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Thursday. Normal temperatures.
Gentle variable winds.

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COUNTY FAIR
BOARD MAY
BUY GROUNDSDirectors, in Meeting
Here, Make Plans to
Secure SiteNEW PAVILION TO
BE ERECTED 1927Weatherspoon, Ledbetter
and Reynolds Appointed
on Permanent Finance
Committee.If sufficient money can be
raised the Union County Fair
association will purchase the
grounds at Elgin where the fair
is held each year. This matter
was discussed and decided upon
last evening when 13 members of
the fair board met in police head-
quarters here.The present plan to raise money
for this purpose is to re-sell
stock in the fair association,
which has been turned in.A permanent finance committee
was appointed consisting of
H. H. Weatherspoon, of Elgin;
W. L. Ledbetter, of Imbler, and
Earl Reynolds, of La Grande.Plans were also discussed to
the building of a new pavilion
on the fair grounds. Last year
many of the exhibits were ruined
because of rain, so intentions are
to have the new building up and
ready for use by the time of the
fair next fall. The present building
will probably be used for
livestock.Although definite dates for the
fair have not been set, the mem-
bers of the board voted to have
it the third week in September and
in previous years.Clarence Bean, of Elgin, pres-
ident of the board, presided over
the meeting. Members present
were Gay Dutton, H. H. Weath-
erspoon, H. H. Pharo, O. H. Otis,
Klinghammer and C. H. Hilbert,
of Elgin; Walter Stevens, of Un-
ion; Ruth McKenney, W. L. Led-
better, and E. C. Conrad, of Im-
bler; Fred Curry, Clint Haynes
and Earl Reynolds, of La Grande.Dobbin Replaces Wright
J. D. Dobbin, of La Grande, was
elected as a member of the as-
sociation to take the place of the
late Ed Wright.Another meeting was set for
Dec. 21 at Imbler.LABOR UNIONS
OF LA GRANDE
MEET TONIGHTRepresentatives from nine labor
organizations of this city will meet
tonight at the Crescent Meat Mar-
ket to discuss plans for a central
labor council.This will be the second meeting
concerning the new organization
and it is intended that definite
arrangements be completed at this
session. Walter Parker will act
as temporary chairman.Representatives from four rail-
road brotherhoods, the Typog-
raphical union, the Barber's union,
the Culinary union, the Musicians
union, and the Butcher's union will
be present.BECKE ELECTED
TO LEAD KIWANISSALEM, Ore., Dec. 8.—Karl G.
Becke was elected president of the
Kiwani club at its Tuesday noon
luncheon, defeating Fred Broer 18
to 11. Arthur J. Babin was elected
vice president, defeating Dan J.
Kry 34 to 28. Other officers
elected were Rev. Norman K. Tul-
ley, defeating Ralph H. Cooley, 33 to
20, for district trustee; George M.
King, 58, treasurer, unopposed.THREE
"SQUARES"
A DAYA prominent La Grande busi-
ness man was overheard making
a remark about advertising:
"Why do you eat three meals a
day? To stimulate your body, to
make it more active, more pro-
ductive. Advertising does the
same thing for a business. My
business cannot be stimulated by
advertising just once in a while
—it takes three 'squares' a day."Business "food" need not be
expensive, but it must be regu-
lar, carefully chosen and well
"cooked." Observe advertising
meets the business man's re-
quirements for proper business
building stimulant—because it
enters his market and gets re-
sults. There's little waste—its
all high "food value." And the
"grocery and meat" bill for the
average business can be as low
as \$5 a week."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"Delegation To
Represent City
At ConferenceOlder Boys' Sessions in
Walla Walla Will Ex-
tend over Three Days' Time.Glen Baker and Nyle Lewis
will leave here Friday noon, with
the Rev. G. A. Pollard for Walla
Walla, Wash., where they will
represent La Grande at the Old-
er Boys' conference to be held
there Friday, Saturday and Sun-
day of this week. Mr. Pollard,
representing the boys' and girls
committee of the chamber of
commerce, made arrangements
for the delegation to attend.The convention begins Friday
afternoon at 2 o'clock with regis-
tration and the assignment of
delegates. Late in the afternoon
there will be a meeting of group
leaders followed by a rally for the
boys and delegation leaders. From
7 until 9 o'clock there will be a
conference banquet, after which a
meeting of discussion groups for
the purpose of organization will
close the day's program.The Saturday meetings will be-
gin at 9 o'clock with devotional
songs and will close with an
address in the evening. The closing
ceremony of the conference
will be from 11:40 o'clock Sun-
day until 12 o'clock and the dele-
gation, after having Sunday din-
ner with hosts, will return to
their home towns that afternoon.

