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OREGON: Rain tonight
and Saturday. Strong south
and southerly winds.

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71 ARE KILLED BY TORNADOES

TIGERS LOSE
THANKSGIVING
TITLE GAMEMilton-Freewater Eleven
Remains Undefeated in
Eastern OregonWINNING SCORE
IN THIRD PERIODL. H. S., After Tying the
Count in First Half,
Unable to Stage Suc-
cessful Rally.

FINAL GRID RANKING

1. Milton - Freewater, cham-
pion.
2. La Grande, runner-up.
3. Baker, one game lost.
4. Vale, Ontario, Pendleton.
5. Union, North Powder, En-
terprise.
6. Wallawa, Elgin, Prairie
City, Joseph, Haines.
7. Athena, Hermiston, Wes-
ton.
8. L. Dutton's annual all-
star team will be printed soon
in The Observer.

La Grande lost the Eastern Oregon football championship to Milton-Freewater Thanksgiving day in one of the closest, clearest and most engrossing games ever played in this territory, according to spokesmen of the 150 blue and white boosters who made the 175-mile round trip to see the title decided. The score was 13 to 6.

The champions made their first touchdown in the opening minutes of the play. Before the quarter was finished, the Tigers had tied them. Both teams missed the kick, and the score stood at 6 and 0 when the first half ended.

Near Tying Score
La Grande kept within close range of the enemy's goal line most of the afternoon, and at one time fought within a yard of scoring territory, but was unable to cross the line.

The touchdown that settled the championship registered in the third period. The Prune Pickers, realizing on a fumble and a plain down the field and pushed the ball across, as one onlooker reports it. That time, Milton-Freewater's kick threatened the goal post.

Last Period Scoreless
No scores were made in a hard-fought fourth.

The contest was worked in charged silence most of the time. Team for team, the rivals appeared handsomely matched.

Credit is given every Tiger grader a good day's work. There were no stars, no spectacular plays. But the team, as such, never gave a better account of itself, the fans observed.

Milton Backfield Strong
On the Milton-Freewater machine, a powerful backfield drew attention. One or two of the players, La Grander remarked, are entitled without doubt to positions

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ELGIN BOARD
MAY PURCHASE
FAIR GROUNDS

The Elgin county fair association will meet this evening at Elgin to make plans for the reorganization of the fair association. Ways and means to purchase the grounds where the fair is held each year will also be discussed.

WHEN
YOU ENTER
A STORE

When you go into a new store, or a place of business where you have seldom traded before, there's some reason for your action. 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 purchase is one small item in that store's growth and success made possible only by many new customers.

The messages in The Observer as a means of contact with both old and new customers are abundant in value because they reach by far the greatest number of people in this territory at a minimum cost.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Dr. A. B. Hall Will
Be Here Monday;
Welcome PlannedRotary Club and Cham-
ber of Commerce Plan
to Hold a Joint Meet-
ing.

Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon, will arrive in La Grande Monday morning from Eugene and will spend the day and evening here during which time he will be the speaker at a number of meetings.

At noon he will speak before a joint meeting of the La Grande Rotary club and the Union county chamber of commerce, at the Policy hotel—the regular meeting time and place of the rotary club.

In the afternoon, probably at 1:15 o'clock, Dr. Hall will address the high school student body. In the evening during the dinner hour he will be the guest of honor at a banquet given by the University of Oregon alumni, to which all former Oregon students are invited.

The banquet will be at the Sommer hotel at 6:15 o'clock. A committee of Oregon alumni met this noon to complete arrangements.

To Speak in Evening
His principal address will come in the evening at 8 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church, to which the public is invited. Fred E. Kiddle will preside over the meeting. His subject has not yet been announced.

Dr. Hall's visit to La Grande is the first of his tour over the entire state visiting the various towns to get acquainted with the Oregon alumni and others interested in the university.

Accompanying him on the trip is Harold Young, president of the Oregon alumni association.

