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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled tonight and
Thursday, probably rain in north-
west portion. Moderate tempera-
ture.

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SPUD, APPLE
HARVESTING
WORK BEGINSUnion County Expects
Bumper Crops of Both
Tubers and FruitGROUND IS STILL
WET OVER VALLEYApples Not Damaged by
Frost and Quality Is De-
clared to Be Best in
Several Years.Potato digging—the first this
season—started in at least two
fields in Union county yesterday.
The yield is reported to be about
50 sacks to the acre of U. S. No. 1
grade of potatoes, which is small,
although the tubers are reported to
be of the best quality grown
here in a number of years.Although the ground is still a
little too wet for digging many of
the growers intend to wait until
the work, which should be finished
in three weeks time if weather con-
ditions are favorable.Routh McKennon was digging
for Rue Gurn, in the timber sec-
tion, yesterday pulling his digger
with a tractor, and according to
estimates was digging about twice
the number usually dug in the
same length of time when horses
were used.Apple picking begins
Apple picking, of the early vari-
eties, is also under way in the Al-
cald, Imbler and Elgin sections of
the county, and will continue for
about 30 days, H. G. Avery, county
agent here, who visited that section
yesterday, reports.Reports are that the apples will
be of the best quality, having an
unusually good color and a good
size. There was no frost damage
this year, which gives the apples
plenty of time adding to their
keeping qualities.Government Estimates
The government crop report for
the condition of potatoes in Ore-
gon Oct. 11 shows the 1927 estimate
at 2,574,000 bushels compared with
4,500,000 bushels in 1926 and a
five-year average of 4,365,000 bush-
els. The national 1927 estimate
is 294,767,000 bushels compared
with 356,360,000 in 1926 and a
five-year average of 394,135,000
bushels.Slight declines in the Oregon ap-
ple crop prospect were noted and
the estimate for 1927 is 1,658,000
bushels compared with a crop of
1,700,000 bushels last year and a
five-year average of 1,501,000 bar-
rels.HEALTH BOARD
PREPARES FOR
SEAL MEETINGArrangements for the Christian
seals institute to be held at Honan
here Tuesday, Oct. 18, were
completed yesterday when a meet-
ing of the county health board
was held. Robert S. Eakky, chair-
man of the board, presided and
the speakers were Mrs. A. R.
Hunt, Mrs. Lee Warnick, Mrs.
George T. Cochran, Miss Alice
Marquardt, Mrs. Evelyn Hearnshaw
and Mr. Eakky.Plans were made for the com-
ing institute and the year's Chris-
tian seal sale was discussed.
Members of the board present
for the meeting were: Mrs. A. R.
Hunt, Mrs. Lee Warnick, Mrs.
George T. Cochran, Miss Alice
Marquardt, Mrs. Evelyn Hearnshaw
and Mr. Eakky.PRETENDER TO THRONE DIES
VIENNA, Austria, Oct. 12 (AP)—
Don Miguel, Duke of Braganza
and pretender to the crown of Por-
tugal, died last night at Castle Se-
benstein, near Vienna. He was 75
years old.YOUR
FEAR OF
STRANGERSIf you enter a strange store
a strange town, and a strange
clerk tries to sell you a strange
cloth, about ten times out
of ten he makes a failure of it.
You react unfavorably to strange
merchandise or strange people
when not introduced by some
one or some connection in which
you have confidence. You prefer
a store you know, and goods
you know. Your acquaintance
with both store and goods is
made possible, is increased by
advertising. You become famil-
iar with them, gain confidence
in them through advertising.
The successful business man
cannot afford to slight this con-
tact to gain and keep your con-
fidence. In the Observer he
does it at a minimum cost with
three thousand families.
"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

