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OREGON: Unsettled and
mild tonight and Friday.
Gentle variable winds.

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COMMISSION
OPENS BIDS
ON TWO JOBSHartenbower & Spaeth
Awarded One and One
Unit of the OtherCLYDE R. SEITZ
GIVEN 2ND UNITTwo Sewer Districts to
Be Advertised for Bids
—Milk Ordinance Held
Over.Bids were opened by the city
commissioners in regular meeting
last night on two improvement dis-
tricts. Hartenbower & Spaeth and
Clyde R. Seitz were successful bid-
ders.District 16, for graveling, side-
walks, storm sewers, etc., on North
Depot from W to Y, was consid-
ered first. Bids were received in
two units, one for the storm sewer
and the other including sidewalks,
curbs, etc.On the first unit Hartenbower
& Spaeth entered the only offer, of
\$1,255.14. The estimate on this
job is \$1,268.70.On the second unit Clyde R.
Seitz bid \$3,552.47. A bid entered
by P. J. Lilly on sidewalks and
curbs was disregarded because it
did not follow specifications as to
division of the project by units.
The estimate on this section was
\$3,582.06.Letting of the bids to the two
above firms makes the total cost of
the improvement, minus advertising
expense, at \$4,807.61.Sidewalk Bids Opened
Three bids were then opened on
district 16, calling for sidewalks on
Oak and Cedar between M and
N avenues. Hartenbower & Spaeth
were successful with a bid of
\$555.60, which was \$201.30 under
the engineer's estimate. C. Hilde-
brandt bid \$732 and P. J. Lilly's
offer was \$634.40.Ordinances were passed in both
instances authorizing the commis-
sion to enter into contracts with
the successful bidders.Districts Advance
Last night was also the time for
hearing on sewer improvement dis-
tricts 1-12 and 2-4. No remon-
strances were received and the re-
solutions were authorized to call for
bids receivable on Dec. 15.One district calls for sanitary
sewers in blocks 9, 10 and 15.
Grandy's addition, and the other
provides for sanitary sewers along
North Ash.City Manager W. C. Crews was
authorized by motion to have 500
copies of the city traffic ordi-
nance, which becomes effective
Dec. 24, printed for distribution.License Refused
Upon recommendation of Police
Chief Clint Haynes, the commis-
sioners refused an application to
transfer a license for a card room
made by Toy Young.Further consideration of the
proposed milk ordinance was post-
poned.

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55 DISTRICTS
GET SHARE OF
\$66,000 FUNDMore than \$66,000 is being por-
tioned out to the 55 school districts
in Union county this week by E.
A. Sayre, county superintendent,
each school being given an
amount in proportion to the num-
ber of students in the school and
the number of teachers employed.
The \$66,000 is made up of \$19,-
204 from the elementary school
fund, \$15,061 from the high school
fund, \$22,551 from the county
school fund and \$8,204 from the
state fund, money from the irre-
ducible school funds and from forest
rentals.AIDING
BUSINESS
ENERGYThe energetic, enthusiastic,
up-to-the-minute business is not
difficult to single out. The man
at the head of such a business is
always on the alert for new
ideas, new ways of serving you,
new means of securing your con-
stant, satisfied trade.Invariably he is an energetic
advertiser because his message
in the Observer keeps him con-
stantly in touch with 12,000 pos-
sible customers throughout the
La Grande territory. He's too
clever to miss such an opportu-
nity—and he is always at top
speed to make the most of it.
Yet the cost to him is ex-
tremely small—less than two-
hundredths of one cent for each
reader."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"Kiddle Trades
General Store
To L. ReynoldsEach Takes Possession of
Properties Today—Is-
land City Man to Raise
Swine.One of the largest property
deals consummated in Union county
for several months was closed
yesterday when Lee Reynolds trad-
ed his 240-acre farm near La
Grande to Clyde Kiddle, of Island
City, for his general store and the
Kiddle property on that corner, in-
cluding the old store building.Reynolds took possession of the
store and Kiddle of the farm this
morning.The business at Island City is
now known as Reynolds' store, and
a general list of merchandise is
offered. Groceries, hardware,
clothing, etc. are in stock. A soda
fountain and a filling station is in
connection with the store.Specialize in Swine
Kiddle secured, along with the
ranch and buildings, which in-
cluded the eight-room house, a
part of Reynolds' farm equipment
and stock. Kiddle, it is said, will
specialize in swine raising. For
several years he has been in the
hog industry and has placed ani-

