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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Unsettled with
probably rain tonight and
Sunday. Moderate tempera-
ture.

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XMAS SEASON
IS UNDER WAY
IN LA GRANDEWith Less Than a Month
Before Yuletide, Shop-
ping BeginsSPIRIT INVADES
THE ENTIRE CITYMerchants Find Volume
of Christmas Trade
Heavy, Despite Time
Yet to Buy.

There is an unmistakable vibra-
tion in the air. The spirit of
Christmas may be found in every
corner of the city. The streets
are thronged with people, and
the shops are filled with goods.
The merchants are busy, and the
customers are plentiful. The
time has come when the people
begin to buy for the holidays.

Just yesterday, a young woman
bought a new dress. She was
looking for a new dress, and
she found it. She was looking
for a new dress, and she found
it. She was looking for a new
dress, and she found it.

A few more days, and the
Christmas season will be under
way. The merchants are busy,
and the customers are plentiful.
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people begin to buy for the
holidays.

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UNION MAY GET
SAWMILL NEXT
SPRING, REPORT

UNION, Ore., Nov. 27 (Special).
—If present plans materialize, Union
will have a sawmill by spring.
A. C. Hess and son and several
brothers, interested parties, are
working out plans for the building
of a plant. Both are experienced
lumbermen. Definite announce-
ment is expected to be made in
the near future.

The mill is built on the logs
which are brought down the Catherine
creek road by trucks.

FINDING
JUST ONE
PERSON

When you want to buy some-
thing or sell something or rent
something or get a job or give a
job, it is a problem of finding
just one person in the entire
La Grande territory with whom
your object can be accom-
plished.

You might stop people on the
street for days, you might write
letters for weeks, you might go
from house to house for months
—and still not find the right
person. Such a method is too
expensive and too uncertain. But
in an Observer Want Ad you get
immediate contact with over 12,
000 people—and the cost is a
few cents a day. You are at-
tending to a certain end—and the
effort required is negligible.
Drop in at the office or phone
Main 37.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

Elgin Withdraws
Bid for Normal;
Backs La Grande

Board of Regents Notified—This City Recommended as the Logical Site.

Elgin has withdrawn her bid for
the Eastern Oregon normal school
in favor of La Grande, according
to word that came to the Union
county chamber of commerce office
this morning from the Elgin
community club.

The following letter to the board
of regents was sent Wednesday.
"After due consideration relative
to the location of the Eastern
Oregon Normal school, the Elgin
community club has decided that
the most logical location that
would best serve the interests of
all concerned would be La Grande."

"We therefore withdraw our
application for consideration and
respectfully ask your careful con-
sideration of La Grande as the best
location for the school."

The letter bears the following
signatures: W. W. Birt, presi-
dent; E. E. Harmon, vice presi-
dent; J. E. Wright, secretary; R. L.
Shogmaker, K. C. Gettings, and
Bill Miller, directors.

Dean U. G. Dubach
To Address Club
At Noon Tuesday

U. G. Dubach, dean of men at
Oregon Agricultural college, will
address the Union county chamber
of commerce at its regular meet-
ing Tuesday noon at the Son-
mier hotel. First of two gatherings
scheduled for the organization that
day. In the evening, the chamber
will sponsor an American Legion
benefit dance at the Zuber hall.
The place having been changed
from the Elks' ballroom since the
earlier announcement.

Dean Dubach is already known
here as a speaker. He delivered the
high school commencement address
last spring, and has addressed audi-
ences in La Grande on other oc-
casions. His subject Tuesday noon
will be "Why College Men Fail."

Brief reports will comprise the rest
of the program.

Section Laborer
Facing Charges

Frank Duhon, a section laborer in
the employ of the O. & W. R. & N.
company, was this morning brought
over to the grand jury for investiga-
tion of a charge of assault, follow-
ing a disturbance occurring before
Judge Hugh E. Brady.

