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GROWTH OF
CITY SINCE
1920 GREATNow Biggest in East Ore-
gon—Bend, with 10,
400, Closest RivalINCREASE DURING
YEAR 7 PER CENTLight, Water Telephone
Statistics, School Cen-
sus, Postal Population
All Show Gain.La Grande, geographically the
center of a large portion of Oregon,
is now beyond a doubt, according
to surveys and comparisons, the
largest city in this part of the state
commonly referred to as Eastern
Oregon.Completed last night, a survey
by The Observer showed that 10,
705 persons—approximately—now
call La Grande their home. This
figure is conservative, in that it
is impossible to estimate the exact
number residing just at the edge
of the city limits but actually in
La Grande. Possibly, the survey
gives too small a percentage for
this population, but it is made with
the intention of staying within
the actual population and keep-
ing away from exaggeration.Lumber Plant Brought Many
The Observer arrived at its fig-
ures by using statistics showing
the number of water users, light
and power users, telephone users,
by using the federal postal popu-
lation of the district and the school
census. It was also learned that
approximately 180 persons came
to La Grande from outside points
to accept positions with the Mc-
Cormick Lumber company when it
started operations several months
ago. Allowing three to the family
and figuring each person has a
family of that size, the total popu-
lation brought here during the year
this concern is 540. This is very
conservative, in that the average
family in Oregon is figured at five,
but it was estimated at three be-
cause a small percentage of the
new employees were not married.The remainder of the 705 growth
over last fall, when the population
was figured at 10,000, is largely
due to a natural increase and not
caused except indirectly by the lo-
cation of the lumber company's
plant here.

Increase General

With one exception, every source
showed an increase of from four
and a half per cent to 11 per cent
over last fall. This exception, the
school census, is probably explained,
it is said, because most of the

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REGENTS WILL
COME DEC. 14,
INSTEAD DEC. 7The board of state normal school
regents will visit La Grande Dec.
14 instead of Dec. 7, according to
a long distance message from H.
B. Turner, superintendent of pub-
lic instruction, received at the
chamber of commerce office last
afternoon. The week's postpone-
ment was at Gov. Walter M.
Pierce's request. Superintendent
Turner said.The regents will be guests here
at both luncheon and dinner, and
during their visit will be con-
veyed across the valley to Elgin.
Earl C. Reynolds, secretary of the
chamber, said today. After dinner
the regents will go to PendletonWHEN
YOU ENTER
A STOREWhen you go into a new store,
or a place of business where you
have seldom traded before—
there's some reason for your ac-
tion. It may have been caused
by something a neighbor bought
there, something you saw in the
window, a sales letter sent you
by the store, or an advertising
message in The Observer. In
some way, direct or indirect,
that place of business has been
able to secure contact with you,
a new customer. And your pur-
chase is the greatest number of
people in this territory at a
minimum cost.The messages in The Observer
as a means of contact with both
old and new customers are di-
minishing in value because they
reach by far the greatest num-
ber of people in this territory at a
minimum cost."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"FIREMAN R. T. RETTIG
KILLED WHEN NO. 26
DERAILED AT CAYUSERichard T. Rettig, 31-year-old La Grande fire-
man, was instantly killed when the engine of passen-
ger train No. 26, known as the Union Pacific continen-
tal limited, crashed into a boulder that fell from a
bluff immediately in its path one mile this side of
the Cayuse station, as the train was proceeding from
Pendleton to La Grande at 12:30 o'clock last night.

DESTROYED LIQUOR

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 23 (AP).—While hundreds looked on, po-
lice today fed 1291 bottles of li-
quor into a rock crusher on the
street in front of the police sta-
tion. The debris was carried into
a police truck which the liquor
flowed into the sewer. The liquor,
seized three years ago at the
home of Walter E. Brown, al-
leged society bootlegger, had been
reposing in the police property
room, gathering dust and cobwebs
while under seals placed by the
W. C. T. U.SEDAN DAMAGED
NEAR HOT LAKEFive Passengers in Judge
Brady's Car, However,
Escape InjuryJudge Hugh E. Brady's sedan
was damaged but its five passengers
escaped injury last evening when it
was run into on the highway two
miles this side of Hot Lake by J.
F. Orton, of Union, who appar-
ently lost temporary control of his
car while attempting to dim his
lights, it is said.Both left fenders were crushed,
and other damage done so that the
sedan had to be towed back to
own. Orton's car was severely in-
jured.Mrs. N. A. Fitzgerald was driving
the sedan when she had slowed to
about five or six miles an hour,
Judge Brady said this morning.
Orton appeared to be keeping to

