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HEALTH UNIT
FAVORED BY
LOCAL CLUBChamber of Commerce
Endorses Report of Its
Health CommitteeKIDDLE, HANDSAKER
CHIEF SPEAKERSForum Luncheon Program
Heavy—Fathers' and
Sons' Banquet Date Is
Announced.

Following a report of the recent committee meeting and an urgent plea by Dr. W. T. Phyl, the Union county chamber of commerce went on record today in favor of a county health unit, and authorized the presentation to the county court of the proposition.

Dr. Phyl announced that the health committee has learned of a plan for a full-time health unit which can be put into operation here at a very reasonable cost but that a positive decision one way or the other must be taken soon in order to take advantage of the opening. He also pointed out that a full-time health unit would be a great aid in the prevention of epidemics, such as the scarlet fever flurries at North Powder this fall.

Banquet Date Set
Harvey F. Matthews, committee chairman, announced that the annual fathers' and sons' banquet had been set for Dec. 2, and that a more detailed announcement would be made later.

Before the two speakers of the day were introduced, Miss Dorothy Hantz played a violin solo, accompanied at the piano by Miss Dorothy Brown, and responded to applause with an encore.

State Senator Fred E. Kiddle, who has just returned from attending the National Council of State Legislatures in Washington, told of his trip in a very interesting talk, adding that the delegations from the various states were strongly opposed to a federal inheritance tax, believing that this method of raising revenue should be left to the individual states. "It is really a question of states' rights," Mr. Kiddle said. He added, however, that the administration did not seem overly favorable to repeal of the federal inheritance tax.

Speaking of the political outlook, he said that the East seemed strongly in favor of Hoover for president with Vice President Davies second in favor. The Democrats seemed solidly behind Al Smith's candidacy, although Mr. Kiddle declared that the South was likely to oppose Smith in the democratic convention. Lowden is favored in the Middle West.

J. J. Handsaker, executive secretary of the Near East relief, spoke of the work his organization is doing abroad, stating that in 19 years the relief work has saved a million lives and has also trained 132,000 children so that they can live useful lives and become good citizens. He said that the relief work is only dealing with orphan children now who are yet too young to take up their own affairs. He said that the work must continue until the last child is provided for.

C. E. KINGSLEY

FINED \$350 IN
JUSTICE COURT

PENDLETON, Ore., Nov. 22 (AP)—C. E. Kingsley of La Grande, was fined \$350 in justice court here yesterday after entering a "guilty" plea to the charge of possession of liquor.

Kingsley was arrested in Union county about 10 days ago by Union county officers, in company with another La Grande man, who was recently fined \$100 in Pendleton.

HOW
MANY HOMES
IN LA GRANDE?

People who have distributed food samples from house to house throughout the city say that between sixteen and eighteen hundred packages are received to do the job. The Observer distributed over 1700 copies in La Grande every evening through its carrier system and over 300 additional copies through the mail in the immediate vicinity of the city. Stages take bundles of papers in every direction each evening to smaller towns and a total of over 5000 families in this trade area read The Observer regularly—the highest mark in the paper's history.

In no other way can a manufacturer or business man so completely cover this territory at such a low cost per reader as The Observer's advertising columns. And there is no substitute for Observer reader-interest.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"Turks Plentiful
As Thanksgiving
Day ApproachesPriced at 30 to 45 Cents—
La Grande Observance
to Include Services in
Church.

Only one more day until Thanksgiving when La Grande people will be given an opportunity to enjoy a holiday, besides several interesting Thanksgiving church services and a football game in the afternoon—the last of this season.

The first thing to think about in most families in connection with Thanksgiving is the dinner, and as turkeys are plentiful this year no doubt roast turkey will head the Thanksgiving dinner menu in many homes.

Practically all of the turkeys sold in the local markets are raised in the Grande Ronde valley, and are said to be of the best quality. Prices are fairly reasonable, ranging from 30 to 45 cents a pound.

Stores Closed Thursday.
The various grocery stores and meat markets of the city are showing appetizing articles for the Thanksgiving dinner in their display windows this week. These stores will remain open until 8:30 o'clock on Thanksgiving eve, to give everyone an opportunity to complete their shopping, as all stores and business houses will be closed all day on Thanksgiving.

Several Thanksgiving church services have been arranged for Thursday morning, including a service sponsored by the La Grande Ministerial association, which will take place at the First Presbyterian church, with the Rev. E. B. Bordner as speaker. This service will begin at 10:30 o'clock.

At 10 o'clock there will be a service at St. Peter's Episcopal church, and at 11 o'clock there will be Thanksgiving services at the Church of God and at the First Church of Christ, Scientist.

