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## COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM MAY 15

**Professor Ray Lapham of Whitman College Will Deliver Address.**

Graduation exercises of the class of 1931 of the Athena high school will take place at the auditorium at 8 o'clock Friday evening, May 15. The personnel of the class, comprising twelve members is as follows: Myrtle Campbell, Arthur Crowley, Georgie Green, Stafford Hansell, Harold Kirk, Herbert Reeder, Emery Rogers, Jack Moore, Mary Tompkins, Roland Wilson, Vineta Weaver and Walter Huffman.

The address will be given by Professor Ray Lapham of Whitman College, and music will be furnished by the high school band and glee club. The junior class will have charge of the decorations.

Class colors are orchid and gold; class flower, sweet pea; class motto, "Out of the harbor into the sea."

The program:

Priest March, from "Athalie"..... Mendelsohn  
High School Band  
Invocation.....Rev. Charles Sias  
Quartet—"Goodbye, Old High"..... Parks  
Betty Eager, Marjorie Douglas, Fred Singer, Ralph Moore; Marjorie Montague, accompanist.  
Presentation of Class Gift..... Jack Moore, Class President  
Chorus—"Cheery Lights of Home"..... Nevin  
High School Glee Club  
Commencement Address..... Prof. Ray Lapham  
"Wake Up March"..... Bennett  
High School Band  
Presentation of Class..... Supt. E. F. Bloom  
Presentation of Diplomas..... Arnold Wood, Chairman of High School Board.  
Benediction.

## Portland News Reported to Be Telegram Buyer

The purchase of the Portland Telegram, afternoon newspaper, by one of its afternoon competitors, the Portland News of the Scripps-Campfield chain, was reported Monday says the Morning Oregonian. No official announcement was made, but it is known that negotiations toward that end have been proceeding for weeks. Reports current in financial circles were that the deal had been concluded on a basis of approximately \$800,000.

The Telegram is the oldest afternoon newspaper in Portland, being founded in 1877. For years it was published by The Oregonian. In 1914 it was purchased by J. E. and L. R. Wheeler, lumbermen, and John F. Carroll, who became its editor. Mr. Carroll died in 1917. Ten years later it was sold to Carl H. Brockhagen and Mr. Fleischacker. It employs about 600 persons, including carriers.

The News was founded a quarter century ago.

The Telegram once gained considerable publicity as the newspaper which refused Rudyard Kipling a job, when that famous writer, then a young man on the Pacific coast, sought employment there.

The Telegram was the only Pacific northwest newspaper which maintained its own correspondent in France during the World war.

**Ohayata Campfire Girls**  
Ohayata group of Campfire girls complimented their mothers at a tea Wednesday afternoon at the home of their guardian, Mrs. Ralph McEwen. The rooms were made attractive with clusters of lilacs, tulips and narcissus. An informal program and games were features of the afternoon. The prettily appointed tea table was decorated with red tulips and tapers in the same shade. Virginia Eager and Genevieve Barrett presided at the urns. Each guest was presented with an attractive Mother's Day gift.

**Busy Week at School**  
Wauna group of Campfire girls met Monday at the home of their guardian, Mrs. Bert Logsdon. A tea which had been planned for this week was postponed. Plans were made for the forthcoming ceremonial to be given this summer. Arrangements are being made for headquarters for the three Athena Campfire groups and several houses are being considered. Announcement of the decision will be made shortly.

**Motor to Portland**  
Mrs. Alex McIntyre and daughter Lois motored to Portland Sunday returning home Wednesday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Matt Johnson to The Dalles where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Beryl Hodgen. Mrs. A. L. McEwen and son Jimmy were also members of the party. John Pinkerton returned home with them.

## New Playground Great Attraction For the Children

When Councilmen Rogers and Pinkerton conceived the idea of converting the city lot at corner of Third and Jefferson streets into a play ground for children, they certainly started and completed something that has proved a great attraction to the kiddies and the larger ones as well.

The little tots delight in the bright red painted teeter board and the two big swings are kept busy. The larger boys perform circus stunts on the trapeze and the rings.

The play ground equipment is strongly made from hard wood and iron. The center of the lot is utilized for a small diamond on which future Christy Matthews and Babe Ruths play baseball.

