

CAR WRECKS MAR TURKEY DAY HERE

Portland Car Plunges Off Road Where Hamiltons Met Death

HALF A DOZEN AUTOS SMASHED

Blinding Rain and Slippery Pavement Blamed for Disasters in Most Instances.

Two girls and a young man are in the hospital painfully injured, several other persons injured, scattered and bruised, five or six automobiles are wrecked and demolished as a result of yesterday's highway accidents.

It was at the exact point on the highway where Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Hamilton plunged to their death Monday evening, just a mile west of Hilgard, that a Portland car, bearing Victor Wood, 25, his sister, Ada, 22, and their cousin, Emma Dille, took a headlong dive down the 100-foot embankment at 3:20 last night.

The young people were on their way to American Falls, where they had been called to attend the funeral of their grandmother. Coming down the grade, in the snow, they saw the same gap in the white fence guard that is believed to have confused the Hamiltons, mistaking it for the course of the highway, and drove over the grade.

Driver Bally Hurt. As their car approached, it lurched from almost into its path, but kept high enough in the air so that it only grazed them as it passed.

The driver was the most seriously injured of the three. He has two broken ribs, both clavicles torn from the shoulders, and several nasty scratches about his body.

His sister sustained no bone fractures, but her back was strained, and her face and body cut and bruised. Miss Dille has scratches, cuts and abrasions all over her body, especially on the right side.

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'WHITE CARGO' IS VIVID PLAY

Any attraction that can run continuously for three years in New York and still play to turn-away business must contain much that is attractive to the theatergoer.

'White Cargo' here tomorrow night at the Arcade, has a 2-year record run in the metropolis, which placed its stamp of approval on the dramatic sensation.

'White Cargo' was written by Leon Gordon from the book 'Hell's Playground' and is a vivid tale of the tropics. It is in three acts and six scenes. In writing this play Mr. Gordon has made an effort to create or eliminate sensationalism, but has portrayed Africa as it really is, with its eternal sunshine and rot.

The play abounds in dramatic situations, has a love story that has an angle quite different from the ordinary run, the comedy is clean cut and subtle, and the cast is headed by the most brilliant performers for the correct presentation of the play.

Only one woman is included in the cast, Miss Isabelle Herbert, who plays Tansley, a primitive vamp.

'White Cargo' has recently been (Continued on Page Five)

Jack LaBine Sentenced; Will Appeal Conviction

Local Odd Fellows to Entertain Union, Cove

Kids' Banker



Mrs. Edna Helwig, Seattle banker, has more partners than any other banker in the world. His number—19,247 and are all school children who are "grubstaking" the Pacific Northwest to the tune of about \$10,000 a week.

FRUITMEN SEE PRUNING WORK

With fifteen fruit-growers present C. L. Long, O. A. C. extension service horticulturist, started pruning demonstrations at the Ray Wilson orchard at Hilgard at 9:30 o'clock in the morning.

Schools Endorse Sale Of Christmas Seals

Unqualified endorsement of the annual seal sale sponsored by the Oregon Tuberculosis association was given today by E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent, representing the public schools of Union county.

La Grande Teachers All N. E. A. Members

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special to the Observer)—One hundred per cent of the teachers of the high school, La Grande, Oregon, are enrolled in the National Education association, according to a report received by J. W. Crabtree, secretary of the association, from E. D. Towler, the principal. In a letter to Mr. Towler, acknowledging the report, Mr. Crabtree says: "We are proud of your one hundred per cent membership in the National Education association. It means that your teachers realize the necessity of solidifying the profession. You and your associates are to be congratulated on this record. You will soon receive the certificate granted by the executive committee."

The National Education association was organized in 1857. Through its efforts the United States Bureau of Education was established. It has more than 100,000 members and is the largest professional teachers association in the world.

Jack LaBine, convicted in the justice court Wednesday by a jury that took but 10 minutes to return a verdict, was fined \$400 and costs and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail this morning by Judge H. E. Brady. LaBine was found guilty of possession of liquor. Following the passing of sentence which took place at 11 o'clock this morning, LaBine announced that he would appeal the case to the circuit court. The judge gave him a six-hour stay of sentence, under \$500 bonds, to perfect his appeal. LaBine is represented by Henry Hess, attorney. Carl Helm conducted the prosecution.