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Quarter Century
Service Brings
Big PromotionJohn Daniels, who was appointed
fuel superintendent of the O. W.
R. and N. company yesterday by
J. P. O'Brien, vice president and
general manager, to take the place
of the late E. W. Perley, has been
employed with the railway com-
pany for 25 years and for the
past five years has been road fore-
man of engines in this division
with headquarters in La Grande.
Daniels began his service with
the O. W. R. in January, 1905 as an
engine wiper and in July, 1907 he
was promoted to the position of
fireman. April 17, 1910 he was
promoted to engineer, in which
capacity he worked until Dec. 10,
1919, when he was made assistant
to the road foreman of engines,
then Fred Schille and Frank
Reichlin.Again Promoted
Sept. 1, 1921, a little more than
five years ago, he was promoted
to road foreman in charge of en-
gines and has worked in that ca-
pacity with O. G. Olson until the
present time.His appointment as fuel super-
visor was effective yesterday and
he will report in Portland, where
his headquarters will now be, Mon-
day for duty. He left his home
here last night for Spokane, Wash.,
and will go from there to Portland
Sunday.Mrs. Daniels and their son,
Norman, will join Daniels in Port-
land, as soon as their home here
at 1210 O avenue is disposed of.
Mrs. Daniels said this morning.Lived Here 23 Years
Mr. and Mrs. Daniels have lived
in La Grande for 23 years and
their going will be keenly felt by
their many friends here, even
though he will be here often in
connection with his work and they
will probably return for occasion-
al visits with his parents, who live
at Wallawa.K. P. Lodges Hold
Meeting at ImblerKnight of Pythias of three
lodges were present last night
when the Imbler lodge No. 114
was held. About 50 visitors from
the Red Cross lodge No. 27 of La
Grande, and the Orion lodge, of
Elgin, were guests. The Elgin
lodge conducted the ceremony in
which two candidates were exam-
ined and the page ranked. A buffet
supper was enjoyed before the
meeting adjourned.Oregon Educators
Guests at LakeHOT LAKE, Dec. 2 (Special).—
The group of prominent educators
who are touring Eastern Oregon
this week were guests of Dr. W. T.
Phy and the Hot Lake sanatorium
at some time yesterday.Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall and his
party spent Tuesday night here
and were guests at a breakfast
party preceding their trip to Pen-
dleton. Dr. U. G. Dubach, dean
of men at the Oregon Agricultural
college, visited here yesterday af-
ternoon on his way from Union to
Wallawa and Enterprise where he
will speak.In the University of Oregon
group there were besides Dr. Hall,
Dean Alfred Powers, director of
extension; A. A. Rogers, Eugene
banker; and H. H. Young, Port-
land, president of the U. of O. al-
umni association. W. G. Beattie,
extension lecture of the university,
was also guest of Dr. Phy at the
breakfast. He is spending a few
days at the sanatorium with his
wife who underwent a major op-
eration here the early part of the
week.