CITY AGAIN AT
ITS WORK TODAYThanksgiving Celebra-
tions and Dinners Now
Things of Memory

Turkey-legged and a little confused by the feeling that it ought to be washday, La Grande went back to work this morning with the satisfaction of a holiday happily spent.

Aside from the loss of the Eastern Oregon football championship and a minor automobile accident, almost no calamities were charged against Thanksgiving day.

Reunions flourished throughout the valley, commencing content that the churches, the Salvation army and kindly wardens had looked after the comfort of the less fortunate.

Less worried about their needy brothers than usual, the Salvation Army observed them.

At the Methodist Church South, where a household of worshippers from a dozen different denominations returned thanks under the auspices of the La Grande Ministerial association, the altar offering for the poor included but 14 jars of fruit, and small quantities of apples and potatoes. The mild fall has fortunately delayed most actual need, the envoy's reports.

The new choir stalls in use for the first time lent an extra motive for thanksgiving at the St. Peter's Episcopal church, where a service was conducted by the Rev. Oliver Riley, rector. Mrs. George S. Birde led the choir in singing "Lord, How Manifold Are Thy Works."

Minor Accident
Returning from the game last evening, J. E. Reynolds, his daughter, Marjorie, and a party of her school friends, met a slight accident on the highway about 10 miles this side of Milton-Freewater. An approaching motorist sidestepped their car, tearing off the running board and damaging the fenders. The other car received a broken spring and a bent wheel. Reynolds said on his return to La Grande this noon, he proceeded into Pendleton. Unable to find a mechanic working the holiday, and not wishing to drive the car on to La Grande in the rain without making sure the rest of the damage, Reynolds' party remained in Pendleton until this morning. A half hour's work made their car ready for the drive home, he said. Besides Miss Reynolds, the passengers included Anne Nelson, Dorothy Ann Warnick, Lois Stanson and Trillian Ashby.

Knute Rockne Is
Sued for \$50,000

CHICAGO, Nov. 26, (AP)—A \$50,000 suit was started against Knute Rockne, coach of Notre Dame, in superior court today on behalf of Anna Brennan. The attorney who instituted the suit refused to discuss it.

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EVIDENCE PUZZLESDefense Asks That Court
Exclude the Testimony
Given at Senate Oil In-
quiry.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26, (AP)—The Fall-Doheny oil conspiracy trial was adjourned this afternoon until Monday with Justice Hoehling holding in abeyance his decision on the admissibility of evidence of the testimony taken in the senate oil inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26, (AP)—The defense in the Fall-Doheny oil conspiracy trial thrust repeatedly at the very heart of the case government attorneys are trying to build up against Edward L. Doheny and Albert B. Fall.

Not only did the defense attorneys demand that the court exclude the testimony given before the senate oil committee, relied upon by the prosecution to show that \$100,000 passed between the oil man and the then secretary of the interior, but they made a smashing attack upon the whole government plan of campaign.

Arguing in the absence of the jury, Frank J. Hogan, counsel for Doheny, said that although the defendants were indicted for conspiracy to execute two contracts, and one oil land lease between July 1, 1921 and Dec. 11, 1922, the prosecution had not confirmed itself to evidence based on actions in that period. He read statutes in support of his contention that the law required a trial procedure, which would establish the alleged conspiracy by one overt act before the offer of any circumstantial evidence was made.

Hogan likewise argued for exclusion of a letter from Fall to the senate committee Dec. 26, 1923, in which the \$100,000 transaction was touched upon.

Elgin Minister,
73, Passes on in
Early Morning

The Rev. Howard Leeds Willis, 73, who during his 22 years of residence at Elgin has served as pastor in Christian, Baptist and Methodist churches, died at the Grande Ronde hospital here at 1 o'clock this morning. He was taken there, seriously ill, about eight days ago.

Mr. Willis came to Elgin as a Christian minister from a former pastorate in the east in 1894. He headed that church for 10 or 12 years. Later he was called to the pulpit of the Baptist church. About 18 months ago he answered a call from the Elgin Presbyterian congregation, resigning because of his illness the first of this month.

