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The Weather

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—occasional rain tonight and Wednesday.

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TELEGRAMS GIVEN OIL BOARD

STERLING, COLORADO DEATHS ARE TRAGIC

BOTULISM
ONCE MORE
TAKES TOLLDread Disease, Caused by
Poison Food, Descends
on ItaliansFOURTEEN ATE
POISONED FOODThree Died Early Today
Three Are Momentarily
Near Death and
Eight Seriously Ill.

STERLING, Colo. (By the Associated Press)—Three are dead, three are in a critical condition and eight others ill as the result of eating poisoned food. The cause is diagnosed as botulism.

The dead are:
Tony Notario, aged 25.
Grace Notario, aged 9.
Nana Notario, aged 17.

Grace Notario is the daughter of Tony Notario.

All the dead and sick are members of an Italian farm colony in the Atwood-Marino community.

John Notario, brother of one of the victims, and Dominie (Cassette) are patients at the Sterling hospital.

The death of Joe Notario, the five-year-old son of Tony Notario, the first to be affected by the poison, is expected momentarily.

Mrs. Notario is dangerously ill at her home near Atwood.

FEDERAL SEARCH
WARRANT PROVED
TO BE DEFECTIVE

The throwing of the evidence consisting of opium, pipes and other articles, from court in the case of Lou Gong Men, of La Grande, to have been tried in the federal court in Portland, Ore., was due to defective search warrants, according to Associated Press dispatches printed in yesterday's issue of the Evening Observer.

Further details today proved the fact that the warrants in question were issued by the federal government and their defectiveness is not due to any fault of local authorities.

The case against Lou Gong Men was dismissed by Federal Judge Dean yesterday.

PROJECT GETS
PAST SENATE

WASHINGTON (HNS)—The appropriation for the Baker dam project approved by the senate Monday afternoon along with the items for the Camilla and Klamath projects.

No opposition was voiced when the items were reached in the interior department bills.

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Arranged, Fans Believe

(By Scoop)

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Matching Pair.

However, even though the first mentioned teams have the toughest games ahead of them throughout the tourney, the selection and matching was absolutely impartial.

Model Slain



This magazine-cover girl is dead, Miss Mata Stoddard, 22, artist model, was killed in a Los Angeles automobile accident. Her face graced scores of magazine covers.

AGRICULTURE
SHOW PLANNED

Furthering of the plans for the holding of a Union county agricultural exhibition in La Grande, March 7 and 8, with all branches of agriculture given cognizance, occurred last evening at the meeting held in County Agent H. G. Avery's office.

Incidentally, the Union County Chamber of Commerce at lunch today heartily endorsed such an exhibition and several speakers maintained that co-operation between the business men and the agriculturists be effected with the end in view of making the affair an extremely successful one, especially.

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STAGE DRIVER
IS CLEARED IN
JUSTICE COURT

According to reports received here today the jury in the case against J. P. Lechty, charged with speeding, returned a verdict of not guilty in the justice of peace court in Enterprise late yesterday.

Lechty is a stage driver for Hares and Coldron and it is alleged that A. Horek, Jr., a rival stage driver, placed charges against him, alleging that Lechty exceeded the speed limit at one time when Horek attempted to pass him.

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Noted Author
Is Dead Today
In New YorkGeorge Randolph Chester
Fails to Survive
Failure of Heart
Action

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—George Randolph Chester, author and playwright, died early today of heart attack. He had been working last night with his wife on a new story and at the time complained of pains in his chest. His wife applied hot towels and Chester took a bath, then retired, joking at the time about the pains. This morning shortly before five o'clock he sat up in bed, awakened his wife, and said to her "You know, dear, I love you," and fell back on his pillow dead. Chester began newspaper work as a reporter on the Detroit News and afterwards became a popular fiction writer. "Get-It-Quick Wallingford" and "Blackie Daw" his most noted characters.

