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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled to-  
night and Friday, probably  
rain in the west portion.  
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ONE KILLED,  
3 INJURED IN  
AUTO WRECKHerbert Mires, Union  
Rancher, Suffocated  
Beneath CoupeHERMAN ROESCH  
TWO WOMEN HURTOfficer Believes Accident,  
Which Occurred Near  
North Powder, Caused  
by Fast Driving.

Herbert Mires, 43, Union rancher, was instantly killed, and his wife, Bessie Mires, Herman Roesch, La Grande restaurant proprietor, and Emma Stuckland, daughter of K. J. Stuckland, of Cove, were injured in an automobile wreck that occurred about 6:30 o'clock last night two miles this side of North Powder on the Old Oregon Trail highway.

According to reports received here the party was en route to Baker from La Grande to witness the "Bohemian Girl." One report was that the highway was slippery and the coupe, said to have been driven by Roesch, plunged off the road and turned over in an attempt to remain in the highway. Mires was pinned beneath the machine and suffocated.

State Traffic Officer E. E. Bert, who investigated the accident, reported this morning that there was no snow on the highway where the wreck occurred and gave as his opinion that fast driving was the cause.

One report is that the car skidded over to the left hand side of the highway and turned turtle to the right, not leaving the road. After the accident the car rested on its smashed and torn top, on the right side of the road, in correct position to continue the drive to the light opera.

Roesch Thrown Clear  
Roesch was thrown clear of the car. The two women were pinned under the machine, along with Mires, but were easily extricated.

Mrs. Mires' chest was bruised and she was cut on the head and the other woman suffered abrasions. Mrs. Mires is still at the hospital, but Miss Stuckland is no longer confined to bed.

Physician at the Hot Lake sanatorium said this morning that Roesch, who suffered five or six broken ribs and other injuries, was resting fairly easy but that X-rays showed his condition to be serious. A special nurse has been placed on his case.

Mires is well known in La Grande and was at one time affiliated with the Elks lodge. Besides his widow he leaves in his immediate family his mother and four children, the oldest of whom, Herman, 18, is in his senior year at high school. The others are Kathleen, Winnie and Dollie. He also leaves three brothers, including Fred, of Union. One brother, Walter, resides in Canada.

JOHN WISDOM  
ARRESTED ON  
GRAVE CHARGE

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Nov. 18. (Special)—Sheriff A. J. Miller, of Wallawa county, returned from Elgin early this week, bringing back John Wisdom, against whom a statutory charge had been filed last Saturday.

Wisdom's bonds were placed at \$3,500 which he has been unable to furnish.

CHRISTMAS  
MONEY  
NEEDED?

There's always a use for extra Christmas money — and there's always a use for extra things around the house, up in the attic, or out in the barn or garage that you have misplaced or discarded.

Get rid of the one you no longer use. Good clothes that have been discarded, good furniture that has been replaced by something else, good machinery 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"

Officers Search  
For Girl, Alleged  
Left by FatherDaughter of Divorced  
Parents Believed to  
Have Been Hidden in  
County.

Search is countywide here today for little Maxine Stone—graveyard 16-year-old daughter of divorced parents—whose father, now in jail at Fort Worth, Tex., on a charge of kidnapping, is believed to have secreted her with some family in the vicinity of La Grande.

The child's young mother, worn out and almost broken-hearted after a month's futile search for Maxine, the last week of which she has concentrated in La Grande, left this noon for Portland with her brother, M. G. Haynes, manager of the Harrower laboratory there, to await results of the county combing that police and school officials are conducting here.

School Children Help  
Children in all the public schools were enlisted in the search today. A description of this little girl was given to each classroom by the teacher, and the pupils urged to watch for clues to Maxine's hiding place.

Maxine is small for age, her mother told the police; she has heavy brown hair, bobbed square, large gray eyes and an olive complexion. The snapshot pictures of the little girl show her with a wistful expression in repose, but exceptionally gay when she smiles.

Had Her Each Sunday  
Her father, it was decreed by the court at the separation, was to have the child's custody each Sunday, the mother to keep her the other days of the week.

A month ago, he called her at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, and is believed to have immediately left town. With permission of his brother, he took his 16-year-old niece along to look after the child.

When after several weeks the older girl was not returned, Stone's brother sought police aid, and divulged enough of the plot to direct Maxine's mother to La Grande.

