCormick at the court house and the charge is \$1 for males and \$2 for female dogs. At 10 o'clock this morning only 84 licenses had been issued, but prospects were that Monday would be a real rush day at the clerk's office, with several hundred dogs not yet licensed in La Grande.

## Knight Work



It was a right canny idea that the car-parking attendant in Kent, England, had in toggling himself up in a suit of armor. Besides making himself bump-proof, he doesn't have to worry about keeping the crease in his pants, you know. You see him here on duty.

## TOURNEY UNDER WAY AT EASTEN OREGON NORMAL

The final program in the second annual Speech-Arts tournament being held today at the Eastern Oregon Normal school and in which high schools of Eastern Oregon are entered will begin promptly at 8 o'clock this evening and the public is urged to attend. The admission fee is nominal. There will be presented at that time the best of the several productions during the afternoon, extemporaneous speakers and one-act plays. Music is being provided by the Normal school.

The tournament proper opened this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The visiting students registered at 12 and 12:30 and subjects for the extemporaneous speakers were given out. With one hour in which to prepare, the afternoon program commenced at 1:30 and there followed these speakers: Baker High, Hugh Smith; McLoughlin Union High, Paul Walden; La Grande, Roy Flesman; Pendleton, Charles Gleister and Union, John Michelbook. Lucille Parks and John Dimmick, of Baker, gave a demonstration of poetry reading.

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## ELGIN ROAD WORK BEGINS: 20 MEN BUSY

Larger Crew to Start Soon on Tollgate Grading Program; Other Projects Advance

Twenty men already are at work on the Tollgate-Elgin section of the West-Elgin highway, according to reports from Elgin. The crew has been busy for several days, engaged largely in slashing, but contractors this week are setting up machinery for the grading program and soon work is expected to be going full blast.

Construction will be carried on this year on all but seven miles of the route, according to present plans, with the entire route budgeted and plans laid for going ahead as soon as funds are available.

Locally, the Northwest Roads Co. is expected to begin work on the railroad-city limits section of the Island City road here about May 15.

From Baker comes word that the

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## Roy Farnam To Toss First Ball In League Game

Roy Farnam, president of the Blue Mountain league, will go on hand Sunday afternoon at the high school field at 2 o'clock, to officially open the Blue Mountain league baseball season in La Grande when the local nine tangles with the Halfway nine from the far eastern end of the circuit. Farnam will hurl the first ball over the platter.

With the formal opening ceremonies over the real hostilities will then commence.

Manager Hall reports the La Grande nine to be in excellent physical and mental shape for the contest—and gives positive assurance that the game should be a real contest.

"Ladies' Day" will be another feature in connection with the opening game—all women, whether accompanied or not, will be admitted free to this game.

The La Grande squad is tapering off an intensive week of practice this afternoon at the Normal school diamond, with light infield, and batting drill.

The lineup for the opening game as announced today by Mr. Hall, will be: Courtney, p; D. Wilson, c; Nelson, 1b; Jones 2b; Sullivan 3b; Evans, ss; Hall, lf; Cochran, cf; Woods or C. Wilson, rf.

The lineup for Halfway: Brown, 2b; Irwin, cf; Blucker, c; Lancaster, ss; Melhorn, lf; B. Alexander, rf; B. Alexander, p; Hockett, 3b; Meek, 1b.

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## Too Old Fashioned, Say the New Dealers



First it was the Navy (which disapproved a PWA painting of sailors on New York's Riverside Drive) and now it is the Department of Agriculture that has become involved in an art controversy. If you ask Gilbert White he painted for the new Agricultural Building isn't quite modern enough, especially for a building dedicated to the New Deal. So there will be no formal unveiling when the work is done. A section of the landscape, the product of three years' work, is shown above, with White standing at the left.

## CAMMANN PITCHES E. O. N. TO 7-2 WIN AT WALLA WALLA

Wallace Cammann, who pitched the mountaineers to their first baseball win of the season at College of Idaho last week, was too tough for the Whitman college Missionaries at Walla Walla yesterday, and E. O. N. won the opening game of a double bill 7 to 2. In the nightcap, Lemmell, Whitman hurler, turned in a three-hit performance and Whitman won, 13 to 1, evening the count.

The Mountaineers started scoring in the first inning when Whitman error and Sparkman's witness allowed two runners to cross the plate. In the third inning Worthley walked, and then Conklin lifted out a three-bagger to score his teammate, and came in himself on a fielder's choice. In the third inning Cammann hit and was scored by Wagoner's two-base drive. Worthley went to first on an error and was again scored by Conklin, who connected with a lusty two-bagger.

In the second game, E. O. N. made its only score in the first inning when Worthley's hit brought Wagoner

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## JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

SENATE PASSES AIRMAIL BILL  
MAN KILLED; WHISKEY BURNS  
COLD IN NEW YORK CITY  
HOME LOAN BILL SIGNED

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (AP)—The senate today passed the Black-McKellar air mail bill, as amended, to continue temporary contracts, let by competitive bidding, until assumption of regulatory authority and determination of rate schedules by the Interstate commerce commission.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Apr. 28 (AP)—One man was injured fatally and 20,000 barrels of whiskey, some of it 21 years old, were destroyed in a \$5,000,000 fire that swept the Schenley-owned James E. Pepper distillery near Lexington today.

NEW YORK, Apr. 28 (AP)—The temperature today dropped to the lowest mark on record for April 28 in New York City. At 5:30 a. m., the thermometer registered 33.8 degrees.