Several Speakers.

Several men prominent in Y. M.
C. A. work in the northwest will
speak during the conference.
Among them are Wesley Rennie,
of Seattle, Wash., city-wide boys'
secretary of the Y. M. C. A.;
Clarence Ernst, general secretary
of the Y. M. C. A. in Yakima;
Dr. Raymond H. Culver, secretary
for student work in the North-
western Y. M. C. A. council, and
Fred A. Crosby, boys' secretary
of the council.Retired Railman
Receives Word
From O.-W. HeadGeorge S. Parker, retired en-
gineer of the O.-W. R. and N. com-
pany here recently received a let-
ter from J. P. O'Brien, general
manager of the company, express-
ing the sincere thanks of the
management for the faithful ser-
vice rendered by Parker during his
32 years in the employ of this
company.The letter follows: My dear Mr.
Parker: Having been informed
that at the last meeting of the
board of pensions of this company
recently held, your application for
retirement under pension was fa-
vorably acted upon, I desire to ex-
press the sincere thanks of the
management for the faithful ser-
vice rendered by you during the 32
years in the employ of this com-
pany. I trust that your physical
condition will improve so that you
may fully enjoy the rest that you
have earned. With kind personal
regards I am, very truly yours, J.
P. O'Brien.Parker was retired from the
service of the O.-W. R. and N. be-
cause of ill health after being in
the employ of the company for
32 years. Twenty-six years of that
time he was passenger engineer.
The other six years he spent as a
fireman. He started work for the
company in November, 1894.Parker has no plans for the fu-
ture except to rest and regain his
health. The Parkers make their
home at 1916 Fir street.Hi-Dads to Give
Football BanquetThe La Grande Hi-Dads made
plans for a banquet for this year's
football team to be given some-
time within the next two weeks
last evening when the regular
monthly meeting was held at the
city hall. A definite date for the
banquet has not been set.The coming basketball season
was also discussed including bas-
ketball in the grade schools. The
organization voted to support both
grade school and high school
games. Every school in the city
plans to have a team this year
and game schedule have been ar-
ranged.Klondiker Kills
Self in PortlandPORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8. (AP)—
Despondent because the good old
days of gold are gone, John Gray,
a Klondiker of the gold rush days
of 1897, ended his life here today.
He was found lying on a street
above from the window of his
hotel room, a rope, tied to a bed
post, dangled through an open win-
dow. In his room was found a 49-
page diary. It contained these
words:"This is my last night in Port-
land. Gold and silver money is all
hoarded up and paper money has
taken its place. The old days are
gone. My name is John Gray.
"I am still strong and sturdy, but
they don't want an old man. I am
past 73."2 TO SERVE
LONG TERMS
IN THE PENWallowa County Circuit
Court Cases End in
Prison SentencesMASH POSSESSOR
PLEADS GUILTYJ. E. Baxter Convicted of
Theft of Cow—John
Wisdom Now on Trial
in Enterprise.Two men drew sentences of two
years in the state penitentiary this
week at Enterprise after conviction
in the Wallowa county circuit
court. Judge J. W. Knowles is
presiding.J. E. Baxter, who pleaded
guilty to possession of mash, was
sentenced to two years, and J. E.
