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OREGON: Unsettled with prob-
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Moderate temperature.

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COPELAND
UNION RAIL
TESTIMONYU. R. of O. Claims That It
Should Be Authorized
to Operate to JunctionOBJECTION FILED
FOR MIDDLETONHearing Is Held at Union
Yesterday at Request of
Interstate Commerce
Commission

The Union Railroad of Oregon claimed it should be authorized to operate a railroad from Union to Junction because of its necessity and convenience to the public, yesterday when a hearing of the railroad was held at Union before Public Service Commissioner H. H. Corey, at the request of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

In its evidence the applicant showed the location of Union as related to other railroad transportation and emphasized carload shipments of fruit, grain, flour and lumber. A witness connected with the lumber mill at Union declared that the mill would not have been set up at Union had there been any doubt but that railroad transportation would be available. The applicant also introduced much documentary evidence showing the financial difficulties and dissolution of the old Central Railway of Oregon.

Objection Filed

Attorney L. Z. Terrill, of Union, representing A. W. Middleton, vice president of the U. R. of O., offered no evidence but filed a written objection to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission, claiming that its right to issue the requested certificate and order does not exist in the case of a present existing line of railroad and that a certificate for the abandonment in whole or in part of the Central Railway of Oregon had not yet been issued. He also objected to the issuance of a certificate before the validity of the tax title was determined in the courts, and objected to any evidence regarding freight, express and passenger shipments being taken because the reports of business in the past years on file would be the best evidence. He also objected to the application because Ray Woodbury and his associates were responsible for the tearing up and coming to be abandoned of the Central Railway of Oregon, which was alleged to have

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ROTARY CLUB
TO POSTPONE
MEET TO APRIL

The intercity meeting with Walla Walla and Pendleton which was planned for the first part of December was postponed by the Rotary club today at its regular weekly luncheon in the La Grande hotel until some time in April because of the inability of the Walla Walla club to participate at this time.

R. E. Westenhaver and R. E. Wilcox gave autobiographies and provided one of the best programs the club has had. Mr. Westenhaver described some of his experiences as a sailor in the merchant marine on a sailing vessel and later on a tanker in which he made trips to Australia, New Zealand and through the Panama canal to England.

George Glass, former business man of La Grande, was a guest and spoke briefly of the Bell airplane company which plans to inaugurate a passenger service from La Grande to Portland.

C. B. Harris, president of the Milton Box company, of Milton, Ore., was a guest and spoke briefly. A talk on Italy scheduled to be given by Elmer Stoddard was postponed because of lack of time and will constitute a program in the near future.

"BEING
WELL
READ"

The Classified Ad Section of The Observer is certainly well read, judging by the results obtained by the many advertisers. Many people tell us, even though they are not in direct need of anything likely to be found in these ads, nevertheless, they read them every day in order to keep in touch with what is taking place. Observe these help people to find an article for sale that they need. An article to sell, need help, want a position, or have lost something, try an Observer Want Ad—the cost is small and the bringing results.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

Fathers, Sons of
City Will Dine
Friday EveningExpected To Be Biggest
Affair Of Its Kind In
City's History—Ban-
quet At New Hotel

Many reservations for the annual Fathers and Sons' banquet to be held here Friday evening, Dec. 2, in the banquet hall of the La Grande hotel have been received and all program plans are complete. At least 250 men and boys are expected to attend the banquet, which will make it the largest Fathers and Sons' banquet ever held in La Grande.

All reservations must be in by early Friday morning. Tickets may be obtained from the chamber of commerce offices, the high school or from any member of the committee in charge, which includes Harvey F. Matthews, Oscar Warnock, the Rev. L. H. Aves, R. Russell Scott and W. W. Nussbaum. Tickets will not be sold at the door on the night of the banquet.

C. C. Goodwin, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Boise will be the principal speaker of the evening. Robert S. Eakin will preside as toastmaster and will call upon Robert Ayres to give a talk on "The Kind of a Son I Would Like My Son to Be," and Cleveland Wallinger to give a toast "The Kind of a Father I Would Like My Father to Be."

