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SILVER BLOC PREDICTS SUCCESS

APRIL HERE WARMEST ON THE RECORDS

Mean Temperature 56.5 Degrees, An Excess of 8.8 Over Normal

MOISTURE BELOW NORMAL THIS YEAR

Total Rainfall Since Jan. 1 at 7.05 Inches, Compared With Average of 9.42 Inches.

April was added to the roll of months last winter and this spring with above normal temperature — in fact, it was the warmest April on record here in spite of somewhat chiller weather the last seven days of the month. The mean temperature was 56.5 compared with normal of 47.7 an excess of 8.8 degrees. Other cities over the inland Empire also were reporting the warmest April in weather history.

The maximum mean was 70.1 degrees, a new all-time high for the month, and the minimum mean was 42.9, without a night of freezing weather during the entire month! Normal mean for La Grande in June is 61.4, which means that April was only 4.9 degrees below early summer!

The maximum was 89 above, registered on April 21 and 22, and the lowest was 3 above, checked up on April 2. Seventeen days saw the maximum 70 or higher, and six saw it between 80 and 89.

Rain during the month amounted to only .87 of an inch, which is 40 below normal, and which brings the moisture for the first third of 1934 to 7.05, which is 2.37 below normal for the first four months of the year.

No individual all-time records were made. The hottest day on the weather records here for April was April 30, 1919, when the mercury soared to 99 above.

April was unique among the spring months, however, with two inches of snow falling on the second day. No snow fell during the period from Jan. 11 to April 2. The last freezing temperature here was March 26.

Of the 30 days of the month, 13 were clear, eight partly cloudy and nine cloudy. Rain fell on nine days.

Mortimore Gives Interesting Talk On Rescue Work

Rev. Paul De F. Mortimore, chairman of the local Red Cross, painted a picture of what the national Red Cross would do if La Grande was hit by a major disaster in a talk given today at noon at the Rotary club meeting at the La Grande hotel. He pointed out how the organization would be first on the scene to provide rescue crews, furnish provisions and help in every way possible.

In such cases, the speaker said, the Red Cross also co-ordinates different rescue forces for the common efficiency and good of all. His talk was very interesting.

MOTHER'S DAY STAMPS HERE

A new issue of United States three-cent stamps, in honor of Mother's day, which will be held Sunday, May 13, has been received at the local post office, and these stamps will go on sale throughout the nation on Thursday, May 3. They are designed especially for use on letters, either regular or special delivery, to mothers.

DOG CATCHER NABS A DOZEN CANINES

Unlicensed dogs in La Grande, and all dogs—whether licensed or not—that are allowed to run at large from 6 p. m. to 8 a. m. are having their troubles these days. The city dog catcher went into action yesterday, catching six dogs as his first day's work, and half a dozen more were in the traps this morning. A part of these dogs were picked up during the night, and were being held

Some Talk of Russia Paying

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 1.—I see by the papers today that there is some talk of Russia paying (and that's on a debt this Russian government didn't contract). They owe \$700,000,000, and we may get \$200,000,000. Be a good joke on everybody if the communists turned out to be the only ones who could trust.

The Philippines are voting today on whether they want freedom or not. They were in favor of it till they sent a commission over here and saw what it was, now they are in doubt, Yours,

Will Rogers.
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E. O. N. BASEBALL NINE WINS, LOSES IN DOUBLE BILL

INDIANS PLAY HERE FRIDAY
The Mission Indians will play the E. O. N. Mountaineers at the Normal school field here Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Coach Bob Quinn announced today. A return game at Mission may be played later in the month.

The Eastern Oregon Normal school and College of Idaho baseball teams split a double header played here yesterday afternoon, each team finishing a four-game series with two wins and two losses. The Mountaineers won the opening tilt — a slug-ging bee—10 to 7, and the Coyotes took the nightcap 6 to 2 with Thompson pitching four-hit ball.

There was some snappy baseball, and some not so good, but the handful of fans who shivered through the two games certainly had their money's worth of entertainment of the diamond variety.

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MRS. KLETZER TO MEET WITH P. T. A. GROUPS MONDAY

Mrs. William Kletzer, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers and chairman of the Americanization committee of the state American Legion auxiliary, will be a visitor in La Grande Monday, meeting with parent teacher organizations of both city and county at the Sacajawea Inn.

The business session is scheduled for 9:30 a. m. and all officers and members of P. T. A. groups in Union county are expected to attend. The regular program starts at 10 o'clock.