The Rev. Carlos Plummer will deliver the message at the church of God in the absence of the Rev. Claude C. Pratt, who will leave early that morning with about 30 young people of the church for Spokane, Wash., where they will attend a convention of the Church of God young people.

Football Game

In the afternoon at 4 o'clock the La Grande high school football team will play the last game of the season, meeting the Union 11 on the local field.

The Observer will issue an early morning paper Thursday.

John Shleppey

New President
Of Association

The annual meeting of the Summerville Stockmen's association was held Saturday at Summerville when officers were elected. John Shleppey was elected president; Hugh Park, vice president; C. H. Arnold, secretary-treasurer; and Bert Oliver and Dillard Choate members of the advisory board.

J. E. Irwin, forest supervisor of the Umatilla national forest, of Pendleton, was present for the meeting. Gerald Tucker, forest ranger here, also attended.

Mercury Drops

To 23 Above in
Early Morning

Another suggestion of the coming winter was felt in La Grande early this morning—this time cold instead of snow. The official thermometer at the municipal building registered a minimum of 23 degrees above last night, which is nine degrees below freezing point. At 5:30 o'clock this morning the mercury had climbed to 25 degrees. Sunshine today, however, brought the liquid up several more degrees.

PENDLETON CHILLY

PENDLETON, Nov. 22 (AP)—The mercury dropped to 25 degrees above zero last night in this area the coldest so far the fall season.

Dressed Turkey

Shoot Thursday

A McAllister, secretary of the Wing, Pin and Fleetfoot club, announced this morning that several turkeys were left following the Sunday shoot and that these have been dressed and will be offered for prizes at a shoot to be held at the Wing, Pin and Fleetfoot club trap grounds near Lone Tree Thanksgiving morning. The shooting will begin at 9 a. m. and is open to the public.

Lumber Men Meet

Next at Pondsosa

The next meeting of the Eastern Oregon lumber men will be held at Pondsosa, according to local lumber men. The exact date of the meeting has not yet been set.

TAX CUT OF
250 MILLION
IS POSSIBLEProgram Approved by the
House Ways and Means
Committee TodayCOOLIDGE, MELLON
EXPRESS DOUBTSGroup Ignore's Mellon's
\$225,000,000 Maximum
Reduction Recommendations.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—A tax reduction program calling for a cut of approximately \$236,000,000 was approved today by the house ways and means committee.

The committee voted to reduce the sales tax on autos from 3 to 1½ per cent and to increase from 75 cents to \$1 the light business suit. Captain Giles donated only a life belt as added trappings for the 2400-mile flight. He carried no radio, no life raft, no parachute, and no sextant, being unable to use the navigation instrument.

Hopes for Luck
Thus equipped, Giles trusted a good bit to luck, ability to guess the amount of his drift and the time honored method of dead reckoning to fly over a trackless waste of water which already has claimed seven fliers who attempted the feat.

The plane splashed water and mud along the runway and got into the air at 7:24 a. m. Profiting by the previous experience, Giles made the take off with ease and his plane, weighing more than 5000 pounds and loaded with 229 gallons of gasoline, gained altitude easily.

Field officials said the flier got into the air after only 20 seconds on the runway. After clearing the field he struck out over San Francisco bay at an altitude of about 200 feet.

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Auxiliary Sends

Fruit to Veterans

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Skaggs Managers,

Employs Gather

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All six stores of the district, which are located at Baker, Walla Walla, Enterprise and La Grande, were represented, 25 persons in all being present.

Knowles, McCulloch

Exchange Benches

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Projected Flight to
New ZealandNO LIFE RAFT OR
PARACHUTE TAKENPlane Expected to Arrive
Early Tomorrow—26
Hours Needed for Trip,
Flier Figures.

MILLS FIELD, San Francisco, Nov. 22 (AP)—Captain Frederick A. Giles, British flier, took off here at 7:24 a. m. today in a second attempt to fly to Honolulu on the first leg of a projected flight to New Zealand.

Hatless, without goggles or helmet and dressed in a light business suit, Captain Giles donned only a life belt as added trappings for the 2400-mile flight. He carried no radio, no life raft, no parachute, and no sextant, being unable to use the navigation instrument.

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MISS MELLON WEDS IN SPLENDOR



In an oriental pavilion, specially built near the Mellon mansion in Pittsburgh at a cost of \$100,000, Sarah Cordella Mellon (above) niece of the secretary of the treasury, became the bride of Allen Scullie, son of a wealthy Pittsburgh family. One thousand attended the reception in the pavilion which resembled one of the gorgeous palaces described in the Arabian Nights. The bride and bridegroom are shown in the inset.

