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IMBLER FIRE LOSS \$80,000

ELEVATOR
AT IMBLER
DESTROYEDTwo Warehouses Razed
in Flames—30,000
Bushels Grain LostTOWN SAVED BY
HEROIC EFFORTSElgin and La Grande Re-
spond to Call for Help
—Fire Rages All Dur-
ing Night.Fire, which started in the J.
Blackington warehouse and spread
until it had consumed another
warehouse and an elevator and its
contents, at Imbler last night
caused the loss of \$75,000 and \$80-
000 loss, a large proportion of
which is not covered by insur-
ance.The loss is figured as follows:
J. Blackington and F. N. Martin
warehouses and contents: \$10,000;
Imbler-Union company's elevator,
\$25,000; 30,000 bushels of wheat
and barley, more than \$30,000.
Many believe that the loss will be
higher than estimated when a
final check is made.Unable to Check Blase.
Imbler, handicapped with no
fire-fighting apparatus, was un-
able to check the blaze when it
started at about 9:15 o'clock.
Calls were turned in to La Grande
and Elgin and both responded.
Fire Chief C. G. Murchison, tak-
ing some chemicals, rushed to the
scene and called back here for
more chemicals, which were
brought by the police in a light
truck.The flames spread from the
(Continued on page 8)KOWW PROGRAM
DEVOTED TO LA
GRANDE, ORE.Reception of the La Grande pro-
gram Saturday night over KOWW,
Walla Walla radio broadcasting
station, was poor in this city. Sta-
tic and interference on the part
of regenerative sets practically
ruined most of the program, radio
owners report.Just before 11 o'clock, however,
things cleared up and several
numbers were received, including
E. B. Fowler's solo. The program
featured a large number of local
musicians and addresses by Elmer
Stoddard, of La Grande, and Paul
Shedler, Tacoma, Wash., telling of
the coming convention of the
Northwest Real Estate association,
which will be held here in July.Rain Halts 500-Mile Auto
Race in Indianapolis TodayCity Service
To The
Valley TownsIt means something to the
individual to receive his Even-
ing Observer an hour after it is
printed each afternoon,
whether that individual lives in
La Grande, Union, North
Powder, Imbler, Elgin or Per-
ty. For those neighbor-cities
all receive equally as good
carrier-boy delivery service as
does La Grande. The wife need
not wait till her husband brings
home the paper from the post-
office. The husband knows his
paper will be there waiting for
him when he reaches home
from work.Thus is city service obtain-
able in the valley towns, and
at the same price as in La
Grande. This service means
something to the consistent ad-
vertiser, too. He knows that
this expedited delivery of The
Evening Observer results in
readers anxiously awaiting its
coming; in turn, this makes it
an invaluable medium in which
to carry his advertisements.
—Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service.North Side
Improvement
Plan OkehedSpruce, Y, Madison and
Monroe Included in the
District Created by
City Dads.At an adjourned meeting of the
city commission, held last week,
improvement district No.
158 was created, plans and spec-
ifications were approved and filed,
and June 23 was set for the hear-
ing of grievances, objections or
remonstrances.The improvement district means
much to the north side, and will
do away with several main arter-
ies of travel, which, heretofore,
have been almost impassable dur-
ing certain months of the year.Spruce from Cove to Y, Y from
Spruce to Second, Madison from
Spruce to Fir and Monroe from
Spruce to Fir will be macadam-
ized, curbs will be installed, and
sidewalks built where not already
in place. Storm sewers are also
included in the district.CONVENTION
OPEN TUESDAYGrangers of Union Coun-
ty Plan to Attend Bak-
er Meeting—Special
Work Listed.Approximately two hundred of
Union county grangers will be in
attendance during the state grange
convention in Baker June 1, 2, 3
and 4. It has been announced
from the office of W. R. Gekeler,
deputy master.In addition to the large atten-
dance, Union county will have
several members on standing com-
mittee, including: H. L. Niece, ex-
ecutive; Mrs. G. V. Wilkinson,
division of labor; Mrs. L. J. Chad-
wick, by-laws; Mrs. Miles Wood-
ell, good of the order; G. V. Wil-
kinson, insurance; Mrs. Celesta
Niece, cooperation; Miles Woodell,
assessment and taxation; Mrs. Ol-
iver Turner, temperance; and Ol-
iver Turner, good of the order.H. M. Broadbent, of Baker, has
charge of reservation of rooms.
States of one and a half fare on
all railroads are announced.A lecturers' conference under
the direction of State Lecturer
Minnie E. Bond will be held each
morning, commencing at 8 o'clock.
A lecturers' program will be given
on the afternoon of June 1
and on the evening of June 2.
A reception and banquet will be
given the delegates at the opening
evening by the Baker chamber
of commerce. Nomination of of-
ficers is looked for Wednesday.

