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INDICTMENT  
RETURNED  
FOR HILARYLocal Man Will Be Tried  
by State for Alleged  
Dog BurningTHREE NOT TRUE  
BILLS ENTEREDTen True Bills Filed with  
County Clerk by Grand  
Jury Along with Its  
Annual Report.

Jack Hilary is indicted for wanton destruction of personal property in one of the true bills returned along with three not true bills by the grand jury in its report to Judge J. W. Knowlton of the circuit court late yesterday.

Hilary's indictment sequel the dog-burning incident that horrified the community several weeks ago. In the opinion of the grand jurors, the state has a case against him for the crime. Hilary, who was an engineer on the O-W-R. & N. at the time of his arrest, has since been discharged.

**Bloom Indicted.**  
Clyde Bloom, who was arrested when officers found a complete moonshining still secreted in a shed under the barn on the hilltop ranch above Cove of which he was a tenant, is charged with setting up a still.

An indictment was returned against Robert Bradford for possession of morphine.

Joe Mace, who was brought back here from Oklahoma by the Singer Sewing Machine company a couple of months ago, is charged with embezzlement.

**Three Not True Bills.**  
Of the not true bills, one charges Frank Richardson of a statutory charge. He has still to answer to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The jury found no case against Henry Walker, who was charged with assault and battery, and none against E. V. Huston, who had been licensed of non-support of a minor child.

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VETS PREPARE  
FOR MEETING

Frank B. Godfrey, department commander for the state, of Seaside, and several other department officers of Oregon will be present tomorrow evening when James E. Page, Camp No. 11 Spanish War Veterans will be hosts to about twenty veterans from Baker and a large delegation from the Pendleton camp. Local veterans are making extensive preparations for the Saturday meeting.

The meeting will open with a banquet at 6:30 o'clock at the R. P. hall. The state championship to be held at Baker in June will be discussed and definite dates will probably be decided upon.

Joseph Favored to Win;  
Tigers Short Two MenLower  
Reader  
Cost

The steady, constant growth of The Observer's circulation throughout the La Grande territory is especially gratifying to the advertiser because his reader-cost is constantly decreasing.

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"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Select Cast  
For Senior  
Class Play

"The Irresistible Marmaduke" to Be Presented  
During the Month of  
March.

Jack Coolidge—the irrepressible Irishman of the high school musical comedy, "The Tolls of Barcelona"—will be "The Irresistible Marmaduke" in the titular role of the senior class play. It is announced today by Miss Mabel Bennett, the director.

Miss Helene Price, as Patricia O'Brien, will play opposite him. Heretofore, Miss Price has been associated with the musical activities of the school, and the announcement of her position in the senior play cast came as a surprise to those who did not see her work in the try-outs.

Homer Schroeder, another opera member, will be Mortimer Gregory. George Glais has a subtle characterization to work out in his part as Dr. O'Keefe. Frank Cullen will play the part of Christopher Deacon.

The role of Lady Althea Gregory has been assigned to Gwendolyn Buchanan of last year's junior play cast.

Margaret Baker, who created two new characters in her brief appearance in her class play a year ago, will be Lady Susan.

A character part calling for a great deal of ability is that of Beatrice Riley, which will be played by Adeline Clark, leading lady in last year's junior production.

Miss Eleanor Cleaver, as Dawson, the longtime maid of the family, has another character role of heavy demands.

A few minor parts are still to be assigned.

"The Irresistible Marmaduke" to be given next month, was chosen principally because of its character delineations. Miss Bennett said this morning. The seniors have a good deal of dramatic ability developing in their class, she believes.

Frank Kilmack will act as business manager for the production. He is business manager also of the minor publication.

HEYDUCK GIVEN  
\$1 DAMAGES IN  
IRRIGATION SUIT

A plaintiff verdict that was virtually a decision for the defendant was returned by the jury Thursday afternoon in the case of H. C. Heyduck versus Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Keene.

Heyduck was allowed one dollar for damages incurred when the Keenes diverted water from Phillips Creek to irrigate their land.

