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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Rain west, settled in east portion tonight and Tuesday. Slightly warmer tonight.

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JACK STURM
IS MURDERED;
O'HARA HELDPrisoner Lays Blame for
Fatal Act on "Too
Much Whiskey"SHOTGUN CHARGE
RIDDLES STOMACHWounded Man Dies After
Reaching Hospital—In-
quest Will Be Held This
Evening.

Wanted for the alleged murder of Jack Sturm, 25-year-old logger who died at the Grande Ronde hospital Saturday afternoon about an hour after he was brought in from the Osburn camp, 12 miles south-west of La Grande, with great holes torn through his stomach, obviously by discharges from a shotgun, Charlie O'Hara, 55, was taken by officers at 7 p. m. Sunday at the Harry Rippey camp, where he called to return the gun and get supper, after eluding his captors for 32 hours.

"Too much whiskey," was all the explanation the trembling prisoner could give the sheriff, when he was questioned at the county jail last night and this morning. He is being held on open charge for the present.

No Quarrel
There was no quarrel between him and young Sturm at the time, he said. He had borrowed the gun at Rippey's to shoot grouse. Coming back past the Osburn camp where he and his victim had been working, he saw three fellow workmen. Sturm, his cousin, William Sturm, and another fellow known as Mack.

From that point, his memory is hazy. But he has some recollection that Sturm stepped toward him, and he raised his gun.

Escaped Into Woods
Armed with the shotgun, and apparently mad with whiskey, O'Hara escaped into the timber without being stopped by the witnesses, who gave all their attention to young Sturm. An ambulance called from La Grande carried the wounded man to the hospital, where he died with only flashes of consciousness.

The body was taken to Paradise today by the decedent's parents Mr. and Mrs. William Sturm. Funeral services were to be held there this afternoon. A brother, William, and a sister, Mrs. Arlie Benson, both of Paradise, and a half-brother, Harry Miller, of Porterville, Cal., survive besides the parents.

Inquest Tonight
Dr. F. L. Halston, coroner, has called an inquest for this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Snoo-grass chapel. O'Hara and the men who are said to have witnessed the tragedy are to testify.

While the sheriff, his deputies

150,000 SEALS
RECEIVED HERE
FOR CHRISTMAS

Women in charge of the Christmas Seal sale for La Grande and Union county have already started work on this year's sale to be conducted all over the United States during the Christmas holidays.

One hundred and fifty thousand seals have been received by the county chairman here, Mrs. Floyd McKennon, to be disposed of in La Grande, Elgin, Union and other places in the county.

Mrs. Evelyn Hearnshaw, city chairman, has started her organization to working and expects the sale to go over better this year than ever before.

To know that Eastern Oregon is going to have a tuberculosis hospital will probably add to the interest of the sale this year.

12,000
PEOPLE
DOWN TOWN

If a business man in La Grande could have seen that 12,000 people were going to be down town every day, passing by his store or shop, his advertising problem would be only of window display.

But twelve thousand people do not visit La Grande's business district every day—they come only when they have something to buy, business to transact. They do, however, maintain daily contact with progressive business men through The Observer's advertising columns.

It is just as beneficial and far more economical for both customer and merchant. The benefit is due to high reader interest of The Observer—the economy is due to low reader-cost.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Clyde Bloom Is
Under Arrest on
Liquor ChargeRaid on Jackson Avenue
Home Results in Find-
ing of Moonshine, Offi-
cers Say.

Clyde Bloom, arraigned before Justice Hugh E. Brady at 9 o'clock this morning on a charge of unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor, was given until 9:30 a. m. Tuesday to prepare his plea, and admitted to bail in the sum of \$250.

Bloom was arrested Sunday evening at his home on Jackson avenue by State Officer George M. Hickey, assisted by members of the city police force. A gallon of moonshine, they allege, was found in his possession.

Glanspy Rearrested
M. M. Glanspy, rearrested on a charge of setting up and operating a still in the Sand Ridge country, waived preliminary hearing and was ordered to answer to the grand jury for investigation, and additional bonds set at \$500 in Judge Brady's court Saturday afternoon. He was already under bonds of \$750 for possession of mash. Glanspy procured the additional security and was released.

R. E. Conrad, of Union, paid a fine of five dollars and costs in the justice court Saturday afternoon for driving a wagon on the highway at night without a lighted lantern.