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17 PRISONERS IN JAIL LAST MONTH

In a check made by Deputy Sheriff Hugo Klinghammer of the prisoners who have made their "residence" at the court house within the last month, it was found that of the 17 prisoners, 12 were arrested for stealing rides on railroad trains. These prisoners were fined from \$5 to \$10 each and usually served these fines out at the rate of \$2 per day, making their stays very short.

One each of the following offenses were charged to the remaining five prisoners, driving while drunk, assault and battery, driving without license plates, driving with switched license plates and driving with four in the front seat.

Out today by dog owners who neglected to keep them penned up from 6 to 8.

The increase in applications for licenses at the county clerk's office is quite noticeable this week. A total of 265 licenses have been issued during the year, and 91 of these were applied for on April 30, the final day before the dog catcher went to work. Thirty more were issued yesterday.

IN THE MONEY



If you want to know how to "look like a million," take a tip from lovely Greta (Miss — and grow "green" with envy. She's wearing a new bathing suit of greenback that she'll sport as "Miss Prosperity" at a Coral Gables (Fla.) celebration. And will SHE have funds!

SHOW FAT HOGS, LAMBS AT UNION

Sweeping changes manifested in present day livestock market requirements will be illustrated at the Eastern Oregon Livestock show this year by novel classes announced yesterday by D. E. Richards, superintendent of the state branch experiment station at Union.

The new classes, which are the first ever opened at the Union show, have been sponsored by the Blue Mountain Livestock association, to picture for both spectators and exhibitors a cross section of state market requirements. Both fat hogs and lambs will be made eligible and are to be judged solely on fitness for market, breeding not being taken into consideration.

The livestock association, through John Waelti, its president, has offered three prizes for each class, a first of ten, a second of six, and a third of four dollars. The judge is to be a recognized market authority, basing his decisions upon standards ruling in the market.

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Forest Service Crews At Work On Roads, Trails

Maintenance crews for the roads and trails of the U. S. forest service have been divided into six separate groups in the Eastern Oregon district and are at present preparing these roads for the summer's travel. This work is being done primarily to make the forest districts more accessible and aid in fire prevention and fire fighting during the summer.

One of these crews is now working on the Mt. Emily road to Kamela and it is expected that they will finish this work within the next two or three weeks, according to Forest Ranger Gerald Tucker.

Tucker also announces that grass is more plentiful in all sections than at any time in many years, which is very encouraging to cattle and sheep men.

COUNTY COURT HOLDING MAY SESSION HERE

Members of the county court are holding their monthly meeting today and tomorrow at the court house. Only routine business in connection with the auditing of bills will be transacted today and the remainder of the docket will be completed at tomorrow's meeting.

EAST OREGON CHURCH MEN MEET HERE

Members of Christian Churches to Open Three-Day Convention Here On Thursday.

Members of the Christian church from almost every town in Eastern Oregon are expected to attend a three-day meeting to convene at the local church Thursday evening and continue through Sunday evening. The meetings will be presided over by A. F. VanSlyke, of Pendleton, and the guest speaker will be Dr. S. Earl Childers, president of the Eugene Bible school and pastor of the First Christian church at Eugene, Ore.

The program which has been prepared by the committee with Rev. Paul DeF. Mortimore as chairman is as follows:

Thursday, 8:00 p. m., opening service, special music by La Grande Christian orchestra; 8:30, announcements, etc.; 8:45, address, Dr. Childers.

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Crow, Magpie And Hawk Shoot Open To All in County

A committee of the La Grande Gun club, consisting of Aug. J. Stange, Oscar Pouch and Nate Zweifel, today announced the opening of the 1934 crow, magpie and hawk shoot, beginning immediately and to continue until noon of Sunday, July 1. A total of \$95 in cash prizes are being offered by the club to the winners in the annual contest.

Crow, magpie and hawk eggs and crow and magpie feet are included in one classification, with prizes ranging from \$15 for first to \$2 for eleventh. A second division is restricted to hawk feet entirely, with five prizes—a pair of golden pheasants for first, \$4 for second, \$3 for third and \$2 each for fourth and fifth. The pheasants, valued at \$15, are being donated by Frank DeKolb.

The shoot is open to men, women and children, and all participants are to meet at the Lone Tree club grounds at noon July 1 for the awarding of prizes. In the first class, one egg is judged the equal of two feet. The committee urges that all who enter the shoot be sure and be out next Sunday. The following Sunday, May 13, all club members are expected to go hunting for crows, magpies and hawks.

Speaking of the shoot, committee members said that all three birds have been destroying hundreds of young game birds each year, and estimated that the blue darter hawk alone caused around \$365 a year damage.

