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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled; probably rain in the north and west portions tonight and Wednesday; warmer tonight.

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FLAMES ADD
TO EVENING'S
EXCITEMENT

Rock Crusher on Hill to West of La Grande Destroyed by Fire

PIONEER HARDING
HOME ALSO BURNED

Loss on Old Residence Estimated at \$1000—Both Fires Said to Be Hal-lowe'en Pranks.

In addition to the usual Hal-lowe'en pranks, two incendiary fires—both spectacular, added to the excitement in La Grande last night. Fire Chief C. O. Murchison be-lieves both blazes were ignited as a prank.

The first fire, which swept the large building of rock crusher, as it is known, that belongs to John Mars, was the more spectacular. Starting about 7:15 o'clock, within a few minutes flames were shooting scores of feet into the air, illuminating a large part of west La Grande. The fire destroyed the rock crusher, which is situated on the side of the hill west of the city. Because of its position and the spread of the flames, the fire department was unable to do more than prevent further spread of the fire. Whether the building was insured is unknown. The loss has not been estimated.

Pioneer Home Destroyed

The second and most serious fire was at 2523 Fourth street, when the old Harding home, now owned by Claude C. Pratt, was destroyed. The two-story house was built here several years before the O-W railroad came through and was more than half a century old, it is said.

The place had been unoccupied for about two years, however. It was acquired by Mr. Pratt when he purchased property near the Second street viaduct on which he proposed to build a swimming pool, according to city officials. It is estimated that the loss is about \$1000, although it would cost \$3000 to rebuild.

Alarm System Out

As in the first fire, the flames shot high into the air, and the fire department was unable to extinguish it. Before this fire occurred, the fire alarm system on the north side was tampered with and no box calls were received, preventing a speedier arrival at the blaze.

In addition to the two fires, the police report that several "practical jokes" resulted in loss to property owners, including the cutting down of some ornamental shade trees. Woodpiles were tipped over at many places and the usual soaping of windows.

CHICAGO NOISE

CHICAGO, Nov. 1. (AP)—Ephor-ate plans for a safe and sane Hal-lowe'en in Chicago were declared last night, and the celebration was de-clared the most tumultuous in years.

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CHILDREN WILL
TAKE PART IN
'HELLO THERE'

"Hello, There," the musical comedy which is to be presented here Nov. 7 and 8 under the auspices of the La Grande Neighborhood club, is making rapid strides toward perfection, according to reports. Perhaps the most interesting of the group to be shown is the youngsters known as "Baby Dolls." This group is the largest in the comedy, which is composed entirely of local talent, and the children have to sing a rather difficult song that carries with it a great deal of action.

Out of this group comes eight who take part in the dance of the "Dutch Kids."

PROGRESSIVE
BOTH
WAYS

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Agriculture Is
Topic of Talks
At Forum Lunch

Routh McKennon Tells of Potato Growing in Valley—J. W. McDonald Discusses Conditions.

Farming in general and potatoes in particular were discussed at today's forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce, which featured a talk on potatoes by Routh McKennon, who operates a large acreage near Alice, and by J. W. McDonald, agriculturist of the Caterpillar Tractor company, of San Leandro, Cal.

Mr. McKennon spoke in an interesting manner of the progress of the growing of potatoes in the Grande Ronde valley, calling attention to the importation of certified seed by the La Grande National bank in 1923, and explaining the additional yields that resulted.

In referring to the condition of potato growers in the valley in the last two years, he indicated that it hasn't been so good.

Mr. McDonald declared that the bulk of farmers in the western part of the country are not greatly in-terested in farm relief legislation, and that the average farmer is well prepared to take care of his own interests. He said the most important trend in farming of late is toward modern machinery, which is placing farming on a business basis and is serving to help lower the cost of production. He declared that the Grande Ronde valley soil is some of the best that he has seen in the entire west.

Baked potatoes served at the luncheon were furnished by Mr. McKennon.

Miss Lewanna Graham played a piano selection, "The Rosary," and responded with an encore. Before the meeting adjourned she favored the group with "To a Water Lily."

It was announced that a meeting of directors would be held at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Owner of Still
Is Sentenced To
Year in Prison

C. W. Bowers was sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary and was fined \$1 when he pleaded guilty to charges of possession of a still yesterday afternoon before Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles. Bowers, with Mark Witt and Jack Welch was taken by Sheriff Jesse Breeshaugh to the state penitentiary at Salem this morning.