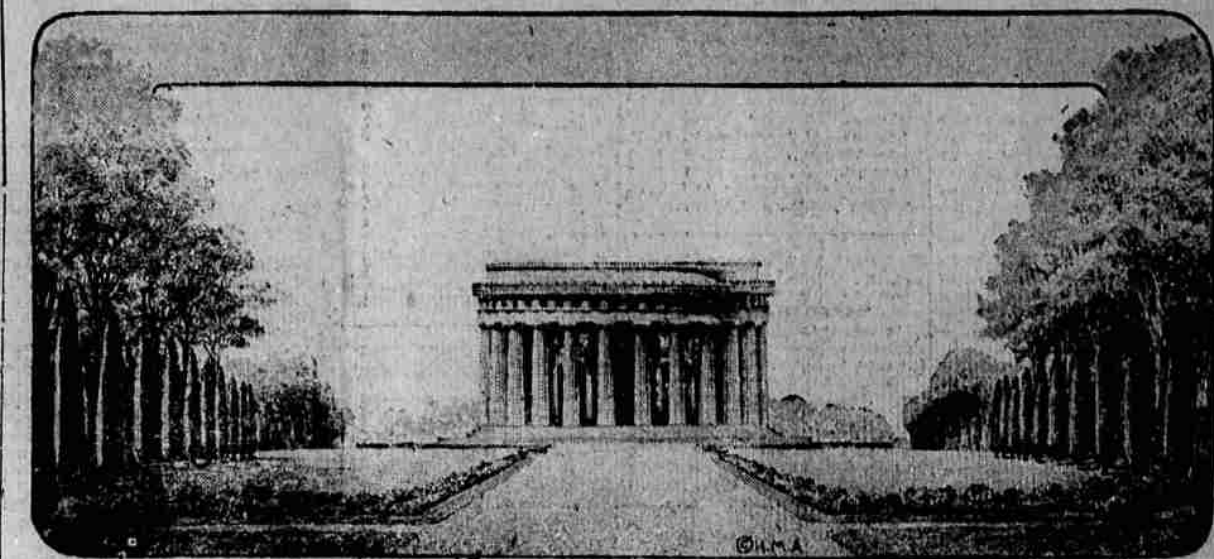
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MEMORIAL
SERMON IS
DELIVEREDThe Rev. W. C. Ross
Speaks at Annual Vet-
erans' Church Hour.DR. ENGSETH TO
COME HERE SOONPortland Pastor Will Ac-
cept Call of Lutheran
Church If Climate Is
Agreeable.Morning worship hour at the
First Presbyterian church with the
G. A. R. and W. R. C. and other
veteran organizations in attend-
ance and a decision by the Rev.
Andrew Engseth to accept the call
of the Lutheran church if the cli-
mate does not affect his wife's
health were features of the church
services in La Grande yesterday.At the Presbyterian church, with
the Rev. W. C. Ross in the pulpit,
a large crowd was present for the
annual service. The church was
decorated by the American flag as
well as the service flag of the late
war. Gorgeous displays of flowers
were arranged throughout the
room.Israel marked the great events
of her history with monuments.
As they placed the stones they
were instructed when their
children should ask: "What mean
these stones?" that a true appre-
ciation of God's guidance should
be expressed. In such manner we
as a nation commemorate our
history in national holidays, and
among the least among them is Me-
morial day," Mrs. Ross said."Memorial day brings us to a
remembrance:"On Famel's eternal camping
ground.
Their silent tents are spread,
And Glory guards, with solemn
row,
The bivouac of the dead."Memorial Day's significance is
marked. Reviving the past and
settling before us the lessons which
it taught, it is a day consecrated
to the memory of our heroic dead.

