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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and Friday. Not much change in temperature. Gentle north and easterly winds.

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CITY BUDGET ADOPTED BY COMMISSION

Total of \$130,460.63 Allowed for Expenses During New Year

LENGTHY TRAFFIC ORDINANCE READ

Award Contracts to Hartenbower and Spaeth and C. R. Seitz on W Avenue Project.

Adoption of the 1927 budget of expenses, acceptance of bids on storm sewers, sidewalks and macadam for improvement district No. 160, and reading of a proposed new traffic ordinance were chief among the matters of business that occupied the city commissioners for nearly three hours last evening.

No one remonstrated, by either letter or voice, when President A. T. Hill announced that the commission was ready to hear objections to the published estimate of expenditures for 1927, whereupon the budget was adopted without renewed discussion.

Budget Total \$130,460.63
The total, amounting to \$130,460.63, is apportioned as follows: Officials, \$11,832.50; engineering, \$14,000.00; first department, \$14,000.00; health department, \$1,710.00; sewer department, \$1,500.00; police department, \$10,540.00; library, \$5,000.00; street department, \$16,000.00; sewer department, \$5,000.00; water department, \$20,960.00; city building, \$1,860.00; municipal hall, \$2,500.00; street lighting, \$11,500.00; interest on general warrants, \$1,408.13; sinking fund, \$13,500.00; miscellaneous \$7,000.00; advertising.

The budget is based on the following estimated receipts for 1927: Water, \$41,000.00; fines, \$2,000.00; licenses, \$3,500.00; miscellaneous, \$400.00; franchise, \$1,500.00; taxes, \$79,959.63; back taxes, \$2,000.00.

Traffic Ordinance
All existing traffic ordinances will be automatically repealed in favor of the proposed new one read for the first time last night if it meets the ultimate approval of the commissioners.

The 31 sections, some of them in two parts, provide for the regulation of everything pertaining to traffic within the city limits, from racing jitney motors to holding parades on Adams avenue.

A passage dealing with the limit of time for which traffic may be held by trains and switching crews at the Elr Street railroad crossing occasioned discussion. The situation has become almost acute in the Elr Street area. Cars have been blocked frequently lately clear back into Jefferson street, said, interrupting not only north and south but east and west bound traffic.

On President Hill's suggestion it was decided to take the matter up with W. H. Guild, division superintendent, who had already, the commissioner said, shown himself

EXTRA POLICE TO BE WORKING ON HALLOWE'EEN

Police Chief Clint Haynes today announced that to protect property on Halloween, 25 special policemen will be on duty Saturday and Sunday nights. The officers will be plainclothes men and their identity as policemen will not be revealed.

The curfew law will be enforced Saturday and Sunday nights. All minors must be home by 9 o'clock. "We won't stop the children from performing innocent stunts up until the curfew hour, but after that time all must go home. Any caught attempting to destroy property will be prosecuted," he said.

HOUSES ARE IN DEMAND

Houses and apartments, furnished and unfurnished, are in demand in La Grande. The Observer office has been sought by a number of new residents the last few days seeking information 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 matter what you want—something to sell, something to buy, something 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"

Milk Will Cost 12c Quart After First of Month

Dairymen Agree on Higher Price at Meeting in County Agent's Office Last Night.

A group of dairymen of this city met in County Agent H. G. Avery's office last night and set a standard retail price for milk, which will be effective Nov. 1. The new price is 12 cents a quart, seven cents a pint and 11 cents a quart for quantities of a gallon or more.

To protect the dairymen against the loss of bottles or the loss by bad accounts a coupon book system will also be started by the dairymen at that time. This method is used in all larger cities and is found to be very satisfactory, they declare. One of the chief difficulties of dairymen here is the loss of bottles and the coupon system will do away with this.

