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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Unsettled; probably
rain tonight and Saturday;
moderate temperature. Fresh
southeast winds.E. O. L. P. NOW
'AT HOME' IN
NEW BUILDINGGrande Ronde Division
Headquarters Located
On Elm StreetDESCRIPTION OF
STRUCTURE GIVENBasement Used For Power
Company's Stores—
Equipment Is Of Steel
Wherever Possible

Grande Ronde division headquarters for the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company are now located at 105 Elm street in the new electric building just constructed and which is one of the finest structures in the state from a construction standpoint and also from the standpoint of efficient operation. The move from the old headquarters on Washington street was accomplished during the past week.

The building is a one-story structure of Lewisburg, Mont., red pressed brick exterior being trimmed with Boise light colored sandstone, and has a full basement with an inclined ramp leading from the first floor level to the basement. It is set 10 feet into the lot from the Oddfellows building and five feet from the alley on the opposite side, giving individual character to its appearance. The measurements of the building proper are 35 by 90 feet. A concrete court in the rear is 50 by 50 feet and this adjoins the other property of the company upon which the present electric substation is located and which measures 30 by 120 feet and face Washington.

Splendid Appearance
Four large plate glass windows, two in front and one on each side of the front part of the building, are embellished with polished copper trim, and give it splendid appearance. The entrance to the office is just one-half block from the intersection of Elm and Adams avenue.

The interior trim is all of brown oak, the plastered walls are cream color and the floor is of natural hard maple. The main office is divided equally between the first and second floors, and the general office space and private offices for the manager and engineer. All of the windows in the offices with the exception of the large display windows are equipped with Western Venetian blinds which permit the passage of good light without sun glare.

General office equipment installed in all steel so far as practical. The center dividing the office space from the display floor consists of a battery of counter height steel filing cabinets upon which is laid a brass bound linoleum top. Another counter at the rear of the office is built up in a similar manner. Separating the office space from the main passageway is a steel railing provided with swinging gates, and at one end of the main counter the cashier's cage is located. This is built of steel panels, with a plate glass front and the upper part of the side and rear counters are built of the same material.

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RILEY SPEAKS
ON HONDURAS
AT MEN'S CLUB

About 25 men attended the Presbyterian Men's club meeting held last night at the home of John Hodgins. The Rev. Oliver Riley, of the Episcopal church, was the speaker for the evening, using as his subject, "British Honduras," and presenting it in an interesting and instructive manner. Mrs. Hodgins served refreshments at the close of the evening.

WHEN
IGNORANCE
IS AN EXCUSE

When a business man puts in a new line of merchandise, or adds a new department to his store, or provides for a new service of some kind, or receives new styles, or is able to make lower prices—when he does or has anything new, he naturally wants you to know about it, and you naturally want to. But if he fails to let you know about it, your ignorance is a perfect excuse for your failure to take advantage of the offer.

The successful business man knows you won't spend your money for something you know nothing about, nor will you spend it in a store you are not acquainted with. So he is a constant observer advertiser to "let you know" the news of his business. It is the most economical contact—and reaches over 3,000 families in the La Grande territory each day.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Tigers, Mac-Hi
Teams Playing
This AfternoonMuddy Field Is Likely To
Slow Up Offensive Tactics—
Rousing Pep Meet
Before ContestEnd of third period: Mac-Hi 27,
La Grande 6.

Whether the La Grande Tigers win or not this afternoon they will have played the football field at 2:30 o'clock, determined to play their best game of the season against undefeated Milton-Freewater, and heartened by a display of support at an assembly held this morning at 9 o'clock.

The field was muddy and indication was that the attacks would be mostly by the "power" type, especially upon Mac-Hi's part. A shift in the lineup indicated that possibly the Tigers will make a lot on forward passes, regardless of the weather and mud.

The assembly this morning opened with the presentation of the football class stars, the final of the year's sports, which found enthusiastic reception from the student body.