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125 Will Attend
Ham-Egg BanquetOne hundred twenty-five men
and women are expected to gather
around the board for the ham-and-
egg banquet the chamber of com-
merce will hold in the basement
chapel of the Methodist church at
6:30 o'clock this evening.While President W. T. Phay and
his staff of director-waiters serve
the shining "dub" menu from Chef
S. L. Lilly's kitchen, Holger M.
Jensen will preside over the ban-
quet program. The Rev. Robert C.
McNicol, minister at Union, will
speak, the chamber of com-
merce chairman will make brief
reports on community projects.Stage Driver Is
Fined \$25, CostsFred Winagar, stage driver be-
tween Pendleton and Boise, was
fined \$25 and costs for speeding
when he was halted before Judge
Hugh E. Brady by Traffic Officer
Lieuallen yesterday afternoon.
Lieuallen had followed the offend-
er to La Grande from Perry.Snow Four Feet
At Hood RiverHood River is wading through
three and four feet of snow this
week, according to Mr. and Mrs.
Ward Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. W.
C. Crows, who have returned from
Corvallis, where they attended
homecoming Saturday. The snow
is unusually heavy in Western
Oregon for this time of year, they
observed.Herman Roesch on
Way to RecoveryHerman Roesch, at Hot Lake
sanatorium recovering from in-
juries suffered in an auto wreck
near North Powder several days
ago, is resting comfortably this
morning, attending physicians re-
ported just before noon.His condition was described as
not critical, and his physicians see
no reason why he should not re-
cover, despite the seriousness of
his injuries.McNary-Haugen
Bill Will Again
Go to CongressMeasure, in Simplified
Form, Expected to At-
tract More Support in
Both Houses.WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP).—The McNary-Haugen farm relief
bill, this time in a somewhat
simplified form, again will knock
at the door of congress.Senator McNary, of Oregon, who
will be the new chairman of the
senate agriculture committee, pro-
poses to introduce a re-drafted
measure on the first day of the
approaching session and speed its
journey along the legislative path-
way to a final vote.The new bill will embody the
same principal as the old, he said,
and although the final draft is not
complete, he proposes to ask an
appropriation of \$250,000,000 to
set up the expert machinery which
the measure would create to han-
dle surplus crops.Senator McNary still expects to
confer with a number of farm
leaders, but in announcing his in-
tention to again bring the bill be-
fore congress he asserted the
principal change to be made in
the new measure would be in the
administrative machinery it would
set up.He feels the bill defeated last
year, will draw more support at
the coming session as the farmers
of the west and south are in his
opinion, demanding more ardently
a relief from low prices.The new measure would provide
for a board to be appointed by
the president from the 12 federal
land bank districts and would re-
ceive a salary of \$10,000 per year,
each. They would be required to
devote their whole time to the
business of the board.

Products Included.

Products to be included in the
scope of the proposed measure
would be wheat, corn, cotton,
sugar and rice, the last named
appearing for the first time in
connection with such legislation.Assurances of support the sen-
ator said, have been given him
by a number of senate and house
members.Portland to Open
Winter Rose ShowPORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 23
(AP).—Hundreds of beautiful
winter-grown roses were assem-
bled here from Portland and
other parts of the state for a
winter rose show opening to-
night at Multnomah hotel. Med-
ford, Hood River, Baker, Salem
and other cities sent entries. A
banquet under the auspices of
the Portland Progressive Busi-
nessmen's club, at which Governor
Eliot L. Patterson will make
his first public appearance since
the election was arranged to
open the rose show.

NAVAL ARMIES READY

NORFOLK, Va., Nov. 23 (AP).—Eight naval aviators who ex-
pected to eat supper tomorrow night
at Colon, Panama Canal zone, de-
cided today to hop off on their
scrapplane flight from Hampton
roads air station before night-
fall.