She arrived here Friday, having left Fort Worth about the time that

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TIGERS TO PLAY  
IN WALLA WALLACaptain Smutz Will Be  
Back in Lineup, Coach  
MacKenzie Reports

First string men will take Walla Walla's measure when Tigers face the redoubtable Blue Devils on the enemy's territory Saturday.

While he is taking every precaution to save a skin-whole team for the crucial game with Milton Freewater Thanksgiving day, Coach Ina V. MacKenzie optimistically lets for his gridders to take their chances with Walla Walla than to go stale from another long recess.

Captain Smutz will be back in the lineup, Baker, however, is nursing a lame leg and a torn shoulder tendon, and will not get into action this week.

Price to Play Quarter.  
With an eye to next year's strength, the coach plans to try out a new backfield combination Saturday, with Price at quarter, Snyder, with Stetson or Charlton, at half, and Lyman or Sherwood playing fullback.

Holding no false hopes, but undaunted by the Indio demons' seeming invincibility, La Grande is going to Walla Walla bent on demonstrating football as it should be played, the mentor indicated this morning.

His present plans entail the following tentative lineup: Bruce, center; Kerfer and Reagan, guards; Smutz and Walker, tackles; Newlin and Zundel, ends; Price, quarterback; Lyman, full; Snyder and

Father-Son Dinner  
Ticket Sale Ends

Tickets for the annual father-son banquet, which is to be given at the basement of the First M. E. church Friday evening, will go off sale tonight, announces the Rev. G. A. Pollard, pastor of the First Baptist church, who heads the committee of commerce boys and girls work committee, in charge of the affair.

For the remainder of today, places may be reserved at the chamber of commerce office, or with members of the committee, which includes Horace Nelson, the Rev. L. H. Aves, Dr. H. S. Brown, J. F. Heasty and Charles Binger, or with any of the ministers of the city.

The banquet was announced before the high school by the committee chairman yesterday. Since the football team will not leave for Walla Walla until Saturday morning, many members of the squad look forward to attending the affair. Irvin Zundel, a member of the team, is to be one of the speakers.

NEW TRAFFIC  
ORDINANCE  
IS ADOPTEDBecomes Effective Dec.  
17—Repeals All Old  
City Traffic LawsFREIGHT ROUTING  
IS PROVIDED FORPolice Chief Given Power  
to Create Special Zones  
and Streets at His Dis-  
cretion.

A voluminous document, consisting of 35 pages of typewritten copy, which required 45 minutes to read, was adopted with amendments at last night's meeting of the city commission and La Grande now has a modern traffic ordinance, modeled after one recommended by the American Automobile association and the Oregon state laws.

The ordinance, which repeals all old traffic laws here, will take effect 30 days from its passage on Dec. 17. It was read for the first time a few weeks ago—second time by title only the same night—and was amended in several instances before final presentation.

Amendments Inserted  
After City Engineer J. E. Stovarn finished reading the more than 7,000 words—making up 32 sections with many sections subdivided—two more amendments were inserted before the roll was called.

One, sponsored by Commissioner R. P. Landis, provided for the routing of all freight off Adams avenue from Oak street to a point near Fourteenth or Fifteenth streets.

When taken, the vote was unanimous for passage.

Gives Police Much Power  
The ordinance, in brief, gives the police chief power to create one-way streets, stop streets, through streets, safety and loading zones, route traffic, blockade streets at his discretion.

It makes it unlawful to turn a car around at any point on the street excepting at intersections. Under the new law no car can

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Keykendall Free  
Until Jury Meets

Roy Keykendall, charged with larceny of the cash register at the Silver Grill, after purchase with a false check for \$2,200, has been released on his own recognizance until he shall be called before the grand jury for investigation of the charge early in December.

He was given his temporary liberty by the justice of the peace court after he had settled for costs of preliminary hearing and made his adjustment with Dal Hudepeth, Silver Grill proprietor. Keykendall left yesterday to join his wife and baby at Walla Walla.

ALLEGED FORGER IN JAIL  
E. A. Larrabee, charged with forgery of three small checks, was Tuesday bound over to the grand jury from the justice of the peace court on bonds of \$250. He went back to jail, unable to furnish money for his release.

## COLLEGIANS

Richard Wilson, University of Wisconsin student, caused a small riot when he took eight "pet" snakes to his dormitory. But now students get along beautifully. Here is Wilson with "Mark Antony," "Cleopatra" and "Julius Caesar."