Apparently suffering from an inferiority complex La Grande wanders through four defeats and then, one the eve of the Milton-Freewater game "something happens." The Mac-Hi team becomes afflicted with "victoria" and undergoes an operation which is of no avail. An operation performed upon La Grande for her mental malady, on the other hand, works wonders and La Grande captures the victory. A number of freshmen students participated in the stunt.

Student Body President Tom Bruce introduced the "Four Freshmen of the Backfield," Paul, Rices, Evans and Harlow, and called upon Evans for a short talk. Leonard Rice, George Harman and Vernon DeLong were also called upon for brief talks. Ed Duda, Hal Bohlenkamp and Oscar Warnock spoke to the students during the assembly. A freshmen-sophomore girls' yell contest, was held, in which the freshmen were pronounced victors. Irla Hughes and football yell leader, and Gilda Ashby sophomore. The girls' basketball cup was presented to the senior class winners of the class contest by Miss Phyllis Hantz, senior coach. Miss Bertha Hantz received the cup in behalf of her class. Class yell and song contests preceded the assembly dismissal.

Coach Ralph Christie announced his line-up for the afternoon game as follows: Bruce, center, Buchanan, guard, Gulikman, guard, Bauhan, tackle, Keffer, tackle, Charleston, end, Price, end, Evans, quarterback, Falkback, Harlow and Rees halfback.

Play Golf For
Turkey Prizes
Here on Sunday

Another turkey shoot, similar to the one held last Sunday, will take place on the La Grande country club course Sunday, members of the club announced this morning. However, the handicap will be adjusted for this Sunday's shoot according to the score of last Sunday. The order of play will be posted and will be obtainable at the first tee.

The golf course is in excellent condition considering the weather and another large turn-out is expected for the Sunday shoot. It will be the last time to obtain a turkey in this manner before Thanksgiving and many members of the club will probably be on the course.

Arrest Imbler Man
On Check Charge

Elden L. Conklin, of Imbler, was arrested this morning by Sheriff Jesse Threshers on a bad check charge. The sheriff made the arrest at Imbler bringing Conklin to La Grande at about 10 o'clock this morning. Arraignment is to be made this afternoon before Judge Hugh Brady at justice court. Conklin gave his age as 27.

Organ Recital To
Be Sunday Night

The third organ recital to be given in St. Peter's Episcopal church here since the installation of the new pipe organ will take place Sunday evening with Mrs. R. C. McCall at the console, assisted by Mrs. H. N. Ashby, soloist.

HOTEL OPENS
TODAY NOON;
ROOMS TAKENMore Than 400 Banquet
Reservations received
—Only 385 SeatsRECEIVING MANY
CONGRATULATIONSH. E. Coolidge To Preside
In Ballroom and J. T.
Longfellow In Dining
Room This Evening

The new six-story La Grande hotel, at the corner of Fourth street and Adams avenue, opened its doors for business today at noon. Practically every guest room in the 166-room building is reserved for tonight, which is the formal opening night and will be featured with a banquet and ball.

Preparations have been made to accommodate 385 persons at the banquet tonight, however, more than 400 requests for reservations had been received up until today noon and additional requests were still coming in.

Tables Set
The tables were all set in the hotel ball room at noon, and the party to the banquet tonight, and were beautifully arranged with their centerpieces of yellow and gold flowers.

Congratulatory in the form of large bouquets of chrysanthemums in yellow, white and bronze, were received by the hotel officials this morning and were being placed about the hotel lobby and mezzanine floor in the appropriate places. By early evening everything will be ready for the beginning of the banquet, which will begin at 7 o'clock.