DEMAND FOR
LUMBER SLOW

The demand for lumber in the middle West and East has remained relatively slow this week, on account of the bad weather that has prevailed. Prospects, however, are excellent for a quick expansion in trade throughout these important consuming territories as it becomes possible to resume outdoor work, says the American Lumberman, Chicago.

Southern pine manufacturers report that while the middlewestern and eastern markets are dull, consumption in the South is heavy, due to great building activity, and that exports to the West Indies and South America are considerable. Transit cars are weak, but the mills have heavy order files and low stocks, and are not eager for more business, indeed they do not seek higher prices for some of the scarcer items.

Conditions in the Douglas fir market have shown little change. Trade with the Atlantic seaboard remains very active, limited only by the shortage of vessel space, which has resulted in higher freight rates. Local trade is also heavy, due to the sustained building activity in the Pacific Northwest. The California and Japanese markets are still dull, but there are multiplying indications that they will begin to revive within another month. Rail trade meanwhile is slow, due to unfavorable weather, but the good volume of inquiries received shows that there is a healthy undercurrent in the market. Lumber stocks on the coast are very low, while the mills have heavy order files, which keep the market firm.

Hardwoods are in big demand from all important consumers, and the price tendency continues to be upward. The call is especially good for sap gums, Nos. 1 and 2 common plain red and white oak, maple, birch and all items entering into automobile body construction. Red gum is also much more active and stronger than recently, due to the scarcity of sap gum. An increasing quantity of hardwoods is moving to consumers in green condition, in cases where dry material is unobtainable.

Livestock Steady.

PORTLAND, (AP)—Livestock steady on today's market. Eggs one cent lower, now 26 to 27 1/2 cents. Butter a cent lower, cubes 48 1/2 cents.

"Pieric" Blonies Pronounced.

MANILA, (AP)—Local residents have commented upon the many members of the artillery corps, La Grande recently with strikingly blonde hair.

Inquiries were made and it developed that these men have been engaged in shifting ammunition on the "Rock," as Corregidor Island, the fortress at the entrance to Manila Bay, is known, and that the blonde hair in the explosives had turned their hair as yellow as a quarantine flag.

Strike Little Felt in Ireland.

DUBLIN, (AP)—The English railway strike has had little effect on Ireland. Mail trains are running almost on the usual schedule with only trifling delays and the traffic in livestock has not been interrupted. The strike may affect the coal supplies of Belfast if it continues.

OFFICERS
ARE NAMED
FOR 1924Chamber of Commerce
Directors Meet Late
Monday to ElectELMER STODDARD
NEW PRESIDENT

W. C. Perkins, H. E. Watkins New Officers; H. E. Coolidge Re-elected Treasurer.

At a meeting of the chamber of commerce board of directors held late Monday afternoon, election of officers for the ensuing year took place. The new officers will be installed at the annual meeting of the organization to be held early in March.

Elmer Stoddard was elected president, W. C. Perkins first vice-president, H. E. Watkins, second vice-president and H. E. Coolidge was re-elected treasurer.

Mr. Stoddard, who succeeds G. L. Larrison, is chairman of the chamber of commerce pep committee, a member of the quartette, active in all activities of the chamber and is also a prominent lumberman of this city.

Mr. Perkins, who deals in Ford and Lincoln, is chairman of the auto tourist committee and Mr. Watkins, employed in the Department store, is chairman of the entertainment committee. Mr. Coolidge, who has ever been prominent in local affairs, is chairman of the boys committee.

INDIAN'S RIGHTS
NOT IMPERILED
BY CITIZENSHIP

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Estimates that 125,000 Indians may, upon application, become American citizens without sacrificing any of their tribal rights were made today by the Indian office in a report on the Snyder bill, recently reported favorably by the house committee on Indian affairs.

Two thirds of the country's Indian population is now enjoying American citizenship.