SWIMS CHANNEL

If the mark claimed by Wal-
ter Grango, 28, Huntington
Beach, Calif., employee, is
allowed, he not only is the first
to swim the Catalina Channel,
but also has established a
long-distance swimming re-
cord. The hydrographic survey
charts show 20 miles as the
distance from swim in 13
hours and 27 minutes, or a
mile every 27.8 minutes.2 ORGANIZATIONS
ELECT OFFICERSLegion Elects Brady
Commander—Grange
Names F. WrightRegular annual election of of-
ficers was held at meetings of two
organizations last night. The Blue
mountain grange meeting at
Grange hall, made its annual selec-
tion; and the American Legion,
meeting last evening, also picked
its leaders for the coming year.Frank Wright was elected com-
mander of the grange; E. L. Eckley,
overseer; Carl Spencer, lecturer;
Ed Dunn, steward; Thomas Wall-
singer, assistant steward; Mrs. R.
A. Madison, chaplain; Mrs. S. B.
Williamson, treasurer; W. E. Gek-
ler, secretary; J. A. Hamann, gate-
keeper; Mrs. E. L. Eckley, Cerer;
Mrs. Ann Huffman, Pomona; Mrs.
Frank Wright, Flora and Mrs. Kit-
tie Stringham, woman assistant
steward. The new officers will be
installed at the first meeting in
January.The grange and the school are
cooperating in preparations for a
community Christmas tree. The
home economic committee has
charge of the grange's part. The
legislative committee was in-
structed to draw up resolutions to
present to the Pomona grange favor-
ing the adoption of an income tax
law by the state legislature; against
the repeal of the voters pamphlet;
in favor of an investigation into
the state textbook question; and
favoring an amendment of the in-
stinctive and referendum law so as
to prevent the hiring of solicitors to
get petition signatures.University and state college stu-
dents that are members of the
grange are to finance a proposed
plan of placing both institutions
under one board of regents and a
special committee is to start a cam-
paign in this county against state
guaranteeing of the principal of in-
terest on irrigation bonds on both
existing and new projects.

Legion Elects Brady

Hugh E. Brady is the 1927 com-
mander of American Legion Post
No. 43. Election took place last
night when the last regular meet-
ing of the post this year was held at
the Knights of Pythias hall. Ches-
ter L. Thompson is vice-commander;
Lloyd Bussey, adjutant; Lynne
Bohnenkamp, finance officer and
Henry Melanson, chaplain.V. C. Talbot, Otto Palmer, Jess
Andrews, Harley Richardson and
Ralph Huron were elected to the
executive committee.During the meeting over which
Harley Richardson, 1926 command-
er, presided for the last time plans
were discussed for a "Silver Thaw"
dance, a novelty dance being plan-
ned by the legion, which will be
given sometime this month, prob-
ably during the Christmas holidays.Announcement was made that
the membership drive will be con-
tinued under present plans until
Dec. 15, when a special meeting
will probably be called.

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Kingsley Hearing
Due Late TodayPENDLETON, Dec. 2 (AP).—
C. E. Kingsley, arrested in La
Grande in connection with the
death of H. B. Zacharias near the
state line, will be given a hearing
this afternoon in justice court. Bond
will be fixed at this time.

LA GRANDERS CALLED

Police Officer Harold Howard
and Deputy Sheriff Ingo Kling-
hammer left here about noon for
Pendleton, where they are scheduled
to testify at the Kingsley hearing,
set for 3 o'clock.RUCKEL ROAD
SAID TO BE
BEST ROUTEHuron Presents Proposal
to State Highway
CommissionersWOULD COST LESS
TO BUILD, CLAIMLess Elevation and
Shorter Distance Are
Strong Features over
Toll Gate Route.With serious consideration now
being given by all concerned par-
ties to the building of a highway
over the Blue mountains connect-
ing with the Pendleton-Walla-Walla
road at Weston, H. H. Huron,
of Imbler, yesterday presented to
the state highway commission in
Portland a proposal that another
route in addition to the Toll Gate
route be surveyed. Representing
the people of Summerville and vic-
inity he said by using Thompson
Ruckel's road the highway would
be more economically built, would
shorten the distance between the
terminals, and could be kept free
of snow during the winter. In ad-
dition the highest elevation, he
told the commissioners, would be
only 4,500 feet, which is much less
than via Toll Gate.

Surveyed in 1917

The Thompson Ruckel road was
surveyed in 1917 following applica-
tion to state officials and at that
time engineers reported that a
highway could be built along that
route \$25,000 cheaper than by any
other route over the mountains.
A survey was not requested for
the Elgin-Weston route until five
years later.The commissioners were interest-
ed in his suggestion, Huron re-
ported here today upon his re-
turn, and turned the matter over
to the state engineer and forestry
department for investigation. The
road over the mountains, if built,
will be constructed jointly by the
federal, state and county govern-
ments.