The dairymen represented at the meeting were the Mt. Emily dairy, the Bonney View, John Clinton, Bert Grout and Clark Brothers, H. E. Brown, of the Cherry Hill dairy, Emil Gertner and H. H. Anderson, other dairymen. They were unable to attend but sent word that they would agree with whatever those present decided upon.

It is the aim of the dairymen's association to standardize the quality of milk as well as the price. The price of milk here has been below that of other towns of this size for some time, according to Grant Bean, of the Mt. Emily dairy, and it is the dairymen's idea to place them on an equal basis with other workers.

Mobilize Local Guard Company For Test Drill
Company E, the Oregon national guard company here, had a test mobilization last evening with the idea of showing the efficiency of the company if called to field service on short notice in case of actual hostility.

Members of the company assembled at the armory at 7 o'clock and at 8 o'clock were entirely equipped with combat packs and ready to take the field. Fifty-two men and two officers, 73 per cent of the company's strength, were said to be a good number considering that several members of the company, who are out of town, were not called in.

After a short drill Captain G. L. Dutton gave a lecture on the mobilization plan as laid down by the army for call to field service.

A telegram was sent to Adjutant General George A. White, at Salem, as soon as the work was completed and the company was dismissed.

High School to Hear of Measures

That high school students may be informed of contemporary movements, a special assembly for consideration of the Eastern Oregon normal school measure and the La Grande armory bill has been called by the student body association for 9 a. m. Friday in the auditorium.

"If the normal school is established, the young people are the ones who will profit most by it. If we are to have an armory in La Grande, in all probability the young people will reap more benefit than the old folk," Principal E. D. Towler said in announcing the meeting.

Robert S. Eakin, representing the chamber of commerce committee, will talk on the normal school measure. G. L. Dutton, a member of the legion committee, will speak on the proposed armory.

Poultrymen Meet, Discuss Problems

Fifteen members of the Union County Poultry association gathered at County Agent H. G. Avery's office yesterday afternoon and talked over the business of the organization. George C. Hill, president, presided.

A. G. Linn, head of the poultry department of the Oregon Agricultural college, was scheduled to speak at the meeting, but was unable to attend. Another meeting will be called later when Mr. Linn will be in the county. All poultry men will be invited to attend.

Secretaries At Union Hotel Meet

Secretaries of commerce chambers in Eastern Oregon are holding their regional meeting today at the Union hotel, at Union, Earl C. Reynolds is present from the Union county chamber. The program is in charge of William E. Boeth of Baker.

JURY FAILS TO AGREE ON DEATH CAUSE

Vote Split on Portland Mystery When Judge Dismisses Group

POLICE RECEIVE "FLAPPER LETTER"

Unknown "She Murderess" Admits Killing 4 Women, One Yet Undiscovered.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 28 (AP)—Four men and two women, comprising the coroner's jury which investigated the mysterious death of Mrs. Beata Withers, whose body was found in her home here last week, disagreed as to the cause of death and was discharged last night.

Three of the jurors pronounced the case one of suicide. The other three declared the women had been murdered.

Police Get "Confession"
Police announced the receipt of a letter signed "she murderess" in which the writer, who described herself in the words—"I am a girl 18, a flapper," declared that she had killed Mrs. Withers and two other women whose deaths recently have been under observation by the police department.

The letter read: "I killed Beata Withers, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Fluke. 'I am a girl—18—a flapper. 'I am not afraid of anything but my conscience. It's driving me mad."

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A. L. STYLE SHOW ATTRACTS MANY

Proceeds of Legion Event to Go into 1927 Convention Fund

The final presentation of the American Legion style show took place in the Arcade theater last night with a fair sized crowd in attendance and was said to have exceeded the showing the opening night. Proceeds will be placed in the legion's 1927 convention fund.

The exhibit of fashions was practically the same as on the first night, with the insertion of additional drama. Special numbers included two dances by Miss Beulah Newlin; a vaudeville act by Paul Krouse, of Portland, graduate of the O. A. C. dramatic department; and a humorous reading by W. K. Gilbert.