Sophomore Girls
Trim Frosh, 17-13

The sophomore girls basketball team defeated the freshmen girls 17-13 in the opening game of the basketball season played yesterday afternoon at the high school gymnasium. The game was characterized this morning by Miss Ruth Johnson, girls' athletic director, as "the best class basketball game I have yet seen played," and was taken by those who saw it as a strong indication that the high school team this year would not lack material. The game was fast and the score ran close until the last few minutes of play. Wednesday afternoon the juniors and seniors will meet, while the final game will be played off Thursday.

Two Injured When
Truck Hits Cows

Two men were slightly injured in an accident on the Mt. Glen road last evening when the heavy logging truck, with which they were hauling logs, went into the ditch and turned over, landing with all wheels in the air. The men are Charles Sharp, who is in the Grande Ronde hospital recovering from the shock of the accident and severe bruises, and Stanley Cathcart, whose injuries are of a less serious nature and required no medical attention. Mr. Sharp was reported to be getting along nicely this morning and will probably be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

The accident occurred just as it was getting dark. E. D. Whiting was driving some cattle across the road and the two men in the truck did not see them until they were too close to avoid an accident. Mr. Cathcart was driving and he put on the brakes, but two of the cows were hit, breaking their legs and making it necessary to kill them, and throwing the truck, which carried a load of logs, into the ditch.

HEARING TO RECESS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 1. (AP)—Hearing the request of opponents of the proposed unification of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways, the interstate commerce commission announced today that it will grant a recess in the hearing here after the two northern have presented their case.

14 PERSONS
ARRESTED IN
LIQUOR RING

Highly Organized Rum Conspiracy Broken Up in Portland, Ore.

GIRL DEPUTY IS
UNDER SUSPICION

Other Secret Indictments Are Out But Names Are Withheld Until Arrests Are Made.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1. (AP)—Fourteen persons have been arrested on secret indictments by federal officers, who alleged they were concerned in operation of a highly organized liquor ring in and about Portland.

Other secret indictments are out but names are withheld until arrests are made.

Helen Stillman, girl deputy sheriff, arrested a few weeks ago, was charged with having cooperated with Charles A. Beggs, alleged "brains" of the ring. James Beggs, brother of Charles, also is under arrest. Others in custody are: Roy and Mabel Ryckman, said to have operated a huge still for the ring on a ranch two miles south of Corbett, Ore.; Viola Chambers, Vernonia; G. C. Cain, garage owner, alleged to have permitted storage and distribution of liquor from his garage; Nelson S. Plouff, Milwaukee garage operator, facing charges similar to those against Cain.

George C. McAfee, manager of a chain store, charged with furnishing sugar for distillers and to have received liquor in payment.

Ed Trickey and Lloyd Trickey, his son, charged with having allowed use of their ranch as distillery headquarters.

Others arrested were William Bowen, James Davis and George Bergen.

Followed Tip

In making arrests on the secret indictments from the federal grand jury.

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WALLOWA GRAIN
NOT YET ALL IN

Unsettled Weather Conditions Hinder Harvesting of Fall Crops

WALLOWA, Ore., Nov. 1. (Special)—Very unsettled weather conditions have prevailed over this section of the country during the past several days and light showers of rain fell during the early part of the week, which again put a stop to harvest work which was still in progress in a few parts of the county. Farmers have become so accustomed to rain during the past several weeks, that they try to thresh whenever the weather is fair, but the showers of the early part of the week caused the wet, tough straw to be in too bad a condition to allow threshing.

While the greater part of the remaining crops were taken care of during the fair weather, there is still a few scattered fields of late grain to be cut with combines in the hill sections, and a little threshing to do on some of the irrigated farms. C. A. Hunter, who has been threshing with his small outfit on his valley ranch, still has much barley to thresh.

Some seeding of fall wheat is still being done on some of the farms in the dry farming areas. The early sown grain never looked better at this season in the year, however, the acreage seeded early in the season is considerable.

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Walter Hagen Threatened Today By
Jack Farrell in First Golf Round

CLUB CREST COUNTRY CLUB, DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 1. (AP)—Walter Hagen, professional golfer, was threatened with elimination in the first round of the professional golfers' tournament today when Jack Farrell, of Glen-head, N. Y., a youngster playing his first big match, lunged gamely on to his head in the afternoon play. Young Farrell appeared to be falling prey to Hagen's "zest-getting" propensities as the pair started the afternoon round and Hagen captured the first hole and the third hole to wipe out half of Farrell's morning lead. At the third Hagen sank a 30-footer from off the green for a 3 and Farrell promptly missed a five-footer for a half. At the fourth hole, however, Hagen was in the rough on approach and lost the hole, becoming three down. Hagen continued to wear away Farrell's lead, however, and the

American Legion
Armistice Plans
Nearly Complete

Parade to Start Day's Program—Football Contest Due at 2 O'clock—Dance in Evening.