Sentence of Five  
Years Is Given  
Wallowa BurglarTom Tovrea Found Guilty  
in Enterprise—Three  
Defendants Freed of  
Charges.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Nov. 18. (Special)—Tom Tovrea was found guilty in circuit court here on a charge of burglary and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary by Judge J. W. Knowles.

The case of the state vs. Dolly Buchanan on a perjury charge was started yesterday. The state vs. Matthews and the state vs. Coulton were also scheduled for trial yesterday.

Other cases set for this term of court follow:  
State of Oregon vs. Lester Seal, Nov. 18.

Mitchell, admin., vs. Bouthaupt, et al, an equity case, Nov. 20.

State of Oregon vs. Wright, Nov. 22.

State of Oregon vs. Hopkins, Nov. 22.

State of Oregon vs. Russell Young, Nov. 24.

State of Oregon vs. Hinehart Young, Nov. 26.

State of Oregon vs. Baxter, Nov. 29.

Three Acquitted  
Other cases recently tried follow:  
State vs. Lloyd Lubbes, charged with non-support. Defendant found not guilty.

State of Oregon vs. William George, an Indian from Umatilla reservation, charged with violation of the state traffic laws. Defendant acquitted.

State of Oregon vs. Arthur Knight, of Troy, charged with assault and battery. Defendant found not guilty.

KING BEN GIVES  
\$120,000 BONDSHouse of David Leader,  
With His Colony to  
Fight Charges

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Nov. 18 (AP)—Extended litigation regarding the House of David appeared possible today.

Attorneys for Benjamin Purnell, leader of the cult, who was captured in a surprise raid on the colony yesterday say their defense of Purnell against charges of individuals and the state of Michigan, will be carried to the highest court.

H. T. Dewhurst, former California superior court judge, now a member of the colony, and W. J. Barnard, of Paw Paw, chief counsel, say that Purnell went into seclusion four years ago because he could not obtain a fair trial.

"In view of the attitude of the press three years ago, it would have been not only unwise and rank stupidity but suicide to have submitted to trial at that time," the statement read.

Bails \$120,000 Bail  
The king was resting among his people today. Bail of \$120,000 was given on charges of criminal assault preferred by two former girl members of the colony. The bond was signed by eight local merchants.

Members of the colony doubt whether their leader will live to see the end of the litigation into which he and the colony are plunged.

Acquaintances of King Ben, who saw him for the first time in four years, were astonished at changes. He walked with a cane. His once black beard was grey.

A prediction was made in 1903 Dewhurst says that "our leader would be falsely accused by women."

Cult Favors Celibacy  
"The House of David does not believe," he said, "that members cannot die but does teach that the taxes are raised from the blood everlasting life will result."

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Malheur County  
Pioneer Passes

Mrs. Elizabeth T. Long, a pioneer of Malheur county, who for the last six years made her home in La Grande with her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Parker, at 2705 North First street, died at that place at 11 a. m. Wednesday.

Mrs. Long was born in Germany Jan. 25, 1844. She came to this country when she was nine years old. In 1880, she moved to Oregon, and for 44 years was a resident of Malheur county. After the death of her husband there, she came to La Grande. She made her home with her daughter here from 1920 until her death.

Besides Mrs. Parker, surviving children are Harvey M. Long, of The Dalles, and Miss GRACE C. Long, of Twin Falls, Ida. Four grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held at the Synagogue and Zionsmanian chapel at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The body will be taken from here to Vale, for burial beside the decedent's husband.

BOLSHEVIST  
ACTIVITIES  
CONCERN U. S.Propaganda Emanating  
from Mexico Resulting  
in Strained RelationsNICARAGUA APPEAL  
SENT TO AMERICADiaz's Government, Rec-  
ognized by Washington,  
Seeking Intervention to  
Restore Peace.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—A direct accusation that Mexico has invaded the sovereign rights of Nicaragua was injected today by the new Nicaraguan president, Adolfo Diaz.

Bolshavist activities emanating from Mexico which have become increasingly apparent in the tangled political affairs of Central American countries lying between the U. S. and the Panama canal, are causing deep concern in Washington.

The situation intensifying the already strained relations between the American and Mexican governments has been brought more pointedly to the open than it has been allowed to appear heretofore through the appeal to the U. S. by the new president of Nicaragua, Adolfo Diaz, for intervention to restore peace in that country.

