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Weather Forecast

Fair and cold today and
tomorrow in east portion
of state.

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CONDITION OF
BUSINESS IN
OREGON GOODReport of Bankers in State
Through "Business Di-
gest" InterestingINTERVIEWS GIVEN
BY MANY BANKERSConditions on the Whole
Seems to Be Very Good,
Especially in Eastern
Oregon.

That business conditions in Oregon are encouraging, is asserted by the "Business Digest," a quarterly publication issued by the United States National Bank at Portland. Below are some quotations from various Oregon cities as to existing conditions:

1. La Grande.—J. J. Scroggin, cashier, The United States National Bank: "Conditions in this section of the country are very much improved over last year. We have just harvested one of the largest crops that has ever been harvested in this country in the past ten years. The price is not satisfactory, yet the enormous yield will improve conditions very materially over last year. We believe there will be a liquidation of over twenty-five per cent more than was last year. The cattle men are not faring so well as the price of cattle at this time is below the cost of production and we do not believe they have made any thing in the past twelve months. Our sheep men, however, are in much better condition as they have been able to liquidate most all of their indebtedness, and taking conditions as a whole in this section of the country, we believe they are at least twenty-five per cent ahead of last year in the way of liquidation."

BAKER.—Wm. Polmann, president, The First National Bank: "The situation in Baker County, I believe, with a few exceptions, is much better than it was a year ago, notwithstanding the low prices received by the farmers for their crops. This big yield of grain and hay even at the prices will enable him to pay considerable on their old indebtedness. Our sheep men have had a good year and all have made money and the sheep business will soon be back to normal. This, however, will not be true of the cattle business. The cowman has lost money every year for the past four years including 1923 and there is practically no hope for them unless conditions change very soon. Our timber business has slumped up considerably during the past few months. We are hopeful that the low price for timber has not been reached. Mining conditions around Baker are better than they have been for several years, there being more prospecting and actual mining by reason of the fact that the Simpler Shoshone is expected to start within a short time. They now have the bins full of ore and practically all of it from mines that have not been worked for some time past. As a whole, however, the conditions in Baker County are very much better than they were in the fall of 1922."

CORVALLIS.—Thomas Whitehorn, president of Corvallis State Bank: "I believe that the farmers are a little better off than they were a year ago although they do not seem to liquidate much. All crops were good with the exception of potatoes and it is too early to give any estimate as to the condition of the crop. I am inclined to think there is a fair crop of potatoes. There was a very large crop of hay but the last rains did some damage but not enough to hurt it for feeding purposes. Grain (Continued on Page Five)

Armistice Day
Message Given
By J. R. Quinn(By John R. Quinn)
National Commander American
Legion.
Written especially for the Evening
Observer and NPA Service.

Five years ago November 11 the war ended—officially. However, it has not really ended, nor can it end until the principles for which our soldiers fought have been fulfilled to the utmost.

It is fitting that on this day we should dedicate ourselves to "re-arriving on" by solemn declaration within our own consciences. To do your part today in this re-pledging to principle, pause for a moment and recall the principles for which our men went willingly to the chance of death—many to die.

You remember the phrase on their lips and in their ears: "A war to end war." Yet wars are not ended. They went beyond the sons into a hell of death and destruction that their sons and daughters and the sons and daughters of their brothers might be spared the horror in time to come. Yet today there is no guaranty, no certainty that another war will not be forced upon this nation, or any nation, at some future time.

The American Legion pledged itself at its last annual convention to strive unceasingly for peace. This does not mean that we have joined the ranks of those so-called pacifists of wartime money. Far from it. As long as conditions may make war necessary to protect our nation from aggression or oppression, we stand ready, nay, anxious to answer the call to arms. But we strive toward an era when our nation and all nations may live and fulfill their destinies without injustice, oppression or the necessity to protect themselves from such by force.

The American Legion pledged itself to no one plan to end war. Neither does it ask that you do so. It is a question upon which opinions differ; each must act according to his belief. But we do ask that you, upon this Armistice Day, take solemn resolve that you will have no act undone or word unsaid that may advance, even in the smallest degree, the era of perpetual peace. You may not have the opportunity of spending from a platform, but this does not excuse you. If you have one neighbor, one friend, whom you can convert to the cause of peace and fail to do so, then you have not kept faith with those who "sleep in Chambers Field."

