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OREGON — Increasing
cloudiness followed by rain
Thursday and in west por-
tion tonight. Slightly warm-
er tonight.

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FIRE WRECKS
GRANARY ON
NEARBY FARMW. E. McClure Suffers
Loss of More Than
\$3000 in NightOATS, RYE, WHEAT
RUINED BY BLAZEBlacksmith Shop, Con-
tents in Path of Flames
Believed Caused by Fly-
ing Spark.A midnight fire, believed to have
been caused by a spark from a pile
of rubbish which had been burning
Tuesday, destroyed the granary,
blacksmith shop and their contents,
including several hundred bushels
of oats, wheat and rye, at the W.
E. McClure farm three and a half
miles east of La Grande.McClure this morning declared
that the loss will run more than
\$3000. Of the burned property,
only the buildings were insured,
and these only for a small amount.The fire, which spread rapidly,
raged unchecked by human efforts
because of lack of facilities for
combating the flames. Prompt ac-
tion enabled the men to save a
wagon and binder, which were near
one of the burning buildings.In enumerating his losses, Mc-
Clure says he had about 300 to
400 bushels of oats, about the same
quantity of rye, and a smaller
amount of wheat in the granary,
all of which were destroyed.Farm Implements Lost.
Other contents included four
sets of harness, two practically
new, a wagon, a buggy, a mowing
machine, and several farm imple-
ments.McClure declares that the
smouldering rubbish had been ex-
amined before dark last night and
that at that time it was believed to
be of no menace. No other source for
the fire, however, is held possible
by him. Only a slight breeze was
blowing during the night but it
was sufficiently strong to carry a
spark to the buildings, he said.
McClure's men were in the build-
ing before dark but no one was
smoking nor was any likely cause
of the fire discovered by them.OFFICERS ARE
INSTALLED AT
REBEKAH MEETA district convention of the
Rebekah lodge was held at Union
yesterday afternoon and evening
with representatives from every
lodge in the district—Elgin, Cove,
Union, Summerville and La Grande
in attendance.A feature of the meeting was
the official visit of the state presi-
dent of the Rebekah assembly,
Miss Dora Sexton, of The Dalles,
to the lodges of Union county.During the afternoon session of-
ficers for next year's convention,
which will be held at Summerville,
were elected. Mrs. Pearl Wagoner,
of Summerville, is chairman; Mrs.
Irene Conrad, of Summerville, sec-
retary; Mrs. Mattie Golden, of La
Grande, vice chairman; and Miss
Lydia Hug, of La Grande, treasur-
er.The officers were installed dur-
ing the evening meeting by the
state president.Dinner was served for the vis-
itors at 6:30 o'clock at the K. P.
hall, and in the evening the Union
drill team initiated three candi-
dates.Twenty-nine members of the La
Grande lodge attended the after-
noon meeting and in the evening
about 50 from here were present.WOMAN SHOTS HUSBY
KILLED A. F. McCREE—Mrs. Margaret McCree shot and
killed A. F. McCree, her husband,
while he was packing a suitcase to
leave their home here today. They
had lived together 22 years.Get rid of the one and you
have the other. Good clothes
that have been discarded, good
furniture that has been replaced
by something else, good ma-
chinery or material that is no
longer used—these are the
things you can turn into cash
by using Observer Want Ads.
You'll find a quick and eager
buyer for the things you need
no more. The cost is small—
yet your message is daily put
before over 12,000 people in the
La Grande territory. Bring your
copy in or phone, if you prefer."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"Enterprise Is
Preparing for
Two-Day ShootBuffalo Barbecue Will Be
Saturday Night Fea-
ture—Main Shoot Due
on Sunday.Enterprise sportsmen are mak-
ing final arrangements this week
for a big shoot and buffalo bar-
becue Saturday and Sunday, an
event that will be among the
largest of its kind in Oregon this
year.The affair is under the auspices
of the Enterprise Gun club and
the general committee in charge,
consisting of R. E. Silvers, H.