Coolidge to Preside

H. E. Coolidge, president of the Union county chamber of commerce, will preside in the ball room and J. T. Longfellow in the main dining room. Ex-Governor (Continued on Page 5)

CONFERENCE TO
BE IN FEBRUARYChamber Of Commerce
Agricultural Committee
Makes Decision

That Union county's annual economic conference will be held sometime late in February was decided last evening when the agriculture and health committees of the Union county chamber of commerce met at Hot Lake for a dinner meeting with Dr. W. T. Phipps, committee chairman, as host. Plans are going forward for the 1928 economic conference and in the near future committees from the various commercial organizations of the county, the grange, etc., will get together to outline a program for the conference. The granges of the county were active in this year's conference and are expected to do even more next year.

During the meeting papers were given by Frank McKenna and Lee Reynolds and reports were heard from various sub-committees. H. G. Avery, county agriculturalist, reported favorable progress of the cow testing association, stating that preliminary work had been finished and that actual work would start within the next month.

Several problems of special interest to health committee were discussed which a definite report will be given at Tuesday's forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce.

New Life Inserted Into Oil Jury
Tampering Inquiry in Washington

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—A peppy exchange between District Attorney Peyton Gordon and Justice Frederick L. Siddons put new life in the oil jury tampering case which for several days had lay in a more or less dormant state.

Nation's Capital
Clearing Storm
Wreckage TodayRed Cross and Army Rush
To Relief—Only Eastern
Half Of City Touch-
ed By The Tornado

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—The national capital turned today to the task of bringing order out of the tangle of tornado-strewn wreckage in the eastern section of the city.

Sweeping out of the south on the wings of a 53-mile gale, the devastating twister left a swath of destruction late yesterday from Alexandria, Va., to Hyattsville, Md. It unroofed houses, felled trees, overturned automobiles and tore down transmission wires. A negro woman was struck and killed by lightning, more than 200 were injured and property damage was estimated at several million dollars in Washington alone.

Speedy Relief
The federal and municipal governments and the Red Cross were quick to meet the situation. The war department immediately volunteered the services of all its army forces in the vicinity of Washington, and the Red Cross and the local authorities mobilized police and firemen for service in the stricken area.

School houses were thrown open for the night and residents whose homes had been made uninhabitable and the Red Cross and the army supplied blankets. A supply of tarpaulins for the protection of the interiors of the unroofed houses was made available by the fire department.

Only the eastern half of the city felt the effects of the tornado and the western half, at the height of the storm, pursued its usual routine, unaware of the havoc being wrought on the other side of the capital.

100 Injuries
In Alexandria, the Red Cross reported that 25 were in a serious condition at hospitals and that 75 had been treated for injuries to their homes. Seventy-five buildings and dwelling houses were damaged and property loss was estimated at \$500,000.

Half a million dollars damage was done at the Annapolis naval academy, while by a freak of the elements, the army's big flying unit just across Bolling field, went unscathed. Eight navy seaplanes were wrecked, a hangar unroofed and barracks buildings shaken. Damage at Washington navy yard was estimated at \$100,000.

The weather bureau declared the storm the worst that Washington has experienced within the 50 years covered by its records. The tornado, it said, had its origin in a water spout down the Potomac, adding that there is very little difference fundamentally between the two phenomena beyond the fact that one originates over water and the other land.

Tommy Armour and
Christian Lead

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18 (AP)—Through rain and sleet and gusts of wind, Tommy Armour and Christian, D. C., national open golf champion, strode steadily onward today towards the title of Oregon open champion in the second session of the three-day tournament at Waverly country club. Armour turned in a 27 for the first nine. Thirty-six is par.

Neil Christian, Waverly club professional was shooting par and had passed the first six holes without faltering. Christian and Armour shot 62 yesterday.

INDIAN SENTENCED

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18 (AP)—Henry W. Brown, 24, Indian boxer, was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail today by Federal Judge McNary. Brown was arrested recently in San Francisco under an indictment charging the sending of an obscene letter to a 18-year-old Indian maid at Cheyenne academy in 1926.

be relieved or excused when called upon by that court to see if contempt had been committed and to vindicate the courts authority. The inquiry, Justice Siddons added, was to determine whether the administration of justice in the case of the established courts "may be successfully flouted and defied." Counsel for Edward J. Kidwell Jr., the boxer, alleged that the testimony contributed to the trial, obtained an indefinite postponement today of a hearing on his petition asking for a contempt citation against J. Ray Akers, street car conductor, and Donald K. King, newspaper reporter.