W. W. Nussbaum will read in community singing and the boys club of the high school will sing several numbers.

May Establish
Air Passenger
Line From Here

George Glass, formerly a business man of La Grande, is here today from Portland in the interest of the Bell Air line of Portland and hopes to establish a passenger service between La Grande and Portland with approximately three or three and one-half hours flying time between the two points. A plane belonging to the company will be here the best of this week. Mr. Glass could not be reached for additional details at the time The Observer went to press.

Motion Day On
Court Program
For Next Friday

The motion day calendar for Friday, Dec. 2, in the Union county circuit court is out today and includes six cases, which will be set for trial at that time.

The first case will come up at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and is that of N. A. Schramm vs. John H. Jacobs, Cochran and Elbert representing the plaintiff and Green and Hess the defendant. At 2:30 the case of Jennings and Shumate vs. Paul Rohr will come up with the same attorneys representing the plaintiff and defendant.

At 3 o'clock the case of H. W. Maynard against Floyd J. Campbell will be set for trial. A. A. Smith representing Maynard and Frank C. McCulloch and Alfred P. Dodson appearing for Campbell. At 3:30 the case of the Oregon Title Insurance company vs. Dahlstrom et al. will come up with Husted and Husted and Eakin as attorneys for the plaintiff and Cleburn Eberhard and Nichols, Hallock and Donald representing the defendant. The case of Francis vs. Francis will come up at 4 o'clock with R. J. Kitchen as attorney for the plaintiff and Robert Lytle the defendant. The case to be set will be that of J. E. Snyder vs. Joe Buntin, at 4 o'clock, Cochran and Eberhard appearing for Snyder and R. J. Kitchen for Buntin.

Sherman Clay Co.
Opens Store Here

Sherman Clay Co. of Portland, which will be open for business tomorrow, was announced today. R. White is to be the manager. Mr. White announces its location in the new Foley building, where he will have a line of pianos, parlor organs, orthophones and Columbia phonographs. "We feel that the interest shown in the Sherman Clay Co. merits our opening in this city," said Mr. White today. "La Grande was chosen by Sherman Clay & Co. as the ideal Eastern Oregon location for an opening," he continued.

Enterprise Drum
Corps Outfitted

The Enterprise American Legion post has organized a drum corps, which has been outfitted with drums and bugles by the Adler Music company here. The order was placed with the local company some time ago and delivery of the instruments to Enterprise was made this week.

CAPPER SEES
"SECTIONAL
DISPARITY"Senator Sounds Warning
Against Continuance
Of Present SystemFEARS WHOLE U. S.
MAY BE MENACEDFarmers in West Below
Economic Level Of In-
dustrial East—"Square
Deal" Is Desired

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30 (AP)—Sounding a warning against a continuance of the "sectional disparity" of the east and west last the whole U. S. becomes economically imperiled, Senator Arthur Capper, of Kansas, in an address here today, made a plea for congressional alleviation of the ills of the agricultural western region. He spoke at a luncheon of the Rotary club.

"There are two possible methods of relief for the present condition in the west," the senator said. "Either lower the tariff on what the farmer buys so he can get the benefit of lower prices on goods made in Europe; or extend the aid of the government in disposing of our surplus farm products abroad so that the excess will not disastrously depress the home majority."

No Hatred

There is no hatred among the farmers of the west against the industrial east and its "present era of prosperity," the senator asserted. Rather, he said, the west wants a "square deal" from congress in the way of bringing the country to "an economic level, either up or down."

The west wants to raise its level to that of the prosperous east. It has no desire to depress the business of the east by bringing down commodity prices.

The speaker claimed eastern industry must depend to a large degree on the purchasing power of the west and added:

"Sectional misunderstanding and lack of economic balance brought about the civil war and sectional disparity in 1927 threatens the position of America as the world's most favored, most prosperous nation. United, the east and west stand, but divided against each other by lack of understanding they are bound to fall into economic peril gravely menacing to both sections."