WIDOW DIES OF INJURIES FROM WRECK

Hilgard Auto Wreck Claims Second Victim Thanksgiving Day

HAMILTONS TO BE BURIED IN EAST

Bodies Will Be Forwarded to Hamilton, Mo.—Definite Arrangements Yet Unmade.

Mrs. O. G. Hamilton died at 8 o'clock Thursday morning—the second victim of the wreck in which her husband received fatal injuries as their car went off the highway over a steep embankment near Hilgard Monday evening.

The two bodies rest at the Bohanek chapel today, pending final arrangements for final arrangements, which will take place at Hamilton, Mo., where his people reside.

Mrs. Hamilton was a native of Missouri and about 50 years of age. She and her husband had been childless playmates. After their marriage they lived for several years in Missouri, where their five children were born and died. He was a railroad man there, and later in Utah, California and Montana. He received his promotion to conductorship at Livingston, Mont., under the Northern Pacific. They moved to La Grande in 1919. He immediately took employment with the O. W. R. & N., serving for two years as brakeman and from then until his death as freight conductor. He had membership in the Oregon Railroad Conductors and in the Knights of Pythias lodge.

Mrs. Hamilton's death followed within 10 hours after the accident happened. Her skull was pulverized so that he never regained consciousness.

When the widow was told of her husband's death Wednesday noon, she gave no demonstration of grief, but in the afternoon she expressed a wish to die so that she might not be left to live alone. Her nearest relatives were the family of her husband in Missouri.

Union Grange to Hold Open Meeting Tonight

UNION (Special)—A large open meeting of the Union grange will be held here tonight at 7:30 p. m. at the grange building. The speaker will be Dr. W. T. Piny, master of this organization, and J. A. Nies, of the North Powder group. A good sized delegation of North Powder residents are expected to join Union county farmers and business men at the gathering. It will be held at the Eastern Oregon Experiment station.

Hot Lake Observes Day of Thanksgiving

HOT LAKE (Special)—Thanksgiving day at the Hot Lake sanatorium was quiet, though unusually busy. Several Union county groups drove here for their Thanksgiving dinner and remained for an informal dance which was given immediately after dinner. A special program had been arranged for house guests the evening before. In addition to the community singing of patriotic and popular songs, and the showing of some slides appropriate to the season, feature numbers were offered by Miss Dorothy Randall and E. A. Nord, of the Mory and Mord Dramatic company, and by Merrill Boyle. Mrs. Boyle did dramatic work in Blackfoot, Ida. All three are patients at the sanatorium.

Turkey Will Not Let League Settle Dispute

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—Exchange telegraph reports that the Turkish council of ministers has decided to refuse compulsory arbitration by the League of Nations in the dispute with Great Britain over the Mosul territory, in northern Mesopotamia. Instructions to this effect were given the Turkish foreign minister, who is leaving for Geneva tomorrow, the dispatch adds.

SCHOOL BUDGET ADOPTED

Directors of La Grande school district No. 1, held a hearing this afternoon on the budget for the current year, amounting to \$155,769.26. No one appearing to make objections, the budget was adopted, and the directors called for a special election by the legal voters of the district Saturday, Dec. 19, from 7 to 7 p. m., at the Central school, for the public endorsement of the adoption.

Thanks Day Observance Here Quiet

Family Dinners Feature Celebration in La Grande; Many Attend Athletic Contests.

Thanksgiving day in La Grande was a quiet homelike affair, observed with family homecomings, church services and a few parties. With schools, stores and offices closed throughout the day, most persons took advantage of the opportunity for a holiday sleep in the morning. All but mother, she was up betimes stuffing turkey, browning the pie, keeping one eye on the clock and the other on the children dancing impatiently around the groning table.

Dinner was at noon or shortly afterward. Rather it began then and lasted far into the afternoon hours. La Grande churchgoers emulated the pilgrims by attending church both morning and evening to return thanks for the bounties of the year. Services embracing all Protestant denominations were conducted at the Lutheran church in the morning, the Rev. J. A. Hall, pastor of the South Methodist church, delivering the address. The house was filled with worshippers. Episcopians observed the day with formal rites at 10 a. m. In the evening special meetings, both of evangelistic nature, were conducted at the Salvation hall and at the Church of God chapel.

