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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight, Saturday becoming unsettled, probably rain in northwest portion. Cooler in east portion tonight.

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C. E. KINGSLEY
IS RELEASED
BY OFFICERSPendleton Judge Declares
Evidence Insufficient
to Bond HimFREED FOLLOWING
3-HOUR HEARINGLa Grande Man, However
Is to Appear Before
Umatilla County Grand
Jury Later.

PENDLETON, Dec. 3. (AP)—C. E. Kingsley, arrested in connection with the death of F. B. Zacharias near the state line Thanksgiving day, was yesterday afternoon released on his own recognizance to await hearing before the grand jury. Justice of the Peace Berkeley held that evidence was insufficient to hold Kingsley under bond.

District Attorney Proebstel was assisted by Mr. Smith at the hearing. The broken headlight on Kingsley's car was declared to have been smashed when he collided with a horse several weeks ago. Sheriff Breshers, of Union county, stated that he knew of Kingsley colliding with a horse. It was also brought out by the father of the dead man that he and his brother had been on the right side of the road with traffic and as Kingsley's left headlight was broken, it appeared that his car was probably not the one that struck the man.

TELLS OF HEARING

Local officers who attended the hearing of Clarence "Pete" Kingsley yesterday, were today interviewed. Officer Harold Howard, of the police department, who with Sheriff Jesse Breshers and Deputy Hugo Klinghammer, attended the hearing from La Grande, reported that the headlight glass, although it may have been from a coupe similar to the one Kingsley drove, did not prove the important evidence that Umatilla county officers hoped for. No other evidence of any importance or that would tend to connect the La Grande man with the killing of H. B. Zacharias Thanksgiving night was introduced.

Breshers on Stand. Sheriff Breshers took the stand during the hearing, which lasted approximately three hours, and told of his questioning of Kingsley and the latter's denial of any knowledge of the accident in the Kingsley car the night he drove along the Milton-Freewater highway toward Walla Walla, told the same story in Pendleton that he did to officials here—that they might have hit something but that he could not be sure.

Kingsley and his wife were not called upon the stand. He was represented at the hearing by Green and Hess and R. J. Kitchen, local attorneys.

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ARREST JONES
ON CHARGE OF
HOTEL FRAUD

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Dec. 3. (Special)—Sheriff A. B. Miller returned to Enterprise recently from Pendleton where he arrested Joe Jones, on a charge of defrauding a hotel man at Wallawa.

Russell Young was found guilty of having moonshine in his possession. The jury was out 10 hours before reaching a decision.

Rhinehart Young, brother of Russell, is being tried in circuit court on the same charge.

Bert Hopkins, who was charged with assault with attempt to kill, was found not guilty.

THE JOB OF
CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING

Providing Christmas gifts, whether they be few or many in number, whether they be costly or simple, is an important activity. Because a gift must be more than a gift, it must be an expression of love, of consideration, of regard, and of friendship.

So it is that gifts lightly chosen will not suffice. They must be chosen with thoughtfulness. As an aid you'll find the advertising messages in The Observer filled with practical suggestions for gift-giving. The new, the different, the best is thus easily found. Shop early—and use The Observer as a time and money saving guide.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

County Budget
Is Approved at
Hearing TodayCommissioners Adjourn
Until the Morning of
Dec. 15 When the Levy
Will Be Made Up.

Union county's budget for the coming year was approved this morning, with one minor alteration, at a hearing before the county court and the budget committee in Judge U. G. Couch's office.

Following this action the members of the court adjourned until the morning of Dec. 15 when they will meet to make the levy. The total estimated expenditures for all purposes for the coming year are \$408,412.66 and the total estimated receipts from all sources are \$444,960. State taxes are now shown here as the amount has not yet been determined. Subtracting from the receipts the amount to be raised is \$203,452.66.

The only change made in the budget was the addition of \$234.80 to the high school tuition fund and the reduction of the emergency fund total by the same amount, thus leaving the budget total the same.

The total is an increase of \$54,225.54 over the county tax over the past year—due mostly to the additional money that must be raised for the redemption of road bonds. A \$90,000 block will have to be retired in 1927. For the last three years, the road bond redemption has been \$60,000 annually.

Of the total \$67,118 is required to meet the general expenses of operating the county government.

