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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair in south,  
unsettled in north portion  
tonight and Wednesday,  
possibly showers on the  
north coast.

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FINANCES OF  
COUNTY GOOD  
DURING YEARConditions Satisfactory  
as Time for Drawing  
Budget NearsCUTS ARE MADE IN  
CURRENT EXPENSESRoad Program Nearing  
Completion—Commis-  
sioners Considering Ap-  
plication of Oil.Union county, taking stock of it-  
self as the year approaches Nov.  
1, when a new budget of expenses  
will be apportioned, finds its con-  
dition quite satisfactory.Road programs have been hum-  
ming along toward completion in  
a manner to make many a sator  
counties over the county envious.  
Each month finds money on hand  
to pay warrants promptly and take  
care of road bonded indebtedness  
and interest as they become due.  
And here and there, the economi-  
cal administration shows in the re-  
duction of current expenses, it is  
said.

## Few Road Bonds Unsold

The 80 miles of state roads plan-  
ned to be built jointly by county  
and state from sale of bonds voted  
by the people, and the 23 miles of  
county unit roads, financed in the  
same manner, are all completed.  
Of the \$1,438,000 voted by the  
people to carry out this road pro-  
gram in Union county, there re-  
mains but \$398,000 worth of bonds  
unsold, the county records show.Parallel to this highway pro-  
gram run two other systems of  
road building and maintenance un-  
der direction of the county com-  
mission.

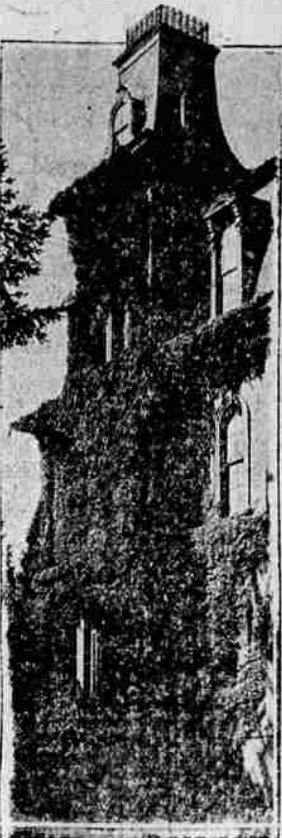
## 130 Miles of Roads

About \$60,000 is provided by the  
state in conjunction with the coun-  
ty each year for the building of  
market roads, that is, roads run-  
ning from the bonded route to the  
rural settlements. Under this pro-  
vision, approximately 70 miles of  
roads have been graded to stand-  
ard, and 40 miles of them sur-  
faced with good macadam. With  
favorable weather, another 10  
miles will be completed this fall.  
That will make a total of 130  
miles of macadamized roads in the  
county. Sixty miles of the state  
roads have been finished by oil-  
ing—a surface on which the court  
has received many expressions of  
satisfaction.The third program, financed by  
general taxes and automobile li-  
censes—about a fourth of the li-  
cense fees collected by the state  
service this purpose—provides for  
the general maintenance of dirt  
roads. It involves about 75 miles  
of thoroughfares, with the attend-  
ant necessities for grading new  
construction, upkeep of machinery,  
purchase of new machinery build-  
ing and repairing of bridges and  
culverts. Twelve miles of road has  
been graveled at the joint expense  
of the county and residents of the  
localities served.

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ISLAND NAMES  
CANDIDATES  
FOR OFFICESNominations of candidates for  
city positions, to be voted on Nov.  
2, took place at a mass meeting  
at Island City last night at the  
Pioneer Flouring Mill company's  
office.M. W. Kiddie was nominated  
for mayor; Milo Blackland, re-  
sident, for city clerk; W. A. Wade, treas-  
urer; Fred Stone, marshal; Joe  
Berry, John Rowery, Sam Sim-  
mons, N. Perrine, John Lindsay,  
councilmen for one-year term;  
three to be elected; W. Mitchell,  
A. Woodell, Carl Perrine, B. W.  
Caldwell, H. E. Higley, council-  
men, two-year terms, three to be  
elected.HOUSES  
ARE  
IN DEMANDHouses and apartments, fur-  
nished and unfurnished, are in  
demand in La Grande. The Ob-  
server office has been sought by  
a number of new residents the  
last few days seeking informa-  
tion of residences for rent.Good living quarters are not  
plentiful—there is not enough  
to supply the demand. People  
having attractive property to  
rent can get immediate and  
pleasing contact with prospects  
through the Observer Want Ads  
—at very small cost. No mat-  
ter what you want—something  
to sell, something to buy, some-  
thing to rent, something to do—  
a Want Ad will get action.  
Phone Main 37 or bring in your  
copy today."Observer Advertising—  
A Merchandising Service"

