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The Weather PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Occasional rain tonight and Saturday. Moderate to fresh southerly winds.

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WILSON IS NEAR DEATH

MR. WILSON'S RECORD ONE OF RESULTS

Woodrow Wilson's Life Reviewed; Great Leader Near Death Now.

FIGHTING CAREER IS ONE OF DEEDS

Born in Staunton, Va., Dec. 28, 1856; Led Nation in Most Trying Period.

The following brief sketch of the life of ex-President Woodrow Wilson was prepared for the Evening Observer by the NEA service.—Editor's Note.

Woodrow Wilson is near death today but— Woodrow Wilson never surrendered!

Born in Staunton, Va., Dec. 28, 1856, he inherited prominent traits of the fighter which have since marked his career.

His mother was Jessie Woodrow and his father Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

His son was christened Thomas Woodrow Wilson. He lived in Staunton, Ga., Columbia, S. C., and Wilmington, N. C. First he attended Davidson college in North Carolina and then Princeton.

When he was graduated from Princeton he entered the University of Virginia to study law. In 1882 he went to Atlanta and opened a law office. Clients were scarce and he spent much time writing. During visits to relatives in Rome, Ga., he met Miss Ellen Louise Axson, a playmate of childhood days. They were married in 1885.

Wilson entered Johns Hopkins

COVE PLANS A NEW LIBRARY

COVE, (Special)—A new library building will be erected on the lot where the library was burned to the ground two years ago.

At the last regular meeting of the Women's club the main business of the day was to consider whether it was best to hold on and erect a new building or give up and acknowledge defeat.

A building has been secured to be used temporarily for a library, which was opened to the public recently. Each woman of the Women's club pledged herself to give at least two books for the new library and many gave several times that number.

Is Your Husband True To You? Ask Richards

Is your husband true to you? Does your sweetheart love you? Is your wife faithful? Do you want to know when or how to sell? Do you know who and when to marry? Should you make your investments or take a contemplated journey? Are you anxious to know how to be lucky?

Then just bundle up your troubles in an envelope and send them to Richards, the magician, in care of the Evening Observer, and he will directly and comprehensively answer you.

Illness Held Serious



Woodrow Wilson, ex-president of the United States, is ill, and attending physicians state that his condition is worse today.

BULLETINS

Resources Heavy. SALEM, (AP)—The total resources of Oregon banks at the close of business December 31, 1923 was \$327,362,276, according to the statement of State Superintendent of Banks Brannwell today.

Schools Examined. A thorough examination was made of every pupil in Greenwood grammar school and Riverside grammar school today by a committee of physicians and every case of contagious disease has been quarantined by the authorities.

Archbishop Leaves Oakland OAKLAND, Calif. (By the Associated Press)—Archbishop Christie left for Portland last night.

NO CHANGE IN GRAZING FEES FOR TWO YEARS

COVE, (Special)—Recent word received from Geo. H. Cecil, Forestor, in confirming the report in recent press dispatches, is to the effect that no change will be made in the grazing fees until 1926.

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JUDGE CHIPMAN IS DEAD TODAY

End Comes at San Francisco; Was Veteran of the Civil War and a Noted Author.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (By the Associated Press)—Judge Norton Parker Chipman, former presiding judge of the court of appeals in the third district, died here today.

Justice Norton P. Chipman probably was the best known to the nation as judge advocate of the military commission which tried and sentenced to death Captain Henry Wirz, Andersonville (Ga.) prison jailer, who was hanged in 1862.

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GEMS VALUED AT \$75,000 LOCATED IN N. Y. TODAY

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Detectives recovered today from a Gem shop on the upper west side, an additional \$75,000 worth of jewels stolen from Mrs. C. P. Huro Schoelkopf, of Buffalo, on New Year's eve, one year ago.

FALL HELD TO BE ABLE TO TESTIFY

Will Be Subpoenaed to Appear Before Senate Board Tomorrow

PHYSICIANS FIND FALL IMPROVED

Secretary Denby Stands Pat on His Statement Resign.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The House without debate today passed the Walsh resolution directing proceedings for the cancellation of the naval oil leases.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Ex-Secretary Fall in condition to appear for examination in the Senate Teapot Dome oil inquiry, the medical commission reported today.

Fall will be subpoenaed to appear tomorrow before the investigating board.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Adopting the Walsh oil lease annulment resolution by the unanimous vote of the 89 senators present, the senate plunged Thursday into what

EPISCOPAL HEAD SUCCUMBS FROM HEART DISEASE

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (By the Associated Press)—Right Rev. Frederic William Keator, of Tacoma, Wn., bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Olympia, Wn., died at a hospital here at 9:15 o'clock Thursday night from heart disease.

Keator came here a little more than two weeks ago to visit his son at Yale university and was stricken shortly after his arrival. His condition improved until yesterday, when he suffered a sudden change for the worse.