The grounds have been cleaned of small trees and the parking on the west side has been leveled and becomes a part of the ball grounds.

**Miss Jantzen Visiting Here**  
Miss Sarah Belle Jantzen of Spokane who formerly made her home with Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Richards is visiting here this week. Miss Jantzen graduated from Deaconess hospital in Spokane in February and is now doing professional nursing.

## Athena League Team Defeats Mission Nine

(By R. D. Blatchford)  
With several new faces in the lineup, Athena won its first game of the season from the Mission nine Sunday on the local diamond by a 5 to 1 score. Good pitching combined with excellent support turned the game into a rout of the Indians.

The home team came to life and gathered 11 hits off Shallal while Tudor held the Indians to 1 single.

Athena started the scoring in the first inning. Jenkins first up for Athena singled. Harden struck out, but Snip Snider playing left field for the locals singled putting Jenkins on second. He then stole third and came home when Shoeships dropped Lloyds throw at first. Three singles by Huffman, Harden and Snider followed by a double by Liewallen scored three runs in the fourth. Again in the sixth Jenkins singled, stole second and came home when Alexander dropped Snider's long fly to center field.

The Indians lone tally came in the third. Lloyd getting their only hit of the day, singled, stole second, went to third on a passed ball by Harden, and was safe at the plate following a close play. The score:

Mission	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Minthorn 3b.....	4	0	0	2	3	0	
Clark 2.....	3	0	0	4	0	1	
Alexander cf.....	4	0	0	1	1	1	
Elk rf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	
McKay rf.....	2	0	0	1	0	0	
Lutton, c.....	4	0	0	5	0	0	
Adams, 1b.....	4	0	0	1	0	0	
Lloyd ss.....	4	1	1	0	4	0	
Shoeships lf.....	3	0	0	10	2	0	
Shallal p.....	3	0	0	0	5	0	
Totals.....	33	1	1	24	13	4	

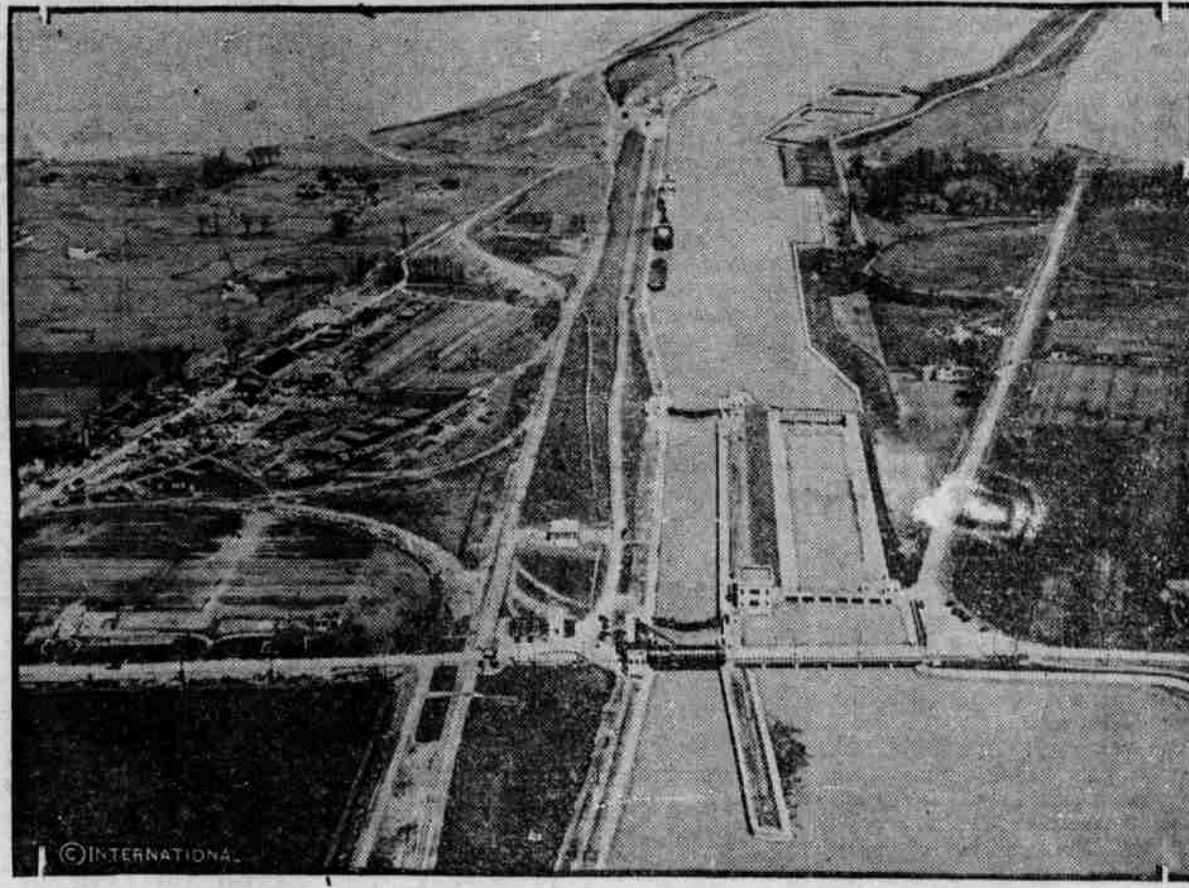
Athena	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Jenkins ss.....	5	2	2	1	3	3	
Harden c.....	5	1	1	9	2	0	
Lloyd 1b.....	4	1	2	3	0	0	
Liewallen 2b.....	4	0	2	2	1	0	
Pinkerton rf.....	4	0	1	1	0	0	
Hansell lf.....	3	0	0	8	0	0	
Crowley 3b.....	4	0	0	1	2	1	
Huffman cf.....	4	1	2	2	0	0	
Tudor p.....	4	0	0	1	0	0	
Totals.....	37	5	11	27	9	4	