"This country cannot permanently remain half prosperous, half unprosperous; more than that it could continue 'half slave, half free. There is no room in America for the clash of sectional political blocs and the farm problem is not a political issue, though it may become one."

RED CROSS ROLL
CALL WORK ENDSTotal of \$135 Paid In, Dr.
Murphy Reports—
Memberships Open

With \$135 raised as La Grande's contribution for the annual roll call, the Red Cross drive committee today ended its activities. Membership fees, however, may still be turned in through Sherwood Williams, secretary of the drive committee. While some reports have not yet been made to Dr. R. J. Murphy, chairman of the committee, all actual work on the drive has been finished, as was planned, by the first of the month. The drive was started Monday, Nov. 14, continuing for more than two weeks. Miss Jean Blanchard, national Red Cross worker, was here for the organization meeting.

Prosecution In Lillendahl Case
Turns Its Guns Upon Willis Beach

MAYS LANDING, N. J., Nov. 29 (AP)—The prosecution in the Lillendahl murder trial began today on the alibi defense of Willis Beach, co-defendant with Mrs. Margaret Lillendahl, widow of the victim.

L. L. Collins, a monument maker, was the first witness produced against Beach, the previous 29 having given testimony solely affecting the widow. Collins told of having been with Beach on the day of the killing (Sept. 15).

The next day, Collins said, he saw Beach again and Beach talked at length about the murder. September 22 he saw him again when Beach came to the monument office. They went to the cemetery and discussed the murder again. "He said it was a good thing he'd been with me at the time of

Christmas Seal
Sale Under Way
In Union CountyOne Hundred Fifty Thou-
sand Stickers to Be Sold
In La Grande, Nearby
Towns

The annual Christmas seal sale is now under way in La Grande and Union county and by the end of next month the committee hopes to have disposed of 150,000 seals, which were received by Mrs. Charles Gump, county chairman, some time ago as Union county's quota in the nation wide campaign against tuberculosis.

The seal sale actually started in La Grande the first of this week and every afternoon has found workers in the store buildings, banks and public buildings of the city selling the tuberculosis seals. Next week the committee members will start working all day instead of just in the afternoon, and will continue until Christmas day.

Sell 75,000 Here
Mrs. Evelyn Hearnshaw is chairman in charge of the campaign within La Grande, where 75,000 of the seals are to be sold. The other half has been divided and sent out to the various towns in the county and school districts by Mrs. Gump.

Mrs. L. Denham and Mrs. R. L. Shoemaker are in charge at Elgin; Mrs. C. W. Cleaver, Imbler; Mrs. Thomas Waldburger, Alicel; Mrs. Anderson, Cove; Mrs. C. H. Holly, Union; Mrs. Fisher, North Powder; Mrs. Pat Powers, Medical Springs; Dr. W. T. Phy, Hot Lake; Mrs. Young, Hilgard, and Mrs. L. M. Dolan, Island City.

Schools to Help

Each school district in the county is also being supplied with Christmas seals, which will be sold through the teacher and the children of the school. The campaign has been endorsed by C. A. Bayre, county school superintendent. "It is with extreme pleasure that I add my endorsement to the annual Christmas seal sale," Mr. Bayre said. "The good work accomplished by the Oregon Tuberculosis association and the Union county public health association cannot be properly appreciated in the present time. My heart is in this work."

The money from the annual seal sale is used in the fight against tuberculosis and in promoting public health, nursing and health education in the public schools and communities of every county.

160 Officials In
Pittsburg Face
Jury's Charges

PITTSBURG, Nov. 29 (AP)—One hundred and sixty officials of 22 Pittsburg election boards were indicted by the grand jury today on charges of irregularities at the September primary. The indictments followed one of the most sweeping election fraud prosecutions in the history of Allegheny county.