Keator was born at Housdale, Ill., October 22, 1855. In 1864 his family moved to Moline, Ill. He left there to enter Williston seminary, Easthampton, Mass., in 1874.

He entered Yale in 1876 and graduated with high honors four years later. He then took up the study of law, receiving his LL. B. in 1882.

SEED POTATOES ARE CERTIFIED BY E. R. JACKSON

E. R. Jackson, farm crop specialist of the extension service of O. A. C., was in the county yesterday in the interest of seed potato certification.

The crops belonging to Itoth McKennon, Mrs. Hattie Friesold and Frank McKennon, all passed the test, and will be bearing state certification tags on an identification of this seed.

These potatoes were all grown from the pure seed shipped in by the La Grande National bank last year, which was distributed among a number of growers.

Two Basketball Games Scheduled for Tonight

Preliminary to the basketball season this evening between the Eagles and La Grande high school teams to be played in the Joseph La Grande high gymnasium. The champions play here and MacTavish high school team will meet the visitors on the court.

Business Is Sound in New England Now

Labor Beginning to Cooperate With Employer for Mutual Benefit.

BABSON PARK, Fla. (Special)—"It is the popular thing to talk of New England in the past tense," says Roger W. Babson, statistician who is residing here at his winter home after a ten thousand mile tour of investigation. A report of his findings in each locality will be made public as soon as his notes and studies can be organized. Today he discusses conditions in New England.

"People in other sections of the country often to what 'was' in New England as to it had seen its best days," continued the statistician. "Statistics in the mean time indicate a steady and highly satisfactory progress for this section. Were the United States as a whole increased less than 15 per cent in population between 1910 and 1920, all New England increased 12 per cent and southern New England increased 16.2 per cent. This shows that Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut—the industrial section of New England—is gaining in population at a more rapid rate than the rest of the United States. General business throughout the country as reflected in the Babson chart is running 6 per cent above normal while activity in New England is 8 per cent above this general average.

"I have heard people complain that 'little Massachusetts' has more than its share of influence in Washington. These people, however, were astonished when they realized little Massachusetts is now sixth in population out of the 48 states and holds first place in the production of eight of the seventeen lines of industry listed by the United States Census. Yes, Massachusetts ranks first in the production of cotton goods, woolen goods, worsted goods, cordage and twine, iron goods, leather goods, and in certain kinds of machinery and machine tools.

"Nevertheless, it is not surprising that people wonder how New England does get on so well 'way up' in the north of the woods' with only rocks, bushes and some scanty water powers as her natural resources. People are justified in wondering how cotton from the plantations of the South, leather from the prairies of the West, steel and timber from the Great Lakes region can be taken to New England, and there manufactured into products which are then carried back to the cities of the West and sold at less than they can be manufactured for where the raw materials are produced. Industrially this is almost miraculous, but nevertheless it is a fact there are many reasons for this remarkable condition and among them may be listed the following:

1. New England has a very large number of highly skilled workers who combine intelligence, integrity and industry to a marked degree.

2. New England has excellent seaport facilities, being the nearest portion of the United States to Europe, with excellent shipbuilding lines, backed up by a highly developed network of railway and port facilities.

3. New England, in density of population and high per capita income, stands very high in climatic healthfulness and tends to high efficiency; while its colleges, technical schools, private and public schools, offer splendid educational facilities to the children of

two passengers, three deckhands believed to be lost; survivors tell graphic tales.

PADDICAL, N. Y. (By the Associated Press)—Two passengers and three negro deckhands are missing as the result of a wreck of the river steamer Thomas C. Powell, in the river near here last night.

Survivors landed here by a tugboat and expressed the belief that those missing were trapped by an onrush of water or pinned by the sliding of a log when the boat listed after hitting an obstruction in mid-channel.

PILOT ROCK HAS ROBBERY; COPS CHIEF FAINTS

PENDLETON, Ore.—Clothing, jewelry and other goods were taken from the Custed & Stanley store at Pilot Rock. The loot was valued at between \$1,000 and \$1,500. A light postcard belonging to Rev. C. H. Love, in which the robbers escaped, was later found abandoned on the streets of Pendleton.

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EIGHT DEAD AS RESULT OF BURNS

Conflagrations at Akron, Ohio, and Unionville, Mich., Disastrous

FIVE CHILDREN KILLED BY FIRE

Akron Family Trapped in Bed When Their Home Blazes; Unionville Fire Due to Kerosene Blast.

Disastrous fires, trapping nine people in Akron, Ohio and eight deaths today, one man in a hospital in Akron suffering from serious burns.

AKRON, Ohio (By the Associated Press)—A mother and her three children were burned to death today when fire destroyed their home. A brother of the mother was seriously injured.