MEXICAN ARMIES
MOVING AGAINST
REBEL CAPITAL

VERA CRUZ, (AP)—A concerted movement by the government forces against Jalapa, capital of the state of Vera Cruz which is still held by the rebels, has been started.

LUDENDORFF ON TRIAL.

MUNICH, Bavaria, (AP)—Former Field Marshal Ludendorff and nine associates, were placed on trial today for an attempt to overthrow the government last November.

BODIES ARE FOUND.

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—The bodies of A. B. Tuttle of Centuria, Wash., and his wife, were found today by R. C. Rice, Tuttle's son-in-law, in the living room of the Rice home when Rice returned from work.

Mrs. Rice is ill at a hospital and her parents came from Washington to care for Ruth, Mrs. Rice's three-year-old daughter.

Pierced by four bullets, the body of Mrs. Tuttle was found kneeling in front of a chair. Tuttle's body was nearby with a wound in the right temple. Authorities are nonplussed as to motive.

CATTLE DISEASE UP.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The outbreak of the foot and mouth disease in California was considered at a cabinet meeting today. It was agreed that all possible steps be taken to prevent the spread of it beyond the area now quarantined.

TOM MIX NOT HURT.

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Customs officials at the Mexican-U. S. border today denied the story that Tom Mix, film actor, had been beaten up after being inspected and searched. Los Angeles newspapers carried a story that the film hero was recovering from bruises received at the hands of customs officials ten days ago. They admitted searching him but denied beating him up.

Oil Scandal Prosecutors



The two special attorneys and their assistants, appointed by President Coolidge to prosecute oil frauds are shown above photographed in Washington. Left to right: Urie Mengert, George E. Chandler, Owen J. Roberts, Albee Pomerene (special attorneys), Albert E. Powell and John B. Dempsey.

CRIME WORLD
IS REVEALED

New New York Underworld Is Peril to Girls—More Vicious Than Ever.

Editor's Note—This, the first of a series of three articles dealing with the new underworld of New York as it affects recent murder mysteries, the latest of which is the killing of Louise Lawson, gives a new insight into a condition now under rigid police investigation.

(By STEWART JACKSON)

NEW YORK (HNS)—A new underworld, flashy, intriguing and ruthless, has risen up in New York as a sinister peril to the hundreds of hungry hearted country girls attracted as the moth to the curling flame to Broadway, in their search for fame and fortune.

Police, now trying to solve the latest baffling Broadway murder mystery—that of the pretty Alvaredo, To as, music student, (Continued on page 5)

BULLETINS

REHEARING DENIED. Salem, (AP)—Supreme court decisions today included: Grapace M. Saylor, administratrix of the estate of Carl Saylor, deceased, vs. the Enterprise Electric company, appellant, an appeal from Walla Walla county, an action for damages. In the opinion of Justice Brown the petition for rehearing was denied.

BANDITS ACTIVE. St. Louis, (AP)—Three bandits lined up seven employees and one customer of the Citizens Bank of Maplewood a suburb, today while two other bandits rifled the cages. They escaped with \$8,500.

MURDER, (AP)—Bandits today carried away a safe containing \$15,000 from the State Bank of Kinsman, Ill., with the aid of an automobile, a motor truck and a hand truck. The robbery was discovered this morning.

FIRE DAMAGE \$50,000. Los Angeles, (AP)—Fire in a film drying room of the Fox Motion Picture studio in Hollywood today destroyed films valued at \$50,000. A spark from a broken electric light ignited the celluloid.

BAKER PARISH
PRIEST PASSES
ON IN PORTLAND

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—A telegram from Portland, Sunday, announced the death of the Reverend Father Michael Mackay at St. Vincent's hospital, funeral services are to take place in Seattle Wednesday.