Baxter, found guilty of larceny of
a cow, received a like sentence.
Baxter was jointly indicted with
Robert Wright in the cow case.The case of the state vs. John
Wisdom, charged with a statutory
crime, is on trial.PLAY SEATS ON
SALE THURSDAYJunior Class Will Present
"Captain Applejack"
Friday, SaturdayFinal rehearsals are being held
this week for the presentation of
the junior class play "Captain
Applejack" at the high school
auditorium Friday and Saturday
nights.Reserved seats will go on sale
at Glum Drugs tomorrow morning
at eight o'clock. Indications are
that the play will attract capacity
crowds both evenings."Captain Applejack," a royalty
play presented by special arrange-
ment with Samuel French, of
New York, recently received con-
siderable praise in the New York
World, whose critic gave opinion
as follows:"An entrancing play Captain
Applejack combines the fun of
farce, the sentiment of romance,
and the thrill of the adventure
story in the most skillful way. As
mild a man as ever stepped a cap
of coffee is changed into a bold,
bad buccaner of the Spanish
Main, cursing his crew, calling for
his gun, dragging forth a com-
plicated wrench, sticking a knife into
a treacherous dog, and finally put-
ting down a mutiny by cutting
cards with his unhappy leader—
always turning up an ace."Musical numbers will be pre-
sented during the intermissions by
the high school orchestra under the di-
rection of W. W. Nephew.Believes Sleuth
Killed HimselfBEND, Ore., Dec. 8. (AP)—Po-
lice today were of the opinion that
Jack Allison who was found shot
to death in his home here yester-
day had committed suicide. A
coroner inquest is to be held this
afternoon. A bullet had passed
through Allison's head and his re-
volver was found beside his body.
The fact that a latch had been
broken from the rear door and that
footprints of a man and woman
who had alighted from an auto-
mobile, were found outside the
house left an air of mystery to
the case. Allison, who formerly
was a city detective at Boise, had
been making preparations, be-
fore his death, for a trip to Louis-
ville, Ky.Italo-Jugo Slavia Controversy Is
Unlikely to Cause War, Paris SaysPARIS, Dec. 8. (AP)—Diplo-
matic circles in Paris think the
controversy between Italy and
Jugo-Slavia over the Italo-Albanian
treaty may develop considerable
tension, but no well-informed au-
thority believes there is danger of
war.That it will lead to a reshuffling
of international arrangements in
the Balkans is considered probable
and a tripartite accord among
Turkey, Greece and Jugo-Slavia as
a counter to the Italo-Albanian
part is mentioned as likely.
Another possibility discussed is
that Jugo-Slavia and Albania ne-
gotiate an accord similar to that
reached by Mussolini with the Tir-
ana government.

REINFORCING TROOPS

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 8. (AP)—Jugo-Slavia is reported to
be reinforcing her troops on the
Albanian frontier. Dispatches say
movements for the regrouping of
her military units began yesterday.
The newspaper Magyar OrszagLEGISLATORS
GET DOWN TO
BRASS TACKSNew Session of Congress
Emerges from "House-
Warming" PeriodDEMOCRATIC TAX
BILL INTRODUCEDFirst of Supply Bills Is
Reported—Senate Ad-
journs Out of Respect
for McKinley.WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (AP)—
The new session of congress
passed out of the "house-warm-
ing" period today and began to
face the grim fiscal realities that
are to occupy henceforth its most
serious attention.It received from President
Coolidge a new financial budget
requiring expenditures of \$4,014,-
571,124 in the next fiscal year,
and the house, where appropri-
ation measures must originate, at
once began consideration of the
first money bill of the many that
are to come.Like the president's annual mes-
sage of yesterday the budget mes-
sage was presented for reading
by clerks in the senate and house.
It was read in the house only to-
morrow and adjourned out of re-
spect for Senator McKinley, of
Illinois, who died last yesterday.Tax Bill Introduced.