Displays were furnished by the Art & Baby shop, Clint's Clothing, the J. C. Penny company and Webster and Gilbert. Photographs were furnished by Bohan's and Clark's flower shops. Stiegist's provided jewelry for the models, the W. H. Bohnenkamp company furnished the furniture, the Cartozian Rug company the rugs and the Chrysler garage a sedan which was used in connection with the Penny company's exhibit.

Following the style show "Pig Leaves," a seven-reel motion picture including technical scenes, was presented.

Popularity of La Grande Library Gains—All Classes Show Interest

By MILDRED MULHOLLAND
Do the people of La Grande know what the public library is? Or are they like the little boy who made his first visit to the library a few days ago, marched boldly up to the librarians desk and asked, "what is this—a store?"

Figures, however, show that many people in the city do know about the library and use it. The circulation during 1925 was 67,445, and an average increase of more than 1,000 books each month since January, 1925 will bring the total this year up considerably.

136 New Borrowers
One hundred and thirty six new borrowers were listed during the month of September alone, which is called an unusually high figure.

The average month shows about 75 new names on the list. One reason advanced for the splendid growth during the past year is the establishment of three branch libraries within the city—at the Greenwood, Willow and Riveria schools.

Move Nine Months Old
The first branch library was started at Greenwood school when Miss Mabel Doty, head librarian, expressed that the library would be called to furnish the books if the school would furnish the book cases. The parent-teacher association took the matter up immediately and the cases were purchased and the branch library started. That was nine months ago. Three months later the Wil-

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REPUBLICANS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Phil Metschan, State Chairman, Issues Statement

PRIMARY LAW AT STAKE, HE SAYS

Predicts Patterson and Steiwer Plurality—Urges All Citizens to Cast Vote.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 28 (AP)—Claims of a sweeping republican victory for the republican ticket in the coming election were made here today by Phil Metschan, chairman of the republican state central committee. He urged republicans of the state to consolidate their forces and support the administration. A vote for the party nominees, he said, was a vote cast in support of the state's primary law.

The election of a democratic senator from Oregon, he said, would not only be a slap at the president and the national administration but it might give the democratic party the slight majority needed to organize the senate and thus deprive western republicans of their dominant positions in that body. He said:

Coolidge an Issue
"The sovereign people of Oregon will vote next Tuesday whether they will uphold President Coolidge and the republican administration by giving them a vote of confidence or they will turn their backs upon them and support the party that has always brought disaster to our national prosperity and distress to our people—the democratic party."

"They will vote to support the direct primary law of the state or they will, by their decision, regard it merely as a scrap of paper. They will maintain it by voting for candidates nominated in accord with the law or they will nullify it by following the will of the wisps of an independent candidacy."

The Committee Issue
"Citizens of this state will vote to maintain at the heads of the senate committees those tried and true republicans of the west who know the west and its problems. Snoot, of Utah; Jones, of Washington; Oddie, of Nevada; McNary, of Oregon; Borah, of Idaho; Warren, of Wyoming; and Johnson, of

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Funds to Benefit Jobs Contracted

The \$13,176.00 awarded Union county by the state highway department yesterday, its share of the last half of the year's market road fund will be applied on construction work already under contract. Judge J. G. Couch said this morning.

Present work on the market roads includes the surfacing of the Allee-Lower Cove road—a stretch more than six miles long. The base course of which will be finished in another 10 days—surfacing of the Hudson Lane extension, where the county crusher is now operating, and completion of the grading of the Cove end of the Allee-Lower Cove road.