**Wauna Campfire Girls**  
About fifteen members of Circle No. 10, Women of Woodcraft motored to Weston last Friday night where they attended a meeting of Fedora Circle No. 47. During the session Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Elder were made members of the organization. The Weston lodge putting on the initiation work. A social hour followed and dainty ices and cakes were served at small tables centered with spring flowers. The hall was beautifully decorated with a profusion of lilacs, lupin and iris.

**Guests in Stanfield**  
Miss Blanche Thorson and Miss Della Bryant were guests at a bridge party at the McKenzie home in Stanfield last Friday night. Following the play the guests were asked to work cross word puzzles which when deciphered proved to be announcements of the engagements of two couples, namely Miss Emma Thoeny and Glenn Staggs; and Miss Clara Gainer and Ernest Hauser.

**Astoria Gets Warships**  
Governor Meier received word from Washington this week that the cruiser Detroit and destroyers Decatur and Litchfield will be assigned to Astoria during the annual convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, to be held there July 8 to 11. The governor asked for assignment of the craft through Senator McNary.

## Air View of the New Welland Canal



Looking down on Port Weller and Lock No. 1 of the Lake Ontario entrance to the new \$122,000,000 Welland canal. The new waterway is 25 miles long and is a time-saving connective between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. It will be open to navigation this month.

## Basin Grain Rate Case Is Appealed, Washington Asks Review of Decision

Olympia, Wash.—The Columbia basin grain differential rate case was taken into court on appeal from the interstate commerce commission by the state department of public work this week.

The department filed a request for a review in the United States district court in Seattle, Fred K. Baker, department director said.

"The court action was taken after the interstate commerce commission had refused our request for a review," Baker said. "We feel a great injustice has been done Puget Sound ports."

The differential of 2 cents a hundred, based on assertedly lower hauling charges to Portland, has given that port a preferred position in grain business from the Inland Empire.

From 1887 until 1921, Baker said, grain rates from Northern Pacific and O.-W. R. & N. points in Washington and Oregon south of the Snake river, Pendleton and west, were on a parity.

As a result of complaints filed in 1919 by the Inland Empire Shippers' league, the Oregon public service commission and the Portland dock commission, the I. C. C. found the rates to Portland were prejudicial. The differential was ordered and the railroads filed the rates ordered by the commission.

The state department of public works suspended the rates for 90 days from July 1, 1921. The carriers then secured an injunction forbidding the department to interfere with the commission's order.

This action put the new rates into effect and created a differential of two cents per 100 pounds on all grain from points south of the Snake River.