P.-T. A. OFFICER

Mrs. Lillie D. Thomas, re-
tiring secretary of the Oregon
Congress of Parents and Teachers,
will have an exhibit and conduct
a conference on the subject of
"Human Education" at the
state convention to be held in La
Grande, Oct. 25-28, inclusive.WELCH AND WITH
INDICTED BY JURYSeven True Bills Returned
—Mayo Charged with
Non-Support of ChildSeven true bills and no not true
bills were returned by the county
grand jury yesterday after a num-
ber of sessions which extended over
a period of nearly two weeks. In-
dictments were placed against
Mark With and Jack Welch on
charges of burglary, not in a
dwelling house. Welch and With
were arrested several weeks ago
at Cove when they were found in-
tering the Orton cigar store, ac-
cording to the sheriff.Mayo Indicted
An indictment was also returned
against Frank Mayo on charges of
non-support of a minor child. Al-
though Mayo is in the county jail,
he was arraigned yesterday and will
be given a hearing at 10 o'clock
tomorrow morning. Circuit court
did not convene today because of
Columbus day, a non-judicial day.
The case of C. H. Finn vs. A. E.
Erickson was not completed yes-
terday and will be resumed tomor-
row morning.Large Attendance
At Revival MeetingA one hundred per cent increase
in attendance marked the Tues-
day attendance at the Methodist
revival church of the morning. The-
odore Copeland is speaking each eve-
ning. His subject was "Prayer"
and was the second of a series on
that subject. "Implicit faith in
prayer is my slogan," he said. He
further declared that in addition
to the previous evening, confession
and forgiveness are two addi-
tional elements of prayer.
A chorus choir under the direc-
tion of W. W. Nuchian sang sev-
eral selections. Special effort
is being made to have the song ser-
vice start promptly at 7:30 and con-
tinue for 15 minutes to allow the
audience to be seated by the time
sermon commences. Officials of
the meetings declared today, "We
feel that everyone ought to take
part in the service of the church."
Members of the board present
for the meeting were: Mrs. A. R.
Hunt, Mrs. Lee Warnick, Mrs.
George T. Cochran, Miss Alice
Marquardt, Mrs. Evelyn Hearnshaw
and Mr. Eakky.Columbus Day Is
Observed LocallyAll offices at the county court-
house were closed for business to-
day in observance of Columbus day.
This is the first time that the day
has been officially observed since
the law providing that Oct. 12 be a
non-judicial day was passed at the
last legislative session.Harry Hartz Hurt
In Auto ClassicROCKINGHAM, SPEEDWAY, Ore.,
Oct. 12 (AP)—Harry Hartz, noted
auto driver, was seriously injured
while trying to pass Frank Lockhart
on the 200-mile race here to-
day. His car overturned and caught
fire and he was thrown clear.