Held in High Esteem
The Rev. Mr. Willis was held in high esteem by the people of the Elgin community. The Rev. William Crosby Ross, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, said this morning when told of the elder minister's death.

"He was a most faithful minister, and did his work in such a way that he was acceptable to all three of the churches there. That is testimony to the catholicity of his faith."

The decedent was born in New Jersey March 17, 1853. He was graduated from the West Jersey academy, at Princeton, New Jersey, where Mr. Ross afterward prepared for university. Later Mr. Willis went to Pennsylvania for theological training.

Widow Survives Him
He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Willis, whose home is at Elgin.

Federal services will be conducted by the Elgin Masonic lodge at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel here Saturday at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be in the Island City cemetery.

Masked Bandit Is
Richer by \$3,000

FRESNO, Cal., Nov. 26, (AP)—A masked bandit today robbed the Strathmore Tulare county branch of the Pacific-Southwest bank of \$3,000 in silver and currency and escaped after blinding the two officials of the bank and leaving them in the basement of the building, a special dispatch to the Fresno Bee said.

PENDLETON, Nov. 26, (AP)—The McKay dam, which will provide water for irrigation purposes in the west end of Umatilla county, is completed and Ralph Conner, engineer in charge of the work which was started in 1923, is leaving tomorrow for Laredo, Tex., where he has another large project to work on.

The McKay dam was constructed under the original cost figure of \$2,500,000 and will store 73,000 acre feet of water.

Mrs. McGee's Son
Remembers Rats
Overran HouseBoy Testifies for Mother
in Murder Trial at Til-
lamook—Tells of Poi-
son Bottles.

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Nov. 26, (AP)—Testifying today in defense of his mother, Donald McGee, 17-year-old son of Mrs. Eva N. McGee, who is on trial charged with the murder of her husband, Dr. W. G. McGee, was sharply cross-examined by the prosecution.

The boy testified that he saw his mother throw the first bottle of poison which she had bought, into the stove.

District Attorney Barlick, on cross examination, asked the youth if he did not remember testifying before the grand jury that he did not know what his mother had done with the poison, but had learned later that his mother had burned it.

The boy replied that he did not remember giving such testimony. Asked if he did not think his memory was fresher when he testified before the grand jury than it was today, the youth replied he did not think it was. Donald testified that between Aug. 1 and 10 the rats and cats were overrunning the mother's apartment house and that Mrs. McDonald, a tenant, had complained about them and that the tenants had themselves called in over openings in an effort to keep the rodents out.

The prosecutor asked the boy if he did not remember telling the grand jury that he knew of no cats or rats at the apartment house, but that there might have been a few mice.

The boy again said he did not remember saying that, but admitted that he might have so testified.

DECEMBER COURT
HERE NOT LIKELYJudge J. W. Knowles to
Return to Wallawa
County Monday

Because of the number of cases still to be heard at Enterprise, there will probably be no adjournment of the October term of circuit court here during December, Judge J. W. Knowles said this morning.

Wallawa county cases are set for at least two weeks into next month, and may require longer. Max Wilson, district attorney, is endeavoring to dispose of all criminal cases this term in order that he may leave a clean slate for his successor when he retires from the office the first of the year, the judge explained.

Union county cases that were tentatively scheduled for next month will not be tried before the February term. Carl G. Helm, district attorney, opined today.

Judge Knowles spent nearly all day hearing arguments on motions submitted here during December, which had connection with 12 different controversies.

Monday morning, he will convene court at Enterprise.

Rain Aids Klamath;
Long Drought Ends

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Nov. 26, (AP)—Heavy rain and damp snow, continuing today have given the great cattle ranges east of this city the greatest drenching in recent history. Marshes in the northern part of the county are blanketed with nearly a foot of snow and stockmen believe the drought has at last been ended.

Snow was falling today in the hills and wooded sections adjacent to this city, while mixed snow and rain was falling here.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 26, (AP)—Rain continued to soak the Rogue valley today after one of the longest continued rains in recent years. In the past 15 days, 7.93 inches have fallen. Rogers river started rising rapidly again last night, after a day's precipitation of 1.64 inches. A rare phenomenon was witnessed last night when the valley experienced an electrical storm.

