Explosion Early Today Burns Local Man Critically

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G. B. BRENNER BADLY HURT IN ACCIDENT

Fighting For His Life at Grande Ronde Hospital Today.

ACCIDENT OCCURS AT PACIFIC FRUIT

Explosion Hurls Truck Driver 30 Feet Away And Envelopes Him in Flames.

G. B. Brenner, 40, truck driver for the Pacific Fruit & Produce Co., was critically injured in an explosion at 6:30 o'clock this morning and today was fighting for his life at the Grande Ronde hospital. The blast hurled him 30 feet and enveloped him in flames, that burned him terribly.

The injured man was rushed to the hospital where every thing possible was done to help him. His physician, Dr. A. L. Richardson, reported the burns as very dangerous, covering most of his body. Brenner's hands suffered the worst, with the skin turned entirely from them. Although he had a cap on at the time, his hair was singed and there were blisters on the bottoms of his feet in spite of his shoes. The heat for a short time was intense, it is reported.

Coroner George Walker, called to take him to the hospital in the ambulance, said Brenner demonstrated unusual bravery, walking from the building into the ambulance and sitting upright to the hospital. "I don't know how it happened," Brenner told Walker en route. Asked if he could see, he said his eyes were all right.

Brenner went into the banana room, about 15 by 30 feet, early this morning to see if the temperature was as it should be, and after in-

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Reserved Seat Tickets Go On Sale Tomorrow

It has been announced by Ned Jones, business manager of the Associated Students at E. O. N., that there will be no sale of exchange tickets for the play "Death Takes a Holiday." All ticket sales will be handled at the reserve board to be opened Wednesday, May 23 at 8 a. m. at the Glass Drugs, Inc.

Those planning to attend, instead of purchasing exchange tickets, may obtain their reserve tickets directly. As has been the practice in previous sales, those patrons who cannot personally visit the board may have their tickets delivered to them by telephoning the Normal school after 9 a. m. on Wednesday.

"Death Takes a Holiday" will be presented in the Normal school auditorium Friday evening, May 25.

BARTON WILL GRADUATE AT WILLAMETTE U.

Clarence Barton, of La Grande, will receive his bachelor of laws degree at commencement exercises at Willamette University June 11. Nine LL. B. degrees will be awarded this year. Sixty-seven seniors will receive the bachelor of arts degree.

Professor Victor P. Morris of the University of Oregon faculty will deliver the commencement address. President Carl G. Doney will confer degrees.

Darrow vs. Johnson! Two Tough Babies

BEVERLY HILLS Cal., May 21—The big argument now is between Mr. Darrow and General Hugh Johnson. Now, there is a couple of tough babies to run together. Here is a thing that's in Johnson's favor. The report is 322 multigraphed pages. Now there can be an awful lot of things wrong with a thing, but 322 pages is kinder rubbing it in. It would almost have to be Dillinger to have that many things wrong with it.

Poor old NRA. If we all had spent as much time observing it as we have arguing over it, it would have worked right or wrong. There is great good in it and evidently great ills in it. Now if both sides are not broad-minded enough to see and admit, then let the argument continue, but charge admission for it. Yours,

Will Rogers.

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RELIEF DRIVE BEGINS HERE ON THURSDAY

Campaign to Be Launched in County to Raise Funds For Salvation Army Work.

A county-wide drive for funds to enable the Salvation Army here to continue its relief work in this county during the next 12 months, will begin Thursday morning, it was announced today by Captain Daniel Rody.

Decision to begin the campaign Thursday was made by a local advisory board, consisting of 15 prominent business men. Monthly sub-

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HICKMAN FACING SEATTLE CHARGE

Ben L. Hickman, negro, who paid a fine in La Grande last week on a charge of disorderly conduct, was arrested again by La Grande police over the weekend when it was learned he was wanted in Seattle on a grand larceny charge. Police Chief Jim Steffen communicated with Seattle after Hickman's first arrest here and received word from Luke May, noted criminologist, that he would send a man to take Hickman to Seattle. Detective Lieut. H. B. Foy arrived here shortly afterwards and left with the negro for the Washington state metropolis.

Wild Berries Ripe; Garden Peas Maturing

Along with the reports that picnickers have found quantities of ripe, wild strawberries and that certain small berries are being marketed from local patches and gardens, Ed Hackman comes forward with the report that the Hackman family is having peas from their own garden at their home on Main avenue. The first were picked the last of the week.