U. S. IS FACING
NEW ERA OF
PROSPERITYPresident Expects American
To Develop Its Re-
sources and DefensesPEACE PROMOTION
IS ALSO VISIONEDCompletion Of Flood Con-
trol, Bldg Of Navy
and Retng of National
Debt Fd Seen

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—While President Coolidge expects the navy to be increased by the addition of some 1,000 men, it was reiterated at the White House today that the failure of the Geneva conference would have no effect on the navy build-up program he will recommend to congress.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 18 (AP)—A program which American's prosperity will be turned to a development of its resources and defenses and toward "promotion of peace between all nations was portrayed by President Coolidge last night in an address before the Union League of Philadelphia.

Choosing this organization, founded in the trying days of the Civil war, for a review of his administration's achievements and his plans for the future, the president cautioned that a new test has arisen for the American people—the test of prosperity—and expressed the conviction that the great mass of people realize that "the doctrine of ease is the doctrine of surrender and decay."

The country, he said, has reached the zenith of its prosperity, the end of its task of post-war reconstruction is in sight and the time when internal improvements may be considered is at hand.

"Flood control must be completed," the president declared. "A waterway system for the Mississippi valley, an extension of the St. Lawrence project to the Gulf, and another to the Atlantic, probably through the St. Lawrence, is only a question of time. The Colorado River project is pressing, the Columbia basin not far distant."

"The navy we shall round out our navy with more submarines and more cruisers, and private ownership should provide it with an auxiliary merchant marine of fast cargo boats. On land we shall be building up our air forces, especially by encouraging commercial aviation."

The ability to do these things, Mr. Coolidge declared, is the result of "past insistence on economy in national expenditures," which simultaneously has made possible three reductions of taxes with the promise of a further moderate lifting of the burden in the next congress. The principal weakness existing, in his opinion, is the remaining \$18,000,000,000 of the national debt which he described as a menace to the national credit.

"It is the greatest weakness in (Continued on Page Four.)

Enterprise Man
Given Freedom
By Grand Jury

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Nov. 18 (AP)—Martin "Doc" Horrell, who shot and killed his father, John S. Horrell, about 60, on the evening of Armistice day, will go free.

The Walla Walla county grand jury, in session for the November term of court at Enterprise, heard the evidence in the case early this week, and has returned a not true bill, granting the young man immunity for the death of his father. The slaying was held as justifiable. It followed a fight between the father and son in which the son was badly beaten about the head and arms.

No Obligation In
Purchase, Ford Says

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 18 (AP)—Henry and Edsel Ford assumed no obligation to reimburse stockholders of the Lincoln Motor company when they purchased the assets of that company at a receivership sale in 1922, according to a statement issued today by Edsel Ford.

The statement was made in connection with the filing of a suit in chancery against the Fords by Henry M. and Wilfred C. Leland, former president and vice president, respectively, of the Lincoln company, on behalf of the former stockholders. The suit seeks approximately \$6,000,000 on the grounds that the Fords verbally agreed to make such reimbursement.

Children's Book
Week Is Observed

This week being "Children's Book Week" the children of the city are looking forward to a program of informal interest tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock during the regular story hour period.

NEW PLAN



Judge Charles Burnell of the superior court of Los Angeles proposes that marriage be authorized for five-year periods with option of renewal. Judge Burnell says his plan is merely to legalize current marriage customs, asserting that 75 to 80 per cent of divorces are obtained by agreement of husband and wife, although the law forbids such an agreement.