ADMITS BETROTHAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (AP)—
Mrs. Dorothy Benjamin Carno In-
gram, widow of the famous tenor,
today confirmed reports of her be-
trothal to Alexander P. Moore, for-
mer ambassador to Spain, and hus-
band of the late Lillian Russell.
She said they planned to be mar-
ried in January. Mrs. Ingram was
married to Ernest August Ingram
after the death of Carno and they
were divorced later.Boy Scouts To
Gather in Baker
Next SaturdayLa Grande to Send Large
Delegation to Meeting—
Games, Court of Honor
Scheduled.About 200 boy scouts from the
Eastern Oregon council, which in-
cludes Baker, Union, Wallowa and
Grant counties, will gather in
Baker Saturday for the first an-
nual boy scout field and rally day.
The meeting will be in the form
of a general get-together. E. H. H-
sell Scott, scout executive of the
council, announced this morning.
The boys will compete in knot
tying, fire by friction, relay swim-
ming, signaling, and other scout
work. There will also be dressing
races, scouts pace, shoe scrambles
pacing and gold rush, in addition
to several athletic events.All of the program, with the
exception of the swimming, will
take place on the football field
across from the Baker natatorium.
The events will begin at 10 o'clock
Saturday morning and will con-
tinue until five o'clock in the af-
ternoon, at which time the boys
will go to the natatorium where
the swimming competition will
take place.To Hold Court of Honor
In the evening there will be a
court of honor, when three Baker
scouts—Marshall Woodell, James
Baker and Ellsworth Green, will
become Eagle scouts. Dr. W. T.
Phy, chairman of the council, will
preside at the court of honor.La Grande will be represented
with the largest number of scouts
of any town or city in the council.
About 150 boys plan to attend from
the seven troops here. It is ex-
pected that every town in the
council will be represented.
Transportation is needed for a
number of the boys going from
here and anyone going to Baker
on that day, or who would con-
sider taking a carload of boys to
the field meet, are asked to get in
touch with the scout executive.
Further information may be re-
ceived from hundreds of children
between now and Saturday.Annual Days of
'49 Show To Be
Held Next WeekPlans for the 17th annual Elks
Days of '49 show, which will be
held here next week, beginning
Wednesday evening, Oct. 19, and
continuing through Saturday night,
Oct. 22, are practically complete.
Members of the committee in
charge announced this morning.
The show will be held in Zuber
hall instead of in the Roesch
building, adjoining Sacajawea Inn,
as first announced, it being impos-
sible to complete the steps leading
to the upstairs hall in the Roesch
building in time for the opening
night of the show.The Zuber hall will be cleared
in a few days preparatory to the
annual show, the proceeds from
which are used by the Elks lodge
in providing a Christmas for the
needy families of the city, and to
have a large Christmas tree for
the children of the community.
This Christmas tree is an annual
feature, and hundreds of children
look forward to it from year to
year. Practically all of the needy
families of the city are also cared
for at Christmas time with the
money made during the '49 show.
Members of the lodge expect this
year's show to be larger and bet-
ter than ever. The usual games
and dancing will be the main fea-
tures.Members of the committee in
charge are Herb Browning, Nate
Zwiffl, Claude Berry, Harry Hoff-
man and R. J. Kitchin.Officers, Employees
Club of Bank MeetsThe first of the winter series of
meetings of the Officers and Em-
ployees club of the La Grande Na-
tional bank was held last night at
the bank with the president H. A.
Zurbrugg, presiding. After the
transaction of business an address
by the Rev. Oliver Riley was heard
by members of the club. Mr. Riley
had as his subject, "Business Psy-
chology." The club, which was or-
ganized last year, adjourned meet-
ings during the summer. Last eve-
ning's meeting opened the monthly
meetings for the year.Phyllis Ansell New
Secretary-TreasurerMiss Phyllis Ansell was chosen
secretary-treasurer of the student
body at a special election held yes-
terday. Miss Ansell polled 159
votes, while her nearest competitor,
Miss Doris Barnes, received 142
votes. Miss Ansell is a member of
the senior class.

HE MADE A "MISTAKE"

LONDON, Oct. 12 (AP)—Pat-
rick Woodman, a laborer, today
was sentenced to eight months im-
prisonment for what he called a
mistake. Mrs. Ruth Kerridge tes-
tified Woodman kicked her vio-
lently.
"I mistook her for my wife,"
Woodman explained to the court.SENATORS OF
WEST UNITE;
BACK NORRISRepublican Group, with
Borah as Spokesman,
Announces PlansFARM RELIEF IS
ONE OF PROBLEMSConferences of Group
Will Not Be Closed to
Easterners — G. O. P.
Solidarity Sought.WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—
Western republican senators, be-
longing to the so-called progressive
group have announced their inten-
tion to unite "for solidarity of ac-
tion" in consideration of presiden-
tial candidates and legislative
problems of the next congress.
Disclaiming any threat of form-
ing a third party, the western sen-
ators with Senator Borah, of Idaho,
as their spokesman declared in a
statement that their purpose of
banding together was based on the
theory that "the republican party
is a national party and not an
eastern party."Will Support Norris
While Senator Norris, of Neb-
raska, a progressive leader, has not
indicated his desire to enter the
presidential preference primaries
in western agricultural states, the
western senatorial group expressed
unanimity to support him in any
state in which he will consent to
have his name before the voters.
Other members of the group in-
cluded Senators Frazier and Nye
of North Dakota and Brookhart
of Iowa.Although the purpose of the
group's organization was an-
nounced yesterday after a confer-
ence of the senators, it was stated
that in connection with a presiden-
tial choice no action had been
taken and none would be effected
until other western senators ar-
rived in Washington and partici-
pated in further conferences.Declaring that if they made their
wishes known "in a proper way
and with sufficient force," the
westerners' statement continued,
"they will be respected and con-
sidered by the party." When east-
ern members of congress confer
upon problems of their section,
they are regarded as "regular and
sometimes as active and patriotic,"
it added, but western senators and
representatives in a similar con-
ference seem to be regarded as
"irregular, insurgent and radical."
This view is based on the as-