The democratic tax reduction
bill calling for a \$15,000,000 cut
at the present session of congress,
was introduced in the house today
by Representative Garner, of
Texas, the minority financial
spokesman.The taxation issue which prom-
ises to produce an abundance of
argument during the current ses-
sion of congress was definitely
drawn with disclosure of the de-
tails of the democratic plan for a
permanent \$25,000,000 reduction.
Approved by democratic leaders
in both senate and house, the bill
runs counter to republican oppo-
sition and the specific pronoun-
cement by President Coolidge in his
annual message against perma-
nent revision of the tax law at
present.Major Provisions.
Although its general objective
has been known for some time,
details of the bill have not been
disclosed, pending arrangements
for its introduction in the house
today. Its major provisions call
for reduction of the corporation
tax from 11 1/2 per cent to 11 per
cent and repeal of the auto,
amusement, club, duty and pay-
duty taxes. Such reduction and
repeal of revenue rates are esti-
mated as follows:Reduction of the corporation
tax, \$250,000,000; repeal of the
auto tax, \$75,000,000; repeal of
admissions and club dues taxes,
\$25,000,000; and repeal of the
stamp tax on sales of produce on
exchanges, \$5,000,000.To Probe Causes of
Investigation of stories of a
payment of \$100,000 by Senator
Gould, republican, Maine, to Pa-
nathian officials in connection
with a railroad contract will be
made by a sub-committee of the
senate elections committee, head-
ed by Senator Goff, republican,
West Virginia.Supply Bill Reported.
The first of the annual supply
bills, that for the treasury and
postoffice department, was re-
ported today to the house by its
appropriations committee.
The bill proposed appropriat-
ions for the fiscal year beginning
next July, amounting to \$753,482,-
000 for the postal service and
\$137,771,000 for the treasury in-
cluding \$27,300,000 for prohibi-
tion enforcement.New fuel for the wet and dry
fight was presented to congress
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NOT A "BUM STEER"

Here we have "Rupert B," world's champion beef steer, who
was sold to an Atlantic City hotel for \$3,000 per pound after win-
ning first place in the International Livestock Exposition at Chi-
cago. Since Rupert weighs 970 pounds, that runs into money.
He's shown here with Nell Walker and Mildred Nugent (right),
of Chicago.Denby Tells of
His Part in Oil
Leasing PolicyWASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (AP)—
Much of the responsibility for the
oil leasing policy of 1922 was
shouldered in court here today by
Edwin S. Denby, then secretary of
the navy.
Called by the attorneys defend-
ing former Interior Secretary Al-
bert B. Fall, and Edward L. Doh-
erty, the oil magnate, on a con-
spiracy charge in connection with
Doherty's acquisition of the Elk
Hills lease, the former naval sec-
retary said he himself had sug-
gested to Fall that the naval oil
reserves be transferred from the
navy to the interior department to
permit steps to prevent draining by
private wells adjoining.Fall said he would help as much
as he could to that end, the wit-
ness continued. Denby then branch-
ed the subject to President Harding
who issued the transfer order. Fall
helped draft it and Harding signed
it in June, 1921 while Denby was
out of the city. Some officers of
the navy approved the transfer and
the president was acquainted with
this fact before he issued the order.U. P. Considering
Faster Railroad
Service to West*PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8. (AP)—
Faster passenger trains between
Chicago and Portland are still un-
der consideration by the Union Pa-
cific, said A. S. Edmunds, assist-
ant traffic manager, who has been
attending a conference in Omaha.
He says a conference on operat-
ing questions will be necessary
with J. P. O'Brien, general man-
ager, who is spending today at Se-
attle. Probably a reply will be given
in a few days to the Portland cham-
ber of commerce request for faster
service, which, necessarily, Ed-
munds says, must be on a basis of
excess fare.Baker Eleven to
Play Albina TeamThe Albina football eleven of
Portland, which has been playing
in the industrial league in the Rose
City this fall and which ended its
season above the 500 mark, will
play the Baker national guard team
at Baker next Sunday, Dec. 12.