The Summerville people declare

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Links Slayer of
Mrs. Myers With
Seattle MurderPORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 2 (AP).—
Police seeking the slayer of Mrs.
Blanche Myers, strangled to death
here Monday, had a good description
today of a man who left with two
women at a rooming house a
necklace, a bracelet and a string
of pearls, which answer the de-
scription of jewelry taken from Mrs.
Florence Pithian Monks, slain at
Seattle, Nov. 23.The police announced after
checking a description of the
Monks jewelry that it fitted the
articles they received yesterday
from the two women. The jew-
elry will be sent to Seattle today
for positive identification by per-
sons who knew Mrs. Monks, said
Captain John T. Moore, chief of
detectives.A man described as about 24 or
25 years old, five feet eleven inches
in height, dark complexion, dark
eyes and brown hair, rented a
room here November 24 and re-
mained there until Monday Nov.
29, when he left about 11 o'clock.
Before leaving he gave the jewelry
to the two women, saying it was
of no use to him. The police were
withholding the names of the wo-
men. They turned the jewelry
over to the police late yesterday.SEATTLE, Dec. 2 (AP).—De-
scription of jewelry, given by a
stranger to two women in a Port-
land rooming house, are identical
with those belonging to Mrs. Flo-
rence Pithian Monks, wealthy wi-
dow, slain in her Seattle home,
Nov. 23, her friends declared here
today.East Shivers As
Real Winter ComesNEW YORK, Dec. 2 (AP).—The
coldest weather of the season today
gripped almost all of the eastern
section of the country and in one
place, Rochester, N. Y., one death
was reported.Temperatures ranged from con-
siderably above the freezing point,
to 15 degrees below zero at Tupper
Lake, N. Y., and 22 degrees
below zero at Danvers, Western
Quebec.National Guard
Clam Feed DatedA clam feed will follow the regu-
lar drill period of company E of the
Oregon national guard Monday
evening at the armory at Zuber
hall. Captain G. L. Dutton an-
nounced this morning.The feed will be under the
supervision of Mess Sergeant Reed.State Colleges
Present Claims
To Budget BodyNeither U. of O. Nor O.
A. C. Asks for Funds
for Additional Building
Work.SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2 (AP).—
Out of consideration for the string-
ent financial condition in which
the state stands at the present
time, neither the University of
Oregon nor Oregon Agricultural
college, in submitting to the state
budget commission their estimated
financial requirements for 1927-
28, make any requests for new
building appropriation. Each,
however, lays before the commis-
sion the pressing need of new
buildings, faculty additions, etc.,
to take care of the increasing en-
rollment.The university asks for no ap-
propriation by the legislature. This
does not include the medical col-
lege of the university, however.The university proper estimates
its receipts for the coming two
years at \$2,032,143. The require-
ments are estimated at \$2,019,033.
"It is obvious, says the report
to the commission 'that even with
the most rigid economy a 68 per
cent increase in enrollment cannot
be adequately cared for by an
increase of 9 per cent income.'"The estimated revenue for Oreg-
on Agricultural college according
to its budget estimate are \$2,621,-
750 and estimated requirements
are the same amount. From the
1925-26 funds it is estimated that
\$98,021 will be left for additional
and betterments.The budget commission has ten-
tative approved for O. A. C. the

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Northern Coast
Cities Swept by
90-Mile StormPORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 2 (AP).—
Oregon and Washington coast
cities were swept by a severe
last night. The wind for a time
reached 80 miles an hour. As-
toria suffered some minor damage
from the wind. Heavy rains flood-
ed streets in Aberdeen. Power
lines were down for a time in
Southwestern Washington, putting
Olympia, Tenino, Buxeda and Che-
halis in darkness.Seattle reported loss of two lives
was narrowly averted when fif-
teen rescued a 12-year-old girl
and her mother from a house-
hold that had slipped its moorings in
Lake Washington and went adrift
in the gale.The storm apparently had spent
its fury early today.