Peddler's troubles are the basis of today's case, in which O. R. Barnes sues H. E. Turner and A. (Continued on Page Five)

Wholesale Candy Firm  
Located in La Grande

R. A. Borgis, formerly of Walla Walla, announced today that he would establish a wholesale candy store, to be known as the Blue Mountain Candy company, in La Grande. This will be the only wholesale company of its kind this side of Walla Walla.

He expects to have the business, located in the Harris stone building, in operation within a week. Mr. Borgis formerly was a Marmaduke leader at La Grande, and has many friends here.

Greenwood Teaching  
Staff Changes Made

The teaching staff of the Greenwood school has undergone several changes this semester. Miss Freda E. Johnson, of North Bend, Ore., and Miss Ruth Kama, of Francis, Wash., are the new members, who are expected to arrive in La Grande Saturday.

They come with high recommendations from their former superintendents.

Miss Johnson will teach the fourth grade succeeding Miss Amy Jacoby, who has been transferred to the first grade, replacing Mrs. Alice Bennett Tetzlaff. Mrs. Tetzlaff has resigned to join her husband at Portland.

Miss Kama will have the second grade, now in charge of Mrs. Nell Thacker, who is to replace Miss Elizabeth Miller in the other first grade rooms. Miss Miller, who is resigning because of ill health, will leave shortly for Myrtle Point, Ore.

## Satisfied



Henry D. Hummel, son of the late Abe Hummel, noted criminal lawyer, who died while in self-imposed exile in London, has refused to claim a share of his father's estate. He prefers to drive a bakery wagon in Portland, Mo. His mother was Lella Farrel, famed opera singer.

ALFALFA SEED  
GRADED HIGH

Reports on three samples of alfalfa seed to the Oregon Agricultural college to be tested for purity have been received at the office of H. G. Avery, county agent. Seed grown on the farm of L. A. Strimling, of Hubler, tested 99.84 per cent pure seed, the highest mark recorded. The sample contained no weed seeds.

C. W. Bond and Frank McKenon also received tests that were better than 99 per cent pure. Other farmers in the county have sent in samples, but these have not been tested.

The farmers in Union county have about 25,000 pounds of alfalfa seed this year, which is considerably more than was ever grown here before. A part of the seed will be planted in this county and besides a number of sales are being made to farmers in other counties.

W. W. Bond, who has been growing alfalfa seed for a number of years has the largest amount. He has his own seed cleaning outfit and also his own cleaning mill. He has built a warehouse which he uses to hold all his seed stock. In this way he is able to sell seed that gives a high germination.

Company Entertainment  
Will Be Given Monday

The La Grande unit of the Oregon national guard will give an entertainment Monday evening in the armory at Zeller hall to which the public is invited. Starting at eight o'clock an exhibition of drill, target pitching and a bayonet contest, an equipment race and formal retreat will be given by the guardmen.

At nine o'clock the orchestra will start playing and the remainder of the evening will be spent dancing. The dance will be free for all members of the guard. The balcony will be free to the public during the entire evening.

Cyclonic Wind Visits  
Baker; Does \$500 Damage

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Buildings were gutted, a few blown over, power lines wrecked and windows crashed in by a wild storm of cyclonic intensity, the worst in several years, that swept down upon Baker last night.

About half of the roof on the St. Shamus laundry was torn off, the building a wood shed was blown over in South Baker and the street lights were extinguished.

Parts of the laundry roof was splintered into small bits and hundreds of it were carried 100 feet north of the building. Mr. Shivan, proprietor of the laundry, estimated the loss at about \$500.

Eight light poles were blown down

BISHOP IN  
FAVOR OF  
BEER, WINE

The Rt. Rev. Alexander  
Mann Favors Modifying  
Volstead Law

PROHIBITION IS  
SAID A FAILURE

Announcement Comes  
Following Adoption of  
New Policy by Episcopal  
Church Society.

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (By The Associated Press)—The Right Reverend Alexander Mann, bishop of the Pittsburgh diocese of the Episcopal church, believes that prohibition cannot be enforced and favors the modification of the Volstead law by an act to permit light wines and pure beer.

Mann gave his views today in commenting on the newly announced policy of the Church Temperance society of the Episcopal church advocating light wines and beer.