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—President Roosevelt today signed the bill guaranteeing the principal as well as the interest of home loan bonds.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 28 (AP)—The White House emphasized today that a program for monetization of silver on a 30-70 ratio with gold depended upon international agreement.

## MANKIND WINNING BATTLE AGAINST DREAD PARALYSIS

PHILADELPHIA, April 28 (AP)—Science apparently is gaining the upper hand in its fight against another scourge of mankind—infantile paralysis.

Research workers have developed a vaccine which cures monkeys of symptoms similar to those suffered by human victims of the disease. The monkeys became weaker and weaker as the paralysis—known to physicians as anterior poliomyelitis—look its course. Then the vaccine was injected. Gradually the animals recovered the power of locomotion. Within a short time the cure appeared to be complete.

Dr. John A. Kolmer, bacteriologist and immunologist at Temple university, has been directing the experiments at the research institute for

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## 60 BOY SCOUTS RECEIVE AWARDS

Sixty awards were made to Boy Scouts last night, representing all the scout troops in the city, and four were made to boys from Union, at a court of honor held at the High school.

About 100 boys were present for the court, which was conducted by Norman W. Frees, assisted by Elmo Stevenson, Harvey Carter, Lee Reynolds and Arnold Gralapp. Following the awards Mr. Stevenson made a short talk on conservation, which was instructive and helpful.

Boys present from Union to receive awards were Harold Hess, Vance Terrell, Darrell Irvin and Sam Starr.

## STORM FRIDAY BRINGS .19 OF INCH OF RAIN

The thunder storm and accompanying showers brought .19 of an inch of rain to La Grande Friday, bringing the total for the week to an even half an inch—regarded as sufficient to moisten the top soil to the satisfaction of most.

The weather for the weekend will remain unsettled, according to predictions in Portland today.

## BULLETS END FLIGHT OF 2 FROM PRISON

Stewart and Weyth, San Quentin Escapes, Die at Hands of Posse

## CIVILIANS ASSIST PEACE OFFICERS

California Group Takes Trail Quickly After Convicts Release Kidnaped Policemen

VICTORVILLE, Cal., Apr. 28 (AP)—Sudden death from the bullets of a quick-shooting posse of desert folk had ended today the flight of two escaped San Quentin convicts, one of whom was characterized by authorities as second only to John Dillinger as a desperado.

In a running gun battle three miles south of this little community, death came quickly to Wanda T. Stewart, 25, and Walter H. Weyth, 40. The pair had slugged their way out of San Quentin prison Thursday.

The two convicts were trapped by a hastily-assembled band, composed of a deputy sheriff and three deputized civilians, as they drove toward Victorville from San Bernardino where a short while before they had released two policemen, who had been kidnaped in San Rafael and forced to accompany them on a wild ride that led through Death Valley.

Deputy Sheriff R. Stanley Snelidger, with three civilians, Lou Miller, M. M. Black and Carl McNew, informed of the release of the two policemen in San Bernardino, drove south to meet the escaping convicts, driving a police car which they had taken from their kidnap victims.

An automobile with a red light loomed ahead of Snelidger, and sped by him and his deputized civilians. Snelidger ordered the automobile around and gave chase. As the deputy's car gained ground, the fugitives opened fire, which was returned by the deputies.

After a chase of nearly half a mile, the fugitives' car crashed into an embankment. Both the occupants were dead. None of the pursuers was injured.

Both convicts had been shot to death by the pistol and shotgun slugs of straight-shooting desert possemen.

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## Pres. Peavy To Visit La Grande Friday Evening

President George W. Peavy, of Oregon State college, will make his first visit to La Grande and Union next weekend since he was appointed head of the institution. He is to attend a meeting at Union Saturday, and on Friday night the alumni of O. S. C. will hold a dinner in La Grande for Pres. Peavy.

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## Baseball

NATIONAL R. H. E.  
New York ..... 4 8 0  
Boston ..... 1 8 0  
Hubbell and Richards; Brandt and Roman.

## S. R. O. SIGNS OUT IN N. Y. JAILS TODAY

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP)—There was standing room only in New York's several jails today.

Intent upon protecting the citizens from all morally-damaging influences, the police last night raided two entertainment halls where patrons were indulging in some clandestine amusement.

Taken into custody were 700 persons. They were charged with participation in obscene shows.

At one place, the police said, five nude dancers flitted about on the stage and preparations had been made for the showing of an obscene motion picture. The type of entertainment offered at the other hall, according to the raiding officers, was milder, but still not nice.

## BUT ISN'T IT A LITTLE DANGEROUS?



## TWO HURT WHEN AUTOS COLLIDE

Cars driven by Ray German, of the Pleasant Grove district, and William A. Hunt, who gave his address as Council, Ida., figured in what might have proved to be a serious accident yesterday near Island City. Fortunately, however, the injuries to the occupants of the cars were not dangerous. Mrs. German sustaining a gash in her forehead and Mrs. Hunt a broken wrist.

The Hunts were en route from Idaho and their car was loaded with household furniture. The accident occurred during the severe rain storm yesterday afternoon.

## Wheat Today

The price of local wheat stood at about 48 cents bulk today according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 68 1/2 cents. Export bid 72 1/2 cents.

CHICAGO, Apr. 28 (AP)—Active speculative competition for limited offerings rushed up a maximum of 2 cents a bushel today with most of the gain held at the last.

Drought complaints from a huge area east of the Rockies accompanied the late casiness of securities. Wheat closed strong, 1 1/2-1 1/2c above yesterday's finish. July 28 1/2-3/4, corn 1/4 to 1/2 up, oats 1 1/4-1/2c advanced, and provisions unchanged to a rise of 20 cents.