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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Friday, rains in the west portion. Cooler in the interior Friday.

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NO INFANTILE
PARALYSIS IN
THIS VALLEYCase That Started Eight
Weeks Ago Past All
Contagion DangerHEALTH CONDITION
OF CITY SPLENDIDLess Disease in La Grande
Than for 20 Years—No
Scarlet Fever, Smallpox
or Typhoid.

General health conditions in La Grande this fall are described as being the best in 20 years and as near normal as is possible, by Dr. A. L. Richardson, city health officer, who has made a thorough check of the local situation.

"The condition is splendid as usual," Dr. Richardson reports, "and La Grande is almost entirely free from contagious or infectious diseases. There is one case of diphtheria in the city hospital but the patient is well and is merely awaiting time for release. There are no scarlet fever, no typhoid and no smallpox cases in La Grande and only a few chickenpox cases."

No Infantile Paralysis
Speaking of infantile paralysis, which has assumed the nature of an epidemic in Western and Southern Oregon and which has reached its far east as Pendleton, Dr. Richardson declared that there are absolutely no new cases in La Grande. The only case that has been reported in Union county has run for eight weeks and all danger of contagion ended some time ago. This case, the child of Mr. and Mrs. Stang, is outside the city limits of La Grande and every precaution was taken at the time to prevent any possible spread of the dread disease—and these precautions were entirely successful. Several rumors of cases have been heard but in every instance these were traced down and a diagnosis proved that there was no trace of infantile paralysis here.

Dr. Richardson believes that with the arrival of colder weather, there will be no likelihood of any spread of the paralysis to this city, and authorities over the state expect the epidemic to subside with the coming of chilly days.

West Oregon Suffers
In Southern Oregon the disease is causing much alarm. Two new cases were reported at North Bend today and the fourth infantile paralysis case of the week was reported this morning. In Corvallis, Cal., near the Oregon line, all elementary and secondary schools have been ordered closed because of a flare-up of the epidemic which has claimed nine lives.

In Marion county a second case

MAN AND WIFE
ARRAIGNED ON
LIQUOR CHARGE

John Klarch and his wife, Marjorie, were arraigned this morning before Judge Hugh E. Brady in the justice court on a charge of unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor. The two were arrested last night by State Officers Deere and Kietz, who allege four cases of moonshine liquor were found in their home on the north side of the city.

Klarch would not plead and the judge entered a plea of not guilty for him and set Saturday morning at 9:20 o'clock as the time for his trial. Mrs. Klarch pleaded guilty to the charge and Saturday afternoon was set as the time to pass sentence.

Klarch was convicted on a similar charge about six weeks ago, officers report.

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BUSINESS
I CAN DO"

Once in a while—not very often of course, you find a firm that isn't a constant advertiser because they have "about all the business we can do, anyhow." What a wonderful business to have! And what a wonderful opportunity for growth!

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DR. COPELAND



Dr. Theodore Copeland, Dallas, Tex., evangelist, who is holding a revival series at the First Methodist Episcopal church.

ANNOUNCE PLANS
FOR CONVENTIONParent-Teacher Committees
Report at Special
Called Meeting

A special meeting of all convention committee chairmen was held last evening, called by Mrs. L. E. Euse, general chairman of the annual convention of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, which will open here next Tuesday to continue until Friday evening.

Each committee chairman was called upon to report as to the progress made in convention preparations. Miss Imogen Russell, chairman of the music committee, announced the community sing to be held in the high school auditorium this evening to which all parent-teacher association members in this district are invited. The purpose of the meeting being to practice E. F. A. songs. Miss Russell has arranged for many interesting musical numbers to be given during the four days of the convention, among them being vocal solos by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Richard Dykstra and Mrs. Florence Lynch-Miller. W. W. Nussbaum will lead in the group singing.

Organ Recital
Tuesday evening Mrs. Hickey Richardson will give a short organ recital from 7:45 until 8 o'clock, and Wednesday evening the La Grande municipal band will play a concert. Mrs. Richardson will also play several organ numbers Thursday evening.