The indictments charge conspiracy to make false counts and returns; making false counts and making false returns. District Attorney S. H. Gardner said those indicted would be tried promptly and that at least two of the cases would be listed weekly.

PORTLAND WONT ACT
IN RAIL CONSOLIDATION

PORTLAND, Nov. 29 (AP)—The city of Portland will not officially join with St. Paul in protesting the proposed unification of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads. This attitude was taken today by the city council in endorsing a message by Mayor George L. Baker to Mayor L. C. Hodgson of St. Paul.

MUCH EVIDENCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 29 (AP)—More than one thousand pieces of evidence have been introduced today in the trial of J. V. Burke, president of the defunct bank of Coquille. The state has been trying to show Burke responsible for the failure of the bank through overdrafts to the Union Meat company, of which he was vice president.

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IN THE LILLIENDAHL LIMELIGHT



Conspicuous parts in the forthcoming Lillendahl murder trial in the Cape May county court house at Mays Landing, N. J., (below) are to be played by these three attorneys (left to right) Louis Rapetto, the prosecutor, and Robert H. McCarter and Charles M. Phillips, of counsel for defense.

U. S. Chamber Is
Firm In Demand
For Larger Cut

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—In spite of criticism from the White House, the chamber of commerce of the United States stands firm in its belief that tax reduction totaling \$400,000,000 is both sound and practicable.

With the house ways and means committee in recess, a statement from that organization reiterating its position and replying to its critics had a clear field today in the capital's tax discussions.

Not only is it the right of business organizations to express their views on taxation, the national chamber said, but it is their duty as well, particularly when their opinions, have been reached through expert study, full discussion and referendum vote.

There is no direct reference to President Coolidge's statement, said last week at the White House, was highly displeased with the chamber for its persistence in advocating a \$400,000,000 tax slash in the face of the administration's insistence that the prospective reduction be limited to \$225,000,000. On Mr. Coolidge's behalf, it was said as well that he considered the chamber's attitude on department expenditures inconsistent with its tax reduction position.

The chamber, however, asserted that it was committed to a program of national expenditures planned and controlled by the budget, and provision by law for annual reduction of the national debt. It opposed the statement, said, all measures of taxation providing revenue in excess of these requirements.

"All the tax reductions and appeals advocated by the chamber," it declared, "would cut our national revenue not to exceed \$400,000,000. The last official estimate of the treasury points to a surplus of \$45,000,000 on June 30, 1928, after making provisions for statutory requirements for national debt reduction. Therefore, a tax cut of \$400,000,000 on the taxes paid in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928 would use only \$200,000,000, leaving a surplus of at least \$25,000,000."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—Administration leaders today threw more cold water on proposals of the chamber of commerce of the United States for a \$400,000,000 tax reduction instead of the \$225,000,000 they have planned.

Replying quickly to the latest statement of the chamber, made public last night which said the larger reduction would be both sound and practicable, Secretary Mellon today endorsed the stand previously taken by President Coolidge on the question and Representative Wilson of Connecticut, republican house leader, declared he would prefer to follow "such conservative guesses as President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon."

Portland Child
Dies of Paralysis

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 29 (AP)—Mario Gulligan, 13, died yesterday of infantile paralysis at the Doernbecher hospital, Henry Smith, 9, was taken ill with the disease yesterday. Two cures were released from quarantine. It was reported the child had gone on.

ROAD CONTRACTS
TOTAL \$332,000State Highway Commis-
sion Names New Pro-
jects to Be Advertised

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 30 (AP)—Contracts aggregating \$332,000 were awarded late yesterday by the state highway commission, and promise was given Lake county that certain contracts for grading 11 miles of the Fremont highway, carrying it over Silver Lake mountain would be advertised for next year.

New projects announced by the commissioners to be advertised for the meeting of Dec. 22, were:

Klamath Falls to Merrill, resurfacing.
Cov Valley-Bogon section six miles surfacing.
Bridge at Fouts creek, on Pacific highway in Jackson county.