Mrs. Arthur Smith, aged 22, Anne Smith, 3, Kathryn, 2, Arthur, 10 months are the dead.

David Haynes, brother of Mrs. Smith, is in the hospital today with serious burns. All were trapped in their beds when the house caught fire. Haynes attempted to save the sister and her children but his efforts met with unsuccess.

UNIONVILLE, Mich. (By the Associated Press)—A man, his wife, and two children, were burned to death at their farm home five miles easterly of here today when a gallon can of kerosene used to start a fire in the kitchen stove exploded.

The dead are Edward Bowles 25, his wife who was partly paralyzed a boy, aged five years and a girl aged two years.

BOAT WRECKED, FIVE MISSING

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XTRA

(By Associated Press) Woodrow Wilson is in the shadow of death, fighting gamely. An upset of digestive organs which began last Monday and seemed inconsequential at first, wrecked his feeble frame that he lies today clinging to life by a slender thread that may break any minute. Today alternately he slept and took light nourishment. Many times his death was rumored.

Once flags at the government building were at half mast. At 1:20 o'clock today Admiral Grayson issued the following statement: "Mr. Wilson's condition is practically unchanged. During the day he obtained some sleep and took a little nourishment. He is resting comfortably but his vitality is very low. All we can do is to hope for the best."

Turn for the Worse Occurs; Death May Result Before Night

MRS. WILSON IS AT HIS BEDSIDE

President Coolidge Sends Message of Sympathy; Members of Household Summoned.

OPTION TAKEN ON PROPERTY

School Board Secures an Option on Block 5, in Honan's Addition, in East La Grande.

Announcement was made today by Harry Williams, school clerk of District No. 1, that an option had been secured by the board of education on block 5, Honan's addition, in east La Grande. The option was secured from Frank Moore and will expire at the end of a ninety day period.

Some time ago a bond issue was voted by the city for school system improvements and in the bond issue, funds were specifically designated for the building of a school house in east La Grande of the grammar school type.

No announcement has been made by any members or officials of the school board as to whether they intend to erect such a schoolhouse on the site.

If the people in that district would get in sidewalks, street improvements and sewer improvements, the block optioned by the school board would prove a very desirable place for the construction of such a schoolhouse.

Loc 5 is bounded by North Willow, East O avenue, North Hall street and East N avenue.

EX-GOVERNOR GEER NOW ILL AT PORTLAND

According to reports from Portland today, T. T. Geer, who was governor of Oregon for the term 1899-1903, suffered from a slight stroke of paralysis which temporarily affected his face Thursday.

Mr. Geer, who attended the funeral of his brother, Judd Geer of Cove, here about a week ago, is serving as bailiff of the Multnomah county grand jury.

It was stated in Portland that the attack seemed to be one of facial paralysis which need not be regarded seriously. Mr. Geer is taking a rest now by physician's orders.

New Filter Plant Ready

BEHND, Ore.—The Bend Water Light & Power company's new \$75,000 filter plant will be put in to operation following final tests conducted to the satisfaction of Kenneth Shibley engineer in charge of the construction.

RECOGNIZES RUSSIA

LONDON (AP)—Great Britain has given Russia recognition de jure.

WAR-TIME PRESIDENT NEAR CRISIS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon Wilson was reported near death. At 2:30 he took a little nourishment.

WASHINGTON (AP)—"You have done the best you could," said Woodrow Wilson to Dr. Grayson today, "but I am a broken machine."

Then he added with a rally of his waning strength, "But I'm ready."

Wilson rallied slightly at noon and talked in whispers to those about him.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Woodrow Wilson, (Continued on page 5)

HUMPHREYS TO BE SPEAKER

Another interesting subject to be given to the Men's Forum on next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the Methodist church will be "The Brotherhood of Railway Engineers—their work and accomplishments" by C. M. Humphreys of La Grande.

This will be a very interesting subject as Mr. Humphreys has long been connected with the brotherhood and is in close touch with all the workings of that institution which reaches across the American continent.

The Forum begins promptly at 10 o'clock and continues at 10:55 giving all an opportunity to attend the church of their choice for the Sunday morning service.

TUBERCULOSIS CATTLE TESTS NOW UNDERWAY

G. F. Overhulse, of the Bureau of Animal Industry of Portland, is in the county testing cattle for tuberculosis. He is at present working at Union and will take care of requests from any part of the county. Those wishing this work done must communicate with the county agent.

CANDLER'S DEFENSE CLOSES

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—The reading of letters of Mrs. DeBouché to Candler was completed today. Candler's attorneys term them "pursuit letters." The defense in the \$500,000 suit for breach of promise against Candler announced that its case is closed.

HERRING ACQUITTED

EUGENE (AP)—John C. Herring, rancher accused of aiding the Florence bank robbers after the robbery, was acquitted here late yesterday.

Late News Flashes