Mrs. John Bates reported for the housing committee, telling that the new La Grande hotel would not be completed by the time of the convention, making it necessary to secure about 50 additional rooms. She urged that everyone who will have a room available during the convention list it with Earl C. Reynolds at the chamber of commerce offices. A uniform price has been set for the rooms of \$1.50 for a single room or \$2 for a double room.

The committee on decorations, headed by Mrs. Louis Wetzel, reported that all details in this regard were attended to.

The conference chairman, Mrs. H. H. Hanna, reported that rooms for the conferences, which will be held every morning from 8 until 10 o'clock, were all booked.

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American Legion
Campaign Nets
31 New Members

Thirty-one paid up members for 1928 have been added to the rolls of the local American Legion, placing the La Grande post in second place in a state-wide fall membership campaign which is now being conducted. According to last reports received from headquarters by local officials, Salem leads with 100 members, La Grande comes second and Portland third with 24.

Second Team To
Play Cove Eleven

The only high school football game here this weekend will be played tomorrow afternoon beginning at 3:15 when the Cove squad will face Coach Ralph Christie's second stringers. While the La Grande coach has not expected to use most of the squad with the exception of the first eleven men. This will be the Cove boys' third appearance for the season. Grant Conley, former Whitman gridiron star, is coaching the visitors. Jimmy Rosenbaum will officiate. There will be a small admission fee.

800 ATTEND
FIRST NIGHT
OF '49 SHOWAttendance Records for
Opening Evening of
Carnival SurpassedGAMES, DANCING
ATTRACTS CROWDElks' Lodge Is Confident
That Christmas Fund
Will Be One of Largest
in Recent Years

Opening night attendance records were surpassed last evening when the Elks Days of '49 show at Zuber hall attracted more than 800 persons. A check of the "gate receipts" shortly before midnight showed that exactly \$16 tickets were sold. This is an increase of more than 150 over the opening night attendance last year.

The show, which is for the benefit of needy families of La Grande and to provide a Christmas tree for the children of the community, will continue the remainder of this week—from 8 until 12 o'clock each evening.

Parade Opens Carnival
A parade, including music, punctuated by pistol shots, and flamboyant forty-niners, marched from Elks temple to the hall, officially opening the evening's entertainment upon its arrival. Dancing was started with Mann's orchestra furnishing music and the games were in full blast within a few minutes. Incidentally, the forty-nine show committee is today issuing a call for more dealers, after the opening night's run on the black jack and craps concessions. Although the dealers were adequate for the crowd last night many were hardly able to take a recess during the four hours of operation and it is hoped that more will volunteer to assist.

Door prizes were given away about 11 o'clock with Judge Hugh E. Brady presiding assisted by Miss Helen Evans. A waffle iron was given to Mrs. Deal and "Buck" Anderson received an electric flat iron. Tonight a chest of silverware will be given away. It is announced.

The silverware and other gifts are on display in the show window of Elks' building today.

Well Arranged

Zuber hall has been attractively arranged for the fun frolic. At the entrance one finds a bank, where in hundreds of dollars, worth of "bones" may be purchased at 10 cents apiece. To the left is a black jack game running full blast and straight ahead the large dancing floor offers plenty of entertainment. To the left, in the ante-room, are craps, more black jack games, and a bar—where signs such as "drill siders" and the like adorn the wall.

Bright Shirts in Charge

Returning to the dance floor one finds another bank and more games and a wheel presided over by yellow shirts.

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Minerva Knight
Given One-Fifth
of Damage Claim

After a six-hour deliberation the jury awarded Minerva Knight \$200 in her damage suit against the city of La Grande which was heard Tuesday and Wednesday in circuit court before Judge J. W. Knowles. The plaintiff sued for \$10,000 for personal injuries which she claimed she received when she fell over improperly lighted equipment which was being used in the laying of a sidewalk by the city.

In the account suit of H. H. Hug vs. Dr. F. C. Brocius which was heard yesterday afternoon the jury returned a verdict giving the plaintiff \$245. This morning the defendant in the above case is suing the plaintiff for the return of property. Mr. Hug is an Elgin resident while Dr. Brocius was formerly of Elgin but now makes his home in Western Oregon.