There is an organization, international, of fighting men of the allied armies. This organization has declared that, once brothers in arms, they are today brothers in peace. Nearly every nation which stood side by side in the World War is represented. Here is a nucleus. But the nucleus is not sufficient in itself. It requires the active help of a world opinion. When the demand for perpetual peace is made, THE business, THE most urgent demand of every man, woman and child, then will lasting peace come.

I ask that NOW you solemnly enlist this greatest cause of all times the ending of war. Thus and thus only can you keep faith with those who kept faith with you in the time of your greatest need.

Explosion Injures Two,
EUGENE, Ore.—When a box of dynamite caps aboard a fishing boat in the Umpqua river near Scottsburg, exploded at an early hour this morning Warren Wagner and Chester Beaman, both residents of Scottsburg, were badly injured. They were brought to Eugene in an automobile, arriving here this afternoon.Woodrow Wilson Scores
United States Isolation

WASHINGTON (AP)—Woodrow Wilson addressing the American people directly Saturday night, for the first time since he left the White House, declared America's attitude after the World War was "decisively hostile, towards it and dishonorable."

France and Italy, Mr. Wilson also declared, in a discussion of world affairs, have made "wonderful paper of the Treaty of Versailles."

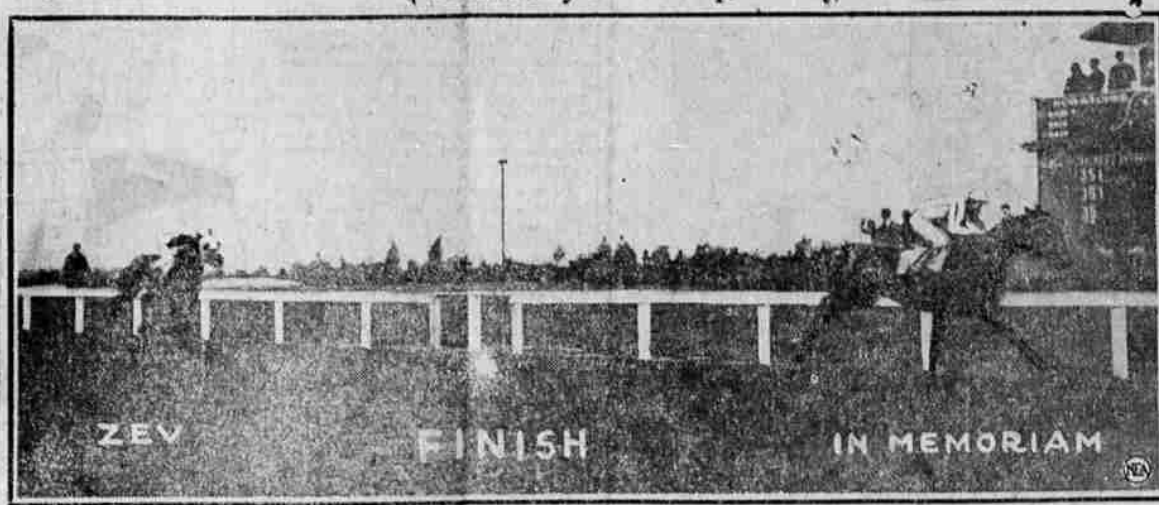
The former president said the only way in which the United States could show its true appreciation of the significance of Armistice Day was by resolving to put self-interest away and to formulate and act upon the highest ideals of international police.

Mr. Wilson spoke exactly five minutes into a radio instrument at his home here, and his message was broadcast to every section of the country.

Scores of U. S. isolationists, he said, "should sit up in great exaltation of spirit because of the proud recognition that it was our day—a day above those early days of that now-forgotten November, which lifted the world to the high levels of vision and achievement upon which the great war for democracy and right was fought and won, although the stimulating memories of that happy time of triumph are forever mired and embittered for us by the shameful fact that when the victory was won—won, be it remembered, chiefly by the indomitable spirit and valiant sacrifices of our own unconquerable soldiers—we turned our backs upon our associates and refused to bear any responsible part in the administration of peace, or the firm and permanent establishment of the results of the war, won at so terrible a cost of life and treasure and withdrew into a sullen and selfish isolation, which is deeply shameful because manifestly cowardly and dishonorable."

