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The Weather
PORTLAND (AP) — Fair tonight and Sunday, excepting probable rain in the northwest portion.

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AL WATKINS CONVICTED FINED $250

Colored Man Is Found Guilty Before Judge R. J. Kitchen

TRIAL FINISHED LAST EVE

Watkins A... tifies the name applied to her, "Little Wizard of the Keyboard."

Miss Byrd, although Oregon born, has now attained a reputation that goes far beyond her native state. She belongs, now, no longer to Oregon but to America and is so acclaimed where ever she goes. "Musical America" standing at the head of musical journalism in this country and an authority in its line, always gives her the highest praise. An artist of such renown, carrying her own concert grand piano with her, throughout all her tours is not an everyday occurrence in La Grande. In fact only once, if ever, has her equal as a pianist been heard in this town.

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The Greenwood Parent-Teachers Association held its regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon at the Greenwood school. The meeting was opened by a short prayer by Rev. O. W. Jones, of the Christian church, followed by a short program. Mrs. Thacker's room sang "The Darkies Christmas Song;" Lloyd Day gave a recitation, "The Mustic Skipper;" Nora Piles and James Milton gave some Christmas selections, "Scaring Santa" and "A Note to Santa;" Clyde Johnson and Leo Munson sang "The Animals in the Arc;" other recitations were "If Santa Lived in ... and in Camp," Frances Smith: "A ... entry at a later date ... with the O. R. C., 96th Division.

Other officers elected were G. W. Brown, vice commander; Adolph Lewin, adjutant and finance officer; Reverend Arthur Hodge, chaplain and Elwin Davis, historian.

Following the election a banquet was held.

Immigration Meet Views In Conflict

"Liberals" and "Exclusionists" Disagree; No Action Taken

NEW YORK (AP)— ... tween liberal and con... migration policy ... the closing sess... immigration co... ed its two-day ... adopting ... formal ... cent for ... possible ... restrictive ... skilled mu... ... detail but it can ... in brilliancy of exe... tenderness of expression ... her technique dis...

Loney's four piece ... was delightfully sur... when a large snowball ap... with little Patsy Jesse as ... snowflake, who gave a dainty lit... dance and then gave the name ... of a boy to each girl for the next dance. Another feature dance occurred, when balloons, with the names of the young men tied to them were released and each girl was obliged to catch her balloon.

Delicious refreshments were served at 11 o'clock, after which the dancing continued for one hour. During the evening favors were distributed.

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Eighteen girls met at the home of Miss Liletta Leighton last evening to help celebrate her eighteenth birthday anniversary, bringing with them many beautiful and useful gifts. The house was beautifully decorated in pink and yellow colors and the evening was spent at games and social entertainment. During the evening a delicious three course luncheon was served, which corresponded excellently with the atmosphere of the affair.

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North Powder, (Special) — The teachers of the North Powder schools gathered at the home of Superintendent and Mrs. Buchanan Monday evening for a little social evening. A delightful evening was enjoyed at "500" with Mr. Evans and Mrs. Mullen winning high score. During the evening refreshments were served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Evans, Mr. and Mrs. John Ray, Paul Elliot, Misses Delores and Margaret Schmitz, Miss Reed, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. O'Bryand, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Law and Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan and son Vincent.

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Joseph Burnaugh and Miss Emma Hug were married at the Christian church parsonage last Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. O. W. Jones officiating. Both the bride and groom are well known people ... many ... with but 503 cases in quarantine. There have been several deaths due to a combination of diphtheria and measles, however, and Dr. Parrish warns that throat cultures should be taken from all measles patients for the rate of mortality from this combination is very high.

REVOLT HELPS GETTYSBURG NOT

Today Mr. and Mrs. Albert Arbuckle left for Gettysburg where they will spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Nora Pabst, who is now a resident of that city while Mr. Pabst conducts an engineering campaign on the southern highway construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Arbuckle for many years, conducted the Model restaurant in La Grande but recently sold their business and they will spend several months in the east and south.