Rev. Father Mackay was appointed pastor of the Baker parish in 1919, following the resignation of the late Rev. Bishop Charles J. O'Reilly appointed to the See of Lincoln, Neb. As pastor of Baker parish, Rev. Father Mackay showed wonderful good, great ability as an organizer and executive and under his administration constructive things were achieved. He was a very religious man and his piety and charity, works were the subject of frequent comment. His whole life was a sacrifice to duty to God and mankind.

Father Mackay was born in Ireland and was aged about 40 years. Last year he spent four months in a visit to his native land, returning to Baker in September. He was in poor health and soon after his return underwent a serious operation. About two months ago he was taken to Portland, but serious complications set in and he hovered between life and death for several weeks before he died.

Cove Pouring Cement
For New Library Today

COVE, Ore.—(Special to the Observer)—Fire may come and fire may go—but the Cove library is to go on forever.

This morning one of the first constructive steps preceding the building of a new erection, to house the community books, occurred with the pouring of cement for the basement and foundation. The citizens of Cove, out en masse, witnessed and assisted in the work and among them a feeling that the new library would be bigger and better than ever, prevailed.

About a month ago a damaging fire destroyed the city hall and other buildings here, although wiping out the library books which were at that time housed in the municipal building. Cove was disheartened but not discouraged.

Compares Irish Freedom. DUBLIN, (AP)—Minister of Education McNally, addressing a political gathering in this city recently, declared that "the people of Ireland have now control of their own affairs and the making of their own destinies as fully as the people of Spain, the United States or Russia."

Insular Customs Approach Record. MANILA, (AP)—The gross customs receipts of the Philippines for 1923 amounted to \$5,500,000. This is the record in the history of the islands with the exception of the year 1920, when the total was \$5,800,000.

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EXECUTIVE
SESSION OF
BOARD HELDHundreds of Telegrams
Examined by Senate
InvestigatorsMANY ARE YET
NOT EXAMINEDNew Developments May
Come in Oil Scandal—
Relevant Telegrams to
Be Made Public.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Presented with a sheaf of telegrams sent from Washington to Albert B. Fall and Edward B. McLean at Palm Beach, the Senate oil committee suddenly went into executive session today to examine them.

After two hours of session the committee adjourned until tomorrow, the examination of the telegrams being uncompleted.

In ordering the hearing room cleared Chairman Lenroot said that any of the telegrams found to be relevant to the inquiry would be read in public.

The telegrams were presented by divisional superintendents of Western Postal and Telegraph companies.

They apparently numbered several scores, some containing hundreds of words.

DAUGHERTY ADMITS DEATH
IN OIL STOCKS, IS CLAIM

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Attorney General Daugherty Monday publicly acknowledged that he had died in Sinclair stock before and since he entered the cabinet, declared he had never misused official knowledge in these transactions and renewed his willingness to submit the facts in any investigation the senate might order.

In an open letter to Senator Willis Republican, Ohio, Daugherty said he bought some Sinclair stock before he became attorney (Continued on page 5)

DIRECTORS OF
CLUB NAMED

Further organization of the La Grande baseball club was effected last evening at a meeting held in the Home Plate. A board of directors, consisting of C. H. Scranton, C. H. Reynolds, J. H. Pearce, A. T. Hill, Carl and Harris French were named. Mr. Hill this morning stated that he did not wish to serve on the board. August Stange is an honorary member of the directorate.

League Discussed.

Discussion of the proposed entrance of a La Grande team into the Blue Mountain league, backed by Pendleton, occurred with the greater number favoring such a step. Formation of a local league was also discussed.

The subject of securing a ball field came up and a proposed site near the courthouse was held feasible.

Several matters pertaining to the ball club was decided to be placed before the chamber of commerce today.

Robbers Enter
Grocery Store
During Evening

The Palmer Grocery store, located at the corner of Second and Division streets, was entered by robbers last evening who escaped with some tobacco and possibly other articles. An inventory, hurriedly taken this morning, did not reveal just how much had been taken, according to the police.

The robbers entered the store by smashing the window glass in the door and then unlocking the door from the inside.

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