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Tigers "In Pink" for Championship
Game at Milton-Freewater ThursdayOne game remains to be played
before the Tiger football warriors,
winner of many a hard-fought con-
test this year, lay away their mo-
ments and consign the 1926 season
to the record books—and that
game will definitely decide, barring
a tie score, the undisputed cham-
pionship of Eastern Oregon.Thanksgiving day, on the Mc-
Loughlin high gridiron at Milton-
Freewater, the blue and white
eleven will lineup against the
Prune Pickers—each undefeated in
this state. La Grande has beaten
Baker, Pendleton, Enterprise, Union
and Wallawa, and McLoughlin
has won from Pendleton, Weston
and other Umatilla county teams.
Incidentally, this is the first season
in many years in which the
Tigers have been able to scalp the
Bucks and Bulldogs, both tradi-
tional enemies of long standing.Thrilling Game Expected
A thrilling football spectacle is
expected. Milton-Freewater's team
may be compared to Pendleton's
eleven in many ways—in size,
speed and aggressiveness, with
the exception that McLoughlin
has been able to win consistently
while the county-seaters haven't.
Both teams playing for the East
Oregon championship have lost to
Walla Walla, Milton being beaten
25 to 6 in a game in which the
Prune Pickers used their entire
strength. La Grande, playing in
four inches of snow and losing by
a bigger score almost on the eve
of the title tilt, actually side-
stepped the Washington game in
order to save all possible strengthfor the contest that may mean the
first championship for the Grande
Lodge star line team since 1913.
Snout, star line team, although in
condition Saturday, was not per-
mitted to take part in the game
and will be in the best of con-
dition for the Turkey day clash.Coach Ian MacKenzie is giving
the Tigers their final workouts this
week and expects to have them at
the peak of their strength by
Thursday.Comparative Scores
Comparative scores of the two
schools, in Oregon games, follow:
Mac-Hi 24, Hermiston 9.
Mac-Hi 12, Pendleton 9.
Mac-Hi 51, Weston 8.
Mac-Hi, keeping her goal clear,
has scored 37 points to her op-
ponents' 9.La Grande, facing tougher op-
position, came out as follows:
Tigers 28, Wallawa 9.
Tigers 14, Enterprise 9.
Tigers 19, Baker 13.
Tigers 7, Union 6.In three of the games the blue
and white horde came from be-
hind to win. In the five games La
Grande scored 33 points to oppo-
nents' 22.With everything pointing to the
Thanksgiving day game as the best
of the season, many local fans and
scores of high school students are
already planning on making the
trip over the Blue Mountains two
or three hundred La Grande root-
ers are expected to attend, figuring
that the Mac-Hi-Tiger game will
be worth too much to miss.EXPERTS SAY
MARKS LEFT
NOT STEVENS'Fingerprint Authorities
Testify in Hall-Mills
Murder TrialDEFENSE SCORES
IMPORTANT POINTJ. H. Taylor, U. S. Navy,
and Frederick Sand-
berg, Washington, D.
C. Agree on Stand.SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 23.
(AP).—"Willie" Stevens had noth-
ing at all to do with the murder of
Mrs. Eleanor Mills and his
brother-in-law, the Rev. Edward
Wheeler Hall, he testified today.SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 23.
(AP).—That the fingerprint on a
calling card found near the body
of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and the
fingerprint of Willie Stevens
are not the same was testimony
of defense fingerprint experts
called in the Hall-Mills case to-
day. J. H. Taylor, in charge of
the United States navy finger-
print bureau, asserted that the
prints were not made by the same
person.Willie Stevens, on trial with his
brother, Henry, and sister, Mrs.
Frances Stevens Hall, is charged
with the murder of Mrs. Eleanor
R. Mills, slain with the Rev. Mr.
Hall, husband of Mrs. Hall and
brother-in-law of the other de-
fendants.The navy expert was called af-
ter a photograph had testified
that he made enlarged photo-
graphs of the print on the calling
card and of the left index finger
of the defendant. State finger-
print experts had testified that
the print on the card was that of
Willie Stevens.Taylor was examined by Special
Prosecutor Alexander Simpson as
to his qualifications as an expert,
with an improvised easel bearing
greatly enlarged photographs of
the two fingerprints.Not the Same
The witness was asked if he
had examined the two fingerprints
(Continued on Page Five)TEN ENTOMBED
BY BLAST IN
ALBERTA MINECOLEMAN, Alberta, Nov. 23.
(AP).—Six hours after an explo-
sion in a coal mine here today,
10 men who were in the workings
at the time of the disaster, re-
mained unaccounted for.COLEMAN, ALB., Nov. 23 (AP).—
Eight men were entombed today in
the McMillanville Coal and Coke
company's mine near here, follow-
ing an explosion of gas and dust.An official statement by the com-
pany said nine of the 15 men in
the mine at the time of the blast
escaped to the surface uninjured.
Officials expressed the belief that
the six imprisoned men would be
rescued.