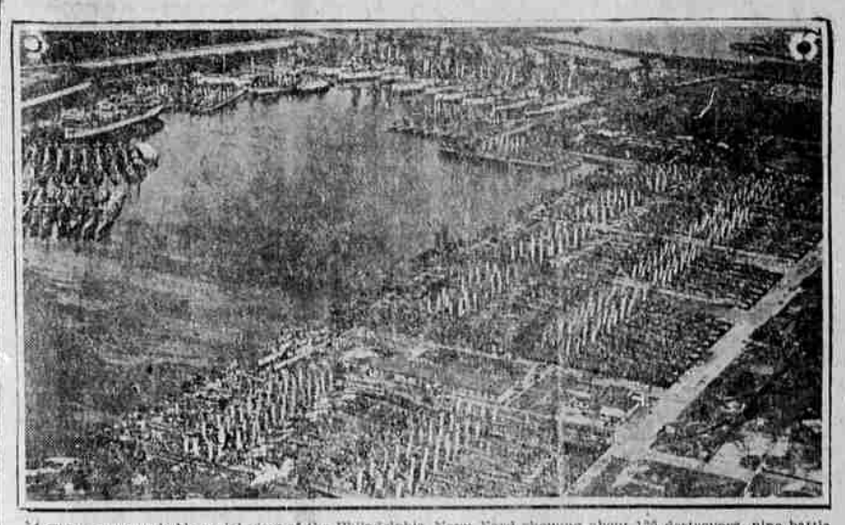
U. H. S. DRAMA IS PRESENTED LAST EVENING

UNION, (Special to the Observer)—An all-star Union high school cast presented "Little Miss Jack," for the second time last evening in the U. H. S. auditorium. A splendid attendance witnessed the second presentation of the drama, which was by request. The play was originally given in November but due to many who could not see the drama during the two night run, it was given again.

The cast follows: Lura ... Carl Gilmore, Bethene ... Clifford Johnson, Max Jen... na Rosewall, Mary Reusse... Campbell and Reid Black...

Photos show both sides ... Michael Friedsam Medal ... by the Architectural Le... New York to Henry Cre... the most distinctive contrib... industrial art during the p... Henry Aitken, noted sculp... signed the medal. Top sh... winged figure of inspiratio... the youthful Hermes, fath... dustry. Below one sees ben... ...s from the wheels of ind...

WHERE A NAVY LIES IDLE



This is a remarkable aerial view of the Philadelphia Navy Yard showing about 120 destroyers, nine battleships and other war vessels, packed like a tin of sardines. They are lying idle at the docks.

EZRA ALLEN NOT GUILTY JURY HOLDS

Appealed Case in Circuit Court Tried; Fails to Convict.

LEONARD SMITH FOUND GUILTY

County Judge Assesses Fine and Gives Smith 30 Days; T. R. Clark Is Acquitted.

Court Findings

Ezra Allen, appealing from justice court, found not guilty of charges of transportation of liquor in his car.

Leonard Smith, in county court, found guilty of sale of liquor, and fined $250 and sentenced to 30 days in county jail.

T. R. Clark, charged with forgery, found not guilty.

Circuit court adjourned late yesterday until Monday when case of State vs. Frank Hogg, North Powder, charged with liquor law violation, will be tried.

A. Hork, Jr., indicted in justice court on charges of violation of public service commission rules. Hork entered not guilty plea. Trial date set yet.

Late yesterday afternoon the Circuit Court jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of State vs. Ezra Allen, charged with illegally transporting intoxicating liquor in his automobile. Allen was accused of having a bottle of moonshine whiskey in his car when stopped by officers connected with the Sheriff's office, near the river bridge at the city park some time ago. Allen and the occupants of the car testified positively that there was no liquor in the car, and that Allen never

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CHURCH NEWS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH— What is Christmas? Unless we look beyond the exchange of gifts at Christmas we will miss its true message. The whole world pauses to celebrate the birth of the Son of God who came to save the world from its sins. God asks in return our unselfish service. If you have no church home, give that service through our church, which will soon have a new church home in which to unite with Kingdom forces. Our Sunday School tomorrow at 9:45 to be followed by the worship hour at 11. Christian Endeavor study class at 6 to be followed by the regular meeting. Our Men's club meeting next Thursday, meeting at the home of L. B. Moe with Norman Frees as the leader. Help us to start the new piano fund by attending the concert on Monday evening at the Tabernacle. May the true spirit of Christmas attend you every day during this Advent season.

—Wm. Crosby Ross, Minister.

ZION ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH— 903 M street.

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.

Morning service, 11:00 a. m.