The case was reopened in 1924 and was dismissed by the commission in 1926, with a ruling that only by continuing the differential could Portland get the benefits of its natural advantage and a water grade.

The question was submitted a third time in a general investigation of Western grain rates started by the commission in pursuance of the Hoch-Smith resolution of 1925.

"Although the commissioner and the two examiners who heard all of the testimony recommended that parity of rates be restored, the commission as a whole assumed the opposite attitude and reaffirmed its former decision," Baker declared.

**New Artist on Program**  
David Guion, famous as America's "cowboy composer," will be the guest artist on the next broadcast of the Conoco Listeners' Hour. He is also noted as a pianist and will play some of his own compositions. Guion, a native of Texas, is equally at home in the saddle and on a piano bench. He is believed to be the only composer who is a cowboy by vocation, and perhaps, best known for his concert transcriptions of cowboys' and old fiddlers' tunes.

## Big League Stuff Pulled off in Athena and Helix High School Game Friday

Some near big league baseball was played on the local diamond when Athena and Helix high school teams met in their second clash Friday afternoon. It was only a seven-inning affair, but while it lasted the pay customers more than got their money's worth.

Huffman allowed only two hits, one a scratch infield bingle and struck out eight of the Helix batters. Helix scored in the first inning when Clemmons hit, stole second and came home from there on two passed balls. Prosser scored in the second and that was all for the visitors.

Jack Moore scored for Athena in the first and in the third, and Jenkins broke the tie when he scored in the sixth. Planting pitched well for Helix until the sixth, when he hit both Jenkins and Pickett. He allowed Athena three hits and struck out eight. The score:

Helix.....	1	1	0	0	0	—2
Athena.....	1	0	1	0	1	—3

Batteries—Planting and Parson; Huffman and Moore.

## Future Farmers Hold Annual Session at O. S. C.

More than 250 boys representing the Smith-Hughes agricultural department of 30 high schools of the state took part in the three-day annual convention of the Future Farmers of America on the Oregon State college campus last week.

Nine of these boys were selected by the executive council of the organization to be honored with the "Oregon Farmer" degree, indicating that they are considered the most outstanding in Smith-Hughes work in this state. Those named were Neil Hoffman, Ontario; Howard Robertson, Forest Grove; Cleo Latham, McMinnville; Palmer Tarvent, Silverton; Richard Carter, Newberg; Millard Magness, Dayton; Emil Craft, Canby; Wayne McFetridge, Enterprise, and Hugh Hanna, Independence.

C. C. Hulet, Master of the Oregon State grange, was voted an honorary degree.

Dick Rockhill, Dayton, was judged champion orator in the state finals of the Future Farmers public speaking contest, with Laurence Kent, Cottage Grove second. Rockhill, whose subject was, "Why I Choose to Become a Farmer," is entitled to enter the regional finals in Boise, Ida., this month.

Officers were all chosen from the nine who received the Oregon Farmer degree. Magness is the new president, Carter, vice president; McFetridge, secretary, Robertson, treasurer and Hanna, reporter.

## Seek an Injunction to Restrain Collection of Taxes Upon O.-W. R. & N. Line

Pendleton.—An injunction to restrain the collection of taxes assessed against railroad property in Special Road District No. 59, from Mission to Thorn Hollow, was asked in a complaint filed in circuit court by the O.-W. R. & N. company against Umatilla county, Tom Gurdane as sheriff of the county and ex-officio collector of taxes, I. M. Schanpen, county judge, J. O. Hales and R. E. Bean, county commissioners.

The railway is the largest single taxpayer in the district, formed last November to assess a 10 mill levy for the construction of approximately 12 miles of macadamized road up the south side of the Umatilla river from Thorn Hollow at an estimated cost of more than \$70,000.

Although county officials declared this morning that the district had been formed regularly under provisions of the state market road laws, the railroad claims in its complaint that formation of the district was "wholly unlawful, unconstitutional and void."

A loss to the county of \$6,964.65 in taxes levied the railroad will result if it is successful in obtaining the asked for court decree. By claiming that its right-of-way was included in the district arbitrarily through a "conspiracy" of Judge Schanpen and petitioners for the district, the company hopes to obtain an injunction on the force of the "due process of law" clause in the federal constitution.