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SHOTS WIFE
AND SON, THEN
KILLS HIMSELFLOS ANGELES, Oct. 12 (AP)—
Policeman John R. Raybuck, 27,
today shot and killed his wife,
Lillian, 14-month-old son,
William, fired a wild shot at his
mother-in-law, Mrs. Fred Hend-
ricks, and then killed himself.
The young police officer had
blamed his mother-in-law for the
several months separation from
him of his young wife and child.
The tragic shootings took place in
Mrs. Hendricks' home into which
Raybuck was reported to have
forced his way. Mrs. Hendricks
escaped a bullet fired at her by
fleeing through a rear door.
Brother police officers, to whom
Raybuck had related his marital
troubles, said the slain wife and
child left him several months ago,
going to the home of Mrs. Ray-
buck's mother, as a result of
family quarrelling. Raybuck had
been warned to stay away from the
residence.Crop Damage From Early Fall Rains
Heaviest in Oregon in Many YearsPORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 12 (AP)—
Crop damage from early fall
rains, particularly to prunes and
clover seed in the western part of
the state and to wheat, oats and
alfalfa hay in the eastern part, has
been heavier this season than for
many years past, says F. L. Kent,
statistician, United States depart-
ment of agriculture.
There has been no change since
last month in the estimated pro-
duction of winter wheat, which was
placed at 21,500,000 bushels for
Oregon, and at 552,767,000 bushels
for the United States. The esti-
mate for the United States is now
estimated at 4,540,000 bushels,
and for the United States at 125,
115,000 bushels.

Prune Crop Suffers

The Oregon prune crop suffered
a varying amount of damage from
the September rains, ranging from
practically nothing in some locali-
ties to perhaps 25 per cent in oth-
ers, with individual orchards suf-
fering even higher loss. It does
not appear that the early Septem-
ber rains did much damage, but in
localities where the crop was
heavy, and on the hills where har-
vesting was later, the season was so
short, prior to the late September
rains, that a large percentage of
the fruit was still on the trees.
The heavy rainfall, coupled with
high wind in some places, caused
a heavy drop, and the continued
rainfall made it impossible to get
the fruit harvested. The Pacific
northwest crop is variously esti-
mated at 25,000,000 to 50,000,000
with most estimates ranging around
35,000,000 pounds.
Slight declines in the apple crop