Bridge at Wyley creek on Santiam highway.
Contracts awarded included:

Klamath county—By-Forest boundary section of Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway, 8.01 miles grading; W. C. Elliott, \$47,600.
Umatilla county—Ladwika-Albee section, Pendleton-John Day highway, six miles grading; Rhodes and Dillard, \$72,725.

Polk county—Bridge over Ash creek and Luckanute river, Pa-

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OWYHEE HAS
RECORD FOR
TWIN BIRTHS

VALE, Ore., (Special)—Owyhee, a little country community in Malheur county, introduces to the world 22 bright-faced youngsters of more than usual interest. These children represent 11 sets of twins. All of them live in the Owyhee voting precinct where between 150 and 200 people reside. Owyhee challenges any other community in Malheur county to produce as remarkable an achievement. She believes it can't be done in the county or in the state, if population is taken into consideration.

It is safe to say in closing that eleven sets of twins are some of the reasons that a new school building was necessary in the Owyhee community. But they are not the only reasons as there are 22 other children in these very families.

Airmail Pilot Is
Killed in Crash

KENDALLVILLE, Ind., Nov. 30 (AP)—Pilot Edward Exberg, making his first trip as an airmail pilot, crashed last night near Corvallis, Ind., about ten miles east of here. The wreckage of his plane was found this morning by George Simons, a farmer, and airmail officials immediately were notified. The flier's body had not been removed from the wreckage this forenoon. Residents near the scene of the accident said they heard the thrub of the plane about 10 o'clock last night and that it sounded as though the pilot was having difficulty with his machine. Then the sound ceased and it was supposed that the flier had gone on.

Ukraine Revolt
Suppressed; Life
Loss Said 5000Bessarabian Reports Tell
Of Rebellion—Guns Are
Heard Firing Along the
Dniester River

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 (AP)—Suppression of revolt in the Ukraine at a cost of 5000 lives during three months of bitter fighting is reported in a special copyrighted dispatch from Kishineff, Bessarabia to the New York Times.

The dispatches telling of massacres and street clashes in towns along the Dniester which forms the Russian-Rumanian boundary line, confirms in large measure recent dispatches to the Associated Press from Bucharest, citing an account of fighting in the Ukraine by the Rumanian newspaper Dimineata.

Soviet reinforcements which have arrived in the Ukraine in the past two weeks turned the tide of the revolutionary movement and after a series of clashes in various towns the revolt was crushed out in a bloody disaster for the revolutionaries.

Soviet Denies

Soviet officials have made denial of any extensive revolt in the Ukraine, specifically denying any fighting at Kamenetz-Podolsk, but the sound of prolonged firing beyond the Ukrainian hills can be heard daily from the Rumanian side of the frontier, the dispatch says.

Refugees who succeeded in crossing the border from the Ukraine into Bessarabia told the Times correspondent of the burning of several villages and the destruction of crops during the revolutionary fighting.

The revolt, the dispatch says, had its inception in the appearance of government agents and troops in the district as tax collectors. This aroused the peasants who killed four agents and a number of soldiers. More agents and troops appeared soon afterward and burned two villages. All the inhabitants, about 200, were killed.

Troops Reinforced

The troops eventually reached Odessa where they were reinforced and then returned to the scene of the revolt. Meanwhile a few of the larger towns were taken by the revolutionaries who either killed or imprisoned the government representatives.

The dispatch adds that confirmation was obtained of the mutiny of a Black sea warship that the vessel was eventually captured and its crew executed.

American Mine
Manager Taken
By Mex Bandits

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 30 (AP)—An American, H. W. Thompson, manager of a mine at Copala, state of Guerrero has been kidnapped by 20 bandits, dispatches from Mazatlan said today.

The bandits demanded 5000 pesos (roughly \$2500) ransom. Thompson was captured and taken to the mountains after the bandits attacked his home and were refused money and arms.