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MRS. M'GEE ON
STAND; TELLS
ENTIRE LIFETILLAMOOK, Ore., Nov. 23.
(AP).—Weeping and smiling by
turns, Mrs. Eva McGee charged
with the murder of her husband to-
day on the witness stand at her
trial gave a dramatic account of
her entire life, and the incidents
immediately preceding the death of
her husband, Dr. W. G. McGee, of
Tillamook and Nehalem.When it was learned that the
accused widow would testify the
crowd filled the court room and
extended through the corridors and
down the steps of the building.Frequently Attorney Holland had
to pause in his questioning to give
Mrs. McGee time to recover her
composure after a breakdown.The woman began her story
with her birth. She went into the
most intimate details of her mar-
ried life to show that she and Dr.
McGee were happy together.Explaining her purchases of
poison, Mrs. McGee declared that
she had done so only after various
popularly advertised rodent ex-
terminators had failed to clear her
apartment house of rats, mice and
cats.She admitted that the physi-
cian had scolded her when she
first bought the poison. She said
she made the second purchase,
spread it in the basement of the
apartment, then starting for the
hotel which she and her husband
owned, she felt badly about doing
something against his wishes, re-
turned to the apartment, gathered
up the poisoned meat scraps and
burned them.

KING BENJAMIN ARRESTED

This NEA telephone picture, rushed by telephone wires and the
mail to The Evening Observer by NEA Service, Inc., shows King
Benjamin, of the "House of David" religious cult, leaving the
jail at Benton Harbor, Mich., following his arrest by state
troopers in a midnight raid on his headquarters in Shiloh tabernacle.
He is enjoying liberty under \$125,000 bonds.COURT AFFIRMS
JUDGE KNOWLESFour Appeals from Union
and Wallawa Counties
Lose in SalemSALEM, Ore., Nov. 23 (AP).—An
offender who is sentenced by
an Oregon court to pay a fine,
with a condition that if he de-
faults in payment of the fine he
shall be imprisoned in jail, has the
right, after serving part of the jail
sentence to have his freedom by
applying the time served to the
remainder of the fine. The su-
preme court so held today in the
case of Ivan Murphy, appellant, and
petitioner for a writ of habeas
corpus against the state of Oregon.The opinion, written by Justice
Bean, reversed Judge Kelly of the
lower court for Union county. Jus-
tice Burnett wrote a lengthy dis-
senting opinion.Other opinions today included:
Henry T. Hill vs. E. O. Wilson,
appellant; appeal from Union
county; appeal from order setting
aside and vacating former order of
the court. Opinion by Justice
Rand. Judge J. W. Knowles af-
firmed.L. A. Stoop, appellant, vs. United
States National bank of La
Grande; appeal from Union coun-
ty; action to recover money. Op-
inion by Justice Coshaw. Judge J.
W. Knowles affirmed.Reth Hunt vs. Wallawa Valley
Improvement district No. 1, ap-
pellant; appeal from Wallawa
county; suit to enjoin defendant
from flowing water from irriga-
tion canal into prairie creek. Op-
inion by Justice Coshaw. Judge
J. W. Knowles affirmed.State of Oregon ex rel. Dorothy
Riggs vs. Walter Mackey, ap-
pellant; appeal from Wallawa coun-
ty; appeal from conviction for statu-
tory offense. Opinion by Justice
Rand. Judge J. W. Knowles af-
firmed.Oregon Debaters
Given DecisionEUGENE, Ore., Nov. 23 (AP).—
University of Oregon debaters won
a popular decision from debaters
of the University of Sydney, Aus-
tralia, on Oct. 16, according to
the opinions of radio listeners, ac-
cording to announcement of Dan
E. Clark, of the university exten-
sion division. Ballots were returned
from many sections of the north-
west.Child Eats Poison,
Thinking It CandyMILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 23.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kastarski were
seated in their living room last
night discussing Xmas plans for
their five children when Virginia,
four years old, skipped into the
room, tugged at her mother's dress
and confided "I found some candy,
mama," and then dived about
the table. Suddenly the child
stopped, and the child fell to the
floor dead.She had swallowed a dozen sugar
coated poisonous tablets which the
mother had used for medicinal
purposes.GOVERNMENT
OPENS FALL,
DOHENY CASEOwen J. Roberts Reviews
History of Famous
Oil ScandalMAKES STATEMENT
TO GUARDED JURYProsecution Will Attempt
to Prove \$100,000 Given
Fall Constituted Cor-
ruption.WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP).—
George Otis Smith, director of the
United States geological survey for
19 years, was called today as the
first witness in the naval oil crim-
inal conspiracy trial in the District
of Columbia supreme court.He was put on the stand by the
government after Owen J. Roberts
for the prosecution, and Frank J.
Hogan, for the defense had made
their opening statements to the
jury.Dr. Smith produced a map of
California showing the location of
the Elk Hills reserve.WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP).—
Before a jury that remains under
guard until it reaches a verdict the
federal government today began to
unfold the evidence upon which it
hopes to convict Albert B. Fall and
Edward L. Doheny of criminal con-
spiracy in exploitation of the na-
tion's oil reserves.Owen J. Roberts, of Philadel-
phia, one of the two lawyers ap-
pointed by President Coolidge two
and a half years ago, to prosecute
the cases, began the government's
opening statement with a review
of the negotiations that led up to
the leasing of Elk Hills oil reserve
to the Doheny interests while Fall
was secretary of the interior. He
said the prosecution contended that
the \$100,000 sent by Doheny to
Fall in a little black satchel was
a part of the conspiracy charged
against the defendants.