Duhon is claimed to have attacked
his foreman, John Gray, with an
axe after Gray fired him.

School of Music
Schedules Program

The first of a series of musical
programs to be furnished by the
students of the Eastern Oregon
school of music once each month
will be tomorrow evening.

Two pupils of Les Cullen Dry-
den, violin instructor, and two
students of Mrs. Jesse Hoskins,
teacher of voice, will be presented
in the first program.

Mrs. Effie Blanchard will play
"Melody in F" by Rubinstein, and
Miss Bertha Bantz will play "Ber-
ceuse" by Chopin. Miss Betty
Cochran will sing "A Lullaby" by
Rolf and "Little Boy Blue" by
Joyce. Mrs. T. B. Maxwell will
sing "Where Hears Go" by Paul
and "Berceuse" (Joan) by Poul-

MRS. HALL ON
STAND; CASE
NEARS CLOSEWoman Defendant Be-
comes Witness at Two
O'clock TodayDENIES CHARGES
MADE BY STATETells Jury She Played No
Part in Tragic Slaying
of Her Husband and
Mrs. Mills.

COURT HOUSE, SOMERVILLE,
Nov. 27. (AP)—Mrs. Frances
Stevens Hall went to the witness
stand in the Hall-Mills trial at 2
p. m.

Dressed in black, as she has been
since the trial began, Mrs. Hall
walked to the witness stand in the
same calm manner that has marked
her conduct in the courtroom since
the trial began almost four weeks
ago. Her testimony was expected
to bring the defense's case to a
close. Mrs. Hall was the last of
the three defendants to testify.

Mrs. Hall told the jury that she
did not kill her husband, the Rev.
Edward Wheeler Hall, and Mrs.
Eleanor R. Mills. She had added
that she played no part in the slay-
ing of her husband and Mrs. Mills.
The slaying of the couple took place
on the night of Sept. 14, 1922.

PROH OFFICERS
ROUND UP SEVENFive Men and Two Women
Plead Guilty—Fines
Total \$1,750, Costs

Five men and two women, round-
ed up by federal and state prohibi-
tion officers Friday afternoon in a
raid that culminated 10 days of
under-cover work, pleaded guilty to
charges of illegal possession before
Judge Hugh E. Brady in the justice
court here today.

The defendants, who were senten-
ced to fines ranging from \$100 to
\$1,000, were: Frank Miller, 2007
North Depot street, the officers
claim to have confiscated 17
gallons of moonshine, was fined
\$400. Bill Martin, accused as his
agent, was given a \$100 fine.

Volcanic Blasts
Alarm Villagers

NAPLES, Italy, Nov. 27 (AP)—
Violent explosions within the cone
of Mt. Vesuvius terrified the in-
habitants of Portici, Torre Annun-
ziata and other towns in the sur-
rounding valley early today.

Bandits Escape
With \$27,000 Cash

DEPIANCE, Ohio, Nov. 27 (AP).
—Five armed bandits held up the
Merchants National bank here to-
day and escaped in an automobile
with \$27,000 in cash and bonds
valued at between \$25,000 and
\$30,000.

Fair Directorate
Is Made Larger

To enlarge the board of directors
of the Union County Fair associa-
tion from seven members to 21
members and to make the fair
next year bigger and better than
ever before was the two principal
things voted upon last evening
by 25 persons—members of the
association and boosters for the
fair—met at the city hall in Elgin.

Officers were elected for the new
year. Clarence Bean was elected
president. Guy Dutton was re-
elected secretary and Guy Patton
re-elected treasurer.

Plans were discussed for the
building of a new pavilion on the
fair grounds before the time for
next year's show.

Carnegie Tech
Humbles Notre
Dame's ElevenSouth Bend Warriors of
Gridiron Bow Before a
19 to 0 Defeat in Pitts-
burg.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 27 (AP)—Notre Dame bowed
in defeat on the gridiron here today.
Carnegie Tech winning from the
south Bend outfit, 19 to 0, in one
of the most startling upsets of
the football season.