Nineteen prisoners at the county jail thought they had double reason to be thankful when their special dinner cooked by the Salvation Army officers was augmented by a roast chicken menu prepared by the woman who feeds them on ordinary days. During the afternoon and evening, when the football game, the banquet and the dances were drawing big crowds at Baker, the streets here were practically deserted. Union attracted La Grande celebrants for its athletic club.

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GERMANY WILL JOIN LEAGUE

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—The reichstag today ratified the security pact and arbitration treaties negotiated at the recent Locarno conference and approved Germany's entrance into the league of nations by a vote of 399 to 174.

Feng Sends Ultimatum To Cheng Tso Lin Today

PEKING (By the Associated Press)—General Feng Yu Shiang, "Christian general," today in effect declared war on Marshal Chang Tso Lin. In a telegram to the Manchurian leader Feng urged that he retire from active politics. Otherwise he said he would attack him immediately. Feng continued today to tighten his grip on Peking by bringing in additional troops.

Knowles Here for Week End

Judge J. W. Knowles, who with H. R. Hanna, court reporter, returned to La Grande from Enterprise over a holiday week-end and estimates that he has about a week's more work in Walla Walla county. He goes back to Enterprise Monday.

Dec. 7, the judge will preside over an adjourned session of circuit court in La Grande. Several criminal cases are on the docket.

A Doll For Christmas

As its annual Christmas drive for new readers, The Observer this year is offering a beautiful "Flossie Flirt" doll to anyone who secures two new subscriptions to The Observer for one year. The doll is a beauty, with exclusive, patented features that make it the ideal gift for any charming little lady on Christmas morning. The doll can be won with a few minutes' time visiting your friends and neighbors. It's a doll that sells at \$1 and more—see one at The Observer. Get the youngsters busy today—they'll have many dolls won by tomorrow. "Observer Advertising Service—A Merchandising Service."

BAKER WINS, 40-0, FROM LA GRANDE

Eastern Oregon Champions Smother Tigers Thanksgiving Day

PASSING BRINGS LAST 3 SCORES

Blue and White Holds Bulldogs to Two Touchdowns in First Half; Second Half a Riot.

Eleven copper-jacketed Bulldogs, working as a unit, tore through, around, and over the Tiger shock troops for seven touchdowns and Baker, by winning 40 to 6, became Eastern Oregon champions and also eligible for the annual paper-flight for all-state honors. Inflicting the most crushing defeat suffered by the blue and white in several years, the Glindeman coached team after the first feeling out process, turned the game into one triumphant march after another to La Grande's goal line. Seven touchdowns were made, two in the first half and the other five in the last two periods, when the docile and crippled tiger, disheartened and overplayed, yielded an almost every thrust.

For a few minutes, in the second quarter, the Tigers reared and fought back, pushing Baker—who had possession of the ball—beneath her own goal posts and forcing her to punt twice before the contest resumed in safe territory. But it was only a defensive thrust and was soon overcome by the rampant, ferocious Bulldogs.

Passes Bewilder L. H. S. While Baker was superior in every department of the game, it was her aerial attack that stood out. With the dusky lines on the passing end, the three final touchdowns were made through the air.

La Grande took the offensive after the first quarter until just before the middle when a half dozen Baker substitutes relieved the first string men. Even then, no consistent offense developed. Times, the negro back Baker is so proud of, starred mostly in his forward passing. His backfield running and return punts were creditable but he had his equal in the Bulldog backfield in this department.

Well-Balanced Team The Baker team was well balanced throughout. Almost perfect interference, a surging, hard-hitting line, and a well-balanced, fighting backfield represented the margin of victory. In the last of the game, with the interference and line broken with substitutes, Hines got nowhere on passing or running plays.

Linesman Do Well For La Grande Hughes, Smutz and Strand probably played the best. The backfield played well as a unit with Price, and Glass outstanding at carrying the ball. After Baker's triumphant marching had broken the spirit of the members of the players, it was these three who furnished the chief opposition.