La Grande's annual Armistice day celebration program—an event that has come to be anticipated throughout Union, Wallowa, Baker and Umatilla counties—is nearly in readiness, American Legion officials announced this morning.

While several details have not been definitely arranged, the general program has been completed for the annual Nov. 11 celebration which this year falls on Friday. Chester Thompson, general chairman for the day, this morning announced the program, which is to begin in the morning at 11 o'clock with a parade. Veterans, national guardsmen, American Legion auxiliary members, boy scouts, scout girls and other organizations will march in the parade which will be led by the La Grande municipal band. The parade committee headed by Jess Andrews, is also lining up army paraphernalia including arm trucks and possibly a war tank.

G. A. R. Honor Guard As before, war mothers and the G. A. R. will be honor participants. Another feature of the parade will be the La Grande football team and high school students who will appear in a pep demonstration for the game. Pendleton fans are also to take part.

At 12 o'clock a buffet dinner will be served to all ex-service men and their wives.

Grid Contest

At two o'clock the annual grid between the La Grande and Pendleton High school football teams will commence and will be the diversion of the afternoon. The evening's program will feature a dance at Zuber hall which is to begin at 5 o'clock.

Assisting Mr. Thompson are Mr. Andrews, parade chairman; E. D. Towler, football chairman; Lester Ringel and Mrs. C. N. Palmer, dinner chairman; and Otto Palmer, dance chairman.

New Orleans Man
Admits Murders

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 1. (AP)—Police announced today that Henry Moly has confessed that he alone killed his wife and sister-in-law and then packed their bodies in a trunk after beheading the two women and amputating their arms and legs.

Previously Moly had insisted that his wife and Mrs. Josephine Moly, his sister-in-law, were murdered by a red haired sailor, "he had admitted however that he assisted in packing the bodies in the trunks where they were found last Thursday in the Moly home in Old French quarter.

"The Dawn" Will Make Test Flight

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (AP)—Mrs. Frances Willow, Grayson's amphibian plane "The Dawn," may fly the Atlantic this year and Mrs. Grayson's co-pilot may be another woman, Theo Rasche of Germany.

An alternate possibility that Clarence Chamberlin may sit at the controls was strengthened today when the "Dawn" was groomed for test flight by Chamberlin this afternoon.

Modoc and Oregon
County Celebrate

ALTURAS, Cal., Nov. 1. (AP)—The entire population of Modoc county, Cal., aided by the citizens of Lake county, Oregon will unite in celebrating "railroad day" here on Nov. 11 marking the completion of the work of changing the Nevada, California and Oregon railroad from narrow to broad gauge rails.

The road will be broad gauge from Lakeview, Ore., through Alturas to Wendell, Nev., where it will connect with the Western Pacific railroad.

Gale From North
Alaska on its Way

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1. (AP)—With a gale swinging southward from the Gulf of Alaska, storm warnings were displayed today along the Washington and Oregon coast.

The weather bureau has predicted rains and southeasterly winds reaching gale proportions along the Washington and Oregon coast within the 36-hour period starting at 5 a. m. today. By "gale proportion" it was meant that the wind would probably reach a velocity of 60 miles an hour.

I. C. Member Is
Ready to Retire

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. (AP)—Commissioner Hall of the interstate commerce commission has advised President Coolidge that he wishes to retire.

Mr. Coolidge has not yet accepted the resignation but will be governed by the commissioner's wishes. No effective date has been set for the resignation.

NICARAGUAN
IRREGULARS
LOSE AGAIN

United States Marines' Victory Causes Dissension Among Bandits

70 KILLED WHEN
TWO BANDS CLASH

No Casualties Among the Devildogs or National Guardsmen in Latest Engagement.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Nov. 1. (AP)—United States marines have ousted Nicaraguan irregulars in another encounter and because of the presence of the marines, dissension has broken out among the bandits operating in the department of Nueva Segovia.

The bandits have been hampered in their activities because marines and the national constabulary, in becoming the district, have kept the bandit leaders away from the larger villages. Thus the bandits have been prevented from looting and sacking.

More than 70 bandits were killed in an engagement between two bandit gangs of different political tendencies near the Honduras border, according to advices received by marine headquarters here.