CONCERT DATE IS
AGAIN CHANGEDMrs. Paul Pollman, Baker
Contralto, Will Sing
Here Nov. 15

Since it is not the policy of the Neighborhood club to book its musical events in conflict with attractions of a similar nature, Mrs. Robert S. Eakin, president, and the committee in charge of the benefit concert—when they learned that "The Bohemian Girl" is to be presented here Tuesday evening, Nov. 16, the date they had chosen immediately moved to advance their production to Monday evening, Nov. 15.

On that date, Mrs. Paul Pollman, Baker contralto of widely appreciated musicianship, will sing a program of classic numbers, assisted by Mrs. J. A. Tedford, La Grande organist, Miss Colleen Foster, of Baker, will play Mrs. Pollman's piano accompaniments. The concert will be given in the auditorium of the First Presbyterian church, beginning at 8:15 o'clock.

Benefit Concert
All proceeds from this musical venture will be applied on the Neighborhood club's share in the permanent endowment of a free bed in the new Doernbecher Memorial hospital for children that has recently been completed at Portland.

Toward this humanitarian end, the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs at its convention in 1925 voted a pledge of \$20,000. Every club in the federation has been asked to regard the fund as an opportunity for service to the disabled, crippled and otherwise disabled children of Oregon.

Children less than 16 years of age, suffering from any malady capable of cure or improvement, and whose parents are not financially able to secure such treatment, may be committed by their county judges to the University of Oregon medical school for proper care. And the medical school will give all the medical and surgical attention free.

Hospital Aids Children
Sick children require special hospital facilities, special nursing and feeding, and in fact special service in every way. That is where the Doernbecher hospital serves.

The \$200,000 given to the university by the Doernbecher heirs provides suitable building, accommodating 74 patients. Children of parents in all circumstances will be treated. The women's clubs are undertaking to insure a free bed available at all times to some child whose parents are unable to finance his hospital fees.

Applications already show that 85 per cent are from outside Multnomah county.

The hospital provides also for instruction to mothers and others responsible for the care of children that they may be better able to carry on in the home after the child has been dismissed from the hospital.

To Close Stores
On Armistice Day

In keeping with the usual custom, business houses in La Grande will be closed on Nov. 11, Armistice day. The same plan will be in force in Pendleton, Baker and other Eastern Oregon cities.

The Observer will issue an early paper that day.

RESIGNATION
OF MINISTER
IS PRESENTEDThe Rev. W. C. Ross Ex-
pects to Leave La
Grande PastorateRECEIVES CALL
FROM BOISE, IDA.Four and One-Half Years
Service in Presbyterian
Church Here Results
in Promotion.

The resignation of the Rev. William Crosby Ross as pastor of the First Presbyterian church in order that he may accept an urgent call to the pulpit of the First church of his denomination at Boise was filed with the clerk of the session here at the close of divine worship Sunday morning. A congregational meeting to act on the resignation has been called for Nov. 14, to be followed probably with another meeting after a period of 10 days.

"It is a matter of keen regret that this resignation is presented," Mr. Ross wrote his people, "for we have enjoyed our life and leadership in this church during these past years. However the challenge to service in the Master's kingdom and the opportunities presented in the new field compel me to make this decision."

Goes to Largest Parish.
The call takes Mr. Ross to the largest parish in the synod of Idaho. It is located in the capital city, and has many influential citizens within its membership, he says.

His going will terminate four and a half years of leadership in the church and community here.

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Vote Canvass Is
Made; Kiddle Wins

The official canvass of the vote in Union county is now under way under the supervision of County Clerk Kenneth McCormick. The contest between Fred E. Kiddle, and Senator H. J. Taylor has been checked and the figures prepared by The Observer were found to be only one vote off. The final for Union county was Kiddle, 2,693, Taylor 1,691, giving Kiddle a majority of 42 in the three counties. Franklin Zurbick, L. L. McKennon and a representative of Senator Taylor are assisting McCormick.

Car Is Driven
32.6 Miles on
Gallon of Gas

Paul Knausz won first prize in Saturday's Ford gasoline mileage contest, conducted by the Perkins Motor company here. Mr. Knausz traveled 32.6 miles on one gallon of gasoline. Seventeen cars were driven in the contest. His prize was a set of front and rear Ford bumpers.

Sam Moore traveled 30.5 miles and received second prize—a speedometer—and Paul Zaugg won the third prize, an automatic windshield wiper. His mileage was 29.15. Mrs. Charles Gump was fourth in the contest with 26.1. The three prize winners and Mrs. Gump were all driving roadsters—stock cars with no special gasoline saving devices.