Complete Dam In
Umatilla County

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GUNS BLAZE;
THANKSGIVING
CALM BROKENOne Dead, Four Wounded
in Chicago Gangland
WarfareTWO BATTLES IN
SOUTHERN ILLINOISCoal Miner Shot Four
Times—Attack Believed
Aimed at Homes of
Charles Birger.

HARRISBURG, Ill., Nov. 26, (AP)—The reasons for Thanksgiving day dynamiting and attacks with machine guns and buckshot in Southern Illinois were obscure today. Virgil Hundacker, a local miner, twice the target of attacks, was in a critical condition.

The first attack upon Hundacker came early in the morning when his home was dynamited while he and his family slept. No one was injured, but the house was badly damaged. The second came last night when a touring car containing four men overtook a coupe in which Hundacker, his father-in-law and a friend were riding, and poured a stream of machine-gun fire into the vehicle.

Shot Four Times
Hundacker was shot four times, most of the bullets taking effect.

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Tragic Dreams
Cause Woman
To Turn Back

Haunted by dreams of impending tragedy, Mrs. C. Wohlmann—who last week witnessed the highway accident in which Herbert Mires lost his life—turned back from her trip to Long Beach when she had covered nearly half the distance, and last night stopped here on her way home to Nampa, Ida.

Mrs. Wohlmann had planned to spend the winter with her mother at Long Beach. She had made the trip there many times alone before, without any thought of fear, she said today.

But after she saw the wreck of Herman Roesch's machine, she became obsessed with a feeling that some mishap was coming to her. She had a dream, after she was well down the Pacific coast highway, that she took as a warning. Next day her car skidded and slid off the highway. She continued on her way, but that night, had the dream again. Convinced then that something was trying to save her from danger, she turned her car around and headed back toward Nampa.

Winifred Hudnut, second divorced wife of Valentino and known on the stage as Natacha Rambova, upon her arrival in New York, revealed the contents of a "spiritual message" which she says she received through George H. Wehnert, a medium, during a seance at her chateau near Paris.

The film sheik, in his message, confided his aspirations to tread the legitimate stage now and that he has become a "citizen" of the astral plane.

The screen star made no mention in his "communications" of Pola Negri, film actress, who says she was engaged to marry Valentino in his "communications" of Rambova explained.

Inventor of Guns
Dies in Ogden, Utah

OGDEN, Utah, Nov. 26, (AP)—John M. Browning, world famous inventor of fire arms, is dead in Belgium, a cablegram to relatives in Ogden announced today.

John M. Browning went to Liege, Belgium, a few weeks ago to perfect his latest invention, an "over and under" double barreled shotgun and the message telling of his death came from Liege.

DOHENY ON TRIAL IN WASHINGTON



For charges of conspiracy against the government of the United States.

Election Nears;
Maine Campaign
Becomes Heated

AUGUSTA, Maine, Nov. 26, (AP)—Into a sensational campaign upon which hinges republican control of the next senate, a fresh bombshell had been exploded today in the republication by Governor Ralph O. Brewster, republican, of Arthur H. Gould, republican senatorial nominee.

A special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Bert M. Fernald will be held Monday.

In a statement published today Brewster charged that Gould had exceeded the state's law governing expenses in the primary.

After this statement was issued three came the conclusion of a rally at Portland Saturday which secretary Herbert Hoover was to have spoken and a prediction by member of the senatorial election investigation committee that Maine would likely receive its attention after the election.

In a scathing reply to the governor's letter Gould accused Brewster of being a Klansman and said his democratic opponent, Fulton J. Redman, was "pledged to support the principles of the Ku Klux Klan if elected."

Gould termed the governor's statement "malicious, slanderous and untrue."