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BOY PRINCE CENTER OF INTRIGUE

A smiling little boy, who hasn't the least idea what it's all about,
is the center of a turbulent political intrigue which threatens in
Rumania as Queen Marie speeds home. He is Prince Michael,
pictured above. Prince Carol (inset), Michael's dad, also plays
an important part in the plot. Marie visited him in Paris yester-
day but King Ferdinand, doomed monarch, opposed Carol's as-
cendency to the throne because of his renouncing his rights. If
Michael wins out, a regency might be established to rule or Queen
Marie might take the reins.CONGRESS TO
FACE BATTLE
ON TAX CUTDemocrats Rally to Plan
Originated by Repre-
sentative GarnerREPUBLICANS NOT
READY FOR SLASHShort Session of the Sen-
ate and the House Will
Convene in Washington
in Four Days.WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP).—
With the reconvening of the sixty-
ninth congress only four days
away, indications are rapidly mul-
tiplying that the principal battle
of the short session will range
about the issue of tax reduction.Already the battle lines have
been clearly defined. With the
democrats determined to bring
about immediate revision of the
tax law and the republicans lead-
ers equally determined that noth-
ing of the sort shall be done un-
til the present statute has been
given at least another year of
practical testing.At the same time, lines are
emerging from the confusion of
the pre-session talk which will
show that the bill being drafted
by the house ways and means
committee to dispose of alien
property seized during the war

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FOREIGNERS IN
CHINA IN DANGERColonies in Foochow and
Hankow Still Harassed
by Trouble ThreatsBy the Associated Press
Foreign colonies in Foochow and
Hankow still are harassed by
threats of trouble as the northern
forces are being broken up by the
Chinese in two provinces, Fuk-
kien and Huper.As the southern army tightens
its grip, however, the situation
shows promise of easing. The
northern army has been routed at
Foochow and the civil government,