Sermon theme: "The H... vent Season."

Anthem by choir, "Con... to the Saviour," by H. R. ...

Pastor's Notice—I asked a church goer, "What is th... eran church?" As he did n... me, he ventured this info... "It is a sort of state church... old country, something ... Catholic church, only it ... Pope." For general info... I will state what we beli... believe that Jesus Christ, ... begotten of the Father fro... nity, and also true man, ... Virgin Mary, is my God; ... redeemed me, a lost and c... ed creature, secured and ... me from all sins, from de... from the power of devil, ... silver and gold, but with ... and precious blood, and ... innocent sufferings and d... order that I might be His, ... der him in His kingdom ... serve him in everlasting ri... ness, innocence and bles... even as He is risen from t... and lives and reigns to a... nity. This is most certainly ...

HOUSE TIEUP TO END SOON

Agreement Between Republicans and Insurgents Reached Today.

WASHINGTON (AP) — An agreement which may end the house tieup over committee assignments was reached today by the Republican and insurgents. The negotiations to break the Senate organization deadlock were also renewed, but the outcome is doubtful.

Under the house agreement the Republican insurgent will be placed on the rules committee which directs the House legislative program and the Democrats will be denied additional representation.

The Village Is Going Out

Curtain Rung Down on Student Life in Greenwich Village.

NEW YORK, (AP)—Greenwich Village—the Greenwich Village which was a remnant of old New York, which was a link with the Old World, where the customs, manners and liberties of an easier going civilization provided a haven for refugees from the hustle and bustle of modern America—has gone.

New York has been robbed of its Latin Quarter, its artists' colony Brooklyn, and the Bronx, aided by has been disbanded by Broadway, prohibition and a housing crisis. The onslaught was begun during the war, when the rest of the country poured into the Village, young and old thirsting for lives of art and liberty, and it has today overcome the last barriers. Gone are the Villagers, and with them the spaghetti "meccas," the "chip-in" sketch classes, and the "open-house" studios that only a short time ago made the locality famous.

Time was when painters, playwrights, writers, musicians and artists of no particular profession foregathered in the headquarters which have now disappeared. The rule was work hard and play hard. There were those who seemed not to work at all. But that was no one's business. If the idler was a wit, if he loved the beauty the workers tried to create,—he was received with open arms. But the interloper, the seeker after atmosphere, was quickly frozen out and sent packing.

The war sent many of the Villagers to foreign fields; many never came back. Most of those who served in France returned there after the war, having found that Paris offered what the Village had once had. Others achieved the upper rungs of the ladders of their dreams. Still others merely disappeared. All are gone from the old haunts.

In place of the cheap studios

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COOLIDGE IS APPRECIATIVE

Writes Letter to Former South Dakota Governor Regarding Presidential Endorsement.

WASHINGTON (AP) —President Coolidge has written a letter to Samuel Elrod, former governor of South Dakota, expressing his appreciation of the action of the recent South Dakota Republican proposal convention endorsing him for president in 1924.

The letter is more or less personal and the text was withheld.

It does not state whether the president will enter the South Dakota primaries but Coolidge workers will meet South Dakotaian leaders here Monday to arrange a formal application.

Wheat Quotations in Vicinity of Dollar

PORTLAND (AP)—Wheat quotations on the market here yesterday were: Hard white B. S. Baart, December, $1.01; January, $1.01; soft white, December $1.01; January, $1.01; western white, December, $1.01; January, $1.01; hard winter, December, 97c; January, 97c; northern spring, December, 98c; January, 98c; western red, December, 98c; January, 98c.

PORTLAND, (AP) — Livestock was steady on today's market. Eggs are unsettled with butter firm.

Novel Accord in Wage Strike

ANTWERP, (AP)—A trike in the diamond industry has been settled by a novel agreement by which the pay of employes will be governed by the condition of the diamond market.

DIG OUT CARS 'SNOWBOUND'

Seventy-Two Automobiles Snowed Under in New Mexico Canyon.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (AP)—Although more than 24 hours had elapsed since snow stopped falling, New Mexico early Friday was still trying to "dig out" of the worst blizzards in years which caused at least 10 deaths and

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BULLETINS

Invitations Sent

PARIS (AP) —The reparation commission officially extended invitations to General Dawes, former director of the American Budget, and Owen B. Young, New York lawyer and banker, to the unofficial American representatives on the Germany investigation committees.