Carnegie outplayed the visitors
from start to finish. The Tartans
ripped through the Notre Dame
line at will and time, and again
broke up the Notre Dame passes.
The final period Notre Dame ad-
vanced to within one-half yard of
the Carnegie goal line only to lose
the ball on downs.

EAST OREGON
HOOP LEADERS
MEETING HERE

With football's funeral wreath
still dangling fresh, basketball
was lionized when superintendents
principals and coaches of Eastern
Oregon met with E. D. Towler,
chairman of the district board, at
the high school building this after-
noon.

Ways, means and plans for the
basketball season were discussed,
and the fate of the traditional
basketball tournament was to be
decided before the session closed.
If it is agreed to repeat the clas-
sic, its form, time and place will
be outlined, Towler said.

Boy Scouts Guests
At Lodge Banquet

The boy scout group here respon-
sible for the March parade was en-
tertained at a banquet by the
members of the lodge last evening
at the Elks' ball here. About
30 boys of the boy scout group
and about 40 men were present.

Chicago Livestock
Exposition Opens

CHICAGO, Nov. 27 (AP)—The
International Livestock exposition
opened today to continue a week
at the Union stock yards.

A special feature of the expo-
sition is the display of more than
5,000 samples of hay, grain and
feeds. Teams from 22 institutions
were entered in the college stock
judging competitions today.

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STORM TOLL
REACHES 84
OVER NATIONArkansas, with 47 Dead,
Suffers Most From
Whirling TornadoesRELIEF FORCES
TAKE OVER AREARains and Winds That
Enveloped the Pacific
Coast District Calming
Down Today.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 27 (AP).
—Southern communities which felt
the deadly breath of whirling tor-
nadoes Thursday and Friday were
clearing away debris and tending
their wounded today as the total of
those killed by the wind's fury
reached 84.

Forces for supporting relief mea-
sures for injured and homeless
were being raised by newspapers
and benevolent societies in re-
sponse to cries for aid which fol-
lowed the path of destructive
winds. The injured from Texas
to Virginia were more than 300
and property damage was expected
to aggregate above a million dol-
lars.

47 Dead in Arkansas
Forces of the Red Cross were in
action today in Arkansas, where 47
died from the storm's violence. In
Missouri and Louisiana parishes
of Louisiana relief workers from
Shreveport and Monroe were tak-
ing to recastell order where 16
had perished and much distress
prevailed.

Rehabilitation went forward also
in other states where the fitful
tempest had wrought destruction
in swirling through Arkansas
Thursday night striking in Louisi-
ana, Mississippi, Alabama and
Tennessee, thus finishing its fatal
course Friday at Portsmouth, Va.

Reports from the various storm
marked areas today gave those
estimates of known dead, in addi-
tion to a number missing:
Arkansas 47; Louisiana 16; Mis-
sissippi 16; Texas 1; Alabama 4;
Southern Missouri 4; and Virginia
2.

11 of Largest
Railroads Pay
Employees More

CHICAGO, Nov. 27 (AP)—
Eleven railroads operating out of
Chicago have granted wage in-
creases that will add three millions
annually to the pay of about 100,
000 shopmen.

The advances range from one to
three cents an hour, in most cases
an hourly increase of two cents and
either are already in effect or will
be by the end of the calendar year.
Roads involved are the Chicago,
Rock Island and Pacific; Atchafalaya
Topeka and Santa Fe; Chicago,
Burlington and Quincy; Chicago
and Eastern Illinois; Great North-
ern; Missouri Pacific; and Chicago
and Alton Union Pacific, Ft.
Worth, Denver, Washburn and Illi-
nois Central, and on some the new
scale has been in effect a month
or more, although unannounced
publicly.

Annual Sale of Christmas Seals
Begins in La Grande, Union County

The business section of La
Grande has been canvassed prepa-
ratory to the annual Christmas seal
sale and today the sale actually
started. The various churches of
the city are helping with the sale
this year and now have their
booths established at the various
down-town places.

