

LA GRANDE CHILDREN PRAISED

Police Chief Compliments Youngsters—"Best in World," He Says

NOTHING DAMAGED SATURDAY NIGHT

Hallow'en Passes with the Children Enjoying Themselves—But Not at Expense of Others.

"You can tell the world that La Grande children are the best in the world," Police Chief Clint Hayes smilingly remarked to a newspaper man this morning.

"What little amount of juvenile crime occurs in this city can be laid to a small group—the majority of the children are perfect ladies and gentlemen.

"Nothing can" better illustrate this than Hallow'en. Can you find any property damaged anywhere in the city? No. For the first time in years, maybe in the city's history, home owners awoke the morning after to find their places unmolested—even woodpiles remained untouched.

"Here and there you see soap markings on windows—but that doesn't come under property damage. The soap comes off too easy to class it as damaging—unless the expense of a little muscle-grease comes under that head.

"Had plenty of fun. But don't infer that the children didn't enjoy themselves Hallow'en. They certainly did. Groups of youngsters patrolled the city just as they did in the past—but with the malicious intent lacking. Jack-o' lanterns, ticktacks, and the like entered into the fun and a few cases were found where air had been let from automobile tires, but when you compare that with other mornings after, when buggles were found on boulevards, a cow in a church steeple, a south side gate on the north side, woodpiles and small buildings up-ended and in some cases ruined, it is nothing.

"I am absolutely proud of the children of La Grande and I don't care who knows it," he concluded. Several of the children joined get home before a clock Saturday night, and, as a result, about 20 of them were taken to the police station and held there until their parents escorted them home—in observance of the curfew ordinance.

A new siren, shipped here from Portland, was installed on the city.

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OCTOBER CUT AT NEW PEAK

One of the largest lumber cuts for one month ever recorded by the Grande Lumber Company was registered during October. It became known today when figures for the past four weeks were prepared.

Turning two shifts, the sawmill turned out 2,700,000 board feet of lumber. The greater share of the mill's product is piled in the yards awaiting future shipment, although some has been sent to outside points for distribution.

According to Earl Stoddard, the mill will continue to operate two shifts, keeping the output at as high a point as possible.

\$708,423.27 Paid Into County Treasury in 1925

A sum of \$715,985.56 found its way this morning from the office of Anous Helm, deputy sheriff, where it had been collected from taxpayers to the office of Mrs. Florence Bacon, county treasurer, who will dispense the money to funds and institutions entitled to it.

This turnover is one of several making up the total of \$691,246.55 that represents the collections on 1924 state taxes.

Union county was taxed by the state to the amount of \$724,559.12 last year. There is still \$72,912.27 to be paid. Taxes remaining unpaid the fifth day of October became delinquent. Interest is charged and collected on any such unpaid tax at the rate of 1 per cent per month or fraction of a month until paid.

No Pardon



"I have done nothing to be pardoned for," said Miss Annie Whitney when a plea to the California governor in her behalf was suggested following a U. S. Supreme Court decision upholding her 14-year prison sentence under California's criminal syndicalism law. A new picture of Miss Whitney is shown above.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME HERE

Fire, caused it is believed by an explosion of gasoline or some other like substance, gutted George Faber's paint shop on Second street near the stadium just before 3 o'clock this afternoon. The shop and its contents were totally ruined and damage will probably run about \$1200, early estimates held.

A Ford car was burned and ran top of a truck named J. J. Carr's Lincoln was in the shop but was saved without injury being misdirected. The truck was next rolled out, damaged to some extent, and by that time it was impossible to rescue the Ford. The fire was extinguished about 2:30 p. m.

Fire, of an unknown origin, totally destroyed a small dwelling place and its contents, located on Division and Union streets, Saturday night about 8 o'clock.

The house, unoccupied, was owned by Lee Williams of Bend, Ore., and no insurance covered the loss, which is estimated to be from \$1000 to \$1100.

The alarm was turned in at 7:55 p. m., but the fire was then too far advanced for the fire department to be able to save the house or furniture. The recall was sounded at 8:30 p. m.

Two Couples Married By County Judge Couch

Judge E. G. Couch officiated at two marriage ceremonies at his office in the county courthouse Saturday afternoon.