Every car was thoroughly checked by the judges, H. H. Hutton, W. C. Crow and H. E. Matthews, who also selected the route, before the contest started. Each car was to go to Union and back and then turn on the Island City highway. Mr. Knausz was the only one to get that far, however. He stopped just at the turn going into Island City. The other cars all stopped before reaching La Grande from Union.

The average for all 17 entries was 26.57 miles.

I. O. O. F. Officials
Due Here Tonight

Word has been received from the Odd Fellows lodges of Elgin, Esterville and Union that they will be here for the meeting of Star encampment tonight, when two state officials, Brig. Gen. Wadsworth, of Harrisburg, Ore., and Department Adjutant Beckwith, of Portland, will be present.

The purpose of the visit of the two officials is to institute a canon in La Grande, which is the patriarchal militant branch of the I. O. O. F. lodge. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Besides talks by the visitors the committee in charge has arranged for a program and refreshments.

Gen. Wadsworth and Adjutant Beckwith are making a tour of Eastern Oregon and visiting the various lodges.

Tigers to Meet
Bucks and Union
Nov. 11 and 13Captain Smutz Injured—
Rest of Team in Pink
of Condition, MacKen-
zie Reports.

News that Captain Smutz yesterday suffered an injury to his knee that will put him out of the game at least for the rest of this week somewhat gloomed the atmosphere for Coach Ian V. MacKenzie's squad this morning, as they prepared for two of the most critical remaining contests of the conference season.

In both the game at Pendleton Armistice day, and the one at Union Saturday, absence of Smutz—generally looked upon as the best tackle in Eastern Oregon—will leave a big hole to be filled, the coach said this morning.

Smutz in Bed
The captain is in bed and under a physician's care, his knee badly cut from a wire with which he struck himself while he was driving calves last evening after dark. No complications are expected, but for the present the wound is being carefully watched.

As for the rest of the squad, every man is in good condition, after the 17 days rest since the Baker game. A recess so long, the coach remarks, that getting back into action Thursday will be much like starting an entire new season.

"Pendleton will find us in fighting spirits, but we are going to need every bit of backing we can get from the home rooters if we win the two games this week," MacKenzie declared.

Pendleton Preparing
The Round-Up city team is undeterred to be planning every play with La Grande's strength and weakness in mind. With confidence in its coach an exceptionally strong fullback and a line that outweighs the La Grande eleven by a good many pounds the Pendleton gridgers are expected to have a good dish of fight waiting for the Tigers when they arrive over there at 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

Coach MacKenzie plans to take an able substitute for every man

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American Legion
Making Plans for
Midnight Matinee

Preliminary plans have already started for a Midnight Matinee—the first to be staged in La Grande—which will be given by the American Legion on New Year's eve. The Arcade Theater has been donated by Meyers and Bowen, managers, for the event.

As outlined at present the show will begin at 11:30 o'clock allowing people to attend other parties and dances during the early part of the evening. The program will consist of amateur vaudeville stunts, with local people taking part.

Although a program of this kind is new to La Grande, it has been successful in larger cities.

Dr. Ray Murphy is chairman in charge of the matinee and the committee will meet at regular intervals from now until New Year's to arrange for the show. Other members of the committee are: J. D. Meyers, Dr. F. L. Halston, Harry H. Richardson, Hugh E. Brady, F. H. Appleby and H. F. Matthews.

Proceeds from the matinee will be added to the convention fund.

300 DEAD IN
PHILIPPINES
AFTER STORMTyphoon, Tidal Wave and
Floods Ravage Four
ProvincesFULL EXTENT OF
DAMAGE UNKNOWNRed Cross Rushing Sup-
plies to Stricken Dis-
tricts—Legislature Do-
nates \$25,000.

MANILA, Nov. 8. (AP)—The estimated number of dead in Southern Luzon as the result of Saturday's typhoon, tidal wave and floods reached 300 today.

Incomplete reports indicate the property damage will run into millions of dollars. Telephone wires still are down and the full extent of destruction and death is not yet known.

Latest reports show that the disturbances were felt in the provinces of Batangas, Cavite, Laguna and Tayabas. Batangas was hardest hit, with approximately 200 dead.

The weather bureau says the ty-

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40 AND 8 CHIEF
IS COMING HERECharles A. Mills, of Mia-
mi, Fla., Accepts Local
Invitation

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 8.—"The man with the Oregon gang in La Grande next July or break a leg," was the enthusiastic telegram received by Arthur A. Murphy, department commander of the American Legion, from Charles A. Mills, of Miami, Fla., chief de chemin de fer of La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux—which in United States means the president of the sunshine society of the legion.