The booth where the women
from the First Presbyterian will
sell seals is at Hill's store; the
Christian church at the J. C.
Penney store; Methodist, La
Grande National bank; Latter Day
Saints, Woodworth; Baptist, Uni-
ted States National bank; Church
of God, 49-cent store; Episcopal,
S. K. West store; Our Lady of the
Valley, post office; South Metho-
dist, A. C. Palmer store; Zion Eng-
lish Lutheran, Equitable Savings
bank for the first two weeks; Seven
Day Adventists, Equitable Savings

bank, the last two weeks; Nazarene
church, Williams store.

"The deep interest of Oregon's
citizens in the fight against tuber-
culosis was clearly shown in the
28,000 majority vote for the East-
ern Oregon Tuberculosis hospital,"
A. L. Miles, president of the Ore-
gon tuberculosis hospital associa-
tion, says. "However, the provision
of hospital care for tuber-
culosis patients is only one phase of
the campaign."

"Finding the tuberculosis pa-
tients in the first phase of the an-
ti-tuberculosis program, and the
successful campaign for the East-
ern Oregon Tuberculosis hospital is
an example of the second phase
of the campaign."

WALKER FREED



Accused of making an elec-
trical device to electrocute his
rival in love, W. G. Walker
stood trial at Bremerton,
Wash., for the attempted murder
of Herbert J. Kennison.
Mrs. Kennison saved her hus-
band from the 2,300-volt ap-
paratus, but refused to prose-
cute. Walker was found not
guilty.

KING, ALTHOUGH
ILL, IS WORKINGFerdinand of Rumania,
Manfully Fighting Off
Inroads of Cancer

BUCHAREST, Nov. 27 (AP).
—The Rumanian foreign office to-
day formally authorized the as-
sociated press to categorically deny
"unfounded and fantastic rumors
that King Ferdinand is dying of a
blood disease and that the king's
mental vigor is impaired."

The king is continuing to receive
and work with his ministers daily.
Reliable and authoritative sources
report the monarch's condition
improved.

The newspapers announce today
that the physicians in attendance
upon the king are ready to forego
an operation if his health appears
to be better, and there is general
agreement that every available
source that it is improved.

A DOOMED MAN

PARIS, Nov. 27 (AP)—That
Ferdinand, king of Rumania, is a
doomed man there seems no longer
any doubt. But the latest reliable
news received in Paris indicates
that he is manfully fighting the in-
roads of the cancerous growths
and is slightly better than he was
several days ago.

General P. Angelesco, chief of
the king's military household, who
is in Paris, asserts that the mon-
arch's condition is improving.

OUSTS KRATZ
AS ASTORIA'S
CITY MANAGER

ASTORIA, Ore., Nov. 27 (AP).
—City Manager O. A. Kratz, executive
head of the city government since
1922, was dismissed by a three-to-
one vote of the city commissioners
at a special meeting held in the
council chambers here last night.

The dismissal will take effect on
midnight, Jan. 2. So casual
other than that the action for the
"best interests" of the city were
given. The dismissal calls for ap-
plications for persons desirous of
appointment to the position.

O. A. Kratz was city manager
of La Grande before going to As-
toria shortly after the disastrous
Astoria fire.

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Gould Cleared
Of Charges in
Maine CampaignRepublican Nominee for
U. S. Senate Found Not
Guilty of Exceeding
Expense Limit.

AUGUSTA, Maine, Nov. 27 (AP).
—Arthur R. Gould, republican
nominee for the U. S. senate, stood
cleared today of charges of having
exceeded the \$1,500 limit placed
by this state upon primary cam-
paign expenses.

Gould, upon whose election next
Monday depends republican con-
trol of the senate, emerged last
night from a hearing before Sec-
retary of State Frank B. Hall, con-
fident that the dismissal of charges
had vindicated him and assured his
victory over Fulton J. Redman,
democratic nominee.