McClulloch, G. E. Skaggs, H. M.
Duflos, George Rogers, D. H.
Reavis, N. J. Billings, A. R.
Thompson and Asa Eggeson.
Bruce Cox, Ben Weathers and W.
G. Belth are serving as an enter-
tainment committee.The Saturday program will be-
gin at 3:30 o'clock with a turkey
and practice shoot.Buffalo Barbecue
Saturday night a buffalo bar-
becue will be held at 8 o'clock, with
Ben Weathers as toastmaster. The
menu follows: olives, celery, pic-
nics, combination salad, grilled
Wallowa lake yanks, barbecued
buffalo, venison steak, hunter's
style, roast wild duck and goose,
brown potatoes, green peas,
jelly, pumpkin pie, apple pie, cof-
fee, tea and milk.The buffalo is being shipped to
Enterprise from the national blue-
rangers at Moses, Mont., through
the cooperation and courtesy of
the national forest service.E. F. Averill, state game warden,
and members of the state
game commission, along with sev-
eral Oregon legislators, will be
guests of honor.Sunday's Program
Sunday's program begins at 9:30
a. m., with the regular money
shoot. Special prizes include \$20
for high run, \$20 for high gun,
and a prize will also be given for
low gun. The club reserves the
right to handicap any shooter on
his known ability. A. T. A. rules
will govern the event.Luncheon will be served on the
grounds and several brands of am-
munition will also be on sale.Out-of-town guests may make
reservations for the Saturday night
banquet by calling or writing E.
D. McCulloch, of Enterprise, Presi-
dent and secretary of any rod
and game club will be honored
guests at the banquet.Indications are that a large
number of La Grande sportsmen
will be in attendance.Imbler P.-T. A. in
Favor of Placing
New School HereFrom the Imbler Parent-
Teacher association, a resolution
was dispatched to the board of re-
gents of the Oregon normal schools
last evening recommending La
Grande as the logical location for
the Eastern Oregon institution.Signed by the president, Mrs.
Stella Huron and the secretary,
Miss Leona Rosewall, the resolu-
tion takes this form:
"Whereas, the Imbler Parent-
Teacher association is intensely in-
terested in the location and wel-
fare of the new Eastern Oregon
normal school, and
"Whereas, the Imbler Parent-
Grande, due to its geographical lo-
cation, its morals and churches, its
transportation facilities, its cli-
matic and health conditions, the
density of population in the territory
served by it, the fact of its having
the largest school enrollment of
any city in Eastern Oregon, to-
gether with many other advan-
tages, is the most logical city in
which to establish this new insti-
tution.Now therefore be it resolved,
that we, the Imbler Parent-
Teacher association, do hereby earnestly
request your honorable body to
establish the Eastern Oregon Nor-
mal school in the city of La
Grande.Walla Walla Road
Will Be DiscussedFor the consideration of the re-
spective merits of the two proposed
highways to Walla Walla—one over
what is known as the old Thomas
Ruckles road, and the other by the
toll-gate route—a meeting of the
good roads committee of the cham-
ber of commerce has been called
for Saturday evening at the sec-
retary's office.Representatives from groups sup-
porting both routes, including the
forestry officials, the Jolly Pipers
and residents of Imbler and Sum-
merville, have been invited to bring
information before the committee.

BREAKS LEG AFTER BATH

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 17 (AP)—
Shipping as she was climbing out
of a bath tub at her home last
night, Mrs. Harriett Rundlett, 89,
fractured both of her legs. She
was in a serious condition today
at a hospital.BUS BILL TO
BE IN FORCE
AFTER DEC. 1Plans for Administration
of New Statute Are
Well Under WaySHIPPERS GIVEN
MORE PROTECTIONInsurance Requirements
Stringent—Each Car-
rier Must Pay An An-
nual Fee.SALEM, Ore., Nov. 17 (AP)—
Plans for the administration of the
new truck and bus bill are well
under way and the public service
commission expects to have the
act in full operation by Dec. 1.