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Kentucky's Triumph



Neither Zev nor My Own won the \$50,000 race at Latonia. In Memoriam, bred in Old Kentucky, owned by Carl Wiedemann, a Kentuckian, home six months ahead of his nearest rival, Zev. It was the biggest turf upset in years. Photo shows the finish.

SIX-SCORE AT
COUCH REUNION

County Judge and Mrs. U. G. Couch Write Interesting Letter to Evening Observer.

The following letter was received from County Judge and Mrs. U. G. Couch today and described in part their trip and the Couch reunion, which they attended. The letter follows:

"To the Editor:
"A few lines may be of interest to your many readers. We are now on the Prime train out of Kansas City near Port Scott. After leaving La Grande October 4, we stopped over in Spokane, one day; Mullan, Montana, one day; St. Paul, one day; Kankakee, two days, then to Minneapolis, Mo., where we attended a Couch reunion, which was held on Grand Father Couch's Old Home Place, where he settled in 1829, coming from Tennessee the same year. A grand son is now living on this place and still raising good crops, among which is a sweet potato called the couch potato. The seed was brought from Tenn., from which a crop has been raised every year since 1829.

"One hundred twelve Couch relatives attended the reunion, of which there were 14 grand children, 27 great grand children, and 15 great great grand children. On account of bad roads not so many as usual attended.

"After visiting with cousins in and around Linn, Browning, Mendota, Chillicothe and Kansas City, going over and viewing many of the old land marks, including my father's old home place, which he sold in 1874, and moved to Oregon, the old swimming hole, where the same old Hickory, Elm, Oak and Tall Sycamore still stand, the same black birds, or at least they looked like the same flock anyway they were singing the same song in the same Elm tree 47 years ago. While many of the old land marks look familiar as I remember them at a boy, few of the old trees are living. All of my aunts and uncles have passed over, but one, Mrs. N. B. Couch who is 84 and is now living in Chillicothe Hospital with a broken hip.

"Another thing which I observed which seems strange, is that few of the farms owned in the same families that owned them 47 years ago. Many of the younger generation, that inherit the farms, having sold and moved to the towns.

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November 11

Five years since the Armistice was signed. A long time, yes, but we're still too close to the World War for any of us to "grasp" what really happened and sense its connection with the future.

Under arms in the great war were 65 million men. Casualties totaled more than 37 millions. That tells only part of the story of horror, but it should be called only to the attention of everyone. Alas, memory is short. Humanity likes to forget the unpleasant side of life. That is why catastrophes like wars are repeated. One generation, trying to forget, fails to impress indelibly on the minds of the rising generation the frightfulness, sorrow and fatality of the battlefield.

Celebrate Armistice Day by casting your children to hate war and all that goes with it. For the "glory" which is the camouflage of the militarists.

Thirty-seven million casualties! Tell them that.

Thirty-seven million casualties! Never stop telling.

PEARL FAGIN
TRIAL TUESDAY

Charged with Conducting a Disorderly House, Colored Lady Has Hearing.

Pearl Fagin appeared before the police court late Saturday afternoon for arraignment on the charge of conducting a disorderly house. She pleaded not guilty and trial was set for Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. Bonds of \$250 were raised by her, whereupon she was given her freedom until time for trial. R. J. Kitchen will prosecute.

COQUILLE JURY
CONVICTS COVELL

COQUILLE, Ore. (AP)—Arthur Covell, crippled astrophysicist, was found guilty by a jury on the charge of murder in the first degree. He was charged with having instigated the slaying of Mrs. Fred Covell, his sister-in-law, by Alton Covell, his minor nephew. Alton Covell is yet to be tried.

\$500 Fine and 50-Day
Jail Sentence Given
C. P. "Bud" GriffithELMER POWELL
GETS 6 MONTHS

Elmer Powell, indicted by the grand jury and found guilty of grand larceny, appeared before Judge J. W. Knowles Saturday afternoon and was sentenced to six months incarceration in the county jail.

ROLL CALL WAS
BEGUN SUNDAY

Red Cross Annual Roll Call Set by President Coolidge as November 11-29, Inclusive.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (N.S.)—President Calvin Coolidge issued the following signed appeal for universal support of the Annual Red Cross Roll Call which starts throughout the world Nov. 11 for the enrollment of members of the American Red Cross for 1924:

"As president of the United States of America and as President of the American National Red Cross, I hereby designate November 11, Armistice Day, to November 29, as the period of the annual Red Cross membership roll call, and I appoint November 11 Red Cross Sunday, and recommend that our churches dedicate that day to a thoughtful and prayerful consideration of the privilege and duty of consecrated service to humanity.