Picture Taken in
1893 on Display

To return to "the old home town" and find one's picture conspicuously displayed in the window of a prominent firm, would give any human a pleasant thrill. Such was the experience of Ella Kirtley, former La Grande merchant, but now of Chehalis, Wash., who was moved by the death of Ed Wright. The picture, however, would not be recognized by many for at the time it was taken Kirtley was a lad of about five and was sitting complacently in front of the old Sommer hotel.

The picture appears in the window of the J. H. Pearce and Son firm, and is a group photo taken in 1893 of the historic La Grande Bicycle club. A number of prominent La Grander appear in the picture. Pearce recalls the time when he and Fred Meyers, pioneer members of the old club, bicycled to Baker over extremely rough roads quite frequently, making the trip in about four hours. At one time they even cycled to Walla Walla in over the old Buckle's road, which is now one of the proposed passes over the Blue mountains. Of some 50 prominent men and women of that early day who appear is William Pearce, then small enough to find a comfortable perch on the handlebar of his father's "bike." Prompted by the recent Holmenkamp anniversary session of The Observer Pearce located the picture and decided to display it.

Kirtley is enjoying a visit with his many friends here. He reports that business conditions in Chehalis are very good.

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Munhall to Head
Modern Woodmen

Members of the Modern Woodmen of America elected officers last night. A joint installation with the Royal Neighbors will be held next month. This was the first meeting of the lodge since it consolidated with the Island City camp.

Joseph Munhall Jr., was elected counsel; Ira Kennedy, advisor; Sherwood Williams, banker; Jake Rostock, clerk; Melvin Berk, escort; Everett Berk, watchman; Fred Hoffman, secretary; William E. McClure, trustee; Dr. G. L. Biggers, physician.

Williams and Mr. Davis both delivered addresses last night and the former led in singing. Visitors were present from the Elgin camp. The Royal Neighbors joined the men and served a luncheon before adjournment.

Star Theater to
Install New Seats

The Star theater will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week while the new seats, ordered some time ago, are being installed and other improvements are being made. J. H. Meyers, of Meyers and Bowen, announced yesterday.

The new seats are to be of the upholstered type similar to the ones in the Arcade theater. Among the other improvements will be a women's restroom.

FIEND'S VICTIM



One of the victims of a fiend who is believed by Pacific coast police to have strangled nearly 20 women during the past few months. Mrs. William Adam Edmonds, of San Francisco, is the 10th victim in California. In each case a widow or elderly woman, displaying a "For Rent" sign in her window, has been the victim.

SCORES ATTEND
WRIGHT FUNERALNative Son of Union
County Laid to Rest
After Services Here

People from all over Eastern Oregon gathered here yesterday for the funeral of Ed Wright, who passed away at his home here Monday night. The funeral was held from the Elks temple, and the Rev. Oliver Riley, of St. Peter's Episcopal church, delivered the address. The chamber of commerce quartette sang.

After the funeral here the body was taken to Union, where interment was made in the Union cemetery with the La Grande lodge of Masons, of which he was a member, in charge.

Born at Union

Ed Wright was born at Union July 19, 1878, and made his home there on what has been the Wright home since 1884 and where his brother, L. A. Wright, now lives, until 1899, when his parents moved to La Grande and his father went into the drug business in the building where the Glass Drug store is now located. He received all of his grade school education at Union, and after coming to La Grande he helped his father in the store and at the same time attended the Eastern Oregon business college, along with George Cochran, Charles Hunter, Ella Kirtley and many others of the Grande Home valley, who were about his age.

In 1901 the decedent was married to Lola Clark, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John C. Clark, well known here. In 1904 he was appointed deputy county clerk under James H. Gilliam until he was elected to county clerk's office. He served the county in that capacity until 1916, when he went to Salem as secretary of the public service commission, which office he held until 1920.

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Jolly Pipers to
Meet Monday Night

A rousing meeting of Jolly Pipers is foreseen on Monday night, when smokers from La Grande, Elgin and other nearby towns and cities will gather at 7 p. m. in the Odd Fellows' temple on Elgin street. The Rebekahs will serve dinner.

The Rev. Oliver Riley, of the Episcopal church, and William Miller, realty board president, are scheduled to speak. Quarterly election of officers will be the chief matter of business.

Elks' Annual Memorial Service to
Be Held Here Sunday Afternoon

The programs are now out for the B. P. O. Elks' annual memorial service, which will be held Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock in the Elks' temple here.