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Charles Chaplin
Is Deserted by
Wife, ChildrenFormer Lita Grey Goes to
Grandparents' Home—
Charges Actor with Ill
Treatment.LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2 (AP).—
Charles Chaplin, film comedian,
today sought a reconciliation with
his young wife, Lita Grey Chaplin,
who with her two children has
left the actor's home and says she
has no intention of returning.
That a rift had occurred in the
married life of the Chaplins first
became known yesterday when
Mrs. Chaplin announced that she
and the children had gone to live
with her grandparents, Mr. and
Mrs. William E. Curry, of Beverly
Hills.The separation, she said, fol-
lowed a disagreement with Chap-
lin during a party given in their
Beverly Hills home last Monday
night in honor of the Baron and
Baroness Mille De Precourt, ship-
board acquaintances whom she
met on her recent return voyage
from Honolulu. She left the Chap-
lin 40-room mansion the next day,
taking her babies with her.Chaplin today expressed surprise
at his wife's action. He said he
was making reconciliation over-
tures through mutual friends and
hoped his wife would come back.Charges Ill Treatment
"In treatment on the part of
Chaplin brought about the break,"
Mrs. Chaplin told me she could
not stand his treatment any longer,"
Curry said.The white-haired grandfather
also announced that Mrs. Chap-
lin's legal affairs had been placed
in the hands of George Beebe,
her attorney. He indicated that
a divorce probably would follow
the break, but said no immediate
action was contemplated. He add-
ed that the comedian's wife "most
decidedly" would fight to retain
the custody of her children in the
event of a divorce.Chaplin formerly was married
to Mildred Harris, film actress,
who obtained a divorce in 1920 on
grounds of cruelty.Flames Destroy
Building, Autos
Worth \$500,000SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2 (AP).—
A two-story building occupied
by Larkins and company, dealers
in automobile bodies, and by a
garage repair shop, was swept by
fire today causing a loss estimated
to be in excess of \$500,000. Three
men, including one fireman, were
slightly injured and 80 automobiles
were destroyed.Lieut. William Wilson of the de-
partment was injured while rescu-
ing a woman and child from a
threatened apartment building
nearby.Police aroused hundreds of oc-
cupants of nearby apartments and
they dressed hastily and rushed to
the streets. A number of aged
and invalids were carried out.Senator Walsh Is
Witness in TrialWASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP).—
The defense today began its front-
al onslaught on the massed accumu-
lation of evidence submitted by
the government in an effort to
prove that Albert B. Fall, former
secretary of the interior and Ed-
ward L. Doheny, the oil man, were
guilty of conspiracy in the famous
naval oil leases.After having obtained from the
prosecution's own witnesses every
vestige of testimony they believed
would aid their clients, the law-
yers for the two defendants turned
towards their own store of testi-
mony.The prosecution wound up early
in the day with a brief question-
ing of Senator Thomas J. Walsh,
of Montana, whose prosecution of
the oil investigation before a sen-
ate committee brought to light the
developments on which the pres-
ent trial is based.Girl's Body Found;
Young Man AccusedMOUNT STERLING, Wis., Dec.
2 (AP).—Buried in a shallow grave,
the body of Clara Olson, missing
from her home since Sept. 9, was
found near here today.Members of the American Leg-
ion in Crawford county, organized
into searching parties, found the
grave on a farm six and a half
miles north of here.Cause of the girl's death had not
been determined, as the covering
of dirt had not been completely re-
moved when the courier left the
party.DWIGHT, Ill., Dec. 2 (AP).—A
young man who said he is Walter
Christman, of Porter, Wis., was
held here today on the suspicion
that he is Erdman Olson, of Prairie
Du Chien, Wis., sought on a war-
rant charging the murder of Clara
Olson, to whom he had been at-
tentive.TESTIMONY IS
BELITTLED IN
SUMMATIONSR. H. McCarter, Defense
Attorney, Scores James
Mills, Mrs. GibsonHUSBAND OF DEAD
WOMAN UNDER FIREClasses Pig Woman's Ap-
pearance in Somerville
Court as "Theatrical
Display."COURT HOUSE, SOMERVILLE, N.
J., Dec. 2 (AP).—Summing up for
the defense in the Hall-Mills case
will be concluded this afternoon
with indications that the argu-
ment for the state will not be made
until tomorrow.Clarence E. Case had spoken for
one hour and a half at the lun-
cheon recess, following Robert H.
McCarter, who finished his address
soon after court opened.It was expected that Case would
speak for another hour and 30
minutes in the afternoon in which
event Alexander Simpson, special
prosecutor, will ask that his sum-
ming up for the state be deferred
until tomorrow.It seemed certain that the case
would be given to the jury early
tomorrow afternoon, exactly one
month after it opened.COURT HOUSE, SOMERVILLE, N.
J., Dec. 2 (AP).—Robert H. Mc-
Carter, of defense counsel in the
Hall-Mills murder trial, resuming
his summing up before the jury
this morning, lashed the prosecu-
tion for bringing Mrs. Jane Gibson,
state's star witness, into the court-
room on a stretcher and having
her testify from a sick bed.Explaining that Clarence E. Case
another defense attorney would
deal in detail with Mrs. Gibson's
story, McCarter, after referring re-
peatedly to the state's star witness
as "the pig woman," said:"I hope you gentlemen won't be
fooled by that theatrical display
that day who was brought here. Was
there any doctor here to testify as
to whether she was sick? With a
nurse on one side of her bed with
her hand on the woman's pulse, and
a doctor on the other side, and the
witness herself lying on a bed—
everything was to make you think
she was on the eve of her death."Says Story "Humbug"
Declaring that the taking of
Mrs. Gibson's testimony was "a
humbug" and a scene meant to in-
fluence the jury, McCarter chal-
lenged the state to produce one
word of proof that Mrs. Hall knew
the alleged intimacy between her
husband and Mrs. Mills, which the
state has termed the motive for the
crime.He urged the jury to read
carefully the letters which Hall had
written Mrs. Mills from his deten-
tion place in Maine a few weeks
before the killing.