"During the World War the volunteer effort of the American people to assist the government in providing for the welfare of our military and naval forces at home, on the seas and overseas was expressed largely thru the American Red Cross, which also rendered incalculable assistance to armed forces of our associates in the war and to their civilian populations within the invaded areas during and after the war.

The recent calamity which befell Japan, when millions of her people suffered dire distress following the earthquake, has served again to reveal to the people of the nation the readiness of the American Red Cross (Continued on Page Five)

Griffith, Charged with Sale and Possession of Liquor Pleaded Guilt.

The trial of C. P. Griffith, of Union on a charge of selling liquor did not take place in the circuit court Saturday, due to the fact that Griffith pleaded guilty at the last moment, through his attorneys Green & Hess. The state charged that Griffith had previously been convicted of selling liquor before Judge Couch. Judge Knowles promptly assessed a fine of five hundred dollars and gave Griffith fifty days in jail Saturday afternoon. There will be no appeal.

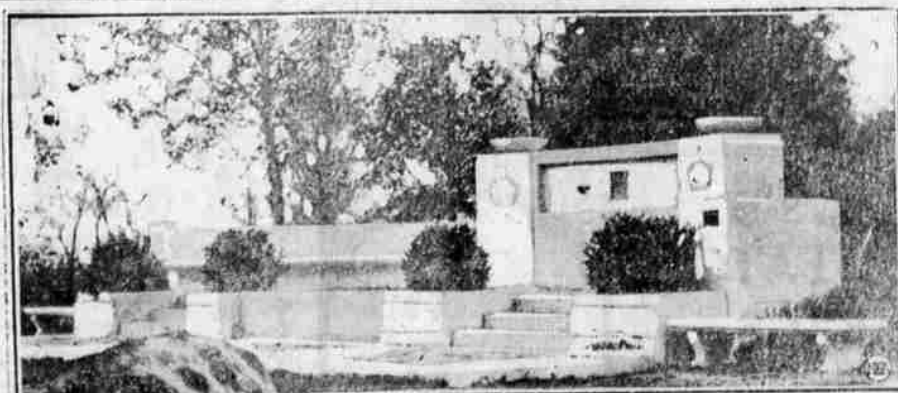
This ends one of the most troublesome cases the Union County sheriff's office has handled for some time. Griffith was arrested September 8, 1923, at Union by a party of officers under the lead of a deputy sheriff and charged in the county court two days later with violation of the prohibition law. He gave a large bond and was not tried for several days, due to a congestion of work in the circuit court. Griffith had been indicted by the county jury and the county judge being otherwise engaged, ultimately, the case was thrown out of the county court and a grand jury indictment was made public at the same time. It developed that several days before final action in the county court Griffith had departed from Union for parts unknown to the officers. There followed a combing of the northwest by peace officers to locate Griffith, the quest going into every rural community. Finally, Griffith was located and arrested in Central Oregon, returned here for trial, and ultimately a trial date was fixed. When the time came, Griffith did not stand trial.

Officers feel that with the bringing of the Griffith case to a successful close, lesser offenders will have no further room for criticism or to claim discrimination when apprehended. Continuation of the campaign is promised, according to officials.

MISS CAMERON WINDER.
MEDFORD, Ore. — Miss Bernice Cameron, local manager of the Medford office of the Postal Telegraph cable company, has received word from the executive offices in New York that she won the semi-annual banner contest which the company of fees to its successful managers in each district. The territory included in the district in which Miss Cameron completed includes Oregon, Washington and Montana.

In addition to winning the banner, the successful contestants are entertained at a dinner at division points given by company officials. The dinner for the Pacific coast division will be in San Francisco the last week in November.

Memorial To Ex-Legion Commander



This memorial to Colonel Frederick Galbraith, Jr., former, late Legion commander of the American Legion, will be unveiled in connection with the principal event in that city's observance of Armistice Day.

Galbraith's name and representative from the allied embassies and legations are expected to be present, together with Ohio World War veterans, many of whom served under Galbraith.

Colonel Galbraith, elected to the Legion commandery in La Grande in September, 1920, was killed in an automobile accident June 3, 1921. He received the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in France. He also was awarded the French and Belgian Croix de Guerre and the French Legion d'Honneur.