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WILL DISCUSS
LIVESTOCK SHOW
AT LUNCHEONC. T. Cook, president of the
Union commercial club, will pre-
side over the regular noon luncheon
of the Union county chamber
of commerce, which will be held
at the Union hotel tomorrow. The
address of welcome will be given
by M. S. Levy, mayor of Union.
L. L. Cadwell and William Jopel
will give short talks, telling of the
1926 annual Union Livestock show
to be held June 9, 10 and 11. Dr.
W. T. Phipps, president of the cham-
ber of commerce, will respond.In addition to the talks there
will be several musical numbers.
The girls' glee club of the Union
high school will sing, and there
will be vocal and instrumental
solos. The Union commercial club
has especially requested that the
chamber of commerce quartet be
present and take part in the pro-
gram.Cars will leave the chamber of
commerce office here not later
than 11:30 o'clock. People hav-
ing cars are asked to notify Earl
Reynolds. The caravan to Union
will be in charge of J. P. More-
lock, chairman of the get-to-
gether committee.Steiner to Attend
G. O. P. Meeting HereThe newly-elected members of
the Union county republican cen-
tral committee will meet for the
purpose of organization at the city
hall here Wednesday evening June
2, at 5 o'clock, according to let-
ters sent out by J. H. Pearce, chair-
man of the executive committee.
After the organization there will
be a banquet for the central com-
mittee, prominent republicans and
candidates at the Foley hotel at
6:30 o'clock.
Frederick Steiner, republican
nominee for United States sena-
tor, has sent word that he will be
present for the meeting. Besides
a talk by Mr. Steiner, there will
be short addresses by several
other prominent republicans.

Memorial to Harding to be Erected at Marion

This is the \$800,000 memorial to the late President Warren G. Harding that the Harding Memorial associa-
tion will erect at Marion, O., the late president's home, with a fund raised by nation-wide subscription. The cor-
nerstone will be laid today, with Vice President Dawes presiding.