Sunday Talk to Be
For Women, Girls

"Making Room for Jesus" was the theme which Dr. Theodore Copeland used at the Methodist church last evening in a scholarly presentation of that subject. He drew an illustration from the recent visit of the English crown prince and Queen Marie. In those cases the speaker pointed out, the respective missions were vague. "In the case of Christ we know just why he came—to save the world."

It was announced last evening that next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Dr. Copeland will talk to women and girls only, using the theme "Mary and Martha." "We extend an urgent invitation to all women and girls in La Grande and vicinity to attend this meeting," explained Dr. Copeland. Dr. Copeland will be heard again this evening and Friday evening.

BUDGET FOR
SCHOOLS IS
SOME HIGHEREstimated Expenditures
for 1927-28 Year Is
Placed at \$174,605HEARING WILL BE
HELD NOVEMBER 12Last Year's Budget for
Dist. No. 1, La Grande,
Was \$8,470 Less Than
New One.

The 1927-28 school budget, covering all expenses of school district No. 1, which comprises the four grade schools in La Grande, and the high school, was passed by the budget committee last evening when a meeting was held for that purpose.

The committee consisted of five property owners of the school district and five members of the school board. In addition to the school board members of the committee were Mrs. J. K. Charlton, Mrs. George R. Loman, Mrs. L. Pang, Dr. F. L. Ralston and Mrs. Sherwood Williams.

Total \$174,605
The total estimated expenditures of the budget for the year is \$174,605, as compared with \$166,235.00 during the year 1926-27, and \$152,774.36 for the year 1925-26.

The estimated receipts for the 1927-28 year total \$52,940.74, including \$23,772.20, which comes from the county school fund; \$2,818.88 from the state school fund; \$14,554.76 from the elementary school fund and \$11,194.90 from other resources, which leaves \$121,664.26 to be raised by district tax.

The budget includes a total of \$119,055 for personal services, which includes teachers' salaries, office attendants, janitor service, etc.; \$16,500 for materials and supplies for the five schools of the city \$81.00 for maintenance and repairs; \$1800 for municipal assessments; \$24,400 total indebtedness.

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Normal Regents
Will Landscape
La Grande Site

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 20, (AP)—

The state normal school board of regents this afternoon at the suggestion of Governor Patterson instructed the building committee to go ahead with the landscaping of the grounds for the new normal school in La Grande. Although it has been necessary to defer construction of the building indefinitely it was deemed good business to proceed with the preparation of the grounds. The deed to the site was presented to the board by A. T. Hill and Charles Playle, of the La Grande city commission.

The decision to go ahead with the landscaping is regarded in La Grande as assuring acceptance of the deed and building of the normal as quickly as the state's finances will permit construction.

Machine Solves Problems That Are
Too Complex for the Human Brain

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 20 (AP)—An electrical machine with a "mechanical mind" that solves involved mathematical problems too complex for the human brain has been perfected at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology by Dr. Conover Bush, professor of electric power transmission and a staff of research workers.

The institute, in announcing the development today, said the apparatus known as a "product integrator" would open the way to hitherto inaccessible fields of research. These are expected to be largely along electrical lines, as the work was begun several years ago in an effort to evolve a machine that would solve rapidly and accurately problems of advanced electrical theories which have troubled engineers.

Bush explained in the announcement today, "might be called an adding machine carried to an extreme in its design. Where workers in the business world are ordinarily satisfied with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of numbers, the engineer deals with curves and graphs which represent for him the past, present and future of the things in which he deals."

In operating the machine the mathematician or engineer, in effect, feeds into it the numbers and parts of the problem which cannot now be solved by formal mathematics. The answer is turned out in from eight minutes to a few hours.

THE MARCONI VISIT U. S.



Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of wireless, and his titled wife, the former Countess Christina Bezzani Scala, are pictured here arriving in New York to attend the International Radio conference at Washington.

La Grande Bids
For 1928 State
Labor Meeting

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 20, (AP)—

The state federation of labor, in annual session here, had before it today a resolution introduced by Otto Hartwig of Portland, favoring approval of a proposed tramway up Mount Hood.