Has a License To Look Pretty

Anita Page, winsome cinema actress, has a license to strike this fetching pose. If any hard-hearted minion of the law doubts it, he'll find it affixed to the seat of her bike, as Anita was the first of the filmfolk to buy a license as required by a new Los Angeles ordinance affecting cyclists.

SPECIAL 2-WEEK COURSE OFFERED

A new departure in connection with the 1934 summer session of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, which will be of particular interest to Normal school graduates now teaching, is the announcement of a two-week short course, extending from June 18 to June 29. According to the Normal school catalog announcement, this short session is provided for teachers in the field who wish to renew their

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HOT LAKE TO BE REBUILT IMMEDIATELY

L. F. Allen Takes Over Dr. Gregory's Lease, Makes Announcement As to Plans Today.

Hot Lake Sanatorium will be rebuilt, and contracts and agreements have been completed, it was announced today by L. F. Allen, manager, who has taken over Dr. John Gregory's lease. Manager Allen further announced that Dr. James J. D. Haun will be the medical director and that Dr. Gregory will leave soon on a month's trip and after his return, will make an announcement as to his future plans.

The sanatorium was partially destroyed by fire early in May and the question of rebuilding has been up in the air most of the time since then. Mrs. Ada Phy today signed a contract with Weldon Vedder, La Grande contractor, whereby he will build bathhouses in some of the brick buildings left standing by the fire. The bathhouses, while they will not be so large as the former one, will be more complete and thoroughly modern. These buildings were previously used for warehousing purposes.

The drug store will be reconstructed on the west end of the lobby, and the lobby, office, etc., will be completely renovated, being put into condition similar to that before the fire. Hospital and hotel rooms and hallways will be redecorated, and the exterior of the sanatorium will be repainted. Adequate fire escapes will be placed at the west end of the building.

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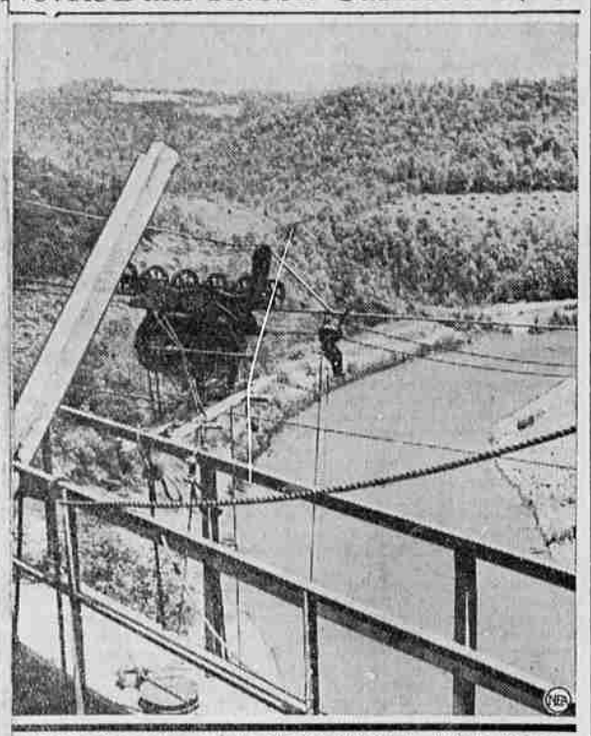
Jack Frost Nips Tenderer Garden Truck in Valley

Reports were coming in late Monday and this morning of frost damage in some sections of the county Monday morning, when the mercury dropped to as low as 29 above, in some sections. In La Grande the official minimum was 39 above, not cold enough for much damage.

In the Cove section some damage was reported, with tender garden vegetation nipped and Jay Breshears reported both apples and wheat suffering to some extent.

Despite the chilly morning, the clear sky and warm sun sent the mercury up to 78 above in La Grande. The minimum last night was 42 above and no frost was reported over the valley.

Norris Dam 'Rabbit' Carries the Hod



Pouring of concrete for the $37,500,000 Norris Dam in Tennessee may be started by June 1 and the rigger shown here on his dizzy perch is preparing the machinery which will play a major part in the operation. The "rabbit" shown at his left will carry the hod along a 3-inch cable, dropping the concrete where it is needed. Far beneath the workman is seen the Clinch river.

DORE WITH COPS TO AID PLANS TO OPEN WATERFRONT

SEATTLE, May 22 (AP) — With a police guard for non-union workmen, Mayor John F. Dore announced today he will attempt to re-open this port tomorrow, closed since May 9 because of the longshoremen's strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22 (AP) — A

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Gives Up And Offers Gospel Tent for Sale

LOS ANGELES, May 22 (AP) — Among this morning's advertisements: "People just won't repent, so must sell my gospel tent, $95 or what?"