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Cove Clubs Send Animals to Show

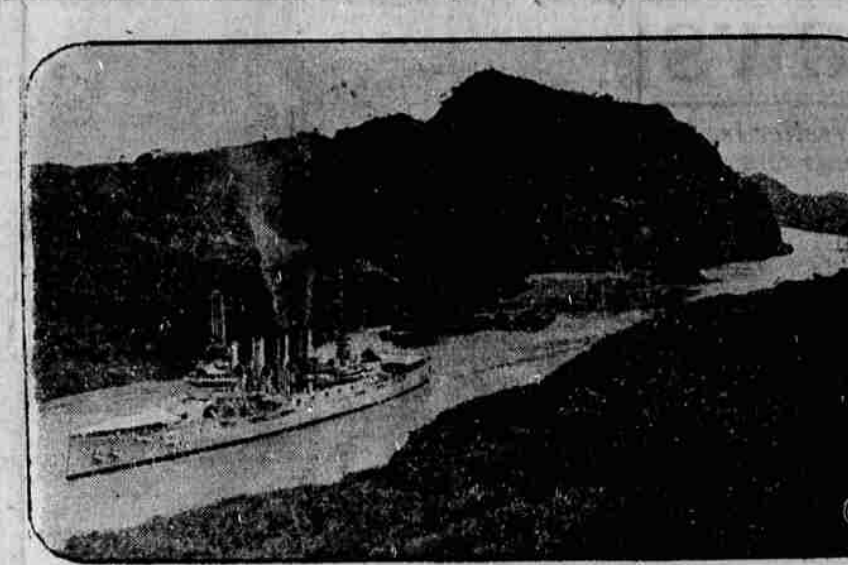
COVE, Ore., Oct. 28 (Special).—The Cove club boys and girls are sending some of their best stock to the Pacific International Livestock exposition to be held in Portland, beginning today after a day in the former city. In order that the royal party might not need rest from their exertions the engineer stopped the train in a quiet region and held it until there was just sufficient time to arrive in Ottawa on schedule.

Another round of receptions and sight seeing was on the program to entertain the visitors from the time of their arrival in the Capital until nearly midnight. Since the transcontinental journey began in New York last Monday the royal humanism as the train is known, has traveled more than 1,100 miles. A speedometer on board shows that at times a speed of nearly 70 miles has been attained to keep the special on schedule time.

Prince Nicholas during the eight years he has served in the

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ONE OF UNCLE SAM'S WATCH DOGS OF THE SEA



The armored cruiser Seattle, carrying Admiral Hughes, commander of the U. S. battle fleet, passes the Calcebra cut in the Panama canal on a tour of inspection. The Seattle took part in the maneuvers Oct. 27 in celebration of navy day.

Club Campaigns For Fish Bill; Reasons Given

Members of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club of Union county are conducting, as election time draws near, an active campaign to secure passage of a measure that would prohibit catching of salmon by fish-wheels, traps, seines and gill nets. The measure is called the fish-wheel, trap, seine and gill net bill on the ballot.

Club members assert that the state fish commission has asserted that the number of salmon coming to the headwaters each year to spawn are decreasing because of heavy commercial catches in the Columbia and other rivers. It is said that the situation is growing so acute that, unless some remedy is applied, there will not be enough salmon to supply either the commercial interests or the Oregon fishermen who play the streams with rod and line.

The Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club holds that, with the abolition of fish-wheels and similar contrivances used by commercial

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Congressional Seats Sought By Hundreds

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (AP)—Despite the avalanche of criticism aimed at congress in recent years, seats in that body still are eagerly sought.

This "off-year" campaign finds nearly 1100 men and women seeking the 472 places to be filled in the seventy-third congress—435 in the house and 37 in the senate.

Almost the entire house membership—396 to be exact—is trying to stage a comeback, while 25 senators would succeed themselves. Of the house members seeking reelection, 221 are republicans; 170 democrats; three farmers and two socialists.

In one state—Illinois—there are 10 candidates for a single senate seat, while the total number offering for the 37 senate vacancies to be filled next Tuesday exceed 110.

There are 923 candidates for the house, the democrats having nearly 400 in the field, with 64 of them unopposed, and the republicans having 372, of which 23 are without opposition.