## DEADY HALL

Deady Hall, vine-covered  
building which in 1876 was the  
sole home of the University of  
Oregon. It was dedicated last  
week, half a century after erec-  
tion, during the semicentennial.LEGION'S STYLE  
SHOW ON TONIGHTCurtains at Arcade Will  
Rise at 8 O'clock on  
Fashion DisplayThe seat sale is promising for  
a large attendance for the opening  
tonight of the American Legion  
style show, which the legionnaires  
promise will be an evening of com-  
plete entertainment. The Arcade  
theater is the place and the cur-  
tains will rise promptly at eight  
o'clock.The stage setting for the show  
is among the interesting features.  
Between \$4,000 and \$5,000 worth  
of Oriental rugs and draperies will  
be a part of the decorations, fur-  
nished by the Cardian Rug com-  
pany. The new Chrysler-Tu crown  
median will be a part of the back-  
ground for J. C. Penney company's  
exhibit of styles. Harry H. Rich-  
ardson, commander of the legion  
post, is working on the stage set-  
ting.Men's, women's and children's  
newest styles will be exhibited in  
the style show, with La Grande's  
best looking young men, prettiest  
girls, prettiest girls and cleverest  
kiddies taking part, the legion-  
naires declare. A part of the pro-  
gram will be a feature dance by  
Miss Beulah Newlin.After the fashion show by local  
people, which will last about an  
hour, another display of styles will  
be given in the motion picture  
"Big Leaves," which is being  
shown in connection with the style  
show. "Big Leaves" is the history  
of styles, from Eve's day until the  
present time, told in an interest-  
ing story with some of filmland's  
best actors and actresses taking  
part.Money made from the style  
show goes toward the 1927 con-  
vention fund.Estate's Handling  
Pleases HamiltonMr. and Mrs. C. J. Hamilton and  
son, Glenn, of Kansas City, Kan.,  
who have spent a few days in La  
Grande getting first hand informa-  
tion relative to the O. G. Hamilton  
estate left last night for their  
home. C. J. Hamilton and O. G.  
Hamilton were brothers. After  
learning all the facts concerning  
the handling of the estate, he ex-  
pressed himself as being gratified  
with the manner in which the in-  
terests of my mother had been  
protected. "I very greatly appre-  
ciate," he said, "the efforts of Judge  
Couch, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Boh-  
nenkamp in preserving the estate."This was Mr. Hamilton's first  
trip west and he said he has been  
greatly impressed with "the scenic  
beauty, the matchless progress and  
the marvelous resources of your  
wonderful state."  
He also reported that he is pre-  
serving a claim to the legislature  
asking that body to divert the pro-  
ceeds of the escheat proceedings in-  
stituted in behalf of the state, to  
his mother. He feels confident that  
this request will be granted.CHAMBER TO  
LEND AID TO  
3 PROJECTSGiving Active Support to  
Normal School and  
Armory MeasuresPUBLICITY FUND  
IS BEING RAISEDAmerican Legion Mem-  
bers Tell of 1927 Con-  
vention—Finance Plan  
Is Explained.Three projects were discussed  
at the chamber of commerce for-  
um luncheon today, active support  
being revealed in reference to  
two—the Eastern Oregon normal  
school measure and the La Grande  
armory measure. The chamber  
also assured members of the  
American Legion post here that  
its members would do all in their  
power to contribute to the suc-  
cess of the 1927 state convention.E. E. Bragg, formerly of La  
Grande, and now member of the  
Oregon normal school board of  
regents, was present and declared  
that he was optimistic that the  
normal bill would receive a pluri-  
lity. He predicted that Multnomah  
county would give it a 15-  
000 plurality and believes that  
Jackson and Polk counties in  
Western Oregon will also vote  
yes. With Eastern Oregon solidly  
behind the measure, he is of the  
belief that such a school will soon  
be established in the "best city in  
Eastern Oregon."