Early Pioneers of La Grande

The following essay, written
by Ethel Sayre, tenth grade
student in La Grande, deserves
honorable mention. It touches
upon a subject that is especially
interesting to La Grande people
and is a worthy contribution to
the other articles judged by
University of Oregon faculty
members in the recent historical
essay contest.In the days when La Grande was
just a small village, in the part of
town we now call Old Town, Mrs.
Lydia Grandy came to this locality
at the age of 17 years. Her maiden
name was Lydia Palmer. Her
brother came out west before the
rest of the family and in 1844 Rob-
ert H. Palmer, the father of Mrs.
Grandy, brought his family from
Pennsylvania to Oregon.The trip was made by muleteers
and covered wagons. They left
Pennsylvania in the early spring of
1844 and were 72 days in crossing
the plains. The family had in-
tended to settle in the Willamette
valley, but when they came through
this valley, the grass was so green
and the valley looked so good to
them that they decided to remain
in the Grande Ronde valley.Farm on Fourth Street
The next year after Miss Palmer
came here she married B. W. Gran-
dy and Mr. and Mrs. Grandy lived
on a farm, which would extend
from Fourth street west to the
hills if it were still a farm. Thenow city, which went up after the
railroad came to this valley in 1884
was not built then, so Grandy's
farm was outside the village.
Mrs. Grandy is among the earliest
pioneers of this city. Her hus-
band donated a great amount of
his farm to the building of the
new city. The railroad was but a
short distance from his farm so it
was necessary to build on his land.
An addition to the town has there-
fore been named for B. W. Grandy.
The first schoolhouse in La
Grande was a rented log cabin on
the hillside. P. M. Curry was the
first teacher. He taught in 1842
and 1843. Tuition of ten dollars
a year per pupil was charged at
this school. Mrs. John Wilson
taught it the next year. Then in
1844 S. M. Grandy, Mrs. Grandy's
brother-in-law, erected a two-story
school house on the hill southwest
of the village. He taught this
school for two years.PARADE LEADS
OFF DAY HEREVeterans of Wars, March-
ing to Military Music,
Start La Grande's Pro-
gram.Veterans of the Civil war, the
Spanish-American war, and the
world war, marched through the
streets of La Grande today, keep-
ing step with martial music, and
thence on up Fourth street to the
cemetery, opening La Grande's
formal observance of Memorial
day.Besides the war veterans, Com-
pany E, 16th Infantry, O. N. G.,
the La Grande Municipal band, the
American Legion drum and bugle
corps, auxiliaries to the war vet-
erans' organizations and patriotic
societies took part in the parade.At the cemetery a program over
the graves of La Grande's soldier
dead will be held and following
will be a speaking program and a
dinner for all ex-service men com-
pletes the observance here.Business is stopped today in
memorial and the entire popula-
tion of the city is taking some part
in remembering the day. At the
graveyards, flowers are strewn
over the burial place of loved ones,
flags decorate both the residential
and business sections, and gather-
ings of all sorts are paying tribute
to the war dead.
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DEATH BOMBBlue Lake Constable, 28,
Confesses to Act That
Cost Lives of Two Men
and One Woman.MUSKEGON, Mich., May 31.
(AP)—A. K. Bartlett, 28-year-old
Blue Lake township constable
has confessed sending the bomb
that killed August Kruback, sup-
ervisor, his daughter Janet, and
her fiancé, William Frank, last
Thursday.
Details of the document will not
be revealed until after Bart-
lett is arraigned tomorrow ac-
cording to H. G. Dunn, prosecutor,
who made the announcement that
Bartlett had confessed.Rescues Girl, Then
Leads Her to AltarCHICAGO, May 31. (AP)—The
man who rescued Miss Betty Zan-
dett, Indian princess of "Rose
Marie" when her horse bolted on a
public path in Lincoln park last
autumn, today led the Italian-haired
beauty to the altar.
Miss Van Zandt was married to
Albert W. Sobler, advertising man
as a climax of the romance which
began when Miss Van Zandt's
mount, frightened by a motor car,
became uncontrollable. Sobler,
who had been riding behind, dash-
ed up and lifted the actress from
her runaway steed in true cow-
boy fashion. They introduced
themselves and the engagement
followed.THREE BURNED
TO DEATH TODAY
IN BALTIMOREBALTIMORE, Md., May 31 (AP)—
Three persons were burned to
death early today when fire de-
stroyed the home of Dr. Aaron Em-
ber, eminent Egyptologist of the
Johns Hopkins university. The
dead are Mrs. Regina Ember, Dr.
Ember's wife, their six-year-old
son and a white maid.
Dr. Ember was seriously burned
before he was rescued from the
roof of the blazing house.
The dead were all trapped in
their bedrooms.Liberian Cannibals Do
Not Like to Eat WomenLONDON, May 31 (AP)—Cannibals
of Liberia do not like to
eat women. Female flesh is too
bitter for them, says Lady Dor-
othy Mills, who recently travelled
widely in the interior of Liberia.
Lady Mills asserts the human
thigh is the best delicacy, and is
always reserved for the chief-
tain. The body of a youth 14 or
15 years old is regarded as ideal
food.
"An ordinary, healthy, normal
wife costs about \$50 on the Li-
berian marriage market," Lady
Mills says.
A Farmington, New Mexico, hot-
tel drilled a water well, connected
it with a house pumping system
and then oil came and surprised
the guests.