TEACHER'S TRIAL
IS NEXT TUESDAYWoman, Charged With
Lashing 12-Year-Old
Pupil Is Discharged

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18 (AP)—Women and men jammed the municipal court this morning when Miss Ma Slaughter, 25, teacher of a private school, was arraigned on a charge of beating Arthur Hamilton, 12, a pupil, with a brass edged hose. Trial was set for next Tuesday when Miss Slaughter's attorney said he had left a sanatorium to appear for her and was too ill to go ahead with the preliminary hearing today.

Miss Slaughter, who had charge of small Seventh Day Adventist school was discharged from that position after she had been arrested yesterday on complaint of Mrs. F. W. Swanton, of the Oregon Humane society. Twenty-eight lash marks were visible on the boy's back as a result of the beating, administered because he failed to get his lesson, police were informed.

Two J. C. Penney
Co. Stores Burn

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Nov. 18 (AP)—Loss of \$150,000 was caused by fire which wrecked a two-story building containing the J. C. Penney company store and Mahaney's cafeteria here today.

BREAU MONT, Tex., Nov. 18 (AP)—Christmas goods stored on the top floor of the building occupied by the J. C. Penney stores here were destroyed by fire today. The loss of the Penney store, located on the first floor, was confined to water damage.

Fails To Endorse
McNary Farm Bill

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 18 (AP)—After refusing to endorse the McNary-Haugen bill, the American Farm Congress today was on record as favoring a government board with sufficient funds to support farmers' cooperative marketing associations.

Efforts to obtain endorsement of the McNary-Haugen measure were abandoned when the congress adopted a resolution here last night condemning price fixing as futile and opposing placing buying or selling of farm produce directly in the hands of the government.

Man Killed a Week
Before Wedding Day

MEDFORD, Ore., Nov. 18 (AP)—Christopher Witte, aged 44, farmer and pioneer resident of the Central Point district was instantly killed this morning when a tractor he was driving fell upon him. The machine hit Witte's head and he fell backward. Witte was to have been married next week to Miss Jennie Randall, 49, a nurse.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18 (AP)—That deaths of Mrs. Reville Heyre and Warner Steiger last Friday night from drinking a poisonous rose spray at a party were accidental was the findings of a coroner's jury late yesterday.

Terrific Blast
Tears Steamer,
Injures WorkersOne Killed and Five Others
Badly Hurt When
Explosion Wrecks Ves-
sel In Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Nov. 18 (AP)—A terrific explosion tore the steamer Jacob Luckenbach to pieces today, killing one man, injuring five others and blowing at least one man overboard.

The explosion occurred on the first deck of the vessel, where workmen were said to have been engaged with an acetylene torch near a fuel tank.

Harry Hughes, an employee of the shipbuilding concern, was the first to reach the wreckage.

Every ambulance in the city was summoned to the yards of the Union Shipbuilding company at Fairport, on the southern edge of town where the ship was being scrapped.

Thirty-five men were at work on board the vessel, and police had reports of a large number of injured.

Witnesses told of seeing pieces of the ship falling in every direction.

The Luckenbach was an oil burning freighter, which went on the rocks near Costa Rica some time ago and was towed here for scrapping.

From a hospital operating table where he awaited treatment for his injuries Raymond Carson said the blast shook the ship "like a terrific shaker a rat."

"From the way that boat rocked, I don't see how any of us got away," Carson said.

Torches Caused Blast
Like the explosion in Pittsburgh last Monday when more than a score of persons were killed, acetylene torch and gas tank were believed the cause of today's blast. "It was working on a tank with an acetylene torch preparing to cut loose some stuff, Carson said, "when something happened. I don't know what it was, there was a big roar, and I was thrown to the deck."

Whatever it was, it cut loose down in the bunkers beneath me."

Nitro-Glycerine
Explosion Blows
Plant Into Bits

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Nov. 18 (AP)—The explosion of 250 quarts of nitro-glycerine shortly after noon today in the mixing room of the independent Torpedo company, 11 miles northwest of here, near Jefferson, destroyed the plant and wrecked houses and buildings for miles around. No one was killed and none injured.

