

CITY
EDITION

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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Unsettled tonight
and Friday. Local rains in the
northwest portion and probably
Friday. Not much change in tem-
perature.

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FALL AND DOHNEY ACQUITTED

PETITIONERS
WOULD ELECT
5 CITY DADSPaper with 318 Signers
Filed Yesterday—Re-
ferred to AttorneyFEB. 10 NAMED AS
DAY FOR ELECTIONLegal Status of Petition,
However, Is Uncertain;
Other Matters Not
Made Clear.

The question of amending the La Grande city charter so as to provide for five commissioners instead of three—which has been a more or less active movement for several years—again came before the city commission in regular meeting last night when a petition, signed by 318 persons, was presented.

The petitioners seek to have a special election held Feb. 10 for the purpose of amending the charter to divide La Grande into four precincts, each of which would furnish a commissioner. The fifth commissioner would be elected from the city at large.

After some discussion, during which the commissioners indicated their willingness to submit the proposal to the voters, the matter was referred to the city attorney, with the instruction to investigate the legal status of the petition.

One question is whether the petition was filed in time to make legal an election on Feb. 10, as it is said that a 60-day period is required. This matter and others, however, will be determined by city attorneys.

Makes No Provisions
The petition does not say what shall be done with the present three commissioners, who are elected for two-year terms, beginning Jan. 1, 1927 nor when the five commissioners would take office. In the event the election is called and the amendment is approved by the people.

City Manager W. C. Crowe reported that equipment for the ornamental lighting district is being unloaded. Installation will await favorable weather.

Bids Opened
Bids were opened on two sewer improvement districts, two firms contesting for the contracts. Hartenbower & Spaeth received both awards.
Offers were as follows:
District 2-4: Hartenbower & Spaeth—\$2,294.60, Morrison-Knudson company—\$2,589.80.
District 1-12: Hartenbower & Spaeth—\$2,294.60, Morrison-Knudson company—\$2,351.60.

MERCURY STILL
CLIMBING; SNOW
IS CONTINUING

The weather continues to gradually become warmer in La Grande and today went above the freezing point for the first time since the mercury plunged Sunday night and Monday.

At 7:30 a. m. today the official thermometer registered 26 degrees above zero—only six from freezing point—with indications that it would rise well into the thirties during the day. The minimum last night was 14 above, contrasted with the 12 below Monday.

Snow continues to fall intermittently but the miniature blizzard which hit the city yesterday is not scheduled for a repeat.

YOUR
SALES
RESISTANCE

The business firm with whom you spend your money for Christmas gifts or clothes or insurance or automobiles or what is not, has succeeded, in some way, in breaking down your "sales resistance"—in convincing you that your money is well and profitably spent.

Your greatest sales resistance is in cases where you do not know the firm or merchandise in question. You are naturally reluctant to buy from a strange firm selling an unknown product or service. So you do business with those business houses who have acquainted you with their own reliability and with the reliability and excellence of their product through advertising messages in *The Observer*. Those messages are both a guide and a guarantee.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Parker Elected
By Trustees of
Gooding CollegeLocal Methodist Pastor
Given Responsible Post
at Recent Executive
Gathering.

At the regular fall meeting of the trustees of Gooding college it was unanimously voted to continue the work for funds for Gooding college until the full amount of \$250,000 is raised, and a special campaign committee, consisting of President J. W. Tenney and Anson E. Thompson, of Gooding; the Rev. Horace Turner, of Idaho Falls; Superintendent E. L. White, of Twin Falls; Superintendent Harry S. Hamilton, of Boise; and the Rev. Henry W. Parker, of La Grande, Ore., was appointed to devise ways and means to continue the good work done by the Revs. J. Wesley Miller and John Ross and raise the required amount before Jan. 1, 1928.

In the organization meeting the Rev. Horace Turner was elected to succeed the Rev. Ira R. Aldrich, who has moved to Bend, Ore., and the following officers were elected for the coming year: The Rev. H. W. Parker, president; the Rev. W. Van Dusen, Boise, vice president; J. E. Baker, Caldwell, secretary; John Thomas, Gooding, treasurer; the Rev. C. A. Wright, of Boise, and the Rev. Horace Turner, of Idaho Falls, were elected to succeed the Revs. J. A. Glendenning and Ira R. Aldrich on the faculty committee, while all other committee assignments remained the same as last year.