'Chain Petition'
Is Disapproved
By Mr. Coolidge

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—President Coolidge disapproves of the circulation of petitions throughout the country urging him to run for re-election in 1928.

The attitude of the chief executive was made clear today at the White House where it was said that Mr. Coolidge hoped the circulation of these petitions would be stopped.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (AP)—The New York Herald Tribune, republican, says today that a movement aiming to put a majority of the people of the U. S. on record for the re-election of President Coolidge in advance of the republican national convention is gaining ground in New England.

Links in a "chain petition" calling on the president to reconsider his decision not to run in 1928 have appeared in various parts of Connecticut and Massachusetts, the newspaper says, and have been traced indirectly to Philip Tucker, Boston broker. The plan is to ask each citizen signing the petition to get ten others to sign, branching out until the entire U. S. has been covered.

A fact note to the petition says: "There is no organization behind this movement. It is entirely a spontaneous method by which the common people can express their wishes and ask others to carry on."

Mrs. Snyder and

Gray Lose Last

Fight For Life

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 22 (AP)—Mrs. Ruth Brown Snyder and Henry Judd Gray lost their last court fight for life today when the court of appeals denied their appeal from conviction for the murder of Albert Snyder, the woman's husband.

The chief ground on which the appeal was asked by both defendants was that their legal rights had been prejudiced by the fact that they were tried jointly instead of separately.

The court handed down a two-line statement that it affirmed the judgment of conviction as to each defendant.

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Body of Montana

Man Found in River

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SINCLAIR, BURNS
FACING CHARGES

Ordered to Show Cause
Why They Should Not
Be Held for Contempt

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—"Charging intent to bribe and intimidate the Fall-Sinclair oil jury, the government today obtained from the district of Columbia supreme court an order compelling Harry P. Sinclair, William J. Burns and four of their associates to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court."

At the same time, the suggestion of Justice Suddards, the district attorney agreed to file a separate contempt petition against Juror Edward J. Kidwell who was accused of talking too freely during the oil trial and whose activities played a part in the resulting dismissal of the trial jury.

Justice Suddards himself handed down the contempt ruling which was based on keeping the juror under surveillance as well as on remarks attributed to Kidwell.

Sinclair's Case

In the case of Sinclair, it was charged by the district attorney that he induced Henry Mason Day and Sheldon Clark, his associates, who also were named in the contempt order, to bribe the Burns men to shadow the jury. W. Sherman Burns and Charles E. Veatch of the Burns agency, also named, figured in other parts of the citation.

The objects sought by Sinclair, it was charged, were to bribe the jurors to bribe them, to intimidate and influence them and to do anything calculated to interfere with and impede them in the discharge of their duties.

Burns Facing Charges
William J. Burns and W. Sherman Burns were charged with "the making of a false affidavit purporting to show that a representative of the department of justice approached and held conversation with Norman L. Glascock, one of the jurors in the case."

Then Burns it was set forth, knowingly said affidavit to be false and without truth and fact, "and the affidavit submitted to the court intending thereby to provide evidence such as it was, that the U. S. of America through one of its employees, had tampered with said juror," Glascock.

It was also asserted that the Burns operatives investigated carefully the financial affairs of John P. Kern, inquiring particularly as to mortgages and other encumbrances upon his home. The operatives also investigated the affairs of the brother or father of Juror Kidwell, reporting in writing that the brother's or father's place of business "was located on questionable premises and that racing was conducted there."

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Chicago Police
And Gangsters
Ready to Shoot"Old War" Revives—De-
tectives Believe Eight
Men Have Been Marked
for Lead Bullets.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 (AP)—The first victim of Chicago's new gang war was found shot to death in a doorway on the south side this morning. He was Frank Herbert, brother of Earl "Big" Herbert, bodyguard of Joe Salts, beer baron recently acquitted of murder. Police believe Herbert died while trying to crawl to his home after becoming the target for rival gangsters.

Already the new outbreak has been carried to the office of the chief of detectives, William O'Connor, against whom a revolver was drawn yesterday by a suspect under questioning. That it would be fought even in the shadows of the detective bureau was thought when the arrest of several men, all armed, who were found near the bureau awaiting a chance to shoot down one or more leaders of a rival gang, the police said.

Eight Men "Picked"
Al Capone and Tony Lombardo aligned on one side are two whom the police are certain have been listed for execution. Six others, grouped with the north side gang which was a power under the leadership of the slain Dean O'Banion, also have indicated they believed the police were picking them. They are: Christian P. Bertsch, known as Barney, credited with having important political connections; George Moran, successor to the power of Dean O'Banion; the three Aiello brothers, Anthony, Joseph and Dominick, and Angelo La Mantia, arrested leader of a group alleged to have arranged to assassinate Capone and Lombardo.