Through a conspiracy of these men the company was forced to bear the main burden of the road's cost without receiving any direct benefit from the road nor having had sufficient legal opportunity to combat the unwanted levy, it is argued.

Little fear that the railroad would be successful in obtaining its injunction was expressed by county court members upon hearing that a complaint had been filed.

**Blatchfords Entertain**  
Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Blatchford entertained a group of friends at a buffet supper, Wednesday evening at their home on Washington street. A color scheme of pink and white was accented. The table was effectively decorated with pink tulips and white tapers. At bridge, which was played during the evening, Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Miller won honors. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Presthby.

**Freewater Girl Winner**  
Henrietta Sanderson, senior in McLoughlin union high school, has received notice from Paul Smith, secretary of the American Chemical society, New York city, that she has been awarded second prize with her essay, "Chemistry in Relation to the Home." Last year Miss Sanderson won second place for the topic "Chemistry as an Aid for the Home." She is the daughter of Mrs. E. Y. Sanderson, editor of the Freewater Times.

**In Appreciation**  
Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Parris are deeply grateful to their many friends in Athena and vicinity who have by their many acts of sympathetic kindness done so much to alleviate the loss in the burning of their farm home recently. Words fail to express the depth of appreciation felt in instances of this kind, but neighbors and friends will know that their kindly sympathy will never be forgotten.

## Baccalaureate Services Sunday Evening, May 10

Commencement exercises of the Athena high school will begin at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening at the Christian church when Rev. Frank L. Wemmett of Pendleton will deliver the baccalaureate address before the graduating class of 1931. The devotions will be in charge of Rev. Charles Sias and Rev. Gerald Dryden.

An additional feature will be special music by the Athena community chorus.

The sophomore class will be responsible for the decorations, and an efficient committee is making arrangements for an appropriate setting for the occasion. Lilacs and tulips in shades of orchid and gold suggestive of the class colors will be used.

It is expected that a large audience will be present at the 1931 class, comprising twelve members, is popular with a large number of friends.

The program follows:

Processional.....  
Invocation.....Rev. Charles A. Sias  
Scripture.....Rev. Gerald C. Dryden  
Anthem, "The King of Glory".....Holton Community Chorus  
Address.....Rev. Frank L. Wemmett  
Benediction.

## Wheat Discount Is Cut by Committee Members

Pendleton.—A 25 to 50 per cent cut in the discount charges on wheat was adopted by a committee composed of members from the North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc., and the Eastern Oregon Wheat League who met here Saturday.

Under the new schedule, which has already received the approval of H. W. Collins, vice-president and manager of the Farmers' National Grain corporation, western division, smutting discounts of 45 to 75 cents a ton would be reduced to 30 and 50 cents, and discounts on mixtures and test weights, formerly 1 cent for grain one pound under the No. 1 grade wheat and 1 cent for each pound under the standard would be cut to one-half cent for one pound and one-half cent for each additional pound down to 55 pounds.

The sacked and bulk grain differential would also be reduced from 3 to 2½ cents, for resacking from 10 to 8 cents, and on bad-order sacks from 3 to 2 cents.

The adoption of the discount cut was made because the committee believed discounts now in effect are unfair due to the fact that they were established at a time when the price of grain was much higher than it is now.

A. Eugene Kelley, general manager of the North Pacific Grain Growers said he had assurance that the national organization of the grain corporation would support the new schedule, and that it would be submitted to the Pacific Northwest Grain Dealers association and the Portland and Seattle Merchants' exchanges for approval.

**Missionary Meeting**  
Missions in South Africa was the topic at the monthly meeting of the Christian Missionary society Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Gerking. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton, president and the program led by Mrs. F. B. Boyd. The principle talk on the scene of missionary activities in South Africa and a general description of the country was interestingly given by Mrs. W. W. McPherson, Mrs. Pinkerton sang and Miss Elsa Ringel read a short poem and a missionary playlet was given by the following: Mrs. C. A. Sias, Mrs. D. A. Pinkerton, Mrs. Oren McPherrin, Mrs. Don Wilkes, Miss May Lockwood, and Mr. Sias representing the missionary. During the social hour tea was served. Mrs. D. A. Pinkerton and Mrs. Boyd presiding at the urns. A feature of the social session was a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. C. S. Rose, who recently lost her belongings through fire, at which she received a number of necessary articles. Twenty ladies participated in the pleasures of the afternoon. Mrs. Gerking's rooms were made lovely with a profusion of tulips and lilac blossoms.