The trustees also approved the recommendation of the annual conference held at Union, Ore., last September and named the new dormitory which is nearing completion and which already houses the army, gymnasium, the kitchen, diningroom, English, history and art departments, in addition to the main quarters, Tenney hall, in appreciation of the Rev. Charles W. Tenney, who has served the institution eight of the nine years since it was organized under the auspices of the Methodist board of education by Dr. Elmer E. Lymer in 1917.

Clyde Bloom on
Trial Today in
Justice Court

Clyde Bloom is being tried by a jury this afternoon in the justice court on a charge of unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor. Carl G. Helm, district attorney, is representing the state and George H. Hess are the defendant's attorneys. The trial is taking place at the city hall.

The case has been pending for some time, Bloom having been arrested on Nov. 3.

Want More Data
For Regent Board

Chamber of commerce officials are still asking for the names of persons who could furnish rooms to normal school students if the Eastern Oregon normal school is located here. They are also requesting that families having students attending some normal school outside of Oregon notify them, by calling the secretary this evening or as early as possible tomorrow.

The list will be sent to the board of regents at Salem.

Highways Out of
La Grande Open

Travel over the Blue mountains between here and Pendleton was reported to be good this morning from the state highway offices. The highway has been cleared of snow and cars are going over with little difficulty.

Other highways leading out of La Grande are also open to traffic. The wind is still blowing between here and Elgin, but a crew of men is working there keeping the road open to motorists.

Basketball Rules
Will Be Discussed

A second meeting of superintendents, principals and coaches of Eastern Oregon will be held here Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the high school building. E. D. Towler announced today.

Invitations to the meeting, which will attempt to iron out misunderstandings in reference to new basketball rules and discuss other matters pertaining to the basketball season in this district, were mailed several days ago and several answers have been received—from Baker, Enterprise, Union and other nearby towns and cities.

REGENTS SEE
ARLINGTON'S
NORMAL SITEState Officials Spend a
Busy Day in Umatilla
County CitiesPENDLETON, MILTON
PRESENT CLAIMSWeston Also in Contest
for Educational Institution—Umatilla, Stan-
field Want Hospital.

ARLINGTON, Ore., Dec. 16.—After a busy day in Umatilla county yesterday the board of regents of Oregon normal schools arrived here today and viewed the site offered by this city for the location of an Eastern Oregon normal school.

The state board of control is visiting Stanfield and Umatilla, seeking the Eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital.

With more than half of the cities and towns east of the Cascades which want either one or both of the two state buildings now inspected, the state officials have only a trip into Central Oregon to take before turning toward the capital where the wealth of material presented them will be gone through before the scheduled meeting Dec. 20, when sites will be announced, according to present plans.

PENDLETON MAKES BID

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 16.—An adequate number of children for teacher training, free site, center of population, ample housing facilities for students, and favorable health and climatic conditions, featured the arguments of the city of Pendleton, which is an applicant for the state normal school to be established in Eastern Oregon.

The arguments why Pendleton should be selected as the location

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DOKIES PREPARE
FOR ACTIVE YEARKhaled Temple Elects
Officers—Secretary Ex-
plains Scholarship

The following officers were elected for the year 1927 to head Khaled temple of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorasan, which temple is the only one outside of Portland and Medford in the state and comprises all territory in Eastern Oregon:

Royal vicer, Elmer Ross; grand ruler, Dr. H. B. Miller; shah, H. L. Stoneking; mullah, C. L. Berry; secretary, R. E. Byers; treasurer, Walter Jones; scribe, Dr. H. W. Riley; satrap, J. A. McCarthy.

The new officers were installed by Deputy Imperial Prince C. L. Berry.

At the meeting the financial report was read which showed the temple to be in good financial condition. Arrangements were made to organize caravans to visit neighboring cities in Eastern Oregon next year for the purpose of extending the principles of the Dokies and spreading sunshine.