Miss Jennie M. King of Seattle became the bride of Alex Slater of Union. The couple will reside at Union.

Miss Clara Stout and John Powell were married at the judge and went directly to Baker where they will make their home.

INDIAN FINED \$25

Hufus Wolf, one of the two Umatilla Indians recently haled into court on a charge of mauling deer carcases, pleaded guilty before Justice Hugh E. Brady this morning and was fined \$25, which he paid.

Union Judging Team Attending Stock Show

UNION, Ore. (Special)—Mr. Emmel, South-Harsh instructor in the Union schools, left for Portland a few days ago accompanied by the three boys who made the highest grades in stock judging here, and who will participate in similar competition at the Pacific International Live-stock exposition.

The members of the local team are: Rulan Edvalson, Arnold Edvalson and Lawrence Strine.

Four Fined Today in Judge Slater's Court

Four drunk law violators were brought before Judge E. G. Couch in the municipal court this morning and were fined.

Older Boys Conference Successful

Milton-Freewater Chosen for 1926 Meeting at the Final Session Sunday at Union.

UNION, Ore. (Special)—The Saturday and Sunday sessions of the Older Boys' conference here were carried out according to the program. Several more boys arrived Saturday and a few extra numbers were placed on the schedule.

One of the most enjoyable of these was vocal numbers furnished by the Helix, Ore., male chorus. The boys made quite a hit with their singing, which was led by Principal Voelker of the Helix high school, conference song leader.

On Saturday afternoon and evening the committee staged several athletic numbers at the gymnasium, including a basketball game, an indoor baseball game and other stunts.

Two City Wins The sessions ended Sunday morning with a decision meeting at the Methodist church. Milton-Freewater was chosen.

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C. E. MEETING IS HELD HERE

The local members of the executive committee of the Grande Ronde Christian Endeavor Union were hosts to the members of the committee from outside points at a luncheon yesterday noon in the dining room of the Presbyterian church. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lundberg, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Carpenter, Arza Butler and Roy Anderson, all of Baker; Esther Crowe of Lostine, and Virginia Hunter of Wallawa.

During the business meeting following luncheon, presided over by Marvin Lundberg, president, the invitation for the annual convention of the union to be held at Enterprise next year was accepted. It was decided that all meetings of the executive committee will be held in La Grande hereafter. Plans were made for the work of the Christian Endeavor union this year, after which the meeting adjourned.

New School House Is Opened Near Elgin

School activities began in a brand new schoolhouse at Elgin district, seven miles northeast of Elgin, last week, following a lapse of two years. The old Elgin school burned in 1923 and was not replaced until this fall. Miss Martha Niggle of Monmouth, Ore., is the teacher.

P-T. City Council Meeting Here Today

First regular session of the newly formed city council of Parent-Teacher associations was conducted today under the leadership of Mrs. George Lyman, president, this afternoon in the club room of the Neighborhood club. Reports of the state convention and of the program committee were to be given.

Chamber of Commerce To Observe Apple Week

H. C. Cleaveland, sales manager of the Blue Mountain Fruit exchange, will be the speaker for the program that will be given under the leadership of William Miller, Tuesday noon, at the meeting of the Union county chamber of commerce at the I. O. O. F. hall. Mr. Cleaveland does not announce his subject, but his talk will be in harmony with the celebration of apple week in the Grande Ronde valley.

They Come In Regularly

Hardly a day passes in which one or more individuals fail to come into The Observer office, say that they have just come to La Grande, and buy a paper to scan the Want Ads because they want to rent a house, buy some furniture, find a job, employ some help, or any one of a dozen wants.

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WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Colonel William Mitchell, being tried by a court martial today, asked the court to summon Secretary Davis, of the war department, and Secretary Wilbur, of the navy department, as witnesses.

Several other high officers of the two departments, several members of congress, and more than six of the navy and army officers were also named by the defense in the list of those it desired to question.

In asking a subpoena for Everett Sanders, secretary to President Coolidge, the defense said it would seek copies of all correspondence exchanged between the president and all persons relative to reasons for the formation of the president's air board, as contained in the files of the White House executive office.

President Coolidge's name is not on the list of prospective witnesses.