This bill became effective at the
close of the polls Nov. 2.This act provides for the super-
vision and regulation of all motor
carriers engaged in the transpor-
tation of persons and property for
compensation over the highways
of the state and applies to Inter-
state as well as intrastate opera-
tions.The law automatically grants
permits to all those who held per-
mits under the old act without
further application.The new law contemplates more
stringent insurance requirements
and offers greater protection to
the shippers. The commission ex-
pects to hold a conference with
the insurance men throughout the
state for the purpose of drafting a
satisfactory uniform endorsement
to be attached to insurance policies
that will meet the requirements of
the law.Must Pay Annual Fee
Each motor carrier subject to
the act will be required to pay an
annual fee payable on a monthly
basis on the capacity of the ve-
hicle operated and number of
miles traveled. For passengers
carrying vehicles this fee is on a
basis of 1/4 mill per passenger
mile. For example a 20-passenger
van would be required to pay \$1.50
for each 100 miles of travel. The
basis for computing the fee for

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TO ILLUMINATE
AIRMAIL ROUTELieut. Alvin W. Smith
Here Arranging for
InstallationLights for the illumination of
the airmail route from La Grande
to Pasco have arrived, and Lieut.
Alvin W. Smith, extension superin-
tendent of the bureau of light-
houses of the United States de-
partment of commerce, is here to
oversee their installation. The
Mitchell & Peterson company, of
Cheyenne, Wyo., have been award-
ed the contract.The fixtures include one large
revolving electric beacon, to be
mounted on a 51-foot tower on
Coyote hill, five miles south of
North Powder, and 20 automatic
blinker gas lights to be placed at
intervals of four miles beneath the
route from here to Pasco.Gas Lights Temporary
Lieutenant Smith explains that
the gas lights are an emergency
measure, since the electric lights
with which they will later be re-
placed could not be furnished and
installed in time to serve during
the winter. The gas fixtures are
about seven feet high, and re-
semble the intersection traffic
signal shafts put out by the same
makers, the American Gas Acqui-
sition company, of Elizabeth, N. J.Each is equipped with two tanks
holding 225 cubic feet of gas—
enough to last over six months
period.Lieutenant Smith arrived here
last evening from Chicago, inter-
rupting for a time his survey for
the lighting of the Northwest air-
mail route from St. Paul to Chi-
cago. He spent today procuring
permission from property owners
for the installation of the lights in
this district.The illumination of the Reynolds
emergency field awaits the pro-
vision of electrical equipment, he
said.County Council
Meets at ElginWith officers present from La
Grande, Union, North Powder,
Cove and Elgin, the County Coun-
cil of Commerce Chambers met at
Elgin last evening for a general
discussion of affairs concerning
county welfare. W. W. Binford,
president of the Elgin club, pre-
sided over the meeting.The economic conference, which
the granges have been invited to
direct this year, and the promotion
of the county fair at Elgin were
the principal topics considered.FOUNDER OF
DAVID HOUSE
IS ARRESTEDBenjamin Purnell, Miss-
ing Many Years, Dis-
covered at "Shiloh"MANY CHARGES ON
FILE AGAINST HIMGovernment Declares He
Set Up Kingdom, De-
claring Members with
Offer of Immortality.BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Nov.
17 (AP)—"King" Benjamin Purnell,
founder and leader of the House of
David, arrested today on warrants charging
assault upon two former girl mem-
bers of his colony and who was re-
leased a few hours later under \$50,-
000 bond, was arrested this after-
noon when Circuit Judge Charles
E. White ruled that the bond was
worthless.BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Nov.
17 (AP)—Benjamin Purnell, aged
founder and leader of the House of
David, arrested today inside the
colony after a world-wide search
of more than three years, was
released on \$50,000 bail today
when arraigned in justice court on
several statutory charges brought
by two former girl members of the
sect.The bond was signed by Edith
Meldrum and Frank Rosetta,
House of David members. It was
secured by the colony's \$150,000
hotel-building in Benton Harbor,
which during the night was decided
by county officials to Miss Meldrum
and Rosetta.Four men members and three
women, arrested in the state police
raid on the colony last night and
charged with obstructing justice
were also released under bond.