SEES SEALOCK NECESSARY TO BUILD EMPIRE

Nels Nelson, The Dalles, Visions Growth of Inland Area if Ocean Ships Come Up River.

A comprehensive picture of what development might accrue to the Inland Empire through building of sealocks at the Bonneville dam was painted for chamber of commerce members today at noon by Nels Nelson, secretary of The Dalles chamber of commerce, in an explanation of the situation as it now stands.

Nelson reviewed the history of the development of the Columbia river, pointed out the fact that both the upper and lower portions are being developed through building of the

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STUDENTS DEFY YUGOSLAV COPS

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, May 22 (AP) —Yugoslav students, in control of two university buildings, stood off a police attempt to suppress their rioting today with the warning that they would throw five professors they hold as hostages from the high windows if the police enter. Six hundred students, including 60 co-eds, took over the two buildings yesterday.

Police were rushed from all over the capitol city to form a cordon around the university district. They have cut off the water which supplies the building and have also stopped the water mains for all buildings within a two blocks' radius of the university buildings.

The police announced they expected an early surrender.

When the strike broke out, the leaders of the students announced they were protesting against the retention of the present minister of education, Ilija Sumenkovich. He was appointed to the cabinet Jan. 27.

Wheat Today

No local wheat quotations today. No export bid. Portland cash 73½ cents.

CHICAGO, May 22 (AP) — Late tumbles of wheat prices today carried the market down more than 2 cents a bushel from the day's top. The tumbles mainly took place after President Roosevelt's silver message was made public, and had been preceded by an advance of more than one cent.

Wheat closed unsettled at the same as yesterday's finish to ½c lower, July 88⅝@⅞c, corn unchanged to ¼c off, oats unchanged to ⅜c higher, and provisions varying from 5c decline to a rise of 7c.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

ARMS EMBARGO APPROVED

NEW WAR DEBTS MOVE SEEN

THREE KILLED IN CHICAGO

NRA INQUIRY IS PROPOSED

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP) — The administration's proposal to give President Roosevelt authority to stop sale of arms in this country for Bolivia and Paraguay was approved unanimously today by the house foreign affairs committee.

LONDON, May 22 (AP) — Indications were seen in circles closely in contact with the war debts controversy today that the British government may be planning a new approach to the problem in the June installment due the United States.

CHICAGO, May 22 (AP) — Three men were killed and nearly a score injured today when a huge water tank plunged from the roof of the seven story Oakley building, crashing through to the second floor. Several others were believed buried in the wreckage.

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP)—A congressional investigation of the NRA and the "Roosevelt-Darrow board of review" to learn whether the NRA should be abolished was proposed in a resolution today by Representative Britten (R., Ill.).

ASUNCTION, Paraguay, May 22 (AP) —Furious fighting raged today along scattered sections of the Chaco front as Bolivian forces maneuvered in an attempt to draw the Paraguayan army into a premature offensive upon Fort Ballivian.

AMERICANS MOVE UP A NOTCH IN BRITISH TOURNEY

PRESTWICK, Scotland, May 22 (AP) —America's golfing Johnnies—Goodman and Fischer, today led the invaders' parade in the British amateur championship. Goodman, the U. S. open champion, defeated W. M. Robb of Mosley, 5 and 3, while Fischer conquered Gus Moreland, a compatriot, 3 and 2.

Despite the unique experience of having to play with half a ball at the sixth hole, Jesse Guilford of Boston, a former American amateur titleholder, advanced to the third round at the expense of Lister Hartley of Kent, a member of the 1932 British Walker cup squad. The big Bostonian won 4 and 3.

Jack McLean, 23-year-old Scotch star and the second betting choice, defeated H. M. Glow of Prestwick by 3 and 2 and qualified to meet Fis-

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MARIS APPOINTED RELIEF DIRECTOR

CORVALLIS, May 22 (AP) — Paul V. Maris, for more than 18 years on the staff of Oregon State college, and now director of extension at the college, will this week take over the duties of regional director of rural relief work for the Western States.

Confirmation of the appointment offered some weeks ago was received by Maris Monday from C. W. Warburton, federal director of extension work.

The appointment is effective May 24. Maris will leave Portland Saturday for Salt Lake City to attend a conference there on rural rehabilitation to be attended by state administrators and extension directors of the eleven western states.