Waist Returns; Boyish Shapes Are Discarded

PARIS (By the Associated Press).—The girl of last summer—a sprightly slip of boyishness—has disappeared.

Paris has banished her, admitting after several seasons of general that women have "waisted." Models designed for Palm Beach and Southern Europe wear, the forerunner of modes for next summer, place the waist line very near normal.

The belt has returned and is further up than it has been for years.

Military Training to Be Rewarded by Credit

Credit toward graduation will be granted each student attending the citizens' military training camp upon presentation of a statement of the number of full terms by the commanding officer in charge, according to a letter received today by E. D. Fowler, principal, from J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

One-fourth unit will be allowed for each full term of 30 days passed in a military camp. Thus, four full terms would entitle the student to one of the 15 credits required in Oregon for graduation from a standard high school.

Superintendent Churchill, in his letter to the La Grande principal, explained that the action in granting the credit for military training gives the training camp official sanction of the educators, who have been convinced for a number of years that the military work is worthy of recognition as an educational factor.

17 Dead in Blast; Six Killed in Plane Falls

BERLIN.—Seventeen miners killed in coal dump blast. COPENHAGEN.—Four killed in plane crash. INDEPENDENCE, Kan.—Plane falls 5000 feet, two killed.

BERLIN (AP).—Seventeen miners were killed and a number injured in an explosion of coal dump Sunday at Golschikirenen.

COPENHAGEN (AP).—A new Fokker airplane on its first flight here Sunday crashed at the Kastrup airfield. The pilot, Military Air Lieutenant Murtensen, and three passengers were killed. Two other passengers were gravely injured.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan. (AP).—Paul Gibson, 25, of Independence, and Harold C. Calkins, an aviator of Parsons, Kan., were killed here Sunday when a wing of an airplane in which they were flying broke off and the plane crashed from 5000 feet.

Gibson, deaf and dumb since birth, went up with Calkins in an effort to effect a cure for his deafness.

Prince Of Wales Dressed as Woman



This is the picture that sent all England into spasms—His Highness, Edward, Prince of Wales, dressed as a woman! Of course it Eddie wanted to dress as a woman and act the part in a comedy on board the Hespice to wit away the long hours at sea, that was his affair. But to have the picture published, that was something else again. And it was taken by an official photographer. Here you see (right to left) The Prince of Wales as The Woman, G. Ward-Toms as The Man and Edith-Com Lily as The Prima Donna.

PLAY CAST IS MAKING READY

Makeup and dress rehearsal—that critical moment when the pieces of a play are fitted together and surveyed for flaws that might prevent a perfect presentation when the whole shall greet its audience—is scheduled for Wednesday evening at the high school auditorium when "Miss Somebody Else" will be attempted for the first time in full regalia.

"Miss Somebody Else" concerns (Continued on Page Five.)

Cent-A-Gallon Tax on 'High-Power' Beer Asked

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Prohibition officials today sought the aid of the taxing power of the government as a means of checking what they described as the "tremendous flood of high-powered beer sweeping the country."

A tax of one cent a gallon on cereal beverages was asked of the House ways and means committee by Assistant Secretary Andrews, of the treasury. This would afford the government power of inspection of near beer distilleries. "High-powered beer" must be manufactured first by brewers in the process of making near beers, Andrews said, and the temptation was "very great not to cut down the alcoholic content."

6 Children Killed in Blast; Six Killed in Plane Falls

NASHUNTA, Ga. (AP).—Six children were killed and approximately 24 injured when the Atlantic Coast line's fast New York to Florida passenger train struck a loaded school bus at a grade crossing today. The dead are: Pearl Strickland, 16; Audrey May Johns, 14; Doris Herrin, 11; May Thornton, 12, and a brother and sister named Lewis, 10 and 12.

FREIGHTER BURNS. NEW YORK (AP).—The freighter Algiers burned off Norfolk last night, an independent wireless reported today. A message from the freighter Birmingham City, which went to the aid of the Algiers, said no signs of life were seen aboard the burning ship.

PHILADELPHIA (AP).—Latest reports here concerning the freighter Algiers said she was abandoned by her crew.

COMPTROLLER UPHELD. WASHINGTON (AP).—The appeal of Columbia court of appeals today upheld Comptroller General McCarl in his refusal to take jurisdiction in a claim against the holding of ships during the war by Skinner & Eddy company, Washington state.