Tense Interest

As during the examination of
prospective jury men yesterday,
the former interior secretary and
the oil magnate, friends for many
years and once prospectors to-
gether in the west, sat near to-
gether and listened tensely to every
word spoken by court and counsel.
The opening preliminaries today
proceeded peacefully enough after
the clash of yesterday afternoon
when opposing counsel argued at
length whether the jury should be
kept under guard during the trial.
That initial joust ended with a
victory for the government when
Justice Hoehling granted the gov-
ernment's motion for a locked up
jury.

Reviews Litigation

Roberts review the legal steps
which led to original establish-
ment of the naval oil reserves. The
act of 1920 he said, specifically
took these reserves out of the
hands of the interior department
and placed them under control of
the navy, but a re-transfer was
made by the executive order of May
31, 1921, signed by President
Harding."Secretary Fall had been in
charge of the reserves only a short
time," Roberts said, "when he sug-
gested to secretary Denby (of the
navy) that he could work out a
plan whereby royalty oil could be
used for storage. Secretary Denby
approved that plan, but later he
wrote a letter saying there should
be no drilling except of off-set
wells on the edge of the California
reserve."Roberts then told the jury that
while negotiations for the contracts
between Doheny and Fall were on
for the Pearl Harbor storage con-
tract, Fall discussed his financial
affairs with Doheny and asked him
for \$100,000.Roberts asserted that the gov-
ernment would show that the Do-
heny leases and contracts were not
handed in the ordinary way in the
interior department but by Fall
himself, who issued an order for
secretary.Upon all this evidence, he con-
tinued, the government will ask the
jury to find that the \$100,000 pay-
ment from Doheny to Fall con-
stituted corruption and "that there
has been a conspiracy to defraud
the U. S. government."

INSPECT TRACK SCALES

C. R. Letkus and A. C. Fabritz,
of the United Bureau of standards,
at Washington, D. C., arrived in
La Grande this morning in their
special car to begin inspection of
railroad track scales here.
Their territory, comprising all
states west of the Mississippi, will
require an entire year to cover,
Letkus said this morning.