Mr. Mills received an invitation from the department executive committee as soon as the dates for the La Grande meeting were fixed at July 21-22-23, as he had promised the Oregon delegation to the national convention at Philadelphia that he would come west for the grand promenade and "wreck" of the Oregon salute. He notified in time of the meeting dates. His election to his present office was due in part to the support accorded his candidacy by the Oregon men.

Dr. Phy to Preside
At Forum Luncheon

Dr. W. T. Phy, president of the Union county chamber of commerce, will preside at the forum luncheon Tuesday noon at the Summer hotel, when state, county and district officers meet with the guests of the organization. No long speeches will be given, the program committee announces, but the body of P. A. Nordstrom, 36, a bookkeeper was found in his room. A man let had been kicked over the railing of the place.

She was questioned also concerning her movements about the train in Seattle Saturday night after Samuel Hill, millionaire builder of the Mayrhil museum dedicated by Marie last week, had left the train following a dispute with Major Washburn over the question of authority.

Portland Deaths
Are Unexplained

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 8. (AP)—Two unexplained deaths—ones apparently a case of manslaughter, the other either suicide or accident—were reported to police today.

W. C. LeRoy, 46-year-old car checker, died in a hospital of a brain hemorrhage which was probably due to a knockout blow that an unidentified man landed on his chin Friday in what appeared to be an entirely unprovoked attack.

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Eleven Convicts
Escape in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 8. (AP)—Nine of eleven Ohio penitentiary convicts who eluded and shot their way through the main gate of the institution today were captured after a fight with Columbus police in a cornfield between Rome and Galloway, 15 miles southwest of here, two hours after the spectacular delivery.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 8. (AP)—Eleven Ohio penitentiary convicts shot their way to freedom through the main gate of the institution today, injuring two guards and warden P. E. Thomas' secretary.

Here are two of the principal figures in the forthcoming murder trial of the Rev. J. Frank Norris, famous evangelist of Fort Worth, who is accused of killing D. E. Chapin, lumberman. Norris and Carl Glaze, 12, state "mystery witness," are pictured above.

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2 MORE SHOT
TO DEATH IN
HERRIN AREAMayor and Friend Rid-
dled with Bullets from
Machine GunBIRGER GANG IS
UNDER SUSPICIONSlaying occurs at Colp-
Police Chief, Caught in
Death Trap Is Wound-
ed in Hand.

HERRIN, Ill., Nov. 8. (AP)—Strike town Williamson county today added two more victims to its long list of violent deaths, and hoped that inquiry of a coroner's jury would reveal the identity of three outlaws of gunmen who Saturday night death with machine gun and rifle bullets to Mayor Jeff Stone, of Colp, and a pugilist friend, John Milroy.

Colp is a small town three miles west of here. Milroy was killed when he rushed to the assistance of Stone, lying mortally wounded in one of Colp's main streets after he had been led with Police Chief John Keith into a death trap. Keith was shot in the hand as he ran from the scene after the gunmen are reported to have shouted "We don't want you."

Birger Suspected
Rumors linked Charles Birger and his faction with the deaths. Reports were that Birger had sworn revenge against Stone, a recognized politician, for not supporting the republican ticket in last Tuesday's election.

Stone and Keith early Satur-

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More Trouble in
Sight on Queen
Marie's CarrierON BOARD QUEEN MARIE'S
TRAIN EN ROUTE GLACIER
NATIONAL PARK, Nov. 8. (AP)—Under surface tension gripped the personnel of Queen Marie's train as it sped through Montana today to Glacier national park. Excitement and speculation aroused by incidents marking the last few days' tour of Washington and Oregon and spread over the train from one end to the other, were heightened today by an experience that still other members of the mobile court are to be riding when the journey ends at Washington, D. C.

Interest was aroused upon conferences between Colonel John H. Carroll, official host to the queen and her special aide, Major Stanley Washburn and Miss May Birkhead, New York and Paris press agent for Marie's tour, former dancer and close friend of the queen. Miss Birkhead was questioned by Colonel Carroll concerning her statement to others aboard the train that the queen's lady in waiting, Madame Lahovary, is identified with a Bucharest political group not in sympathy with the present government.

She was questioned also concerning her movements about the train in Seattle Saturday night after Samuel Hill, millionaire builder of the Mayrhil museum dedicated by Marie last week, had left the train following a dispute with Major Washburn over the question of authority.

After the fire, which fatally burned Johnson's wife and three children, had died down, Collie was found where he had crawled some distance away, suffering burns which are expected to prove fatal.