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V. F. W. POST CONTRIBUTES TO PLAYGROUND

The La Grande post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, meeting last night at Eagles hall, voted to make a contribution to the public playgrounds movement in La Grande. The group also voted to participate in the Memorial day parade here May 30, and will co-operate with the American Legion and other patriotic organizations in this connection.

Approximately 35 members were in attendance and following the session, the Ladies auxiliary served them a delicious luncheon. It is reported.

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60 CREAMERY MEN FROM UNION, WALLOWA, BAKER COUNTIES IN CONFERENCE

About sixty creamery men representing every creamery in Union, Wallowa and Baker counties gathered at the Sacajawea Inn last night to hear five guest speakers here for the purpose of demonstrating ways of improving the production of cream and butter, and thereby create a better market for the dairy products. The improvement would begin with the better education of cream producers which is necessary before the improvement of the butter can be hoped for, it is said. Further than that, the improvement in the handling of the butter would also help to raise the standards.

Special speakers present for the occasion were J. D. Mickle, of Salem of the state department of agriculture, Dr. Wilsonton, of Corvallis, head of the dairy department of Oregon State college, Mr. Martindale of Swift and Company, Portland who is vice president of the national dairy improvement committee, R. C. Raven, of Portland, noted creamery man of the state, who is recognized as an expert butter judge in the state and Mr. Brown of the Interstate Dairy-men's association.

The purpose of the meeting was to help carry out a program of education for creamery operators, butter graders and cream truck drivers, who in turn may help conduct schools of instruction for the general improvement of the production. This is a part of a national campaign which is being conducted.

She's Afraid of Big, Bad Movies



Hollywood moguls are gasping since charming June Grabiner, daughter of the Chicago White Sox secretary, did the unprecedented, the unbelievable, June, you see, turned down a featured player contract at one of the leading studios. "I'm afraid," she said.

CITY SCHOOLS TO EXHIBIT WORK FOR THE PUBLIC VIEW

The grade schools of La Grande will be hosts to the general public in an effort to inform the public of the work and progress of all pupils of the schools for the present year. It was announced today by Supt. Herbert Evans.

All types of school work will be displayed, including arithmetic, English, spelling, reading, geography, health, history, writing and art. School work will be on display in afternoons from 2 to 5 o'clock and in evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock, in order that the fathers may have opportunity to attend as well as the mothers.

The exhibits for all schools will not be held the same day, but according to the following schedule:

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EASTERN OREGON TRACK MEET HERE SATURDAY, MAY 5

The biggest track and field meet in Eastern Oregon in many years is the forecast for the annual district event to be held here Saturday, May 5, on the L. H. S. athletic field. Coach Ira Woodie, chairman of the district committee in charge of the meet, expects from 15 to 25 schools to enter athletes, and expects about 150 competitors.

Schools in Umatilla, Morrow, Union, Wallowa, Baker and Malheur counties are eligible to enter athletes.

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INTEREST GROWS IN CONTEST FOR OBSERVER TROPHY

The Observer trophy shoot next Sunday at the Lone Tree trap grounds for amateurs of Union county continues to awaken new interest. Inquiries concerning the shoot are any criterion. La Grande Gun club officials, who have charge of the event, expect delegations from nearly every community in the county at the shoot.

All amateurs, those listed as having an average of under 85 per cent, and those who have never shot in competition.

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 48 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 68½ cents. Export bid 72 cents.

CHICAGO, May 2 (AP)—Stubborn strength displayed by the corn market late today contrasted with simultaneous comparative weakness of wheat.

Corn closed firm, ½¢ above yesterday's finish, wheat unchanged to ¼¢ lower, July 77½¢ to 78¢, oats ½¢ to ¾¢ up, and provisions unchanged.

As an outgrowth of this meeting, it is expected that meetings will be held in each of the counties for the dairymen of the respective sections.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

JAPAN STUDYING NOTE
LIQUOR TAX WILL STAND
STATE STORE PLAN UPHOLD
HEFLIN'S STAR FADING

TOKYO, May 2 (AP)—Whether to make a detailed reply to Secretary of State Cordell Hull's statement of America's position in the Orient or merely to deliver a note of polite acknowledgment was the question before the Japanese government today. Some contended for a forceful reply.

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—President Roosevelt is not inclined to reduce the new liquor tax at this session of congress, preferring other methods of attack on bootleggers. The president is hopeful removal of the quota restrictions on liquor imports will help curtail bootleg activities.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 2 (AP)—The state liquor store act was upheld today by the state supreme court in an eight to one decision. Justice W. J. Millard dissented. The decision, holding all provisions of the act to be constitutional, affirmed a Thurston county court judgment.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 2 (AP)—Former Senator J. Thomas Hefflin of LaPayette had only a mathematical possibility today of another shot at his "political comeback" in a run-off Democratic primary in the fifth congressional district, as mounting returns pushed Major Joe Starnes of Guntersville into second place behind Representative Miles B. Allgood.