The Albina squad will go through
here on No. 6 in a special car.
Jimmy Rosenbaum, of La Grande,
will referee the contest.Eugene Man Is 100
Years Old TodayEUGENE, Ore., Dec. 8. (AP)—
J. J. Poll today is celebrating his
100th birthday. Open house is be-
ing held at his home, that his
triple may greet the centenarian.
Regular habits—"early to bed
and early to rise"—combined with
wholesome food, and not too much
of it, is ascribed by Mr. Poll to be
the reasons for his long life.
"People nowadays wear too much
clothing," he said. "They smother
themselves to death. Good teeth
are bad for a man, too. If he has
good teeth, he eats too much. Too
much gallivanting around at night
isn't good for long life either. Lots
of fresh air helps."Logging Train
Drops 40 Feet;
Workers InjuredOne Man Dies After Ac-
cident—Nine, Seriously
Hurt, Taken to Port-
land, Astoria.ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 8. (AP)—
One man was fatally injured, nine
seriously hurt and 30 slightly in-
jured late yesterday when the rear
car of a logging train on the Green
Mountain Timber company railway in
Eastern Clatsop county about
25 miles south of Kerry, plunged
from a trestle to the bottom of the
gulch, 40 feet below. Every man
on the car was injured. The car
was completely smashed.Andre Anderson, 42, was ter-
ribly crushed and died on the way
to Kerry. He leaves a wife and
children in Norway and a sister in
Seattle.Five of the seriously injured
have been brought to a hospital
here. They are: O. E. Wells, back
injured and possible internal in-
juries; Sam Andros, gashes in the
face and probably broken ribs;
John Skokor, Portland, cut on back
of head; Nick Blackish, Portland,
badly bruised and possible inter-
nal injuries; Charles Camason,
Vancouver, B. C. back injured.
Four others of the seriously in-
jured, were brought to the Astoria
hospital by ambulance.Eye witnesses to the accident
attempted to explain the cause.
According to the story of the men
of the train, the logging train made
up of a locomotive and two flat
cars, on which were riding about
25 men, was returning from the
woods at quitting time to camp,
over the Green Mountain company
branch of the Kerry Timber com-
pany railway. The train was travel-
ing at a moderate speed and the
accident occurred at a straight
away. As the train was crossing
a high trestle, two miles from the
junction with the Kerry main line,
the rear car suddenly jumped the
track and plunged off the trestle.
The coupling with the head car
broke, and this car and the loco-
motive remained on the track.
The car dropped 40 feet, being
smashed to kindling.Governor Gives
His Views Upon
Prohi QuestionSPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 8. (AP)—
Casual Americans who partici-
pate in hot political campaigns
and then let party machines run
the country were ripped up the
back by Governor Walter M.
Pierce, of Oregon, who also hurled
a shaft at people who "vote
the other fellow dry and are wet
themselves behind closed doors."
These, he said, in an interview,
are "past masters in the art of
throwing mudballs."The Oregon executive is here
today to address a Methodist
men's conference.
Describing himself as a "prohi-
bitionist for 43 years," Pierce
said 60 per cent of the country
votes dry, but is actually wet.Men honestly trying to en-
force the prohibition law are with-
out the support of the people.
They are deserted by the Chris-
tian thinking people when trying
to perform their duty.Sinclair and Fall
Hearing Due Dec. 17WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (AP)—
Hurry F. Sinclair and Albert B.
Fall will be arraigned Dec. 17
as conspirators in the trial of
Queen Marie, of Jugo Slavia, while
she pleaded with her mother for a
personal reconciliation with Carol,
is unalterably opposed to his as-
cending the throne and that should
he attempt a coup d'etat, he would
slide wholeheartedly against him.