**Girls League Complimented**  
Members of the Girls League were complimented Tuesday afternoon, when their advisor, Miss Mary Cameron entertained them at the home of Mrs. Fred Pinkerton. Dainty ices and cakes were served by the hostess. Officers recently elected to serve the organization next year are: president, Betty Eager; vice president, Helen Barrett; secretary-treasurer, Mary Jane Miller.

**Medford Athlete Dies**  
Albert Melvin, 22, died in a hospital Sunday night from severe spinal injuries suffered last week while he was practicing high jumping. He was a Yuba County Junior college star athlete.

**Divorce Record Hung Up**  
A record for one day in divorce cases in circuit court at Eugene was hung up Saturday. Judge Skipworth granted 18 decrees and annulled one marriage.

## HOW TO LICENSE YOUR AUTOMOBILE

**Registration Receipt Now Held by Owner Plays Leading Role.**

Salem, Oregon.—"How do I license my automobile this year?" With the approach of the new registration year, that question soon will be in the minds of motorists. The answer is contained in a letter of instructions to be sent out by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state to all registered motor vehicle owners and they will save themselves considerable time and trouble if they will note the suggestions contained in the letter. Methods of license renewals have been simplified and less effort is required on the part of the owner under the new plan.

"In re-registering motor vehicles, the receipt of registration now held by the owner plays the leading role," points out Mr. Hoss. "Simply sign the receipt on the reverse side, send it with the correct fee to our office by mail or present it to a branch office or a sheriff's office, and the owner's work is over. Adherence to this plan will not only save the applicant time and inconvenience, but it will cut down the work of the motor vehicle department and effect substantial savings."

More than a quarter-million letters are going out to Oregon motor vehicle owners in connection with the re-licensing activities. New license plates may be obtained as early as June 15, and will be required for all motor vehicles operating on the highway after July 1. While no requests for special numbers will be granted this year in order that a considerable saving may be effected in time and money, all applications properly prepared and accompanied by the correct fee, which are on file in the office of the secretary of state on May 23 will be included in a drawing for numbers up to 1000. Over 1000, applications will take the order of receipt in the office and no special numbers will be allotted.

## President Inlow's Letter to Superintendent Bloom

A letter recently received by Superintendent Bloom will no doubt prove of interest to friends and patrons of the schools. The letter follows:

La Grande, Oregon.

My dear Mr. Bloom:

Although I was not privileged to be here during the high school music tournament, I wish to congratulate you upon the excellent showing made by the Athena high school students as reported to me by staff members here.

I think you will be particularly interested to know of the favorable comments made regarding the excellent behavior of your young people while here. You may be proud of them both in the matter of musicianship and public conduct.

Sincerely yours,  
H. E. INLOW,  
President, Eastern Normal School at LaGrande.

**Senior Class Day Exercises**  
The class of 1931 which will receive diplomas next week, is arranging an interesting program for their class day exercises to occur at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the auditorium. The program will be a replica of old time school days with Vineta Weaver playing the role of teacher and the class acting as the pupils. During the exercises "expounded" jokes will entertain the audience. Mrs. Bloom will sing "Patches" and the seniors will sing "School Days." "The Little Red School House" will be sung by Mike Wilson. The class will and prophesy will also be given at this time.

**Two Injured in Crash**  
Mrs. J. E. Freels, 28, of Garfield, Wash., was seriously injured late Saturday and William Prophet, also of Garfield, was injured when a car they were in turned over between Pendleton and Pilot Rock. Both the victims suffered broken backs, but Prophet is thought out of danger while Mrs. Freels is in a dangerous condition. James Freels suffered an injured arm and bruises. The car skidded on a turn in loose gravel.

**Oleo Referendum Opposed**  
Petitions being circulated in Jackson county opposing the referendum of the oleomargarine tax have been signed by more than 400 persons, it was announced at a dairymen's meeting at Medford. The petitions will be taken to additional districts this week, the dairymen stated.

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