Purnell's examination was set for
Dec. 22."King Ben," who built the col-
ony from a scattered membership
to a community of nearly 1,000
men and women, was carried into
the court of Justice Elizabeth For-
gan by four hooded members of
the sect. A cane in his hand shook
viciously. He remained silent dur-
ing the short court proceedings.
Missing since 1922 when war-

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Ptomaine Poison
Theory is ScoffedPORT ANGELES, Wash., Nov.
17 (AP)—A theory that Mrs. Ray
Moore died of ptomaine poison in-
stead of strychnine was presented
today by John P. Dore, of Seattle,
counsel for Dr. Paul D. Moore, on
trial as murderer of the woman,
his wife.Examining Dr. P. C. West, a
physician of Seattle, who made a
post mortem on the body of Mrs.
Moore after it was removed from
her grave at Reagin, Wash., Dore
asked if he had ever read of cook-
ing a chicken named Cheney.
Cheney's book said that in a murder
trial in Italy crystals taken to be
strychnine had been proved ptomaine.
This discovery was made after the
trial.West replied that no ptomaine
would have killed a guinea pig in
40 minutes as he found material
taken from Mrs. Moore's body did.DESPERATE BATTLE
FOUGHT AT SEA BY
BANDITS AND BRITISHHONGKONG, Nov. 17 (AP)—
Twelve pirates were killed, one
was drowned and nine captured in
a desperate battle on the decks of
the British steamer Sunning and a
subsequent pursuit of the fleeing
buccaners, 80 miles off Hong-
kong, it was learned here today
when the ship, badly gutted by
fire and bearing gruesome marks
of the encounter, was towed into
port under guard.As the captured pirates were
rushed to jail, officers of the ship
told the story of the fight.When the watch was being
changed late Monday afternoon,
40 pirates rushed the main, over-
powering nearly 100 officers at the
point of revolvers and taking con-
trol of the ship by putting two of
their number on the bridge.Chief Officer T. P. Beatty and
Second Officer J. W. Hurst, who
had been held at bay by the pi-
rates, finally located two revolvers
and 150 rounds of ammunition and
at midnight decided to attempt to
regain control of the ship.Officers Recapture Ship
Brandishing their guns, they
rushed the bridge. The two pi-
rates on the bridge were moved
down by the officers and left ap-
parently lifeless. This put the of-
ficers in control of the ship's
workings.Shortly afterwards one of the
"lifeless" buccaners revived and
fired point blank at him but mis-
ed. The butt of a carbine, snatch-
ed from the deck by one of the
defenders, laid him out again.Then another pirate rushed the
bridge. A revolver duel ensued at
close range and he fell dead.The remaining buccaners, see-
ing their plans going down to de-
feat because of the pluck of the
British seamen, then seized G.
Cormack chief engineer of the Sun-
ning and using him for a shield,rushed the steps of the bridge in
a body.Here the two defenders turned
loosed their deadliest fire and
eleven pirates were slain. Cormack
was wounded in the chest and leg.
Realizing their efforts to retake
possession of the ship was futile,
the boarders then fired the first
class accommodations of the ship,
hoping to make the bridge too hot
for the officers. But the wind
carried the flames aft and away
from the control, incinerating the
dead and dying pirates and making
it impossible to resume their at-
tack on Beatty and Hurst.The flames then attracted the
British cruiser Bluebell and other
vessels. Meanwhile the beaten at-
tackers launched two lifeboats and
disappeared in the darkness, taking
with them H. W. Lapsley, an em-
ployee of the Eastern Extension
service.A heavy sea was running. A
woman passenger whose name was
not given, was put off in a life-
boat by the third officer, who
feared for her safety. This boat
later was picked up by the Nor-
wegian steamer Revenjeld.Bluebell Arrives
The Bluebell arrived alongside
and put a naval guard aboard, set-
ting out then in pursuit of the two
hundreds of pirates. One boat,
containing ten of them was sighted.