First Quarter After an exchange of punts, Price skirted end for 10 yards and first down. On the next play Baker intercepted a pass and Hines threw off a 20-yard gain through tackle. A Baker man lost five yards, a punt at center netted the school a 10-yard gain, and an end run 2. Through an oversight, apparently, the headlineman called it fourth, down instead of giving La Grande the ball, and on the (Continued on Page Five)

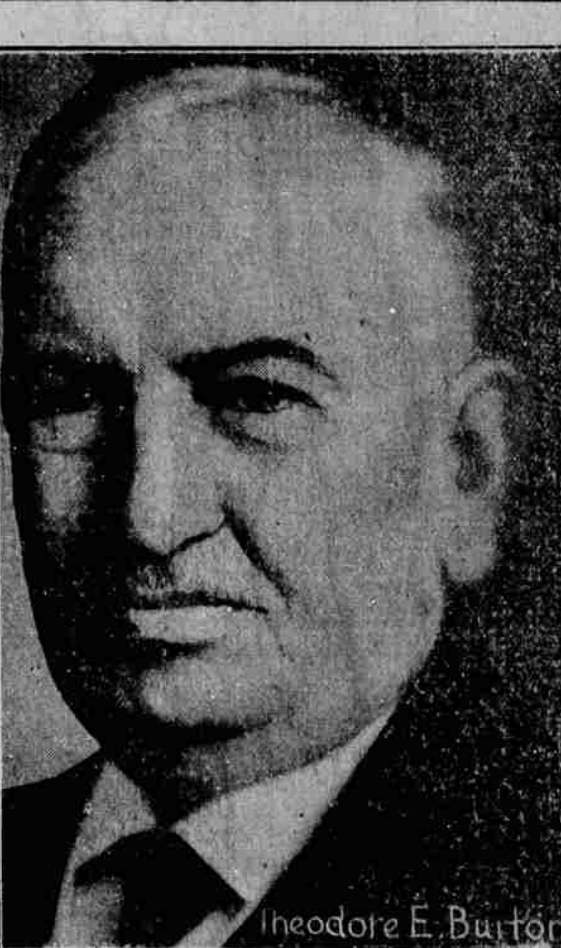
ALEXANDRA SNOW TO REST AS SNOW GRIPS ENGLAND

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—Winter, reaching out its icy hands, laid a tribute on the bier of gentle Alexandra, England's queen mother, today, covering her casket with a fleecy blanket of snow as it was trundled on a gun carriage from the Chapel Royal in St. James palace to Westminster Abbey, where the simplest of funeral services were held. An arrival of the procession at the abbey, the Archbishop of Canterbury read a brief service.

"Speedster" Comet Is Caught by Sky Camera

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (By the Associated Press)—Photographic sky patrol maintained at Harvard observatory has caught the "speedster" among comets, according to Professor King of the observatory staff. King characterized the year of 1925 remarkable for comets, because of the discovery of five new ones besides a dozen periodic comets, scheduled to reappear.

May Succeed Mellon



Congressman Theodore Burton of Ohio next spring is expected to succeed Andrew W. Mellon as secretary of the treasury. Mellon, according to unofficial but reliable information, has informed President Coolidge that he desires to retire after the new tax bill is passed by congress. Mellon is the president's selection for the post. At present Burton is a member of the debt funding commission and has had long experience in solving financial problems of the government. He formerly was a senator.

RHINELANDER'S FUNDS DWINDLE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Leonard Kay, Rhinelander's fortune in rapidly disappearing as his suit to annul his marriage to the daughter of a negro taxi driver proceeds. There are indications that he will be practically penniless when the trial ends.

MOTHERSBAUGH HURT

H. J. Mothersbaugh, tailor at the Hot Lake sanatorium, was injured when the car in which he was returning from Union with a party of patients Thursday noon rolled on the wet pavement and skidded into the ditch about a mile east of Hot Lake.

COOLIDGE HAS QUIET DAY

WASHINGTON (AP)—One of the several gift turkeys sent to President Coolidge graced the White House table Thursday night at a feast which rounded out a quiet Thanksgiving day for Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stearns of Boston. The President and Mrs. Coolidge with their guests attended special services at the First Congregational church and heard the Rev. Dr. Jason Noble, Pierce, deliver his Thanksgiving sermon. Special organ and choir music filled nearly all of the hour's service.