It is the custom of the lodge to hold a memorial service each year in honor of the absent members. Six names have been added to the list this year. They are: Nels Schoonover, J. H. Stricker, J. C. Gilling, A. W. Perley, R. T. Rettig and Ed Wright.

Presiding the opening of Mrs. Harris P. French will play the march by Chopin. Mrs. T. R. Maxwell will sing a solo, which will be followed by the opening ritualistic exercises of the lodge by the chairman and the roll call of the absent members.

REGENTS TO
SPEND DEC. 14
IN THIS CITYWithdrawal of Elgin Re-
quest Permits Longer
Stay in La GrandeINTEREST GROWING
IN NORMAL RACEUnion and Wallowa County
Towns Believe Local
Site Is the Best in East
Oregon.

As the time approaches for the state board of control and the Oregon normal school regents to make a journey into Eastern Oregon to procure data relative to the locating of two institutions authorized at the Nov. 2 election—the normal school and tuberculosis hospital—interest in the outcome is growing more intense.

La Grande, hopeful of procuring the normal school, will be visited on Dec. 14 and will have the regents here somewhat longer than most cities. Preparation are being made to give them a cordial welcome. The official group will arrive in Baker about noon on Dec. 13 and spend the day there, leaving for La Grande in the evening at 8:40 o'clock. After spending the night here, the executives will have an entire day to look over local conditions.

Pierce on Both Boards

Governor Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, is a member of both boards. The board of control is to select the site for the hospital and the board of regents will pick the normal school location.

Secretary of State Sam Koser and State Treasurer Thomas Kay, like the governor, also belong to each group. Other members of the board of regents follow: C. L. Starr, of Portland; Frank L. Miller, of Albany; George Hartman, of Pendleton; E. E. Bragg, of La Grande; W. C. Bryant, of Moro; and J. H. Fuller, of Astoria.

Three Favored

Prevailing gossip over the state has it that La Grande, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater are in the lead in the contest for the normal school. Bend, Joseph, Umatilla and others are seeking the hospital, with many conceding the Central Oregon city the inside track. Milton-Freewater's offer of building a site said to be worth approximately \$100,000 in attracting considerable attention over the state.

Pendleton and La Grande both have large areas to offer, but local people feel that this city's reasons for asking for the normal school are superior to all others, although putting up a spirited contest for the selection, is not given much chance in street talk.

Many Attractions

La Grande has many attractions for an institution of that kind. Local people point with pride to the public school system, which has received the highest ranking.

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Men's Club Hears
Mrs. Murphy, Ingle

Two speakers, Dr. Margaret Ingle and Dr. Ray E. Murphy, were heard by the Presbyterian Men's club last evening when the regular meeting was held at the home of Alfred J. Cook on Eighth street.

Dr. Ingle reviewed the book "Modern in the Future," telling of the religion of those people and the difficulty of missionaries in trying to teach them to worship in the right way.

Dr. Murphy gave the biography of Robert Ingersoll and told of his various addresses and the impression he left with people who heard him. He also stressed his religion and why many people thought him to be an unbeliever, although he was not.

After the program there was a general discussion, which was followed by refreshments served by Mrs. Cook, assisted by Mrs. A. E. McClachran.

Schools at Union
Closed One Day

UNION, Ore., Dec. 3. (Special)—Discovery of a case of scarlet fever in the seventh grade room of the South Union school by the health officer, Dr. T. M. Gilmore, led to the dismissal of the city schools Tuesday while the buildings were thoroughly fumigated.

Because the boy who has the disease was in the L. D. R. church the evening before, this building was also fumigated.

Regular sessions of school were resumed the next morning.

Chaplin Tells
Of 'Wet' Party;
Wife Denies ItCharles and Lita Each
Tell a Different Story
of Tuesday Evening
Affair.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3. (AP)—Conflicting versions of a party early Tuesday morning in the Beverly Hills mansion of Charles Chaplin, film comedian, which culminated in the actor's wife, the former Lita Grey, sending her tired guests away and then leaving the house with her two children, today served to widen the breach between the pair.

Chaplin described the incident as a "noisy drinking party" which he says "rouled the entire household, including the nurse and baby."

The comedian's wife insists that the party was "very quiet and respectable."

Mrs. Chaplin in a statement last night from the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Curry of Beverly Hills, gave her version of the affair.

The film actor's wife said that she and her mother, Mrs. Lillian Spier, had given a small dinner party at the Biltmore hotel Monday night, honoring Baron and Baroness Mille De Precoort, whom she met on her recent return voyage from Honolulu. After the dinner the party adjourned to the Chaplin home.