Ritchie Favors
State Control
Of Liquor Laws

CHICAGO, Nov. 26, (AP)—The democratic crowd of state determination offers the "one and only solution" of the prohibition question Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, told democrats at a luncheon given by the frequent club today. The eastern executive, who has been spoken of as a possible democratic candidate for president, said he was convinced the Volstead law could not be enforced, and suggested that the question be turned back to the state "so that each state may handle it in accordance with the convictions and will of its own people."

"Either the Volstead act must be changed or it must be enforced, and I am convinced it cannot be enforced," he said. "We have spent nearly \$150,000,000 trying to enforce it and have sacrificed nearly four billions of dollars in taxes while the effort has been made and our last state is worse than the first."

FOUR STATES
SUFFER FROM
FATAL STORMTwisters Hit Hardest in
Arkansas, Where the
Death Toll Is 38PROPERTY DAMAGE
IS RUNNING HIGHRelief Rushed to Stricken
Areas Today; Three
Relief Trains in Ozark
Town.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 26, (AP)—Tornadoes that swept through scattered sections of Arkansas, Louisiana and Missouri late yesterday and last night took a toll of at least 71 lives, injured scores and left a trail of smashed and damaged buildings.

The Arkansas known death list was 38; Louisiana's 16; Mississippi, nine, all negroes, and Missouri's eight. Heber Springs, Ark., a town in the foothills of the Ozarks, suffered most, for 13 of its inhabitants were killed and 37 injured.

Town Half Levelled
Messengers arriving from there today to seek additional aid, said that half the town was in ruins and that fire followed the tornado. Property damage was heavy near Hainesville, La., where five persons are known to have been killed. Fifty oil well derricks were also reported razed. Hainesville escaped the path of the twisting winds but its mainframe was filled today with injured from the oil fields.

Mer Rouge, La., reported seven known dead, four whites and three negroes, the whites including Robert Lott, a farmer, and his wife, whose home was crushed by the tornado that damaged and crushed buildings for several miles along a path 100 yards wide.

Near Moscow, Ark., reports said 10 were killed and two more injured; Opollo, Ark., reported five dead and seven injured; Sheldan, Ark., reported one dead.

Property Loss Heavy
In Southern Missouri three were killed near Brandeville and two near Competion, both places suffering heavy property loss. Knobview and Big Piney, Mo., also suffered property loss.

Relief was rushed into the stricken areas today and those who had escaped injury dropped all other work to aid the sufferers. Three relief trains reached Heber Springs last night and one was sent back today to seek additional aid.

The storm, apparently an intensification of a disturbance which has been pushing eastward from the Pacific coast, struck with its greatest fury in Central Arkansas and then moved north through the center of the state into Missouri where it brought death and destruction to several widely scattered communities. An offshoot also caused considerable damage in a Louisiana town just south of the Arkansas border. Heavy rains accompanied the twister.

Fire Follows Tornado
Heber Springs, Ark., a town of 1700, where 19 were known to be dead, saw 15 blocks of dwellings destroyed as the tornado turned the north and west portions of the town into a twisted mass of wreckage. Many homes caught fire as they were blown over.

Brandeville, just over the border, was the first Missouri town to suffer.

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King of Tin Pan
Alley Is Father

NEW YORK, Nov. 26, (AP)—Irving Berlin, the king of Tin Pan Alley, and his wife, the former Ellen Mackay of the fashionable world, are the parents of a seven-pound, blue-eyed daughter.

Mary Ellen Berlin was born yesterday in York house, a private hospital while Berlin neglected his Thanksgiving dinner to pace the hospital corridors.

FACTS POLYGAMY CHARGE
SALEM, Ore., Nov. 26, (AP)—A polygamy charge was filed in justice court here today by District Attorney Carson against Alexander Campbell, of Portland, who has admitted having a wife in Salem and another in Portland.

ROBBERS GET \$105
PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 26, (AP)—Two men, accompanied by a bobbed haired girl in overalls, entered the World garage, on the east side here early today and relieved the proprietor, M. Weiser, of \$105, he reported to the police.

24 SHOPPING
DAYS TILL
CHRISTMAS!

Small.