Offer Students Assistance

Ralph E. Byers, secretary, has announced explicit rules laid down by the Imperial temple, concerning the new activity of the order in promoting a scholarship foundation.

"No longer will the Dokies be concerned principally with smiles and sunshine for themselves, but have undertaken the education of sons and daughters of Dokies who are financially unable to do so themselves," he said. "Applications for scholarship funds must be from a son or daughter of a living member in good standing or a son or daughter of one who at the time of death was a member in good standing of the D. O. K. K."

The provide for the continuation of the fund each member is required to contribute 50 cents annually.

Dr. H. H. McCarthy
To Open Offices

Dr. H. H. McCarthy, physician and surgeon, will open offices in the West-Jacobson building in La Grande some time next week, he announced today. At present he is at the Foley hotel.

He was formerly a doctor in Spokane, Wash., and more recently was a member of the Hot Lake sanatorium staff.

SENATORS IN
UPROAR OVER
APPOINTMENTNaming of Smith to Re-
place McKinley, Illinois,
Rolls Upper HouseBOTH PARTIES AS
ONE IN CRITICISMResolution by Ashurst to
Withhold Oath of Of-
fice, Will Be Up for
Vote on Friday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The senate went into a paroxysm of dissent today when it heard that Frank L. Smith had been appointed a senator from Illinois but the disturbance stopped just short of definite action.

A resolution presented by Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, demanding that the oath of office be withheld from the senator until his prospective colleagues had further considered the Illinois senatorial campaign expenditures expense, went over until tomorrow by general agreement.

Reed Report Read
Just after the proposal had come to the senate floor, the Reed campaign funds committee handed in a hastily prepared report setting forth without comment or recommendation that Smith and his supporters had spent upward of half a million getting him nominated in the republican senatorial primaries and that \$125,000 of it came from Samuel Insull, the public utilities magnate.

The committee added that the figures did not represent "the possible total expenditures on behalf of Frank L. Smith's candidacy."

No Senate Support
Republicans and democrats joined in expressions of disappointment that Governor Small had thrust the issue of Smith's eligibility into the short session of congress. During the short discussion on the floor, not a voice was raised on behalf of the appointment.

The republican organization had been prepared for a contest in the next congress, when Smith would present the credentials he received at the November election. But they had used their best persuasive talents to prevent such a hastening of the fray as now seems inevitable by Smith's appointment to take at once the seat vacated by the death of Senator McKinley.

May Vote Tomorrow

Senator Ashurst did not ask for immediate action on his resolution, but said he would demand a vote tomorrow, so that the prospective senator from Illinois might know in advance "the feeling of the senate." Senator Curtis, of Kansas, the republican floor leader, finally asked that there be no vote today, and his proposal was agreed to.

The Reed committee report was confined entirely to the Illinois inquiry but Chairman Reed said separate reports would be made later on the other state investigations, probably accompanied by recommendations.

FORMALLY APPOINTED

DWIGHT, Ill., Dec. 16 (AP)—Colonel Frank L. Smith, senator-elect of Illinois today was formally appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late senator William B. McKinley. But Colonel Smith was too busy looking over his farm property as a gale wind whistled through the trees to be present.

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Hi-Dads to Have
Gridmen as Guests

The annual banquet given by the Hi-Dad organization for the football team of the high school will be held this evening at 6:15 o'clock at the Sommer hotel. Granddaddy C. M. Perkins will preside as toastmaster and will call for talks from various Hi-Dads and members of the football squad.

Snow Melting in
Western Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16 (AP)—With temperature above freezing this morning, snow continued to melt here. A threatened silver thaw failed to materialize, ice formed on wires and branches of trees and shrubbery last night, but rising temperatures melted away the coating. South wind turned back the frigid shell from Oregon yesterday and the forecast was for rains in the northwest portion tonight and tomorrow.

FALL AND DOHNEY



Upper picture—Former Interior Secretary Fall and Attorney Wise, at his defense. Lower picture—E. L. Dohney and Attorney Hogan. These pictures were snapped in Washington during the court of the oil fraud trial which was given to the jury yesterday.