With consideration of changes of the federation's constitution practically completed, this morning leaders hoped to get some regular business out of the way before address of Spencer Miller and James Wilson, national labor leaders, who arrived today.

As nearly thirty resolutions were yet to be considered, it seemed that sessions would continue through Friday. No competition had appeared today for La Grande in its bid for the 1928 convention.

I. W. W. Pickets at
Colorado Mines

WALSHEBURG, Colo., Oct. 20 (AP)—With I. W. W. pickets stationed at all mines in this vicinity, five additional real miners were forced to suspend operations today.

Three alleged pickets have been arrested by Sheriff Harry Campbell but at least nine more have been unimpressed despite the warning of the sheriff and the state industrial commission that picketing would not be allowed.

Three women answered the picket call made by I. W. W. organizers last night and left I. W. W. headquarters here with about 45 men today.

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MR. COOLIDGE
SCOLDS FESS,
OHIO SOLONRebukes Senator for Talk
About President's
Chances in 1928DISPLEASED WITH
HIS PREDICTIONSFears That People Will
Believe That Fess Was
Speaking for the Chief
Executive.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20, (AP)—Senator Fess, of Ohio, declared after a call at the White House today that President Coolidge had taken him severely to task for publicly and repeatedly declaring that Mr. Coolidge would be renominated next year by the republican national convention.

The Ohio senator said the president was displeased with his statements because he feared that the country would be under the impression that he was talking for Mr. Coolidge.

"From my conversation with the president this morning," Senator Fess asserted, "I must admit that I came away with the impression that the president will not consent to be drafted."

Senator Fess said he told Mr. Coolidge that he did not intend to stop talking about his own impressions in the matter. He still believed that there was a wide demand for Mr. Coolidge throughout the country and that the republican convention would get into a deadlock and nominate the president for another term.

Senator's Views

"It is then up to Mr. Coolidge to turn down the nomination," the Ohio senator said. "I cannot see how any man could turn down such an appeal unless it was because of poor health and Mr. Coolidge is not in poor health. The rank and file of the republican party still want him in office."

"Some of the leaders of the party, perhaps, are not favorable to him because he does not look at things the same way that they do but that does not reflect accurately the sentiment among the great masses of the party."

"The president is of the opinion that the impression may be gained that what I say in his favor is being done to strengthen me at home. Nothing is further from the truth. We could not elect a delegation in Ohio which would be anti-Coolidge."

Senator Fess has been regarded as one of President Coolidge's closest political associates, and soon after Mr. Coolidge issued his famous "do not choose" statement, the Ohio senator said Mr. Coolidge would be nominated again. He has held consistently to this view.

His opinions were made known about the time Chairman Butler of the republican national convention made similar remarks regarding the effect of the presidential statement. Mr. Coolidge himself has refrained from implying in any his terse utterance that he did not choose to run in 1928.

"I want to have it thoroughly understood, so that all will know, that I am not talking for Mr. Coolidge when I say that I believe he will be drafted but I must admit that I was very much surprised by the emphasis, holding which he gave me today."

The lawless, unbelieved, vice, crime, divorce, immorality, degeneracy and anarchy in the country today proves the assertion, he said.

In order to guide youth's way over the roads of life, in an effort to avoid such tremendous pitfalls, Prof. Wise suggested that old men and gray haired women be called upon to formulate laws of life.

AMERICA DRUNK
WITH POWER IS
WISE'S CHARGE

LA CROIX, Wis., Oct. 20, (AP)—

"America is drunk with power, tottering with wealth and loath with an orgy of self-expression," George Chester Wise, professor of modern languages at Parsons college, Fairfield, Iowa, declared today at the international purity conference.

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Promoters Want To
Call Off Flight

SYDNEY NEW, South Wales, Oct. 20, (AP)—Premier Thomas R. Bavin has called Captain Kingsford Smith, now in the United States as flight commander of the plane Southern Cross, saying that he cannot see his way to granting further financial assistance for the projected flight from San Francisco to Sydney.

He urged the aviators to abandon the project because of its danger.