State Feels First Touch Of Winter

Snow Falls at Klamath Falls and Bend During Night; Storm Raging Near Pinehurst.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—A fine dry snow covered the ground here during last night but melted before noon today.

A brisk snowstorm is reported to be raging near Pinehurst on the Klamath-Ashland highway.

Gerald Chapman's Pal Slain in Gun Battle

MESKEGON, Mich. (By the Associated Press).—A bandit slain here Saturday night, after he had shot and fatally wounded Charles Hammond, detective, was positively identified today as "Dutch" Anderson, noted thug and pal of Gerald Chapman, super-bandit.

The identification was made by comparing the fingerprints of the slain bandit with those of Anderson.

Senators Believe That Wheeler Is Persecuted

(By Charles F. Stewart) WASHINGTON (SPEA Special)—Is Senator Burton K. Wheeler being persecuted?

A good many of his brother senators are going to make up their minds affirmatively, unless the government makes out a stronger case against him, at his coming trial here than it made out against him in Montana, on the charge of having acted as "fixer" at the interior department for Gordon Campbell, the oil man. At least that's the suspicion of gossip around the capitol now.

Persecuting a senator, in other senators' eyes, is about the worst offense imaginable. Senators are something like royalty. Kings may quarrel between themselves, but let the populace rise up against any particular king and all the other kings are on his side.

Their feeling is that an institution of which they're a part is being attacked. What weakness or

KILLER'S GUN NOTCHED AGAIN

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—Another death has been charged to Martin J. Durkin, dapper automobile thief and slayer.

Sergeant Harry Gray, shot by the fugitive gunman in his sensational escape from a police trap last Wednesday night, died today. It was the second death in the costly attempt to capture Durkin.

Lloyd Austin, uncle of Durkin's sweetheart, Betty Warner, 30, whose home the trap was laid, also died of wounds received in a gun battle which preceded Durkin's escape.

The Werner woman today told officers Durkin threatened to commit suicide in the event his capture appeared certain.

Students Are Church Goers

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore. (Special).—Eighty-eight per cent of 2,841 of the 2,658 students who submitted information cards this year are church members, or have some denominational or religious preferences, according to a report compiled by the campus Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. officials.

This figure shows a slight, but proportional decrease over last year when 92 per cent expressed some church preference.

Presbyterians lead with 550 preference, while the Methodist Episcopalians come second with 531 and those of the Christian church third, with 240.

Others in order of their totals are: Episcopalians, 205; Christian Scientists, 134; Catholics, 131; Baptists, 118; Congregationalists, 95; Lutherans, 87; Jewish, 15; Unitarians, 14; Latter Day Saints (Mormons) 12 and United Brethren, 4. Eighteen were miscellaneous.

Sixty-six simply marked Protestant on their cards, giving no denominational preference, while 617 did not mark the cards at all.

GUERRILLA WARFARE IS SPREADING

Syria Overrun by Bands of Rebels, Jerusalem Dispatch Says

FRENCH CONTROL BECOMES SHAKY

General Sarrails Recalled Because of American Protest; Dupont Succeeds Him.

LONDON (By the Associated Press).—A Jerusalem dispatch says the guerrilla warfare has spread over vast areas of Syria between Damascus and Hama, 50 miles north of Damascus, shaking French control in the mandated region.

Another message said 11 villages have joined the guerrillas, who are besieging four towns.

One dispatch reiterated that 1200 prisoners were killed at Damascus when, after a revolt in prison, the French bombarded it.

Foreigners and native women are reported to be leaving Damascus by the thousands. Native men are forbidden to leave.

SARRAILS RECALLED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Official word of the recall by the French government of General Sarrails, a French high commissioner in Syria, reached the state department today.

General Dupont will be sent to Syria to act as high commissioner temporarily pending the appointment of a civilian to that post.

The information came from the American embassy at Paris. Sarrails' removal followed representations by Ambassador Herrick in connection with the Damascus bombardment which imperiled American lives and property.

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Should the Washington case against Senator Wheeler fall as flat as the Montana case fell, there is more than likely, then, to be a senatorial investigation to find out what the whole thing was about, how and why it happened, who being attacked. What weakness or