DEBATERS TO TOUR WORLD

Three University of Oregon debaters sailed from San Francisco
Oct. 11 on the first collegiate around-the-world debate tour ever un-
dertaken. These young men, Benoit McCracken (upper left), Avery
Thompson (center) and Jack Hemphreys (lower right), literally
will "talk their way around the world," earning their own way by
debating and lecturing. At Shanghai and Manila they will take
negative sides against picked talkers for national liberties from for-
eign control. Other points at which they will debate are shown
on the map.Four Killed In
Arkansas Storm;
20 Homes DownBLYTHEVILLE, Ark., Oct. 12
(AP)—Four persons were killed
and a score injured in a tornado
which whipped through the village
of Dell, 11 miles east of Blythe-
ville, last night, and smashed a
number of tenant houses on the
nearby Woodward plantation. The
dead, all residents of Dell, were
Mrs. A. A. Hardin, Austin Hardin,
Squire W. P. Winn and Mrs. Winn.
Fifteen injured, 12 of them
white persons, were brought to
Blytheville hospital today.
About 20 buildings there, including
the Phoenix cotton gin, were
wrecked. About ten dwellings on
the outskirts of Blytheville were
damaged and two negroes injured.No Evidence of
'Slush Fund' Is
Jury's FindingsSAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12 (AP)—
The grand jury investigating the
\$10,000 "slush fund," in connec-
tion with the local mayoral cam-
paign early today voted not to in-
dict any of the persons concerned
in the case. The jury issued a
statement saying no evidence of
criminal conspiracy was found and
censuring police for "evident at-
tempts to create a crime where
none existed."
The finding of the grand jury
followed the appearance before it
of George E. Barnhill, and J. How-
ell Byrnes, who were alleged to
have solicited \$10,000 from the
Bethlehem Steel corporation for
the campaign fund of James H.
Power, one of the candidates for
mayor. William P. Benedict, sec-
retary to Mayor Rolph, also tes-
tified, his name having been brought
into the case through counter
charges from the Power support-
ers.
Benedict is said to have denied
that the \$10,000 in marked cur-
rency was given to Barnhill
and Byrnes by a detective posing
as a steel company representative
come from the Rolph campaign
fund.Mayor Sentenced
To 30 Days in JailINDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 12
(AP)—Mayor John L. Duval, of
Indianapolis, was sentenced in
criminal court today to serve 30
days in jail, fined \$1000 and dis-
barred from holding public office
for four years for having violated
the corrupt practices act in the
1925 political campaign.
Special Judge W. C. Shirley
pronounced sentence after over-
ruling a motion for a new trial.
Attorneys for the mayor an-
nounced an appeal would be taken
to the Indiana supreme court.Bad Weather Halts
Forest Road WorkPENTLETON, Oct. 12 (AP)—
Bad weather in the Blue Moun-
tains has brought to a halt the road
building program of the forest ser-
vice and crews are now battling
their way out of the hills through
snowdrifts and fallen timber.
The season of building was the shortest
yet and the Tollgate-Layton road
will remain uncompleted for an-
other year.Chiloquin Police
Chief AcquittedMEDFORD, Ore., Oct. 12 (AP)—
A jury in the federal court here
yesterday afternoon returned a
verdict of not guilty against Her-
bert Baldwin, chief of police of
Chiloquin, charged with liquor
violation. H. Gill, a cook, charged
with the same offense, was found
guilty. H. Sonner, co-defendant,
entered a plea of guilty.
A motion for new trial was filed
and allowed by the court.\$4,000,000 Fire
Sweeps Seaside
Resort in EastOcean City, N. J., Today a
Mass of Ruins — Score
Treated for Minor In-
juries; No Fatalities.OCEAN CITY, N. J., Oct. 12
(AP)—Swept by fire, the heart of
this South Jersey seaside resort to-
day was a mass of ruins.
Driven by a brisk ocean breeze,
the blaze, which started at 7
o'clock last night in the Unger Ar-
cade building at Ninth street and
the board walk, wiped out approx-
imately 50 buildings, including
hotels, cottages, shops and the-
aters, before it was brought un-
der control four hours later. Many
others were damaged. Mayor Joseph
G. Champion estimated the
damage at close to \$4,000,000.
Nearly all the buildings were of
frame construction and were
quickly consumed. An explosion
of gasoline in a boardwalk garage
was held responsible for the
spread of the flames to the cot-
tage and hotel section on Wesley,