Students of Pacific Coast Oppose Smoking

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—Smoking among the women students in the big colleges and universities of the Pacific coast seems to be a matter of individual conscience. With said conscience, however, framing many a stern dictum against the fragrant fog. Nowhere does such smoking appear to be any particularly prevalent although there is no doubt that it is being indulged in more or less generally.

TWO KILLED IN FIGHT

CHICAGO (AP)—Two men, one a member of the police force, were killed, and two others, including a postman, were wounded during a shooting affair in a south side tobacco shop today in which one of the three assassins was described by the police as Martin Durkin, fugitive police slayer. The Durkin, one escaped.

CHARGES ANSWERED IN COURT

Prosecution's Witnesses Dispute Col. Mitchell's Statements

GENERAL ELTINGE ON STAND TODAY

Umpire in the Hawaiian Maneuvers Says U. S. Has Definite Defense Plan for Pacific.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Under a shower of objections from the defense which resulted in the production in evidence of some of the war department's secret files the prosecution in the Colonel William Mitchell court-martial today started to answer the colonel's charges of incompetency in the national air forces. Testimony of Brigadier General LeRoy Eltinge, umpire in the recent Hawaiian maneuvers, disputed the defense contention that the war department had no plan for defense in the Pacific. The witness added, however, that the plans are so highly confidential, that they should not be discussed.

ATLANTIC CITY SUES M'FADDEN

ATLANTIC CITY (By the Associated Press)—A libel suit to recover \$2,000,000 in damages from the McFadden publications, Inc., publishers of the New York Evening Graphic, is to be filed today in the New York supreme court, by counsel for the Atlantic City chamber of commerce.

The suit is the outgrowth of a series of articles published by the Evening Graphic in which it was charged that the Atlantic City beauty pageant conducted here last September had been a frame-up, that the jury had been packed, and that no girl had a chance to win except the one selected in advance by certain motion picture interests.

Herriot Fails to Form Cabinet; Briand Called

PARIS (AP)—Aristide Briand announced tonight he would delay final announcement of his new cabinet until tomorrow.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Aristide Briand, former premier, Thursday night was making his second effort of the week to constitute a cabinet, to succeed the Pauline ministry, which resigned Sunday.

Former Premier Herriot's failure to form a cabinet, summoned to President Doumergue Thursday afternoon, brought the crisis back to the point where it was at the beginning of the week. Prineville Votes Railway Levy

PRINEVILLE, Ore.—Voters of the city of Prineville yesterday approved a 20-mill tax to pay for the locomotive purchase during the summer and to care for indebtedness incurred in the operation and maintenance of the city of Prineville railway, which connects this city with the Oregon Trunk and O. W. R. & N. lines at Prineville Junction, 14 miles from here. The tax was for one year only.

Union Ends Victorious Season With 37-0 Win

UNION (Special)—Coach Pills and his football boys wound up the 1925 season on Thanksgiving Day with a sweeping victory on the local gridiron when they met and defeated the smaller but fast Enterprise eleven by a score of 37 to 0. The Union line smashing machine worked as it never had worked before and the visitors couldn't hold them. From one to fifteen yards were gained in practically all the attempts through Enterprise's line. Enterprise kicked off and Union forced her way to the 20-yard line, then lost the ball on an off-side penalty. Enterprise again kicked the ball back in, eight downs and Hutchinson went over for the first score. The kick was blocked, Union kicked and Enterprise tried an end run, but was caught behind the line and had to punt. Union tried a long pass which was caught, the runner dropped the ball after covering about four yards and another Union boy fell on it. Scores Come Quickly The second quarter began with Casper going over after a couple of downs and again in a few minutes he made a second touchdown following a crisp cross pass. These two plays netted Union 13 more points. After both teams had carried the ball around the right end and, jerking loose from a tackler, made the third touchdown during this quarter. Union, as soon as the game began to be one-sided, started using her second squad and during the last three quarters sent in practically (Continued on Page Five)