Hernandez Escapes

The liberal bandit leader, Jose Leon Diaz, with 200 followers was reported to have attacked the conservative bandit, Anastasio Hernandez, 50 of his men north of Ocotul, close to the border. Hernandez was said to have escaped after a five-hour engagement during which a severe battle raged.

Two of his lieutenants, Jose Leon Sandoval and Jose Torres and 70 of his men were killed, the marines headquarters learned. Diaz was reported to have lost a few men. Hernandez had been charged with committing all sorts of atrocities and depredations in Nueva Segovia, prior to the marine's arrival.

A later engagement between marines and Nicaraguan guerrillas, supposed to have been followers of the rebel general, Augusto Sandino, who rejected the settlement effected by Col. Henry I. Stimson, five bandits were killed and several wounded. There were

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'PURITY' GIVES
10 DEVILS AND
\$1013 THE AIR

CHICAGO, Nov. 1. (AP)—Yesterday Mrs. Sarah Mahood had 12 devils and \$1013. Today, she had two devils—the other ten and the \$1013 having been abstracted by a woman known as "Purity."

A strange lady who identified herself as a spirit healer, called at Mrs. Mahood's home and informed her that she (Mrs. Mahood) was the possessor of 12 individual devils which needed to be exorcised.

The same strange lady then suggested that her daughter Purity, whom she recommended as a devil disturber, be called, explaining that with the aid of a sum of money the devils could be driven forth.

All this was done, but two devils remained obdurate. "Purity" then suggested that Mrs. Mahood take home the money which had been put in a package and sleep on it, first putting two glasses of water under the bed for the devils to drink in when the force of the money and "Purity" finally drove them out.

When Mrs. Mahood awoke, and opened the package, she found that, while there were indications of the devils having been drowned, there were also no indications of the \$1013 remaining in the package. And so she told the police.

Car Jumps 25 Feet
And Lands Safely

REDDING, Cal., Nov. 1. (AP)—They're building them sturdier every year. An automobile driven by Adair Kagan, of Klamath Falls, Ore., went off the highway near Baird's ferry, 15 miles north of here last night, sailed gracefully through the air and alighted right side up in a clearing, 25 feet below with no other damage than a disconnected feed line to the carburetor. Kagan, sitting at the wheel was unhurt.

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Given Clean Bill

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81, IS SUED



Gunleik Bergland, 81, pictureque lumberman from Bergland, Mich., has been named in a \$250,000 breach of promise suit by Mrs. Ardis Pederson, 27, of South Milwaukee, Mrs. Pederson charges the 81-year-old lumberman twice promised to marry her. The two are pictured above.

U. S. CHAMBER IN
FAVOR BIG CUT

Charges That Estimates as to Treasury Surplus Is Too Low

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. (AP)—With the recommendation of the treasury that tax reduction be held to a \$225,000,000 maximum before them, members of the house ways and means committee were urged today by the United States chamber of commerce to make a tax slash of about \$400,000,000.

James R. McCall, speaking for the chamber, said that "it is common knowledge that in recent years the actual surplus has greatly exceeded the estimates."

Almost simultaneous with his appearance on the witness stand, Representative Chamberlain, before ranking democrat on the committee, issued a statement assailing the treasury for inaccuracy in its forecasts of surpluses and advocating a reduction of the corporation tax from 12 1/2 per cent to 11 or possibly 10 per cent instead of the 12 per cent proposed by Secretary Mellon.

The Texan said he believed material reduction of this tax rather than a revision of surtax rates on incomes of from \$16,000 to \$20,000 was required.

McCall agreed with James A. Emery, representing the National Association of Manufacturers, that the corporation tax should be reduced. Emery advocated allotting a major part of the prospective reduction of corporations, while McCall insisted that the inheritance and remaining excise taxes should be repealed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. (AP)—Secretary Mellon's estimates of the treasury surplus were declared to be too low by Senator Simmons, North Carolina, ranking democrat on the senate finance committee today after a call on President Coolidge. The senator said he felt that total tax reduction could reach \$400,000,000 instead of the \$225,000,000 recommended by the treasury.

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Chief Executive
Of Nebraska Is
Peeved at Borah

Attacks Western Senator's Attempt to "Stem Movement Toward Governor Lowden."

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 1. (AP)—Presidential politics cropped up in the Corn Belt and Southern conference on farm problems here today when Governor Adam McMullen, of Nebraska, the first speaker, attacked Senator Borah, of Idaho, for his attempt to "stem the movement toward Governor Lowden."

Speaking of what he termed Borah's plan to gain control of the western delegates to the republican national convention, Governor McMullen charged Borah had "no other purpose than to divide western farmers in the interest of senatorial reactionaries."