## \$1,300 Pledged Today

F. L. Meyers, in charge of rais-  
ing a publicity fund of \$1,500 to  
aid the normal school measure,  
reported that his committee ac-  
crued \$1,300 in two hours' time  
this morning and that many busi-  
ness men had not yet been in-  
terviewed.Judge Hugh E. Brady spoke on  
the armory bill, declaring that  
little opposition is being re-  
ported by the congressional work-  
ing in support of the measure. He  
pointed out the many benefits  
that would result if such an in-  
stitution were erected in this city.

## Kiddie Speaks

Fred E. Kiddie, general chair-  
man of the 1927 convention com-  
mittee of the legion, predicted  
that a crowd of from 2,000 to  
3,000 persons would gather here  
next summer for the state con-  
vention of the legion, the auxil-  
iary and the 40 and 8 societies. He  
declared that La Grande expects  
to stage many entertainments, in-  
cluding sports programs, drum  
corps competition, a beauty contest,  
a banquet, a trip to Walla Walla,  
a parade—"the largest ever seen in  
Eastern Oregon"—and other fea-  
tures. He told of inviting Na-  
tional Commander Paul Howard  
Savage, Gene Tunney and ex-Na-  
tional Commander John R. Quinn,  
and declared that Savage and  
Quinn would be in La Grande.

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Stolen Car Is  
Discovered at  
Arlington, Ore.Sherwood Williams went to Ar-  
lington last night after his sedan  
following receipt of a telephone  
message from Mr. Wilcox, banker  
there, saying that the car had been  
parked in front of the bank for  
two days. When the auto was  
left there for so long a time an  
investigation was made and Mr.  
Williams' name was found on a  
light test certificate.The car was completely out of  
gas but was undamaged. Whether  
the party that stole the car from  
in front of the H. S. Brownson  
home here Saturday night went on  
west from there is not known. A  
car was taken from there the same  
night, but was found later at Stan-  
field.Hope to Organize  
Campfire GroupsWith the hope of organizing  
several new campfire groups in  
La Grande an open house gather-  
ing of all girls of more than 11  
years interested in campfire work  
and all girls or women of more  
than 18 years of age, who would  
be willing to accept a group as  
guardian or sponsor the campfire  
in La Grande, will be held in  
the Neighborhood club rooms in  
the library building Thursday af-  
ternoon at 2:45 o'clock.Informal talks will be given by  
members of the Soangetheta char-  
ter, organized here before the  
close of school last spring, which  
has been very active during the  
summer and fall. These girls  
will talk on interesting subjects,  
which will be helpful to the be-  
ginning groups. Miss Dorothy  
Brownson is the president of the  
Soangetheta group and Mrs. G. R.  
Birnie is assistant guardian. Mrs.  
A. V. Lincgren, guardian, is away  
at present.Murder Theories  
Weakened After  
InvestigationsTwo of Three Women  
Held Not Victims of  
Strangler by Dr. Frank  
R. Menne.PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 26 (AP)—  
Theories that three women who  
died mysteriously here last week  
were murder victims were weak-  
ened today in at least two of the  
cases by a preliminary autopsy re-  
port.Mrs. Mabel M. Fluke, whose  
body was found Saturday in the  
attic of her house died "by strangu-  
lation, probably self-inflicted,"  
the report said.Mrs. Virginia A. Grant, found  
dead in the basement of her home  
probably died of natural causes,  
according to the report.These statements came from Dr.  
Frank R. Menne, who has been  
assisting Dr. Robert L. Benson in  
the autopsy work.  
Probing Other Body  
Chemical investigation is con-  
cluding in the case of Mrs. Elata  
Withers, found dead in the attic  
of her home last Wednesday.Both reports are based on the  
theory that an assailant would  
have left marks on the body.  
"If a stranger killed Mrs. Fluke,"  
said Dr. Menne, "he would have  
been cleverer than I can give him  
credit for."There were no marks on Mrs.  
Fluke's body to speak of, accord-  
ing to the report, even under the  
scarf that was wound about her  
throat.