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UNION COUNTY
CELEBRATING
ARMISTICE DAY

Legionnaires Staging an All-Day Entertainment at Union Today.

TIGERS PLAYING
AT BAKER CITY

Fred E. Kiddle and Adj. Gen. George White to Be at Union Celebration.

Ex-Doughboys, Ex-Marines, Ex-Bobs, Ex-Fet, are all headed for Union today where the United American Legion Post No. 50, assisted by the Imbler, Elgin, La Grande, North Powder and Coxe posts, are entertaining Union county at an Armistice Day celebration, the second annual celebration held in Union county.

A diversified program, including a parade in the morning, a double-header football attraction in the afternoon, and dancing in the evening, has been arranged.

Officers to Be Present.
Fred E. Kiddle, State American Legion commander, and Adjutant General George White, of Portland, will both be at Union today and will speak to the Legionnaires sometime during the day, probably at the noon luncheon to be in the civic auditorium.

While Union county is celebrating at Union, Umatilla county is hitting the festivities at Pendleton, Baker county at Baker and Walla Walla county at Enterprise.

La Grande football team is to play the Baker team this afternoon at Baker for the championship of Union and Baker counties and Walla Walla and Enterprise are playing at Enterprise for the championship of Walla Walla county.

La Grande warriors, about 22 strong, accompanied by a large number of mothers, pushed off early this morning for Baker. Last year they won the Queen City title 72 to 0 here but the Tigers will have to extend themselves if they beat Baker by three touchdowns this year.

La Grande's contingent to Union is meeting at the Y. M. C. A. building this morning at 9:30 o'clock where transportation facilities have been arranged.

Armistice Plans Laid.
PENDLETON, Ore. — The Pendleton post of the American Legion has asked the co-operation of the Commercial association, the Rotary and Exchange clubs and other civic organizations in observing Armistice day next Monday.

Nominations for post officers have been made as follows, only one set of nominees being named: Post commander, Tom Keating; vice-commander, John Joeger; adjutant, Joe Harvey; finance officer, Oscar Shultz; executive committee men, Cecil Probst, Clem Ward, Jim Sturges, C. W. Larsen and Don Randall. Isaac Vaughan was nominated for secretary and Alton and Philip Rounds for post historian.

New Companies Formed.
SALEM, Ore. — The Portland Mining company, with a capital stock of \$50,000 and headquarters in Portland, has been incorporated by John H. Haggart, O. C. Haley and Ralph Voss.

Other articles filed follow:
Astoria Manufacturing company, Astoria; Elgin, C. H. Matson, Harvey C. Jones and Frank G. Howe; Elgin Lumber company, Portland; \$500, A. T. Lewis, Arthur H. Lewis and J. M. Wilkyns; Northwest Copper & Sheet Metal Works, Portland, \$10,000; Adolph Groeger, Louis Groeger and Audolph Groeger.

Millions Celebrating
Armistice Day In U. S.

"The counsel and the shouting dies.
The captains and the kings depart.
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
And humble and a contrite heart."
—The Reckoning.

(By George T. Hook)

NEW YORK, Nov. 11, (U.S.) — Marked by a note of reverent solemnity instead of the original unrestrained jubilation, the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which terminated the greatest war in history is being observed today by millions throughout a score of countries. Armistice Day, first signified by a people who went insane with joy at the knowledge that slaughter on the European continent and on the seas had ceased after four tempestuous years, has taken on the aspect of a memorial to the thousands who gave up their lives to make the world "safe for democracy."

From the public observance in villages, towns and cities to the ceremony over the Unknown Soldier's grave at Arlington Cemetery, America's feeling of the anniversary of a momentous victory is one of mourning for the nation's heroic dead.

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Throughout the countries which shared in the overthrow of the common foe a similar sentiment prevails. Many a heart is torn with sorrow for the time has been too short to heal the wounds of those whose loved ones paid the supreme sacrifice.

Everywhere the two-minute silent tribute at 11 o'clock was observed. The nation halted its progress for that interval and bowed heads bespoke the common pain.

National services at Arlington, treating in President Coolidge laying a wreath on the Unknown Soldier's grave in token of America's reverence and recognition of valorous deeds of its brave defenders, were impressive in their utter simplicity.

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