While I was entertaining my guests, Chaplin came down stairs and made a big fuss over the noise he said we were making. He asked me to send my guests away, which I did," Mrs. Chaplin related.

Chaplin gave a different account of the evening.

"I objected to a noisy drinking party of men and women who came to my house at 2 o'clock in the morning when I was asleep and roused the entire household. When I heard the piano organ and violoncello all going at once it got the best of me, so I called my wife upstairs and told her to get the people out at once," the comedian declared.

That a legal battle over the custody of the two Chaplin children, Charles Spencer Jr., 2, and Sydney Earle, 1, would be waged in the event of a permanent separation has been indicated by both the actor and his estranged wife.

Lita Stands Pat

Mrs. Chaplin yesterday firmly reiterated that she would never "go back" to her husband and said she was determined to keep her sons. She bitterly played Chaplin as "a husband and a father." She charged that he had been cruel to her and that he "remained away from home night after night."

Chaplin yesterday denied his wife's charges of cruelty, saying he had never hit treated her.

Father and Son
Banquet Is Held
With 175 Present

UNION, Ore., Dec. 3. (Special)—The annual father and son banquet took place Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the dining room of the Knights of Pythias hall with 175 guests present. The affair was sponsored by the Union commercial club.

A program followed the chicken pie dinner served by the Woman's club.

Don Clark, president of the commercial club, delivered the address of welcome. F. L. Caldwell acted as toastmaster and called upon Murray Jensen, president of the high school student body for a response.

Talks were also given by Dean E. G. Dubach, of the Oregon Agricultural college, who was a guest at the banquet, the Rev. William Murray Bradner, of Coos, and the Rev. Robert C. Lee, of Union.

Mrs. Edith Fay and Mrs. Helene Stearns each sang two solos.

Following the banquet all went to the Cozy theater, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Webb, proprietors of the theater.

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CALIFORNIA
WOMAN SEEKS
BIG FORTUNEMrs. Carlotta Cockburn
Wants Part of \$40,-
000,000 EstatePROBATE COURT
HEARS HER STORYDays When West Was
"Wild and Woolly" Are
Recounted in Crabtree
Case.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3. (AP)—More light on the "dark stranger" who is believed to have murdered Mrs. Blanche Myers here Monday, was given last night when police questioned Mrs. S. Yates and Mrs. E. B. Gayford, the elderly women who were presented with jewelry by a mysterious roomer who arrived in Portland on Nov. 24, and left on the day of Mrs. Myers' death.

The man, who gave his name as Adrien Harris, arrived in Portland on the day before Thanksgiving. He was about five feet seven inches tall, 140 pounds in weight, with a slender face, dark complexion, dark brown hair. When he talked, he bulged his lips slightly and he had a slight accent. He wore a brown cap and a brown overcoat.

Bought Groceries. Although he had been at the house only a few hours, Harris went out and purchased \$14 worth of groceries, which he gave to Mrs. Gayford, asking her to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner.

It was on Thanksgiving day that Harris exhibited the jewelry to the women, dividing it up with them and telling them they had "no little" and that he "had no use for it, anyhow." He gave each of them several pieces without letting the other know he had done so.

To Mrs. Gayford he gave a gold English bracelet, a gold pencil and a silver mounted fountain pen, engraved "J. G."

Her Life History

Administrators of the Crabtree estate, most of which was left as a trust fund for veterans of the world war or their dependants and to other charities, have sight to have the court rule that Mrs. Cockburn is neither kin nor heir at law and hence unqualified to maintain action against the will which was offered for probate on the former actress' death in 1924.

Mrs. Cockburn contends that she is the daughter of Lotta's brother, John A. (Jack) Crabtree, and family "black sheep" who was "too sorry" for his famous sister, in support of her contention, she came to court armed with a score of depositions covering her life history.

Records Destroyed

She declared that her father married in San Francisco, that the record was destroyed in the fire following the 1906 earthquake, and that she was born in Tombstone, Ariz., and adopted by her father's partner there. A death certificate recording that John Crabtree, a widower died in Charleston, S. C. in 1920, was also introduced.

Judge Frederick H. Chase, representing the administrators, told the court he would question the general respectability of the town of Tombstone during the early eighties and the mode of life there. It was in his cross examination of witnesses as recorded in the depositions that details of shootings, gambling and dance hall life were brought into the case.