## Falling Caused Bruises?

Mrs. Grant's head showed slight  
bruises, such as might have been  
caused by a sand bag, according  
to Dr. Menne, but the brain show-  
ed no hemorrhage or damage to  
the brain tissue as a sand bag  
would probably have caused. The  
bruises probably were caused by  
falling, he said.The robbery feature in both  
cases is a matter for the police,  
not the coroner, Dr. Menne pointed  
out.Although no report was made in  
the Withers case it is understood  
that a rumor that a fracture of Mrs.  
Withers' neck had been discovered,  
will prove unfounded.

## 18-Year-Old Arrested

Because he remarked in a re-

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DR. PHY FAVORS  
EAST HOSPITALUrges "Yes" Vote for Tu-  
berculosis Sanitarium  
at Coming ElectionPENDING, Ore., Oct. 26  
(Special)—Dr. W. T. Phy, pres-  
ident of the Union county cham-  
ber of commerce and the state  
board of health, addressed local  
Kiwians at noon today in be-  
half of the Eastern Oregon tu-  
berculosis hospital measure."Not only humane but economic  
reasons should influence the peo-  
ple of Oregon to vote 'yes' on this  
measure at next Tuesday's polls,"  
declared Dr. Phy. "It is ineffi-  
cient financially for the state to  
spend thousands of dollars in  
health work only to provide in-  
adequate care for those who are  
suffering from and spreading this  
disease which has correctly been  
called the 'great white plague.'"Dr. Phy showed where the pres-  
ent hospital at Salem cannot care  
for the indigent tubercular of the  
state and urged that the people of  
Oregon grant permission for the  
erection of an institution to serve  
the large section of Oregon that  
lies east of the Cascades. Money  
for this has already been granted  
by the state legislature, he pointed  
out, but no state institution can  
be built outside of Marion county  
without the voter's consent.Mail Plane Lands  
Here in DarknessSix huge sacks of solidly pack-  
ed mail added to the burden of La  
Grande postal employees last even-  
ing when the Paso-bound air  
plane landed on the Reynolds  
emergency field east of town be-  
cause of darkness. The mail was  
dispatched by train last night.  
Pilot Taft and his machine got  
away this morning at about 10:45  
o'clock.Dr. Chipley Joins  
Hot Lake StaffDr. H. L. Chipley, specialist in  
neurology and anesthesia, has  
joined the hospital staff of Dr. W.  
T. Phy at the Hot Lake sanitarium.  
He came to La Grande from Den-  
ver, Ill., where he has been in  
charge of the national soldier's  
home.  
With Dr. Chipley came his wife  
and their son, Ehrlich. The lad  
registered for his sophomore year  
at the La Grande high school yes-  
terday.OREGON QUIZ  
SCHEDULED  
WEDNESDAYSenator McNary to Com-  
plete Washington In-  
quiry TodayP. E. P. COMPANY  
AID IS CHARGEDOregonian Emphatically  
Denies Receiving Fund  
to Use Against Senator  
Stanfield.SALEM, Ore., Oct. 26 (AP)—  
George Putnam has received a  
telegram from Senator Charles L.  
McNary announcing a meeting  
Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock  
at the Multnomah hotel, Portland,  
for probing campaign expenditures  
in Oregon.SEATTLE, Oct. 26 (AP)—Un-  
ited States Senator Charles L. Mc-  
Nary, republican, of Oregon, to-  
day was bringing to a conclusion  
an investigation into Washington  
campaign expenditures. He opens  
a hearing in Portland, Ore., to-  
morrow on charges that the Port-  
land Oregonian received \$35,000  
from the Portland Electric Power  
company for opposing Senator R.  
N. Stanfield, republican, who is  
seeking election on an independ-  
ent ticket.Senator McNary and Senator  
Kling, of Utah, were requested yes-  
terday by Senator James A. Reed,  
democrat, of Missouri, chairman  
of the senate finance committee, to  
conduct the hearing. The charge  
which precipitated the Oregon in-  
vestigation was made by George  
Putnam of the Salem (Oregon)  
Capital Journal. Edgar B. Piper,  
editor of the Oregonian, declared  
the accusation was "preposterous"  
and urged an immediate inquiry.