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FREE BOOKS  
ARE FAVORED

With 24 members present, the Men's club of the Presbyterian church had an interesting meeting last evening at the home of C. M. Humphreys. An opening number, the high school orchestra played five selections, which were enthusiastically received.

A. R. Hunter was speaker for the evening. His first subject was "Free Textbooks for High Schools." Mr. Hunter has been a member of the state legislature for five sessions and each time has voted against free textbooks, he said, because he did not think they were favored by the county as a whole, although he approved of the idea. He said that 19 states in the Union had free textbooks, and 21 were partially supplied with books by the state, leaving only eight states that do not have this system.

He brought out several reasons why the state should supply the public schools with books, the principal one being the high cost of books purchased by the parents. He said he only knew of two reasons why the bill should not go through when it comes up before the next session of the legislature. He stated that those reasons were because it may not be thought the most sanitary method and because it would result in a slight rise in taxes.

H. E. Dixon, who received his education in a state where free textbooks were furnished, took the floor and told a few interesting facts concerning schools of this kind. He compared the life of a state book with that of one privately owned.

**Normal School Discussed.**  
After Mr. Dixon's short address Mr. Hunter talked for a while about a normal school for Eastern Oregon. E. A. Baker, county school superintendent, J. T. Longfellow, city school superintendent and R. D. Towler, principal of the high school were present and added their opinions. About 50 percent of the men present favored their addition to states where books were furnished and all spoke in favor of the method. In the general discussion which followed.

Mrs. Humphreys served refreshments to the men at the close of the meeting, assisted by Mrs. Lillian Chiscomb.

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Escape From  
County Jail

Intruders Saw Through  
Bars and Unlock Cells  
—Six Inmates Refuse  
to Leave Bastille.

ST. HELENS, Ore. (By The Associated Press)—Two prisoners escaped from the county jail here this morning, after two or three other men on the outside had sawed the bars and invited all prisoners to leave.

The fugitives are William Cole, charged with burglary and George Cabel, Filipino, charged with forgery.

Six other prisoners in the jail refused to leave when invited to do so.

Two friends of Cole appeared at the jail window in the basement of the courthouse and sawed the bars through while a third stood at the corner of the building as a lookout.

**Unlocked All Cells.**  
One of the intruders entered the jail corridor and unlocked all the cells, and, after conversing with Cole, invited all the prisoners to join in the escape.

Cole and Gabel hastily departed. The remaining prisoners succeeded in attracting the attention of deputies at 5 o'clock this morning to report the jail delivery.

THREE NEGROES  
PAY WITH LIFE  
FOR SLAYINGS

SALT LAKE CITY (By The Associated Press)—Edward McGowan, negro, was executed by a firing squad at sunrise today for the murder of Bob Mleving, white, in January last year. He was calm to the last.

## TWO DIE IN CHAIR

OSBURN, N. Y. (By The Associated Press)—Matthew Wasser and Ernest T. Minard, negroes, were electrocuted today. Wasser, 37, was charged with the "infamous" of his execution, told the warden shortly before he went to the chair that the warden's campaign for abolition of capital punishment had failed.

Wasser was convicted of murdering a Nakagawa paymaster and Minard of killing a Bronx detective.

Five Cremated When  
Michigan Home Burns

DOWAGIAC, Mich. (By The Associated Press)—Five persons, all members of one family met death Thursday when fire of an undetermined origin destroyed the home of William Wilkinson, on the shore of Michigan lake near here.

The dead are: Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson; Floyd, their son; Genevieve, an unmarried daughter, and her three-year-old baby. County officers were told that the father had made veiled threats since the birth of his daughter's child.

Senate Frowns Upon  
Copeland Resolution

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press)—By a vote of 47 to 23, the senate today refused to consider the Copeland resolution requesting President Coolidge to intervene in the anthracite suspension.

Twenty Democrats, seven Republicans and one Farmer-Labor senator voted to take up the resolution. Nine Democrats and 23 Republicans voted in the negative. Opponents of the president's non-intervention policy in the controversy forced the vote.