Thus far, the police have anticipated the gangsters. They raided a flat from which Lombardo was to have been shot down. There were other "picks" and "picks" which dynamite and weapons. The trial led finally to a room in the Atlantic hotel in the Loop, where police found three rifles, loaded and mounted at a window which commanded a view of a cigar store where Capone and Lombardo were in the habit of going almost daily.

New Clues of Plot
With each new development there came to the police additional clues indicative of an elaborate and sinister plot for a gang fight to the finish. The attempt against Chief O'Connor's life and the finding of armed men loitering near detective bureau headquarters brought stern realization of imminence of the gangland outbreak.

"It is God's mercy that no one has been slain in the last fortnight," was the exclamation of Detective Chief O'Connor last night. O'Connor explained the trouble this way:

"A gang war has started among the police."

In answer to the miners' declaration, "We are fighting for a principle," Governor W. H. Adams has issued a statement in which he indicated Louis Schert, head of the state police, who ordered his men to fire into the ranks of approximately 500 miners who invaded the Columbine property, stating that "my reports show conclusively that the strikers were to blame for Monday's affair, Schert having exercised great patience and wonderful courage, doing everything possible to prevent bloodshed."

Warrants signed by 10 strikers of the northern field were made out by Justice of the Peace M. J. Brennan, of Erie, Colo., late yesterday charging Theodore Perl, superintendent of the Columbine mine, and Bud Wyatt, of Greeley, underhanded of Weld county, with the death of the connection with the death of the two men with causing the death of John Wastene, 34, and Nick Spanuades. Lafayette, two of the strikers who fell mortally wounded under the fusillade of bullets from guns of the state police guarding the mine.

To Arrest Two
Sheriff Ben Robinson, of Weld county, announced that Part and

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State Deficit Is

Wiped Out—For

Awhile, at Least

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 22 (AP)—Receipt of \$350,000 more in state tax money from Multnomah county and \$114,000 from Marion county, has enabled State Treasurer Kay to wipe out the state deficit. This included the payment of \$300,000 that was referred to the general fund from the state highway fund with interest of \$72,732.

This and other transfers from state departments recently were under the Hare bill of the 1927 legislature. It is stated at the treasurer's office that the Hare bill has saved the state this year about \$200,000 in interest. Under the transfers authorized by that measure the treasury pays the departments two per cent interest, whereas to borrow from banks costs five per cent.

Former Sheriff

Is Held Guilty

In Liqueur Case

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 22 (AP)—Former Sheriff Elmer Gibson and 14 others were found guilty today in the Grays Harbor liquor conspiracy case. Sixteen of the defendants were found not guilty by the jury verdict read in federal court at 10 o'clock this morning.

Found guilty along with Gibson were A. J. (Chris) Curtis, of McCleary, and R. G. Lane, Aberdeen, who, with Gibson, were alleged to be leaders of the liquor ring operating in southwest Washington over a period of several years.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 22 (AP)

News from Eugene that students of the University of Oregon would not be permitted to visit their homes for Thanksgiving brought a storm of protest from Portland students' parents today.

The action, following a consultation with state and Lane county health authorities will result in the presence in Eugene on Thanksgiving day of probably 2000 more persons than ever before celebrated the autumn holiday in this city. There are near 2900 students at the Eugene campus, and a majority of them found it necessary to cancel homegoing plans last night.

THE WEATHER

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

GUARD UNITS
PATROL MINE
IN COLORADOMilitary Base Established
with Tanks, Infantry and
Cavalry Troops

SECRET MEETING
OF STRIKERS HELD

Governor Answers State-

ment of I. W. W. Com-
mittee, by Upholding
State Police Head.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 22 (AP)—With Colorado national guard troops patrolling the Columbine mine property of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company, near Erie, Colo., today following the first bloodshed of the Colorado coal strike in a pitched battle between miners and state police Monday, in which five strikers were killed and a score of others injured, the Northern Colorado coal fields today have taken on the appearance of a battlefield with guard units ready for action.

Under the command of Adjutant General Paul P. Newton, of the national guard, a military base has been established at the Columbine mine with army tanks, infantry and cavalry troops numbering a force of approximately 375 men prepared to enforce the Colorado law against picketing of coal mines.

Secret Meet Held
On the part of strikers the only activity since the clash Monday morning has been a secret meeting held in Lafayette, Colo., last night and a gathering of miners at Erie yesterday afternoon.

At both meetings strike leaders announced that they counseled the miners against further violence.