## Jones on Stand

The campaign expenditures of  
Senator Wesley L. Jones, which  
have been the subject of frequent  
inquiry in the investigation here  
comprised the feature of today's  
session, with the senior senator  
himself as the principal witness.  
Senator Jones' presence was de-  
manded by A. Scott Bullitt, his  
democratic opponent, who charged  
that exorbitant expenditures had  
been made in Jones' behalf. Mr.  
Bullitt has been defending him-  
self against like charges pre-  
ferred with the senatorial cam-  
paign investigating committee by  
Sam R. Sumner, republican state  
senator.Bert E. Haney, democrat, of  
Oregon, reported he had person-  
ally received no contributions and  
had spent \$775.The Haney-for-Senator club had  
received \$12,918 and had spent  
\$12,582. The contributions in-  
cluded \$4,000 from John E. Dock-  
endorf of New York; \$1,250 from  
E. J. McCormick, of Bay Ridge,  
N. Y.; \$1,100 from A. V. Moore,  
of New York; \$1,250 each from  
Thad Sweet and William Edris,  
both of Seattle.INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 26 (AP)—  
The Marion county grand jury  
which is investigating charges of  
political intrigue in Indiana, was  
instructed today by Judge James  
A. Collins of the criminal court to  
return indictments prior to next  
Tuesday's election against any  
candidate for public office it be-  
lieved guilty of "corruption or  
criminal acts."SEATTLE, Oct. 26 (AP)—Denial  
of allegations imputed to him  
that the liquor interests have con-  
tributed to the campaign fund of  
A. Scott Bullitt, his democratic  
opponent, was made on the witness  
stand here today by U. S. Senator  
Wesley L. Jones.The senator declared that while  
he was strongly of the opinion  
that such was the case he had not  
made the direct charge in his cam-  
paign speeches but had called at-  
tention of his hearers to the cir-  
cumstances which led him to that  
belief.Wind, Rain Storm  
Strikes QuebecQuebec, Oct. 26 (AP)—Roofs  
were carried away, steel trusses,  
telephone and telegraph poles and  
trees were blown down, and other  
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## NEW AND PAST LEGION LEADERS

Howard Savage, of Chicago (left), who was elected national  
commander at the Philadelphia convention of the American Le-  
gion, smiles with John R. McQuigg, his predecessor.Rumanian Queen  
Views Niagara  
En Route WestQUEEN MARIE'S SPECIAL  
TRAIN, NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.,  
Oct. 26 (AP)—The world's greatest  
waterfall drew the attention of  
Queen Marie today for a few hours  
before the Rumanian royal party  
moved into Canada on the second  
leg of the trans-continental jour-  
ney.The queen boarded her train  
immediately after a dinner and re-  
ception in Buffalo tendered by the  
city last night, arriving here at 2  
o'clock this morning.The queen began her sleep,  
and because of efforts being made  
to safeguard her health, some of  
the reception program here was  
cancelled at the last moment.BUCHAREST, Rumania, Oct. 26  
(AP)—The Rumanian foreign of-  
fice today categorically denied re-  
ports that the government had  
asked Queen Marie to curtail her  
visit in the U. S.Misery, Famine  
Follows Quakes  
In Armenia AreaLENINAKAN, Armenia, Oct. 23  
(AP)—Heartened by the immedi-  
ate assistance from America and  
every part of Rumania, Armenia is  
struggling valiantly to extricate  
herself from the misery, famine  
and denudation caused by the se-  
ries of earthquakes beginning Fri-  
day night.Fifteen villages are in ruins and  
23 others partly destroyed. The  
death toll is placed as high as  
600, with one thousand others  
maimed or missing in the earth-  
quake zone, which covers 100  
square miles.Through all the anguish and  
terror produced by the recurring  
earth shocks Friday night, Arme-  
nian women furnished an example  
of supreme heroism.  
Four Near East relief nurses,  
who modestly asked that their  
names be not used, operated on the  
maimed all night, playing their  
surgical instruments, and binding  
wounds while the ground rocked  
under their feet.Wind, Rain Storm  
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by putting the fear of further ex-MURDER OF GIRL  
SHOCKS TOLEDOKilling Brings Memories  
of Terror Caused by  
1925 ClubberTOLEDO, Ohio, Oct. 26 (AP)—  
The mutilated body of Miss Lily  
Croy, 26, teacher at Guelch school  
and Toledo university night stud-  
ent, was found under the steps of  
Washington school early today.The clothing was torn from the  
body, which bore marks of crimi-  
nal assault. Coroner Henzler  
stated after examination.Miss Croy left her home early  
in the evening to attend a class at  
Toledo university. When she  
failed to return home at the usual  
hour following the class her moth-  
er, Mrs. Emma Croy, notified po-  
lice.A large squad of police and de-  
tectives were sent in search of the  
woman whose body was found by  
J. W. Weist, a half brother of the  
main teacher.The left side of the head was  
crushed, apparently by a blow  
from a heavy weapon. There were  
two gashes across her forehead.