"No act in Mr. Borah's record," McMullen continued, "entitles him to consideration as a leader of farmer opinion."

McNary Bill

Governor McMullen devoted the greater part of his speech to advocating that the McNary-Haugen bill, voted by President Coolidge at the last session, be reintroduced and again put up to the president. Or in any event, he said, the measure which is introduced should contain the principle of equalization through caring for the surplus crops.

"We don't want a loan bill," he declared. "The farmer doesn't want to borrow any more money. He wants a chance to get out of debt. The farmer has to ask the buyer of his products what he will give, he has to ask the man who sells him things what he will take, and he pays the freight on the stuff he sells and the stuff he buys."

Today the farmer has to sell his home products at the world price. With the surplus set aside, the part of the farmers' crops sold at home will have the benefit of tariff protection. The same national policies that uphold the industrial east are necessary for the saving of agriculture.

"Cause Is Just"

"We should challenge the right of any administration or any party to proceed further in industrialization of the nation at the expense of agriculture. The millions on our farms cannot and will not be submerged. Their cause is just. They have been patient and long suffering."

The conference, which is non-partisan, was attended by 300 dirt farmers, farm bureau heads, agricultural teachers and leaders, and public officials.

Unable To Prove
Pender Guilty of
Recent Slayings

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1. (AP)—John A. Pender, caught last Friday in a police trap, while he was attempting an attack upon a 15-year-old girl, was indicted today by the Multnomah county grand jury on a charge of statutory assault.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 1. (AP)—John A. Pender, 47, pardoned murderer, will face a statutory charge involving an attempted attack on a minor girl when he comes to trial. He will plead insanity.

His attorney, Seneca Fouts, will ask the court to allow Pender to submit to an operation and be sent to the state hospital at Salem.

Sufficient evidence has not been discovered by police to convict Pender of other crimes which police suspect him of having committed.

Several women have partially identified Pender as the man who was at or in the vicinity of two brutal murders.

Other women have partially identified Pender as the man who attempted to attack them in recent years.

But police actually have evidence in only one case in which there is a reasonable chance of securing a conviction.

That is the case which brought about his arrest last Friday when he attempted to assault the 15-year-old daughter of Herman B. Schwartz.

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MISTRIAL IS
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LEASE CASE

Justice Siddons Takes Information Today Under Advisement

RECEIVES STORY
IN SECRET SESSION

Rumors Many in Open Court—Sensational Developments Expected by Government.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. (AP)—The Fall-Sinclair conspiracy case was adjourned until tomorrow without Justice Siddons announcing what action he would take on the charges of jury irregularities made by government counsel.

Charges that one juror talked indiscreetly about the case and that a detective agency had been keeping jurors under close observation were contained in the affidavits filed by the government counsel today in the Fall-Sinclair oil conspiracy case.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. (AP)—Information pointing to a possible mistrial in the Teapot Dome oil conspiracy case was under advisement by Justice Siddons today after he had been in secret conference for three-quarters of an hour with attorneys and defendants.

The conference was invoked by government counsel who told the court they had something to present which gave the prosecution "grave concern." They did not disclose the exact nature of this information, but indicated that it involved one or more of the jurors.

Sinclair, Fall Present

Both Harry F. Sinclair and Albert B. Fall were present at the meeting of judge and counsel in the court's private chamber. Meantime the jury which has not been locked up during the trial was put under guard in a nearby room. When the judge's conference broke up, however, and court adjourned for lunch, Justice Siddons ordered that the jurors be permitted to go free as usual, until the afternoon session.

During the intermission, counsel and defendants were under orders from the judge not to disclose the nature of the new evidence which had caused the sudden interruption of the trial.

Grand Jury Mentioned

Just after court recessed, however, it became known that the government already had taken steps to bring to the attention of a grand jury the charges it had presented to Justice Siddons.

It was indicated that several affidavits had been put before the judge, and that they related to statements attributed to one of the jurors and to the alleged activities of certain private detectives in Washington since the trial began.

These affidavits, it was indicated, would form the basis of the case which already is in process of being presented to the grand jury.

The government is represented before the grand jury not by the special oil counsel but by Neil Burkshaw, a young assistant district attorney who made the investigation on which the government made its presentation today to Justice Siddons. There was every indication that the prosecutor would ask for a quick decision by the grand jury.

While the grand jury was in session, a number of federal agents prepared to make arrests of any persons who might be named in indictments. Nearly a score of witnesses were heard and affidavits were also made some documentary evidence to be submitted.

Government counsel remained

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