Atlantic and Ocean avenues. Here
too, the structures were mostly
frame and for a time it was feared
dynamite would have to be re-
sorted to in order to check the fire.
Large Hotels Destroyed
Among the larger hotels destroyed
were the Normandie-Blythe-
Sea, which contained 1000 rooms
and was valued at \$600,000, and
the Fraymore.
Many families, rendered home-
less by the fire, watched over the
meager household goods they had
valued throughout the night.
Others spent the night in cottages
that had been vacated for the win-
ter or at hotels.
A score of persons were treated
for minor injuries, but no one was
seriously hurt.
A company of the New Jersey
national guard was patrolling the
streets of the affected area today
to prevent looting.Paralysis Cases
In Oregon Show
Large DecreaseWASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP)—
An increase in infantile paralysis
cases, centered largely in Massa-
chusetts, New York and other
northern states, was noted in re-
ports for the week ending Oct. 8,
which were compiled today by the
public health service. The flare up
of the disease in that section over-
came a decline in the midwest
and the Pacific coast areas, rais-
ing the total number of cases in
the country to 650 compared with
635 for the preceding seven days.
Increases were shown in Arizona,
which last two cases against one,
and Utah, with four against two.
California showed a decrease from
46 to 36 cases, and Oregon from 30
to 18.
NEW SERUM FOUND
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 12
(AP)—Commercial production of a
specific, said to be beneficial in
the treatment of infantile paral-
ysis, was announced here yesterday
by the Eli Lilly biological labora-
tory, the concern which first pro-
duced insulin as a commercial
product.
The new serum has been devel-
oped in cooperation with Dr. Ed-
ward S. Rosenow, head of the di-
vision of experimental bacteriology
of the Mayo foundation, Rochester,
Minn.
The horse, which has already
furnished relief for two other
childhood scourges, diphtheria and
scarlet fever, has also been the
medium for the development of the
polio-specific anti-streptococci, or
infantile paralysis serum.French Aviators
To Span AtlanticST. LOUIS, SENEGAL, Oct. 12
(AP)—France's long distance
fliers, Dieudonne Costes and Lieut.
Joseph Le Brix, made ready today
for their hazardous hop across the
South Atlantic to Port Natal, Braz-
il. They plan to get away some
time this evening.
The airmen arrived here from
Le Bourget field near Paris, yester-
day morning completing a flight
of 2700 miles.
Costes estimates that the trans-
Atlantic hop will require between
20 and 23 hours, depending on
conditions. (The distance from St.
Louis to Port Natal is almost an
even 2000 miles.)Northern Lights
Flash Early TodayNEW YORK, Oct. 12 (AP)—
Aurora borealis, or "northern
lights" went on a rampage today
and crippled thousands of miles
of telegraph wires in the United
States and Canada for more than
two hours. (The distance from St.
Louis to Port Natal is almost an
even 2000 miles.)
Between 6 and 8 a. m. today the
vast leased wire system of the As-
sociated Press was affected as far
west as Kansas City. Commercial
wires also were hit.
When the sun appeared, the
trouble was attributed to a great
extent and a majority of the wires
operated normally.JAP VOLCANO
THROWS SMOKE
HIGH INTO AIRTOKYO, Oct. 12 (AP)—With a
thunderous roar, Adams-Yama,
active Japanese volcano, erupted
this morning emitting an immense
volume of thick black smoke and
covering the countryside with a
white ash. Farmers at work in
the fields were compelled to use
umbrellas as a protection from the
ashes which fell as far distant
from the volcano as Utsunomiya,
70 miles to the east. (Adams-
Yama is about 80 miles northwest
of Tokyo.) Its last great eruption
was 1873 while subsequent erup-
tions have produced only showers
of ashes and occasional stones.

"FALSE ALARM"

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 12 (AP)—
Fire chief Fletcher here called from his
quarters at 4:30 o'clock this
morning by the insistent ringing
of a telephone bell. Drowsily an-
swering the call he was excitedly
warned that a terrible fire was
raging just north of the city. He
slid down the pole, rushed outside
the building and saw streaks of
flame ascending to the heavens
before he could sound the alarm.
However, he was informed by the
local weather observer that it was
just a pyrotechnical display of
northern lights.