On being overtaken one of the
murmured overboard and was
them jumped overboard and was
captive.The British steamer Solying
learning of the Sunning's distress,
altered her course and came to the
rescue. By that time the fire had
been subdued.Last night a tug from Hongkong
arrived and took her in tow.The Sunning, a ship of about
2500 tons, was on its way here
from Amoy.50 Arrested by
Federal Agents
In CaliforniaSAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17 (AP)—
Approximately 50 persons are
under arrest in Los Angeles on
several warrants obtained by the
government in its concerted drive
against an alleged American-Can-
adian liquor smuggling combine.
It was announced here today by
special agent of the government,
who have returned here from a
survey in the southern city.Turkey Day Dinner
Costs \$173,000,000CHICAGO, Nov. 17 (AP)—
America's Thanksgiving dinner
will cost about \$173,000,000, it
was estimated today by Miss
Marie K. Johnson of the better
health bureau here, some \$79,-
000,000 more than it did last
fall.With the principal dish
threatening to sell at six or
seven cents more a pound than
a year ago, a \$12,320,000 bill
for potatoes and one of \$3,-
200,000 for the pumpkin in
pumpkin pies, she reckoned
the cost of the turkey and all
the trimmings will average
\$6.40 a family.

THE COOLIDGES IN KANSAS CITY

The largest crowd that President Coolidge ever addressed gathered to hear him when he visited
Kansas City, seated in their automobile.Brother Admits
Slaying Two in
Mystery TragedyGrievance Against Mother-
in-Law Responsible
for Killings in South
Dakota.SCOTLAND, S. D. Nov. 17 (AP)—
Walter Zwiefel, who has con-
fessed he shot to death his brother
and mother-in-law, in addition to
wounding three others with a
shotgun, was recovering today
from poison, self administered after
the shooting.Zwiefel had nursed a grievance
since last summer after Mrs. John
Gross, his mother-in-law, had told
his wife she would not inherit
any of her parent's property.Zwiefel declared in his confes-
sion that he obtained the shells
for his shotgun, drove in his auto
to the Gross farm and crept up to
the house.He saw Mrs. Gross outside, kill-
ed her, then shot through a win-
dow, apparently unaware that sev-
eral of his brothers were there.As the occupants darted out of
the house he opened fire in whole-
sale fashion. His brother, Robert,
20 years old, fell mortally wound-
ed.Another brother, Clarence, 14
years old, was wounded as he ran.
His condition is critical.Emmanuel Gross, brother-in-
law and one of his fabled enemies,
and Olive Gross, a sister-in-law
were also wounded. But are ex-
pected to recover.After the shooting ory, Zwiefel
returned to his home, drank poison
and went to bed, telling his wife
nothing of the affair. Failure of
Zwiefel to visit his relatives after
being told of the deaths prompted
inquiry by authorities. His con-
fession followed.Last night a tug from Hongkong
arrived and took her in tow.The Sunning, a ship of about
2500 tons, was on its way here
from Amoy.TAX SLASH PLAN
OUTLOOK GLOOMYOpposition of Democrats
Takes Rosy Tint from
Reduction HopesWASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—
The seemingly unalterable op-
position of leading democratic tax
experts to the administration's
proposal for a tax credit of next
year's income tax payments served
today to improve republican lead-
ership with a certain sense of hope-
lessness for the program."Permanent tax reduction or
nothing" was the ultimatum de-
livered by Representative Garner,
democrat, of Texas, flanking mi-
nority member of the house ways
and means committee, through
which all fiscal legislation must
pass. With general democratic
antagonism such as this, sponsors
of the plan see no rosy prospects
of putting it through in the short
session to begin Dec. 6.Madden Optimistic
One optimistic note was sound-
ed, however, by Chairman Mad-