Besides the major parties, the socialists have 78 offering for the house; the farmer laborers have 24; the prohibitionists 18 and the progressives 15.

ON BOARD QUEEN MARIE
TRAIN EN ROUTE TO OTTAWA, Oct. 28 (AP)—Queen Marie, of Rumania, and Princess Ileana and Prince Nicholas had a chance to secure a sound sleep last night far from the maddening crowd aboard the royal train bound from Montreal to Ottawa after a fatiguing day in the former city. In order that the royal party might not need rest from their exertions the engineer stopped the train in a quiet region and held it until there was just sufficient time to arrive in Ottawa on schedule.

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ADVERTISING IS LIFE OF TRADE

Pres. Coolidge Broadcasts Address Over Fifteen Radio Stations

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (AP)—Advertising in the life of trade, in the opinion of President Coolidge, adds extensively in the maintenance of the American scale of wages—the main support of the home market.

Addressing the annual banquet of the American association of Advertising Agencies here last night, the chief executive alluded to the nation's capacity for production and consumption through high wages, and "the greatest distribution of wealth that the world has ever seen."

His address was broadcast to an unseen audience of millions throughout the country by a chain of 15 radio stations extending by the Mississippi river.

Much of the success of the American industrial system, Coolidge said, can be attributed to advertising, which has developed mass demand, making possible mass production at reduced cost.

Must Create Demand
"In former days goods were expected to sell themselves," he continued. "Modern business could neither have been created nor can it be maintained on such a system. It is not enough that goods are made, a demand for them must also be made. It is on this foundation of enlarging production through the demands created by advertising that much of the success of the American industrial system rests. It will occur at once, that the conditions under which these results have been secured should be maintained. It is

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Louisiana Sinks After Collision

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 28 (AP)—The S. S. Louisiana sank outside South Pass early today after colliding with the S. S. Madison, officials of the Gulf and Southern S. S. company were informed.

The Louisiana, outbound for Miami and Key West, was struck by the Madison just outside the bar and sank a few minutes later. All members of the crew were reported safe although First Mate Adams of the Louisiana suffered a broken leg. The Madison was inbound from Tampa.

PORTLAND IS CHOSEN
OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 28 (AP)—The supreme council of the thirty-third degree Scottish masonry in annual convocation today voted to hold its 1928 meeting at Portland, Ore. The 1927 convention will be held at Washington, where it meets every odd year.

PRINCE DESERTS MARIE'S PARTY TO INSPECT RAILWAY SHOPS AND YARDS
Rumanian navy has lost his taste for official functions. He declares the sight of the silk hat and of formal attire displeases him. It was for this reason that in Montreal he cut his way out of the royal procession to the city hall and made for the railway shops and yards for an inspection of them.

After his period of "a. w. o. l." had ended the triumphant return to his mother and sister and participated in the afternoon's official honors.

DENIES RUMOR OF ILLNESS
BUCHAREST, Rumania, Oct. 28 (AP)—King Ferdinand's personal physician officially denies rumors that the king is in ill health.

Radio Message Sent By British To Planet Mars

LONDON, Oct. 28 (AP)—In return for a payment of 72 cents the British government has done its best to send a message to Mars.

Gravity was maintained by the officials of the central radio office last night when Dr. Mansfield Robinson handed in, with a business-like seriousness a message for Mars, some 33,600,000 miles distant and asked the rate.

The message was prefixed with three M's which Dr. Robinson said was the call for Mars. It was composed of two words "Goodnight, Secumbia." The receiving clerk asked what the language was and Dr. Robinson replied "no known language."

35 Cents a Word.
The message was accepted by the clerk for transmission by Great Britain's most powerful radio station, Hilmorton. The sender was charged the long distance ship rate, equivalent to 35 cents a word.