## Salem Man Files for Legislature

SALEM, Ore.—Otto J. Wilson, Salem automobile dealer, filed with Secretary of State Korer his formal declaration as a candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator from Marion county. Wilson was a member of the house of representatives from Marion county in the sessions of 1925 and 1926.

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## BARTON HEADS LUMBERMEN

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32 DEATHS  
CAUSED BY  
SNOW STORM

8 Perish When Building  
Collapses Under the  
Weight of Snow

FIVE VESSELS IN  
DISTRESS AT SEA

Twenty Thousand Men  
Unable to Keep New  
York's Streets Cleared;  
Trains Running Late.

NEW YORK (By The Associated Press)—The northeastern portion of the United States today is struggling to free itself from the grip of the most severe snow storm of the winter, which has caused at least 32 deaths.

Eight were killed in a building collapse at New Britain, Conn., caused by the weight of snow piled on top.

Eight perished at sea, and five died in a storm in New York City. Other deaths are credited to various cities.

Trains are running hours late, and commuting service is disrupted in New York, Boston and Philadelphia.

Public buildings have been thrown open in Boston for the shelter of those who are unable to reach their homes.

Five ships are in distress at sea. It is estimated that it will cost New York City at least one million dollars to dig out. Twenty thousand men are trying in vain to keep the main streets of this city passable.

SHIP AGAIN ON  
WAY TO PORT

SAN FRANCISCO (By The Associated Press)—The distressed five-masted schooner Edda, stuck in tow line to the Standard Oil tanker Captain A. P. Lucas at midnight last night about 45 miles north of here. It was picked up again this morning by the Lucas and the journey to San Francisco resumed.

## TRAFFIC AGAIN MOVING

PORTLAND, Ore. (By The Associated Press)—Traffic is moving today on the Southern Pacific's main line in Oregon, the washout in Cow Creek canyon, 250 miles south of here, having been repaired last night after blocking traffic for 12 hours. The Southern Pacific-Cow Bay branch is still tied up by washouts or by trees across the track. The Tillamook line is also blocked.

## CHILE, PERU APPEAL

ATICA, Chile (AP)—Both Chile and Peru have appealed from the election law adopted by the commission in charge of the coming plebiscite to determine the sovereignty of Tacna and Arica.

## CHRISTIANS SLAIN

LONDON (AP)—Reuters' Damascus correspondent says the massacre of 40 Christians in the village of Marjeh, news of which was received last night, indicates that a new anti-Christian movement is developing in Syria.

Woman, Jobless, Forms  
Light, Power Company

LONDON (By The Associated Press)—Margaret Partridge did not sit down and complain about unemployment when she got her degree of bachelor of science in electrical engineering at Bedford College. She made no application to go to the dole, but went to Bampton and persuaded more than fifty per cent of the residents that the village needed electric light and power.

Then she formed a cooperative company, sold the shares to prospective users, bought machinery and erected the plant. Her woman apprentice, who is directing the actual operation of the plant, is also an electrical engineering student from the same school.

Seeing on buttons for the city of London's helpless bachelors, a business that is bringing a good living to two women who have hired one room near the Bank of England for the purpose. They discovered what many bachelors discovered years ago, that landladies are not keen on doing the necessary needlework for their lodgers.

An even greater independence, than that enjoyed by American women, prevails among the women of the Tatars, a nomadic semi-Arabic tribe inhabiting the south-

ern districts of the Sahara desert. Although the Tatars are Mahomedans, their women enjoy the prerogative of going about with their faces unveiled, whereas the men invariably have their faces well covered. Among the Tatars it is the women who choose their husbands and throughout their married life they remain the sole owners of all their possessions. They alone rear the children and at all times are invested with supreme authority as head of the family.

A bitter condemnation of the misery of childhood in Russia is published by Lenin's widow, Mrs. Krupskaya, in the "Pravda." The writer describes how the children in public asylums are thrust into outlaws. She declares that in the streets of Moscow they are hunted in hundreds by the militia as though they were wild dogs.

Father seems to have been left out in the cold under the new English guardianship infant act. Mother seems to have all the say about the children and a mighty will has arisen.

In an effort to give parents equal rights over children, the lawmakers

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