Bulletins

BALTIMORE, May 31. (AP)—
Hissen and catcalls punctuated the
Presbyterian assembly here today
during an exciting session which
culminated in a fundamentalist
victory in the adoption of a rule
for rotating membership of boards.
The resolution adopted was a mi-
nority report presented by the Rev.
Mark A. Matthews, of Seattle.Sesqui-Centennial
Exposition BeginsPHILADELPHIA, May 31. (AP)—
A six months celebration of the
150th anniversary of the signing of
the declaration of independence be-
gan in Philadelphia today with
the opening of the sesqui-centen-
nial international exposition.
Planned as a visualization of the
spiritual, artistic, industrial, sci-
entific and economic progress that
has been in America and the world
during the last 150 years, Mayor
Kennedy said it was his hope that
out of the celebration would come
a new declaration of momentous
importance. "A declaration of
peace on earth good will to men."Three thousand Japanese "pic-
ture brides" have been registered
for transportation to Brazil, the
same number to Argentina, and
two thousand to Mexico. Great col-
onies of Japanese bachelors live in
these countries.Ocean cables controlled by Great
Britain and America handle 90 per
cent of the world's cable traffic.College Psychology Termed
"Momentous Issue" By ChurchBALTIMORE, May 31 (AP)—The
college psychology which
challenges spiritual beliefs is
termed a "momentous issue," in
the 107th annual report of the
Presbyterian board of Christian
education. This report, with sev-
eral others dealing with education
and the church, is to be pre-
sented to the general assembly, in
session here today.Pronouncing the question "far
more alarming than the issue in-
volved in present theological de-
bate," the report says:
"If this extreme mechanistic
psychology should finally domi-
nate the field of education and
shape the theories and ideals of
our teaching profession, it is not
saying too much to affirm that it
will rob the next generation of
God, eliminate from life all spiri-
tual ideals and reduce morality
to mere mechanical reactions un-
der certain nerve stimuli or the
pressure of habits inculcated for
the sake of social well-being."Christianity Needed.
Dr. William Chalmers Covert,
of Philadelphia, who prepared the
report, further stated that the rise
of state-controlled education "had
made more obvious than ever the
need of the college where the
Christian atmosphere, the Bible
teaching and the normal activi-
ties of the Christian religion are
expected."
Dr. Covert, in the report, as-
for more strict law enforcement.THE WEATHER
ORIGIN: Fair with in-
creasing clouds and per-
sistently light rain; prob-
ably light rain in the
northwest portion Tuesday.PRESIDENT
SPEAKS AT
SERVICESNation's Dead Honored
Arlington National
Cemetery TodayPAYS TRIBUTE TO
CIVIL WAR DEADDr. Charles V. Pettit's
of the Potomac Grand
Army of Republic, Also
on Program.WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP).—
Eyes filled with reverence turned
toward Arlington national cem-
etery today in homage to those
who died in the Civil war.Here was the center of the na-
tion's Memorial day tribute at the
flower-strewn graves, with Presi-
dent Coolidge, the chief speak-
er for the living and many
other high officials and members
of congress playing similar roles
at local ceremonies in various
parts of the country.In addition to the president, the
list of speakers at the Arlington
ceremony include Senator Willis
of Ohio, and Dr. Chas. V. Pettit,
commander of the department of
the Potomac of the Grand Army
of the Republic, sponsor of the
exercises. The marine band was
assigned the duty of providing
the music.All about the solemn observ-
ance, business was almost
stopped for the occasion and con-
gress remained in session.WASHINGTON, May 31. (AP)—
"Common sense" must be the key-
note of American contribution to
world peace, as well as the con-
trolling force in her conduct at
home, President Coolidge said to-
day in a memorial day address at
Arlington national cemetery. The
rule of practical possibilities he ap-
plied to the Geneva arms negotia-
tions to the war debt negotiations
and to many domestic problems.
He renewed his belief in the "prin-
ciple of religious liberty and tol-
eration and equality of rights" in
an adequate national defense in the
world court, and in the practice of
economy."Practical results," Mr. Coolidge
said, "is what the American nation
expects from the negotiations at
Geneva."COOLIDGE SPEAKS
WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—
At the Memorial exercises at Ar-
lington May 31, 1926, at 1:30
o'clock p. m., President Coolidge
spoke as follows:"Follow Americans! This nation
approaches no ceremony with such
universal sanction as that which
is held in commemoration over
the graves of those who have per-
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