So strong is the belief that she
opposes Carol that many circles in
Bucharest are discussing the pos-
sibility of Jugo Slavia troops being
placed at the disposal of Queen
Marie, of Rumania, in the event of
trouble.Tempest Hits Near
Cordova, AlaskaCORDOVA, Alaska, Dec. 8. (AP)—
A tempest today swept the Ber-
ing sea and the Aleutian Islands
westward from here. None of the
personnel of a Pacific American
cannery at Seward Harbor in the
Aleutians had been seen since the
cannery was destroyed yesterday.
At Unga, Judge Driftfield of that
place, informed the navy radio
station here wind wrecked a can-
nery and a wharf. Spray flew
all over the village as mighty
waves crashed upon the beach.U. P. Given Medal
For 1925 RecordNEW YORK—The Union Pa-
cific, which had no passengers killed
last year, has been awarded the E.
H. Harriman gold medal for con-
spicuous record in preventing acci-
dents.BUDGET FOR
FISCAL YEAR
FOUR BILLIONPresident Coolidge Sub-
mits Plan for Expen-
ditures to CongressSHOWS INCREASE
OVER LAST YEARChief Executive Again
Warns Against Adop-
tion of Any Permanent
Tax Relief.WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (AP)—
The government's budget for the
next fiscal year, calling for a pre-
paration of \$4,014,571,124, or \$14,-
543,753 more than is allotted for
the current year, was submitted
to congress today by President
Coolidge.The civil and Spanish war pen-
sion increases voted last session
together with increases in the
cost of operating the postal ser-
vice and the veterans bureau, ac-
count principally for the higher
budget, more than offsetting heavy
reductions in expenses of other
branches of the government. The
largest of these reductions—\$30,-
000,000—was the interest on the
public debt.Aviation Expansion
The 1927 fiscal year outlay pro-
vides for inauguration of five-year
aviation programs in the army and
navy, with a total of \$674,000,000
for national defense; and the main-
tenance of prohibition enforcement
at a total cost of nearly \$300,000,-
000.Coolidge asked congress to post-
pone construction of the remaining
three of the eight light cruisers
which were to have been started
before next July in view of this
country now engaging in negotia-
tions "to broaden our existing
treaties with the great powers
which deal with the elimination
of competition in naval arma-
ments."He also omitted all provision for
the construction of two rigid air-
ships which congress authorized
to be built at a cost of \$3,000,000
prior to July 1, 1928. He asked
that time be given to experiment
with the all-metal airship now be-
ing constructed at a cost of \$500,-
000.Of the \$79,477,380 proposed for
aviation in the army and navy,
\$10,000,000 is for new planes and
\$1,400,000 for construction of bar-
acks and quarters. The total ap-
propriations of \$680,537,643 for the
war and navy departments make
provisions for military and naval
strength of 810,000 men, includ-
ing reserves. The navy budget in-
cluding \$4,000,000 carried over
from last year, is \$317,515,500, or
\$2,146,476 less than this year, and
the war department estimate is
\$368,722,142, or \$11,251,840 more
than for this year.No Threatening Cloud.
"This is a very considerable
amount to spend for protection in
time of peace," said the president.
"No threatening cloud at the pre-
sent time darkens the sky. Our in-
herent attitude is one of peace and
friendly regard toward all nations
and peoples. This however, is not
sufficient warrant to neglect our
defense and default on necessary
precautions."Regarding prohibition enforce-
ment, he also gave assurance that
"whatever is necessary to put into
effect the expressed will of the
people as written into the eighteenth
amendment of the constitution
of the United States and the will
of congress as expressed in the
Volstead act will be done.""Whatever funds may be nec-
essary to vindicate the law," he
added, and secure compliance with
all its provisions should be pro-
vided. The constitutional duties
of the president and the congress
make any other course defensible.
While proposing the expenditure of
the \$75,000,000 authorized by con-
gress for road construction, Cool-
idge renewed his recommendation
that the federal government cut
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SHOPPING
DAYS TILL
CHRISTMAS

Yep, pop is going hunting, but
it isn't with a gun.
Mama's gonna keep him hunting till
His Christmas shopping's done.