Formal Appeal En Route  
Diaz's appeal, following immediately upon formal recognition of the U. S. has not yet reached the state department, and any decision upon it must of course, wait until it has been studied.

In a statement explaining the action of the American government in recognizing Diaz, however, Secretary Kellogg expressed the hope that the new president's "offer of

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Chicago Jurist,  
Policeman Held  
In Dry Law Net

CHICAGO, Nov. 18 (AP)—The government's inquiry into dry law violation in Chicago reached today into the municipal courts and into the ranks of the city police department.

Captain John Prendergast, secretary to Chief of Police Morgan Collins, and Municipal Judge Harry M. Walker, were at the top of a list of 74 Chicagoans named in the blanket indictment which was the latest thrust of the federal grand jury.

Numerous court and police authorities were also included in the bills which charged conspiracy to defeat prohibition enforcement from "fixing" cases in court, it was said, to actual sale of liquor.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (AP)—Thirty-three men 13 of them members of court grand jury and one of the county department of justice, were indicted today as members of a rum ring operating its own vessels between Canadian ports, St. Pierre, Miquelon and Rum Bay.

Wallowa County Is Entering New  
Cooperative Road Building Era

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Nov. 18.—Application of a new idea promises to revolutionize road building practices in Wallowa county. The idea is cooperation of the county and residents of a district, to construct roads at low cash cost and without bonds. A dozen miles of roads have been built, or are under construction, all to be surfaced with gravel and only a beginning has been made.

In a general way, the plan is for the residents of the district, usually farmers living along the road, to construct the earth grade, after a survey has been made by the county engineer. The grading is done under a competent county foreman who is supervised by the engineer.

Then the county moves up its portable rock crusher and produces the gravel for the surface, which is spread by county trucks.

Cost Is Limited.  
At the first, the farmers furnished teams to haul rock or coarse gravel to the crusher, but Engineer J. D. Walker finds horses are of little use around machinery, and a drag line has been used with marked economy. The cost of the whole job is divided about half and half between the county and the locality, and the only cash needed is for the machinery and for wages for the small county crew.

All right of way details are in the hands of the district, which acquires, by gift or purchase, the land needed, and moves fences when this is required.

## FALL TODAY



Albert H. Fall has gone back to Washington. Here he is as he looked soon after his arrival in the capital from his New Mexico ranch, where he had been in seclusion. The former interior secretary faces trial Nov. 22 for conspiring with E. L. Doherty Sr., E. L. Doherty Jr., and Harry Sinclair to gyp the government out of its naval oil reserves.

QUEEN MARIE TO  
LEAVE AMERICAKing Ferdinand III—Royal  
Trip in U. S. Can-  
celled This Morning

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 18 (AP)—Queen Marie will go direct to New York when she leaves Louisville tonight and will sail for home on the first available steamer.

Marie called in her official family and American advisors this morning just before she began a tour of Louisville and told of her wish to abandon all features of the remainder of her tour.

Princess Ileana will accompany the queen to New York, while Prince Nicholas is visiting Detroit and the next two days, exact schedules for both trips have not yet been completed.

RECHARIST, Rumania, Nov. 18. (AP)—King Ferdinand's condition causes no anxiety. Premier Averescu told parliament last evening but as his malady is of long standing the cure is necessarily slow.

(Ferdinand's ailment has been designated as synchysis or inflammation of the large intestine.)

## FIRST LANDING

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18 (AP)—Pilot Lawrence Harris made his first landing yesterday on the new municipal aviation field which is being prepared at Seaside Island.

Though the top of the field is covered with gravel and sand and dredged from the bottom of the river, Harris said today that the landing was easily made.

Jumps 14 Feet to  
Ground in Sleep

SALISBURY, Ore., Nov. 18. (AP)—Dreaming the house was on fire, Laurence Elliott living near Buell in Polk county ran to an open window and leaped to the ground, 14 feet away. Elliott did not awake until after he hit the ground. His back and hips were injured and he was forced to seek the services of a physician.

Wallowa County Is Entering New  
Cooperative Road Building Era

The cooperative idea was born before the county bought its horse portable crusher and was used last spring on a stretch of Alder Slope road.

Farmers acquired new right of way for a short distance and then did much grading and when they had finished, a road of steep pitches alternating with mudholes was transformed into an easy incline. No surface was put on because the idea had not been developed that far, and no equipment was available anyway.