Radio Movies, Vision in Darkness
Only Few of Modern PossibilitiesThief Sends
Pawn Ticket
To His Victim

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 16 (AP)—The thief who entered a local barber shop and radio store a few days ago and decamped with some \$200 worth of equipment, is not so bad after all, the store proprietors said today. Yesterday, in the mail they received a pawn ticket from Seattle, mailed by the burglar.

The pifferer had pawned the goods in Seattle for \$25, and the owners are planning to recover their wares by paying that fee.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16 (AP)—Radio movies, an invisible ray that permits vision in total darkness, airplanes which fold up their wings like birds and an electronic "third degree" apparatus to detect robbers are some of the possibilities and accomplishments promised from the magic box of modern science.

A glimpse into the dream realm of the radio movie, which may soon cease to be a dream, was given by Dr. E. F. W. Alexanderson, consulting engineer of the General Electric company and the Radio Corporation of America, in an address here last night, explaining television projects.

"Our work has already proved that the expectation of television is not unreasonable and it may be accomplished with means that are in our possession at the present day," said Dr. Alexanderson.

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U. S. Gunboat Is
Winner Without
Firing a ShotWith El Cano's Decks
Cleared Chinese Troops
on Steamer Back Down

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16 (AP)—The American gunboat El Cano cleared the decks for action against the forces of General Yang-Sen, northern leader, at Ichang when they commandeered the American owned steamer Hing there recently, but a battle was prevented by one of General Yang-Sen's staff officers who ordered the soldiers off the steamer, advices received here today declare.

PEKING, Dec. 16 (AP)—Authoritative foreign sources at Hankow say the Standard Oil company's steamer Melfu was fired upon heavily near Shash, about 250 miles up the Yangtze river from Hankow, by Kweichow troops who are entering into an alliance with the Cantonese. There were no casualties.

Decisive action that will determine control not only of Shanghai itself but also the mouth of the Yangtze river, China's greatest artery of transportation, is expected within a fortnight.

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Verdict at 10:07 a. m.

Five minutes later, however, a message came to the bench that an agreement had been reached. The juryman filed into the box and at 10:07 a. m. their foreman announced a verdict of acquittal. The case had been placed in the hands of the 12 men at 2:47 p. m. yesterday and when they still were unable to agree at 10 o'clock last night, Justice Hoehling had declared a recess until 10 a. m.

The verdict ended the conspiracy proceedings against the former cabinet official and the oil magnate as no appeal is possible. Both are under indictment for bribery, however, as a result of the \$100,000 transaction. Their counsel believe that charges will not be pressed but prosecution indicated today.

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Emperor's Pulse
Irregular Tonight

TOKYO, Dec. 16 (AP) (Midnight)—The pulse and respiration of Emperor Yoshihito, gravely ill with pneumonia, have become irregular.

Texas Girl Faces
Charge of Arson

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 16 (AP)—Charged with arson in addition to the robbery of the Farmers National bank at Buda, Texas, Mrs. Rebecca Bradley Rogers today was at liberty under bonds totaling \$7000.

Identified by Buda bank employees as the young woman who Saturday robbed them of \$1000, Mrs. Rogers was arrested yesterday on a charge of setting fire to a vacant building at Roundrock last Friday as a ruse to attract attention of bankers there that she might rob that institution. Both towns are only a few miles from here, but in different directions.

Lita to File Suit
Against Charley

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16 (AP)—Lita Grey Chaplin will file a suit for divorce from Charles Spencer Chaplin, screen comedian, whose home she left several weeks ago when domestic differences came to a climax, within a few days, her attorney George Beebe, announced here today.

EXPRESS JOY
AT FINDINGS
OF THE JURYDefendants and Wives
Receive Verdict with
Undisguised EmotionCONFIDENCE IN
COURT JUSTIFIEDRoberts, of Government
Counsel, Declares Prosecution
Will Continue
with Other Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Albert B. Fall and Edward Dohney were acquitted today of the conspiracy charges which grew out of the senate oil disclosures.

Nineteen hours after the case was placed in its hands a jury in criminal court here decided there had been no proof of criminal conspiracy in the oil leasing negotiation of 1921 and 1922, resulting in the award of government leases to Dohney interests while Fall was secretary of the interior and after Dohney had sent him \$100,000 in a little black satchel.

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