Outlaws Captured.

MANILA (AP)—Six members of a band of Moro outlaws known to have been among the slayers of Lieutenant Magno, of the constabulary, eight constabulary soldiers Corazg, province of Cotu Bato two months ago, have been captured.

Nominations Made.

WASHINGTON (AP) —President Coolidge today nominated John H. Edwards, of Indiana, as solicitor for the interior department; Earl J. Davis, of Michigan, to be assistant attorney general succeeding John W. H. Crim, recently resigned. R. L. Cooper, Brownsville, Texas, declined to the present the offer of an appointment as ambassador to Mexico because of unwillingness to give up at this time his duties as head of the Texas Republican organization.

MANDAMAS WRIT GRANTED COURT

PENDLETON, Or.—The Oregon supreme court today granted the writ of mandamus sought by the county court of Umatilla county against R. O. Hawks, county assessor, to compel the assessor to extend the special levy of one mill for market roads, according to a telegram received here from C. Z. Randall, deputy district attorney, who is in Salem to prosecute the case for the county court. The county assessor is granted until December 21 to make a return, and arguments will follow.

Bridge Work Continues

HOOD RIVER, Or.—The Gilpen Construction company today began pouring concrete in forms of pier No. 5 of the Hood River-White Salmon bridge across the Columbia river. Touring on pier No. 6 will begin Saturday.

The company has piers 1 and 4 ready for concrete work. Weather conditions so far have not hampered the bridge workers, and they are considerably ahead of their schedule. Unless the temperature goes much lower the crews will be able to work throughout the winter.

TWO LA GRANDE BOYS HONORED

Corvallis (Special)—Elwood Lyman and Waldo Studdard, of La Grande, Seniors in commerce were among the five seniors initiated into Alpha Kappa Psi, honorary commerce fraternity, this week. This honorary organization has as its chief purpose the promotion and recognition of scholarship. Once a year it chooses from among the junior and senior students a limited number who have shown superior scholastic attainment, qualities of leadership, and personal character.

The fact that Alpha Kappa Psi is national in scope, with 36 chapters in the leading colleges and universities and a total of 4,455 members, makes election to it a distinct honor and one highly prized by college students.

Lyman has achieved success in athletics as well as in his studies. He is now enroute to the Hawaiian Islands with the O. A. C. football team and on his return will probably play center on the Beaver basketball squad. He is also a member of the Varsity "O" association and Omega Upilon, social fraternity.

Studdard has also recently been elected to membership in Beta Alpha Psi, honorary accounting fraternity. He is prominent in athletics, being on the varsity basketball squad. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta, men's social fraternity.

Herr Von Hoesch Confers with Poincare Regarding Ruhr Modifications.

PARIS (By the Associated Press) — Her Von Hoesch, German charge d'affairs, in a half hour interview today with Poincare asked if the French government was willing to engage in conversations with the German government regarding the occupation of the Ruhr and modification introduced into the Rhineland occupation affecting the railroads.

The interview was of the friendliest nature.

Poincare asked the German government to furnish in writing a list of the questions it desired to discuss.

SAVAGE NEGRO RUNS AMUCK, 4 PERSONS SLAIN

DREW, Miss (AP) —Three men were shot to death, another is believed to be dead and seven were wounded—two of them seriously—in a man hunt which began shortly after noon Friday when Joe Pullen, negro tenant farmer, ran amuck with a pistol and shotgun after fatally wounding W. T. Sanders, a planter, and battled with posses who drove him through a canebrake for several miles and into a drainage ditch east of Drew where he is still held for the night.

GEORGE SLACK HOME RAIDED

Sheriff's Officers Said to Have Found Liquor in Summerville Home.

Officers of the sheriff's department last evening raided the home of George Slack, of Summerville, according to reports from Sheriff Lee Warnick today, and arrested Slack on charges of possession of intoxicating liquor in his home.

The raiding party state that they found about a quart of liquor at the Slack place.

Arraignment of Slack will occur in the county court sometime today, it is expected.

SIX PORTLAND POLICEMEN ARE FREED OF GRAFT

PORTLAND, (AP) — Sergeant Oelsner and Patrolman Drapeau were today reinstated following a hearing yesterday in which they were cleared on charges of protecting vice. Seven other members of the vice squad who were discharged asked the civil service board for reinstatement.