Fire which followed the explosion destroyed the plant and spread toward a storage house containing 800 quarts of nitro-glycerine. Farmers in the vicinity fled from their homes fearing a terrific blast when the fire should reach the storage house.

Through a telescope, it appeared the top of the storage house had been blown away by the blast in the mixing room.

The extent of the damage in Jefferson, a mile away from the plant, had not been learned.

The explosion rocked buildings here and was felt as far away as Parsons, about 30 miles northwest of Jefferson, where houses shook and dishes were rattled.

AGENTS SEIZE
7500 ROUNDS
AMMUNITION

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 18 (AP)—Five men were arrested and 7500 rounds of ammunition was seized on two ships, one due to sail to Mexico and the other to Honduras, by customs officials here today.

The largest seizure was on the Honduras steamer Rhodessa where 4500 rounds of ammunition was found. Of this amount 1500 rounds was said to have been in the possession of Franklin Woods and the other 3000 rounds was reported to be held by Jose Martinez, Carlos Garcia, Juan Portilla and Juan Lopez.

STORM. SNOW
HIT EASTERN
HALF OF U. S.Six Deaths Caused By
Gales, Tornado, Wash-
ington To CanadaWINTER WEATHER
GRIPS MID-WESTBlizzard Fatal To Three
In Chicago—Two Inches
Of Snow Blankets Part
Of 3 StatesStorms in east cause six
deaths, much damage.
More floods threatened in New
England.
Gale damages Pennsylvania
towns.
Sheet, snow blizzard fatal to
three in Chicago.
Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin
under two inches of snow.
More snow and sub-freezing
weather predicted.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (AP)—A rain storm left in its wake today a death list of at least six persons and a string of damaged cities, towns and villages extending from Washington to the Canadian border.

High winds and rains that caused serious damage and the loss of one life in Washington, threatened a new flood in New England, hit the metropolitan district of New York, up New York state and some parts of Pennsylvania with unusual severity.

Slippery roads and a heavy mist were responsible for the death of three persons who were drowned near Syracuse when their automobile plunged down a 30-foot embankment into a canal. A motorist was killed by a train on a grade crossing at Hawthorne, N. J., when rain obstructed his vision and another man was drowned near Baltimore, N. Y., when a ferry boat was swept from its moorings.

Strain His Girdle
While a thunderstorm deluged the metropolitan area, upper New York state reported heavy damage from streams that overflowed their banks, flooding highways and railroad tracks, bridges and towns.

The village of Philadelphia, N. Y., with a population of about 1500 was flooded when the banks of the Indian river overflowed. A number of families were removed from their homes in raw bluffs.

In Ogdensburg, Bingham, Canada and Salamanca also there were flood conditions.

A gale between Reading and Pittsford, Pa., wrecked barns, a small school house and a 75-foot iron bridge. Several other towns in Berks county, Pa., were damaged.

The storm caused a landslide in Vermont, Western Massachusetts and Connecticut because of the disastrous floods which swept that section just two weeks ago with a staggering loss of life and property.

SNOW IN MIDWEST

CHICAGO, Nov. 18 (AP)—A swirling blizzard of sleet and snow that followed close on the heels of a freezing gale from the northwest, almost halted traffic in northern Illinois and Indiana and Southern Wisconsin, blanketed the states under two inches of snow and was charged with the responsibility for three deaths in Chicago.

Three people were killed and many injured in auto accidents throughout the section. In Chicago wrecked cars were drawn alongside the curb as their occupants sought shelter from the storm, and garage owners reported emergency calls.

Hundreds of Chicago's floating population were caught unaware and hunted lodging in police stations.

Street car officials ordered plow crews on duty and the street cleaning department here was prepared to mobilize shoveling brigades if necessary to keep traffic open.

Airmail Halted

Airmail Pilot McGinn who took (Continued on Page Five)

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