The clerk informed Dr. Robinson that he could not guarantee delivery and the doctor agreed to take the risk. It is not known whether the message reached its destination as no reply has been received. Dr. Robinson, who is versed in psychical research, claims he has previously had an "psychical communication with the Martians."

Provo, Utah, Woman Suicides by Fire

PROVO, Utah, Oct. 28 (AP)—Making a living torch of herself Mrs. Jennie Lind Young, 24, is a suicide today, protesting her innocence of the charges upon which her husband obtained a divorce two weeks ago. She leaves three children from three to eight years old.

The woman piled a heap of papers on the floor of her home, stood in the center and applied a match. The eldest child ran to a neighbors home "mama's sick; come quick." The neighbor found the woman enveloped in flames.

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359,236 VOTERS REGISTERED IN OREGON STATE

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 28 (AP)—The total registration of voters in Oregon for the general election of Nov. 2, is 359,236, according to a statement made public by Secretary of State Kozier.

Of the total registration the table shows 247,974 republicans, 94,808 democrats, 1,725 prohibitionists, 2,093 socialists and 12,636 of miscellaneous registration.

The vote in Oregon for presidential election in the election of Nov. 4, 1924, was 280,871.

Road House Burned By Illinois Gang
WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Oct. 28 (AP)—The smoldering feud between the Birger and Sholton gangs of Williamson county flared up again today when a band of some 15 men attacked "Shaw's garden" a road house frequented by Birger men, riddled four dilapidated frame buildings with machine gun fire and finding no one to fight back, burned them to the ground.

The resort is two miles south of here and eight miles north of Marion. It is generally believed to be owned by Charles Birger, gang leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. French, who live in a brick cottage about 100 yards from the roadhouse group, said the raiders came from the woods behind the resort and departed the same way, having no autos.

BENTON, Ill., Oct. 28 (AP)—Franklin county officials today served notice on the Sholton brothers gang, engaged in warfare with the Birger faction that they must leave the county at once and not return. The Sholton gangsters immediately left their home near West City and went toward the Williamson county line.

P. E. P. DENIES GIVING FUND TO OREGONIAN

Clark Says Firm Never Donated \$35,000 to Fight Stanfield

ARIZONA INQUIRY ORDERED BY REED

Senator McNary Doubtful If He Can Conduct Southern Quiz—Urges King Be Sent.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 28 (AP)—Senator Charles L. McNary announced at the conclusion of his investigation here today in Oregon senatorial campaign funds that he would examine James L. Stone, vice president of the Spokane Gas and Fuel company, in Spokane tomorrow while he stopped off between trains on his way east.

Senator McNary said he would leave Portland tonight for Chicago where he would meet Senator Reed, chairman of the senate campaign investigation and would confer with members of the republican senatorial committee.

Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Electric Power company in a statement declared unqualifiedly false the charge that he had given the Portland Oregonian \$35,000 for opposition to Senator Stanfield.

He denied emphatically that Edgar B. Piper, editor of the Oregonian, or any one connected with the Oregonian had ever solicited from him any contribution for use in the Oregonian campaign or for any political purpose at any time.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 28 (AP)—Charles M. Clark, of Philadelphia, chairman of the executive committee of the Portland Electric Power company, denied before Senator Charles L. McNary today that he had made any campaign contributions in Oregon.

He specifically denied the charge that his company had given \$35,000 for use in opposition to Senator Robert N. Stanfield. He said the first he had heard of the matter was when he was notified at Chico, Cal., that the charge had been made in a telegram to Senator Reed of the senate campaign funds committee from George Putnam, Salem publisher. It was this telegram that precipitated the present investigation by Senator McNary, member of the senate committee.

Clark declared the Portland Electric Power company was an independent organization and that there was no "parent organization in the east."

Senator McNary announced he had received a telegram from Spokane saying that James L. Stone was away from Spokane yesterday but was expected back today. Stone was mentioned in yesterday's session of the hearing as having told of contributions made to the campaign fund of Frederick Steiwer.

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