PORTLAND. — Sergeant Herman Oelsner, recently deposed head of the vice squad in the police bureau, and Patrolman William Drapeau, second in command of the vice squad, were cleared of charges of graft in a hearing yesterday that was replete with sensational revelations which clearly indicated that the police officers had been victims of a "frame-up."

Patrolmen A. W. Smith, R. W. Green, D. J. Sullivan and R. E. Timm, members of the squad, were also exonerated, but could not be reinstated by the mayor because they have been discharged.

Instead they must appeal to the civil service board and it is understood that Mayor Baker will file recommendations that these officers be reinstated.

WHY A FI... ? MONC...

TEACHERS ARE MEETING HERE

Teachers, principals and superintendents of Union county, and visitors from other points, convened this morning in the La Grande high school building in a Local Teachers' Institute, to be in session all day.

J. A. Churchill, superintendent of Oregon schools, of Salem, and C. F. Carleton, of Eugene, prominent educator, are in attendance and will appear on the program.

Among the pedagogues who registered at the hotels last evening were Celia and Esther Edvalson, of Union; W. K. Thompson, Island City principal, Miss Leona J. Hansen and Mrs. Ruth Gilkison, of Perry. Others arrived in La Grande this morning by rail and auto.

EARLY PAYMENT TO U. S. TOPIC IN FRANCE NOW

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The possibility of an early funding of France's debt to the United States is being considered in France official circles.

Outdoer of Ponzi Is Facing More Trouble

CHICAGO, (AP) — Police today are searching for a woman with whom Leo Koretz, fugitive promoter of a $5,000,000 Panama Oil bubble, is thought by investigators to have posed as "Mr. and Mrs. Al Bronson" for the last four years.

CHICAGO (AP)—More trouble up Friday for Leo Koretz, fugitive promoter of a $4,000,000 Panama "oil bubble."

Koretz, who varied the usual practice of the fake swindler by picking as his victims his own relatives and persons with large sums of money, many of whom begged him to take it, was reported named in a true bill voted by the grand jury Friday, charging larceny and operation of a confidence game.

At almost the same time an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against him by three creditors, whose claims totaled $8500, and a trust company was named receiver.

man Friday turned over $175,000 to the State's attorney's office, and said that another $100,000 would be collected and turned over in a few hours, as well as jewels valued at $75,000 belonging to Koretz's wife. The money and jewels were distributed by Koretz among his brothers, cousins, aunts and close friends shortly before his departure, in the guise of an "extra dividend," derived from what he had told them was his rich holdings of oil, mahogany and rubber lands, beside the Bayonor river in Panama. The family fund, representing about $300,000, was said to be a loss to his relatives, as it was reported to represent only a part of the money they entrusted to him with visions of fabulous riches.

Four brothers of the missing

DISCUSS SPUD GRADING LAW

State Market Agent C. E. Spence Interviewed on New Potato Legislation.

SALEM, (Special) — State Market Agent Spence says farmers are keen to take hold of any proposition that has a fifty-fifty chance for results, but that they are naturally skeptical of the many proposed movements and regulations to benefit their industry, because they have seen so many of them fail.

"When the new potato grading and inspection law was put in force in October, there was considerable opposition to it," said the market

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Late News Flashes

Alton Covell Convicted of Murder.

COQUILLE (AP)—Alton Covell today was convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of Mrs. Ebba Covell. The jury was out 45 minutes and upon their return recommended life imprisonment. The victim, the boy's stepmother, was strangled to death with amonia soaked in a rag on September 3.

Release War Prisoners.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Coolidge today ordered the release of all remaining imprisoned violators of the war laws. About 30 were released. Immediately upon the receipts of the president's order, the department of justice began preparing the necessary warrants for the release.

B. O. Roberts Pardoned.

SALEM (AP)—B. O. Roberts, starr witness in the Reedsport rum bribery case, was conditionally pardoned last night by Governor Pierce.

Commits Suicide.

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Mrs. Adelaide Manola Hughes, 39, the wife of Major Rupert Hughes, author, committed suicide at Hiaphong, Indo-China, according to a cablegram. She had been despondent on account of illness and went on a tour to recover her health.