## Like Toledo Murders

Similarly between the murder  
of the girl Monday night and the  
mysterious murders and clubbing  
which terrorized Toledo a year ago  
is seen by police.During the reign of the myster-  
ious assassin of women at that  
time there were many murdered  
and a score of women struck  
down.It was generally believed that  
one man was responsible for all  
of these.As a result of police activities  
following the clubber murders,  
more than 50 men were arrested  
and held for investigation. A score  
of these later were committed to  
the Toledo state hospital for the  
insane.Houdini Gaining  
After OperationDETROIT, Oct. 26 (AP)—Harry  
Houdini, the magician, "reacted  
well" from his appendicitis opera-  
tion, performed yesterday, a bul-  
letin published by the four phys-  
icians said."Houdini spent a fairly com-  
fortable night," said the bulletin,  
and his condition this morning is  
satisfactory but continues grave."May Drill Wells  
On Public LandsWASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—  
A proposal to drill wells and es-  
tablish watering places for livestock  
on public lands in the west is un-  
der consideration at the interior  
department.Secretary Work said today that  
millions of acres of possible grazing  
lands had gone unused because of  
the absence of water holes.Here's One  
Candidate Who  
Spent 30 CentsWASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—  
Illinois, whose big money sena-  
torial campaign has received  
wide publicity, has at least one  
senatorial candidate who be-  
lieves in holding down ex-  
penses.Eugene A. Moran, treasurer of  
the non-partisan group support-  
ing Raymond T. O'Keefe as a  
beef and wine candidate, re-  
ported to the secretary of the  
senate today that O'Keefe's cam-  
paign expenditures totaled 30  
cents.By way of itemizing the ac-  
count, Moran said his candidate  
had bought two 15 cent cigars  
for two supporters who filed  
his nominating petition for him.WALLOWA TO  
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IMPROVEMENTState Commission Opens  
Bids on Artery Up  
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struction Is Now Being  
Planned.PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 26 (AP)—  
The state highway commission  
in session here today opened the  
following bids:Surfacing nine miles of the  
Blodgett-Summit market road in  
Benton county, this work being ad-  
vertised by the commission for the  
county court, three bids.Resurfacing 11 miles of the John  
Day highway, Arlington - Shuter  
creek section, and furnishing main-  
tenance material, 12 bids.Grading of the Deer creek-Hayes  
hill section of the Redwood high-  
way in Josephine county, 14 bids.For resurfacing the Ontario-Nys-  
sa section of the Old Oregon Trail  
and the Vale-Cairo section of the  
John Day highway in Malheur  
county, three bids.Surfacing 18 miles of the Jones  
Hill-Vinson section of the Oregon-  
Washington highway, 15 bids.Surfacing 3.5 miles of the West  
Birch creek market road in Uma-  
tilla county the state aiding the  
county in this matter.