MAKES HISTORY

Automobile Thief
Is Shot to Death

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 3. (AP)—One automobile thief was shot and killed early today and another is thought to have been wounded when their attempt to steal an automobile was frustrated by the owner of the car.

Sumner Barnard, while visiting Orie C. Place, had parked his car in front of the latter's residence. Hearing someone trying to start the car, he went to the street to investigate. They found two men in the car and a scuffle ensued.

The men who were attempting to steal the car then fled, in different directions. One ran into a garage and was confronted by Harold Wilson, a night watchman. The watchman drew his revolver and fired several times at the man, one of the shots taking effect and killing him.

No marks of identification were found on the dead man. Police are searching for his companion.

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Women DeclareMan, Believed Wholesale
Slayer, Described by
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The Mrs. Yates he gave a triple strand choker string of pearls, two old gold pen pens, a gold pencil, a gold perfume bottle and a white enamel and diamond choker necklace with a bracelet to match.

Read All Papers

Each night the man, who rarely left the house during the day, went out and purchased all the latest editions of the papers.

On Monday morning, Harris came down stairs to find the two women arguing over the jewelry he had given them. He became quite excited over it, they said, and remarked: "I'm going to beat it."

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SCHOOL SHAKEUP
OCCURS EUGENESeveral Students to Be
Expelled—Athletic Ac-
tivities Suspended

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 3. (AP)—Several students of the Eugene high school will be indefinitely suspended and immediate resignations of two members of the high school faculty will be asked by members of the school board, it was decided at a meeting of the board last evening. The decision follows the drenching of the high school principal, J. G. Swan, with a pail of whitewash while he was speaking before the entire student body at an assembly yesterday.

Inter-high school athletic competition between Eugene and other schools of the state will also be suspended indefinitely, the board decided. This is due in part to the loss of \$17 worth of silverware from the Benton hotel in Corvallis following the recent stay of the Eugene high school football team there.

Assembly of students will be curtailed for the remainder of the semester, was another decision.

Swan was deluged by the bucketful of whitewash as he stood on the platform of the assembly hall yesterday afternoon. The whitewash had been concealed high above the stage, and a rope leading to the outside was attached to the bucket. At a signal from some one inside the assembly hall, the rope was pulled from the outside and the whitewash poured over the principal.

"They intimate," he said, "but they don't dare say that she was a harlot. They even go so far as to say the Ku Klux Klan is in favor of an acquittal in this case, because of that. I know the biggest klanism in the state and he told me the other day that the klan was never in favor of murder."

Then he held up the stockings which Mrs. Mills had worn on the night of her death.

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HALL - MILLS
CASE NOW IN
JURY'S HANDSTrial That Has Lasted
One Month Comes to
End at 1:44 P. M.STATE'S EFFORT
HELD LOST CAUSEProsecutor, in 2-Hour Ad-
dress, Declares "Justice
Was Lynched" 4 Years
Ago.

COURT HOUSE, SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 3. (AP)—More than two hours after the jury had retired in the Hall-Mills trial today no word had come from the jury room except requests for a magnifying glass and a ruler. More than two hundred exhibits were available for study.

COURT HOUSE, SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 3. (AP)—The Hall-Mills case was given to a Somerset county jury at 1:44 o'clock this afternoon. The trial was started one month ago today when Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and her brothers, Henry and Willie Stevens, were charged with the murder of Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills. Mrs. Mills was slain with the Rev. Edward W. Hall, Sept. 14, 1922.

Speaking for less than two hours Alexander Simpson, special prosecutor, summed up for the state, assuring the jury that "the honest men among you will decide this case."

The prosecutor throughout left an impression that he felt the state's effort was a lost cause among some of the members of the jury, but that he hoped others would hold out for a conviction.

Simpson told the jury of the possibility of other trials in connection with the case in the event of an acquittal. "Don't you believe the administration of justice in New Jersey will stand by and see a miscarriage," he said.

As Simpson started to speak, he held photographs of Hall and Mrs. Mills before the jury.

Justice Was Lynched

Early in his address he said that one juror, Mr. Young, did not like him, and another, Mr. Hope, "is under obligation to Senator Case," defense counsel.

"Justice was lynched four years ago and may be again," he said. Simpson rapidly sketched the state's theory that Mrs. Hall with her brothers, went to confront Hall with his love letters and in an ensuing struggle killed the minister and then killed Mrs. Mills to dispose of her as a witness.