den of the house appropriations
committee, who said he approved
Secretary Mellon's suggestions that
the proposed credit should be
raised from 12 1/2 per cent and
that he saw no reason why the
refund could not be made appli-
cable to payments due next March.Representative Garner has pro-
posed a program to cut the cor-
poration tax from 15 1/2 per cent
to 11 per cent and repeal all
"nuisance taxes" including the
levies on automobiles, admissions

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Eugene Woman Is
Killed in WreckEUGENE, Ore., Nov. 17 (AP)—
Mrs. Donald McDonald, promi-
nently known in Eugene social
circles, and wife of Donald Mc-
Donald, joint owner and former
manager of the McDonald and
Rex theaters, died here in a
Pacific Christian hospital just be-
fore noon today of injuries sus-
tained in an automobile accident
in the city when a car in which
they were riding collided with an-
other and upset.McDonald is in the Eugene hos-
pital, with a fractured skull, and
still unconscious from the acci-
dent. Hospital attendants said
that they did not expect him to
live.Eugene woman is scheduled for
Friday, it is said.The students claim to have been
disappointed with the actions of the
principal since the beginning of the
school year. The matter came to a
climax last week when a ruling
was made on the eligibility of Hy-
ron O'Connor, star football player.
Mr. Swan ruled that he was in-
eligible on residence technicality,
and the students staged a walkout.
O'Connor played the full game
against Salem on Armistice day,
however.Princess Ileana
In Auto AccidentCHICAGO, Nov. 17 (AP)—Prin-
cess Ileana, of Rumania, was in a
motor car accident today at Grant
Park, Illinois, when en route to
Indianapolis, but escaped injury.Her car collided with a light
truck at Grant Park.DANVILLE, Ill., Nov. 17 (AP)—
Princess Ileana, of Rumania,
was ordered taken to St. Eliza-
beth's hospital here by Dr. R. F.
Donovan, of Rossville, Ill., today
after he had inspected her condi-
tion following a collision between
her motor car and a truck.

—NEA, Kansas City Bureau.

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EAST COAST;
MUCH DAMAGEFour Deaths Result of a
72-Mile Wind; Many
Injuries ReportedCOLD WEATHER IN
WAKE OF STORMShipping Suffers—Baby
Blown to Death—Six
Miners Trapped by
Flood Waters.NEW YORK, Nov. 17 (AP)—
Moderately cold weather in eastern
states today followed a heavy rain
storm and a gale of 72 miles an
hour, which took a toll of four
lives, injured many and did con-
siderable damage.The gale affected the section
from West Virginia to Massachu-
setts. Six men were trapped in a
coal mine at Haxton, Pa., by the
overflow of a creek. A score of
small fishing craft were sunk off
Provincetown, Mass.Scores of persons were driven
from their homes by overflowing
rivers in Northern West Virginia
and flood waters throughout the
section hampered transportation
and communication.Coastal and river shipping sus-
tained considerable damage. A
British freighter at Marcus Rock,
below Philadelphia, dragged an-
chor and collided with an Italian
steamer, while a tug stranded on a
sand bar off Atlantic City was cap-
sized. Its crew being rescued by
coast guardsmen.In Asbury, N. J., a score of
workmen narrowly escaped death
when the wall of a theater under
construction was blown in. Build-
ings at the sesquicentennial ex-
position at Philadelphia were badly
damaged by wind and water.Camden, N. J., was flooded, water
standing 11 inches deep along the
waterfront.A baby was killed when blown
from a fire escape in Brooklyn. In
Westhaver, N. J., an errand boy
was killed when he came in con-
tact with an electric wire blown
down by the wind.A boy was dragged into the
Lackawanna river at Scranton, Pa.,
by a piece of drifted wood and
killed at Hartford, Conn., a painter
was killed by a falling flag pole.Wire communications were dis-
turbed.