Make First Experiment  
With the purchase of the crusher an experiment was made on the road past the county shops, and on about a mile, to the farm of A. L. Gusted. Here, for the first time the whole scheme was tried out.

The farmers and others built the grade and the county put on the gravel and the result was a good hard road which can be traveled the year around.

The success of the experiment awakened interest and residents of other districts began to inquire how it was done. The crusher was taken near Joseph and a short stretch of road built west of that city, toward Hurricane creek. Then the outfit was moved east of Joseph and a surfaced road was built from the market road to the Prairie creek cemetery. Just below Wallowa was another road in urgent need of reconstruction and the residents of the neighborhood joined in building a new grade which was surfaced.

Republicans to  
Offer Frazier  
Branch of PeaceNorth Dakota Senator,  
Once Read Out of the  
Party, Is Expected to  
Accept.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—Republican leaders in the senate are ready to hold out the olive branch to Lynn J. Frazier, of North Dakota, the sole survivor of the group of four senators they read out of the party in the first flush of success in the polls in 1924.

Admitted, Senator Frazier occupies a strategic position in any negotiations with the old guard as his vote very likely will be essential to the republican of they are to organize the senate in the seventieth congress, which convenes next year.

Should Senator Frazier consent to return to the party fold, and his friends have indicated he will, he will be given back the places on the standing committee to which his term of service entitled him and likely will become chairman of the Indian affairs committee in the seventieth congress.

Borah Urges Move  
Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, recently wrote to his party leaders suggesting that the action of two years ago be rescinded, but it became known today that even before the senator acted, there had been conferences among the chiefs with a view to mapping out a plan by which Senator Frazier might be returned once more to party councils.

Senator Frazier, who had appeared before the senate in 1924, was transferred from the straiter to a bed, resting directly in front of the jury.

The defendants, sitting a few feet away were interested in every detail of the transfer.

Willie Stevens, who had appeared bored by the long wait, craned his neck first to one side and then the other.

Woman Weighs Ill  
The bed was wheeled around so that the patient would face the judge.

On it lay a woman who was apparently very ill. She did not open her eyes and responded to some word from the nurse with a feeble nod.

The upper half of the bed was raised so that Mrs. Gibson would be almost in a sitting position. It was lowered almost immediately as if to give her time to regain strength for the ordeal just ahead.

The jury was brought in at 11:30 and court opened at 11:33.

"That state produces the witness Jane Easton and asks to have her sworn." Prosecutor Simpson announced. A Bible was carried to her cot, the covers drawn back so that she might touch it.

"Do you solemnly swear," began the court attendant, and Mrs. Gibson replied: "I do," very feebly.

Crier Corrected  
"Jane Gibson," the court crier announced.

"Jane Easton," Simpson corrected.

Mrs. Gibson told how she had been robbed of corn and when she heard her dog barking the night of Sept. 14, 1922, she went outside her house. She then heard a wagon stop in the middle of her corn field, she said, and suspecting it as being the wagon, which, in the meantime, had driven away.

She described how she remained about 50 feet behind the wagon as she followed it in the direction of New Brunswick.

Saw Mrs. Hall and Brother  
Mrs. Gibson in a tired voice told of having seen Mrs. Hall and Willie Stevens at the road near the scene of the killing. Her head began rocking back and forth on the pillow and attendants stood up and began taking her pulse.

"I saw a white woman and a colored man," she testified. "She didn't have a hat on."

"The woman was Mrs. Hall and I afterwards learned that the man was Willie Stevens."

Tells of Conversation  
The defendants gazed on the speaker and heard her feeble replies with little show of emotion.

"When you came down the lane, did you hear anything?" asked Simpson.

"Yes, I heard voices," replied the witness.

"Men's voices or women's voices?"

"I heard men's voices and women's voices. They seemed to be coming nearer all the time."

"When they came nearer could you make out what they were saying?"

"They were saying something about some letter."

"Then what did you hear?"

"I heard a man say 'You let me go,' then I heard a holler. Next I saw a flashlight and saw something bright in the hands of one of the men."

At this point the witness began gestulating to illustrate her story.

Identifies One Face  
The witness said she saw two faces when the flashlight was on.

"Did you identify these faces?"

"Yes."

"Was the man's face that of Henry Stevens?"

"Yes, it was Henry Stevens."

"Was the other face that of Willie Stevens?"

"No."

"Did you hear anything?"

"The light went out and I heard

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