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—President Roosevelt will ask congress in the next couple of days for authority to inaugurate a nationwide housing program.

WIDELY DIVERGENT REPORTS FILED IN CONGRESS ON WIRT

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—Widely divergent Democratic and Republican views were submitted to the house today to wind up its investigation of Dr. William A. Wirt's allegations that administration "brain trusters" were seeking to overthrow the existing social order.

The majority report, signed by the three Democrats on the special house committee, concluded there was no foundation for the Gary, Ind., school-master's assertions.

The two Republican committee members, in separate opinions, held that a thorough investigation had not been made.

It is not necessary for the house to act on any of the reports.

Representative Lehibach (R., N. J.) termed the investigation an "utterly futile proceeding" and said the "committee booted away its opportunity."

It should have determined the real purposes of the "brain trust," he contended.

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Introduce Bill For Coining A 3-Cent Piece

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—Congress willing, you may be able to jingle 3-cent pieces in your pocket before long.

A bill for the coining of such a piece has been introduced by Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.) as a "necessary intermediate between the penny and the nickel."

OTTAWA, May 2 (AP)—A claim that John Wilkes Booth was hired by "international bankers" to assassinate Abraham Lincoln has been advanced by a Canadian lawyer-history student.

Testifying before a parliamentary banking committee here, Gerald G. McGee, of Vancouver went back to 1905 and said Booth was the tool of a bankers' plot hatched in Canada to assassinate the American president because of his policy of greenback currency.

"They (the bankers) were the men interested in the establishment of the gold standard money system and the right of the bankers to manage the currency and credit of every nation in the world," McGee asserted.

CONFERENCE IS HELD AT WHITE HOUSE

President Said Eager to do Something to Rehabilitate Silver.

PLAN AMENDMENT OF DIES MEASURE

Roosevelt Working on His Policy of Bi-Metallic Money Standard But Remains Silent.

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—Senator Thomas (D., Okla.) offered a proposal in the senate today for acceptance of foreign silver at a premium over the world price in exchange for American industrial and commodities.

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—The senate silver bloc today arranged another conference with President Roosevelt for Saturday afternoon at which an attempt will be made to reach an agreement on "flexible" silver legislation at this session.

Leaders of the silver group expressed confidence something would be worked out.

Senator Pittman (D., Nev.) said the second conference would be for the purpose of "ascertaining if the Dies bill as amended by the senate agriculture committee can be so reformed as to make more flexible the congressional mandate so as to permit the president to utilize the act without embarrassing him in any reasonable changes that might be made in the present situation."

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Dillinger Auto Found Abandoned In Chicago Today

CHICAGO, May 2 (AP)—A Ford V-8 sedan stolen by John Dillinger in his escape from a federal trap at Mercer, Wis., ten days ago was found abandoned here today, the driver's seat stained with blood. Several empty .45 shells were found also.

A detective squad cruising around the west side noticed the car, learned it had been parked at Leavitt and Roscoe streets for 12 hours and, on investigation, found it was the automobile stolen from Roy Francis at Mercer by the Dillinger band fleeing from Little Bohemia resort.

NO KIDNAP CASE DEVELOPMENTS
TUCSON, Ariz., May 2 (AP)—Prepared according to all terms demanded, the \$15,000 ransom to free little June Rooker from her kidnappers awaited their call again today, more than 24 hours after it had been offered them with the promise of no official interference.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
Chicago	2	9
Pittsburgh	4	9
Warneke and Hartnett; Melne and Grace.		
Brooklyn	5	9
New York	6	10
Perkins, Mungo and Lopez; Bukeforth, Schumacher and Mancuso.		

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
Philadelphia	12	16
Boston	11	13
Benton, Dietrich, Kline and Berry; Hayes; Rhodes, Piggas, Walberg, Pen-nock and Ferrel.		

LINCOLN VICTIM OF INTERNATIONAL PLOT?

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NEW YORK, May 2 (AP)—"Just loose talk" was the comment today of Ida M. Tarbell, biographer of Abraham Lincoln, on the statement by a Canadian lawyer that John Wilkes Booth had assassinated the emancipator at the instance of "international bankers."

The lawyer, Gerald M. McGee, made his assertion during testimony before a parliamentary banking committee at Ottawa.