They threatened to kill him if the authorities were notified before the ransom was paid.

One of Thompson's employees notified headquarters at Mazatlan, state of Sinaloa. The employee was instructed to send a messenger to pay the ransom and obtain his employer's release.

The military commander, General Leopoldo Rizo, ordered that the bandits be pursued immediately and that Thompson be rescued.

Unique Law Sought
By Holley-Citizen

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 29 (AP)—D. C. Burkholder, of Holley, Ore., would have a law compelling every male in Oregon 21 years old or over to be worth not less than \$1500, own Oregon property and pay taxes on it. New comers he would allow two years to make good under the act.

He proposes another bill providing that no alimony be paid a divorced woman physically fit to toil for a living.

Concerning the former he writes: "Now, my honorable governor, do you believe it more logical to create a bill that would lead to an advancement of a progressive income from Oregon's natural resources than continually to be fussing about an income tax bill?"

He urges the governor to have these bills before the people at the next primary election.

Kidwell Petition
Denied by Judge

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (AP)—The petition of Edward J. Kidwell, a trial juror in the Fall-Sinclair case, asking permission to intervene in the contempt proceedings growing out of the trial, was denied today by Justice Sutherland in the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

DISSOLUTION
OF MILITARY
FORCE URGEDSoviet Russia Suggests All
Nations Abolish
Weapons Of WarSTARTLES DISARM
MEET AT GENEVADelegates To Conference
In Earnest Discussion—
One Calls Proposal a
"Peace Bomb"

GENEVA, Nov. 30 (AP)—Soviet Russia today threw a "peace bomb" into the opening session of the preparatory disarmament commission by formally proposing the complete abolition of all land, marine and air forces.

Admitting that the soviet project was a radical suggestion, Maxim Litvinoff, chief of the soviet delegation, called for the dissolution of all land, sea and air forces and the non-admittance of their existence in any concealed form whatsoever. The proposal caused a profound sensation at the conference, although many delegates were seen to smile, as if they considered the scheme more than utopian as Litvinoff developed the sweeping soviet project.

Other Cardinal Points

The Russian delegate submitted as the other cardinal points of the project that all weapons and military supplies, means for chemical warfare and all other material forms of armament be destroyed, that all warships, military and air craft be scrapped and that the system of calling up citizens for military training be discontinued.

The soviet delegation introduced a resolution calling for the immediate working out in detail of a draft convention for complete general disarmament on principles submitted by them. The resolution also provided for the convocation of a disarmament conference not later than March, 1928, for the purpose of discussing the construction of all warships and the destruction of all fortresses if accepted by the powers would be carried out in a period of from one to four years under the soviet scheme.

A Striking Phrase

"Armed force is a weapon in the hands of the great powers for the oppression of peoples in small and colonial countries and the complete abolition of armaments is at present the only real means of guaranteeing security and affording a guarantee against the outbreak of war," was one of the striking phrases of the soviet resolution.

As the Russians desired a draft convention framed immediately, they did not favor waiting for additional international security, a question which is very close to the hearts of many European nations, particularly France.

After introduction of the Russian resolution, the forenoon session of the commission adjourned, but not before Dr. J. J. Loucheur of Holland, who presided, had declared that it was clear that the difference be-

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UMATILLA CO.
CAR ACCIDENT
FATAL TO MAN

PENDLETON, Ore., Nov. 30 (AP)—Oscar Kononen, 32, of this city, was found dead this morning in the north Yakum district, west and north of Pendleton, the victim of a car accident. His body was discovered beneath the wreckage of a light runabout. It is thought that a large rock hidden by some tumbleweeds caused the accident. The dead man was badly cut about the head and face and death was instantaneous. Kononen was a farmer in that vicinity and was in the habit of driving back and forth from Pendleton.

Shopping
Days Till
Christmas

Don't put off till tomorrow
The wise man's rule, you'll find.
Apply it to your shopping, folks,
And get it off your mind.