Storm Cause of
Break in Service

One of the most serious storms in years, which occurred Saturday, was the cause of interruption in electric service on the B. O. L. & P. company mainline between Elgin and La Grande.

The peak of the storm, which passed through Alled, swept down four of the highline poles. Linemen were rushed to this job and then taken to Pumpkin Ridge where the primary line was partly dismantled. A pole had to be replaced at Island City also.

Men were at work constantly until the repairs were made.

12 Injured When
Train Is Derailed

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Nov. 8. (AP)—Twelve persons were injured at 8:30 o'clock this morning when passenger train No. 1, on the Western Maryland railroad from Boston to Hagerstown ran into an open switch at Fairmount and crashed into the rear of a freight train on a siding.

The three said to be most seriously injured are mail clerks. The passengers were not seriously hurt.

Light Velocity
Established by
A. A. MichelsonScientist Discovers Mis-
take of 36 Miles a Sec-
ond in Accepted Fig-
ure.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8. (AP)—Albert A. Michelson, famous physicist of the University of Chicago, once stated that if he were successful in establishing the accurate velocity of light he would deem that achievement sufficient for the career of one scientist.

Today he took to the National Academy of Science at Philadelphia an announcement that light travels at the rate of 299,796 kilometers a second.

The old rate, as used in close scientific research, had been established at 299,860 kilometers a second, or 646 kilometers more than that determined by the Chicago scientist and Nobel prize winner.

Travels 36 Miles Less.
In 1862, and the old 18,320 in indicating that Professor Michelson's newest discovery is that light travels 36 miles less per second than his previous best calculation.

Professor Michelson's measurement represents the result of a lifetime of research toward a goal that has engaged the attention of physicists for these centuries.

He spent all of last summer in the mountains of California, flashing a beam of light from Mount Wilson to Mount San Antonio and back, a total distance of 44 miles, using five different sets of revolving mirrors. Light beams were reflected across intervening space and through a channel of vacuum pipes and their speed calculated. Testing of the Einstein theory of relativity also was one of the chief objects of the experiments.

The old figure on light speed

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DOG SAVES TWO
FROM CREMATIONCollie Awakens Residents
of Fiery Farmhouse—
Four Die of Burns

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 8. (AP)—Three years ago Walter Ganser, dairy farmer, was given a forlorn little shepherd pup which a neighbor had found on a roadside.

Today, Collie, the once homeless waif, is dying, a blackened, mangled, blind and crazed animal, but he has paid his debt of gratitude to those who befriended him. Collie was a playmate of the children of James A. Johnson, tenant on the Ganser farm. Yesterday morning Johnson poured kerosene into a stove and when the liquid exploded and enveloped the Johnson home in flames the dog raced into the house. He pulled at the bedclothing of Mary Alice Johnson until she awoke and made her way outside. She was fatally burned in her dash for safety. Then the dog leaped into Mrs. Johnson's room and awoke the mother. She died in an attempt to rescue her two small children in another room.

Meanwhile, the dog ran outside again to the sleeping place of Arnold Hediger, another tenant. Hediger jumped to his feet as a howling, barking creature sank its teeth in his wrist and then was gone.

Willie Stephens was asleep in the rear of a truck. Into the truck went Collie and Stephens was brought to the ground by the frenzied animal.

After the fire, which fatally burned Johnson's wife and three children, had died down, Collie was found where he had crawled some distance away, suffering burns which are expected to prove fatal.

ASTRID GIVEN
WARM WELCOME
IN BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS, Nov. 8. (AP)—Princess Astrid of Sweden, bride of Crown Prince Leopold, today made her entry in Belgium as the land of which some day she may be queen.

The princess, accompanied by her husband who met her in Antwerp with other members of the royal family, was acclaimed with enthusiasm by great crowds which thronged daily decorated streets.

Brussels appeared to take her to its heart at first sight. Every balcony, window, doorway and curbstone was jammed with cheering Belgians.

When the royal party arrived at the central station, it was greeted by a delegation consisting of all the notable figures in Belgium's official life and then started for the royal palace.

Blasting Powder
Used by Suicide

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 8. (AP)—Selling off two sticks of blasting powder, William Ernest Robison, 22, killed himself last Saturday afternoon on a farm five miles from this city. Dependency is given as the reason for his act.

Robison was staying on the farm of A. H. Balfour to learn the dairy and poultry business, while clearing the farm of a friend. Members of the family state that they noticed his queer actions on Saturday but thought nothing of it. There was only one witness to the tragedy, Mrs. Mabel Selfert, who saw it from her house.

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