Maris' new responsibilities will make it necessary for him to travel almost continuously through the west supervising governmental projects in extending planned relief to rural areas including small towns and farming communities.

F. R. APPROVES LEGISLATION IN MESSAGE

One-Fourth of Monetary Stocks of U. S. to Be in Silver.

SWIFT PASSAGE OF BILL IN PROSPECT

Would Give President Right to Take Over Nation's Silver if He So Desires.

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP)—Legislation was introduced in congress today at the request of President Roosevelt to provide for increasing the amount of silver in the nation's monetary stocks. In a special message, the president recommended that congress declare American policy to be to enlarge the use of silver "with the ultimate objective" of having one-fourth of the monetary stocks in silver and three-fourths in gold.

This proposal, which would be mandatory, represented the compromise worked out during prolonged negotiations between members of the senate silver bloc and the administration.

Another clause would authorize the president to take over the nation's monetary silver stock — just as was done in gold. This nationalization provision, however, is permissive.

The bill authorizes an appropriation of $500,000 to carry out the purchase and nationalization program

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F. R. Master Of Nation, Editor Howe Declares

AMARILLO, Texas, May 22 (AP) — Gene Howe, Amarillo editor, said today a survey he had just completed revealed President Roosevelt is "having complete mastery of the nation," in contrast with the 80 men James W. Gerard said were running the United States in 1930.

Howe, son of Ed Howe, famous Kansas editor, and a controversialist, who has tilted with Mary Garden and other notables, picked 49 of the president's chief advisers "who are consulted at his pleasure rather than their leisure." He called at least half of them "yes" men, and said "there is not one of the remainder who can speak for the president without first consulting him."

Baseball

National League

	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	13	10	0
Philadelphia	4	9	2

(Called end seventh, rain).
Batteries: Birkofer and Padden; Darrow, Hansen, A. Moore and Todd.

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	7	13	1
New York	4	9	2

Batteries: P. Dean and V. Davis; Smith, Luque and Mancuso.

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	10	17	2
Boston	4	11	0

Batteries: Derringer and Lombardi; Betts, Smith, Pickel and Hogan, Spohrer.

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	4	10	2
Brooklyn	5	10	0

(12 innings).
Batteries: Root, Warneke and Tate; Lucas, Mungo and Lopez.

American League

	R.	H.	E.
New York	1	3	0
Cleveland	5	9	1

Batteries: Murphy, Smythe, Deshong and Dickey; L. Brown and Pytlak.

A COUPLE OF LIONS MAKING THE EAGLE SCREAM

GIRLS IN DILEMMA

CALL FOR BLOOMERS

What, no Initiation?

That is the burning question for at least 27 girls at the La Grande High school this week, and the girls are about burned up over it, too.

Heretofore, when the list of eligibles to the Girls' Letter club was rather small, it became a tradition that on the day of initiation the girls should attend classes and assemblies and whatnot, in the athletic garb of their mothers, at least their aunts—full pleated bloomers and long-sleeved middies. It was a mark of distinction.

Another period has just been completed; 27 girls have met all the required tests—and a very sharp line was drawn. Now what to do? No old-time bloomers and old-time middies—no initiation—no athletic honors for 27 girls.

Help! Help! Help! ! ! Cries the director of girls athletics at the school. Are there 27 full pleated bloomers, that made glad the bloomer-girl of a few years ago, and 27 long-sleeved middy blouses that Miss Osborne can borrow for Friday of this week—Friday May 25? Good care and prompt return are guaranteed. Miss Osborn teaches all day at the High school where she may be reached, or her room is at the La Grande hotel.

COYOTES AS PETS

AGAINST THE LAW

'It isn't the kids who are to blame, so much," he said, "It's the rovin' cowpunchers who find a den of them and then bring them into town and sell them to kids for four-bits or a dollar!"

It was State Policeman Bill Roach talking, and he was discussing the law against keeping coyotes in captivity unless in public parks or zoos.

The law provides that anyone found guilty of keeping coyotes in captivity shall pay a fine not to exceed $500 nor less than $50. The law holds coyotes as known carriers of disease and destructive to stock, and as it is spending large sums of money annually to kill off coyotes, naturally views with disfavor raising of the animals as pets.

As game warden, it's up to Bill to arrest anyone having a pet coyote, and he is planning to make a check in this district very soon.

So if you have a pet coyote, better head him for parts unknown. The fine is $50 to $500 the law says!