At the same time Daniel F. Field,
chairman of the republican state
committee and Senator Frederick
Hale voiced belief in the integrity
of Gould and predicted his elec-
tion.

Brewster Renews Attack
But Governor Ralph O. Brew-
ster, whose open letter to Maine
republicans Thursday night main-
tained Gould, renewed his attacks
upon his party's successful candi-
date in the primary.

He charged that "in all the
welter of personal abuse there had
been no denial that the law was
deliberately and repeatedly viola-
ted by friends of the successful
nominee."

Auto Kills One;
County Officials
Seeking Motorist

Sheriff Brewsters and his de-
puties have been asked to cooperate
with Sheriff R. T. Cookingham,
of Umatilla county, in a search for a
hit-and-run driver that the Pen-
dleton officer holds responsible for
the death of one man and severe
injuries of another that occurred on
the highway between Walla Walla
and Milton-Freewater near the
state line Thanksgiving afternoon.
Names of the victims were not
given.

The driver is believed to have
headed in this direction. Sheriff
Cookingham told officers here. A
fragment of a headlight thought to
have been broken from the car
when it ran into the pedestrian
pair is the principal clue, he said.
The car is described as a heavy
sedan or coach.

Lumber Firms on
Puget Sound Are
Given Fair Rate

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (AP).
—Producers of lumber along Puget
Sound in Washington state are not
being unreasonably treated by rail-
roads in rates to Idaho and Utah
points located on the Oregon short
line, Interstate Commerce Commis-
sion Examiner Dugan has reported.

The lumber industries located
around Seattle and Tacoma in-
stituted the proceedings by complain-
ing that Portland, Ore., and group
points had better rates to the ter-
ritories described. Portland inter-
ests resisted the claims.

Indian Lays Blame
On "That Whiskey"

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Nov.
27 (AP)—"That whiskey," an-
nounced Walter Jones, Klamath
Falls Indian, "would make anybody
crazy."

He made the pronouncement to-
day, when he was sentenced to
serve 30 days in the county jail for
terrorizing the village of Port
Klamath yesterday with a display
of four guns, the display ending
without bloodshed when two of
his guns jammed as he was being
arrested by Deputy Sheriff Ferguson.

His sentence today was for pos-
session of intoxicants only.

SAILORS AND
SOLDIERS IN
21 TO 21 TIESpectacular Annual Clas-
sic Ends with Annapo-
lis, West Point EvenNAVY SCORES 14
EARLY IN CONTESTArmy Retaliates; Score
Tied in Fourth Quarter
When Middies Come
From Behind.

SOLDIERS FIELD, Chicago,
Nov. 27 (AP).—Army and
Navy fought to a spectacular
21-21 tie today before a color-
ful crowd of 110,000, the
greatest that ever saw a foot-
ball game in America.

Navy scored the first two
touchdowns before the West-
pointers were able to cross the
goal line, sweeping down the
field in mighty thrusts.

Army retaliated and shoved
across two touchdowns, one
the result of a fumble and a
15-yard run. Again the Sol-
diers swept into action and
drove the Middie herd back
behind their goal line. After
conversion, in the third quar-
ter the Navy staged a final
comeback, and tied the score.
During the remainder of the
game both teams tried inef-
fectively to break the dead-
lock.

2 EXPLORERS
SAFE, AFRICAN
MESSAGE SAYS

CAPETOWN, South Africa, Nov.
27 (AP)—The American explorers,
H. I. Maroon and W. W. McMil-
lan, who have been missing in the
African jungle since Oct. 10 are
"perfectly safe according to the
latest information" says a message
received today by return from the
administrator of Southwest Africa
at Windhoek.

SUPPORTS COOLIDGE
WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (AP).
—President Coolidge was told today
by Ralph Arnold, chairman of the
republican committee of Los An-
geles county that that section of
California wanted him for another
term in the white house.

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