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Oregon: Fog on the coast and fair weather with moderate temperatures over the interior tonight and Friday.

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WALZ NAMED
PRESBYTERY
MODERATOR

Grande Ronde Church Organization Concludes Two-Day Sessions

MEETING IS HELD
AT LOSTINE, ORE.

Dr. D. A. Thompson, of Portland, Synodical Executive, and All Local Pastors in Attendance

The Rev. J. George Walz, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, returned from the meeting of the Grande Ronde presbytery which was held in the First church at Lostine Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Walz reports that all the ministers of the presbytery were present and several lay representatives. The Rev. Samuel Harris, of Burns, the retiring moderator of the presbytery, presided over the opening session and the Rev. L. E. Williams, of Elgin, was in charge of the communion service.

Mr. Walz was elected moderator of the presbytery, also appointed as chairman of the program and local activities committee. The Rev. J. A. Foster, of Baker, delivered the evening sermon Tuesday.

Overture to the General Assembly was considered and the "The Christianization of the world" was voted in the negative, while an overture on "Permanent judicial commissions in schools and churches" and one on the "Permanent Judicial Commission of the General Assembly" were voted in the affirmative.

Action was taken to promote a Young People's summer conference covering the area of the Walla Walla, Pendleton and Grande Ronde presbyteries. The various reports of permanent commissions stressed personal evangelism, Christian citizenship and world peace.

Mr. Walz, as chairman of the committee on Christian education, reported that there are enrolled in Presbyterian Sunday schools a total of 1,270,516 pupils. There are 9,609 Sunday schools and 51,591 Sunday school pupils united with the Presbyterian church during the year. There are 129,522 pupils reported in 1,795 Sunday schools, and 126,000 pupils in 750 weekday schools of Christian education within the borders of the Presbyterian church. A total of 4,652,000 members of churches were registered; 241,414 students attended; 11,557 mission study classes, while 6,260 members attended 428 summer conferences. The Christian education board helped 1,000 poor boys and girls training for life service. To conduct these educational organizations in the Presbyterian church, over 112,000 leaders, teachers, superintendents and other workers were employed.

"Recently," said Mr. Walz, "a prominent Christian leader told the world that the way to reduce consumption of liquor is to put more money into churches." He closed with: "The spiritual objectives of Christian education must never be lost in the mechanism of plans and programs. Every proposal in the schedule of plans and programs must be supplemented with the power of God's Holy Spirit, every human agency must be thoroughly utilized and prepared for the work of Christian education."

AYERS ENTERS
PARTNERSHIP
WITH BROTHER

Word has been received in La Grande that Robert Ayers, local attorney, will merge his residence to his brother, John, who will go into partnership with his brother, Judge Roy L. Ayers, who was for several years on the Montana supreme bench.

Mr. Ayers is in La Grande at present but Mrs. Ayers, who is still in La Grande, will remain here for six or eight months in order to hand over Mr. Ayers' business here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayers came to La Grande 1900 years ago from Chester, Wm. Lockhart, however, is the home town of both.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m. - 49 above.
Minimum: 38 above.
Condition: mostly clear.
WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum: 67, minimum: 35 above.

Conditions: partly cloudy.
WEATHER OCT. 18, 1927
Maximum: 72, minimum: 51 above.
Condition: clear.

\$100,000 To Be
Insufficient For
Court House?

No Campaign Will Be Carried on For Proposed Union County Structure This Year.

Tentative plans for a new court house for Union county have been drawn up by the associated architects, Charles H. Miller and Tourtelotte and Hummel and submitted to the county court for consideration.

The building would be slightly wider than the present old structure and approximately the same depth and the cost is estimated by Mr. Tourtelotte at approximately \$125,000. The exterior is designed for a finish of cast stone and the interior provides for all the county offices together with court room, vaults and a jail on the roof.

Following receipt of the preliminary sketches here an investigation conducted by local people and officials indicated that the building could not be constructed for the amount of money available if the court house measure goes on the ballot carrier. There is also a growing sentiment among those who have studied the problem that it would be impossible to build a building for \$125,000 or \$150,000 that would be adequate for the future and in proper keeping with the wealth and standing of Union county.

An alternate plan for the location of the court house situation that would provide for expenditure of about \$30,000 in remodeling the old building and constructing a new wing to the east has gained some consideration. There is, however, marked objection to this on the part of numerous citizens who feel that such a scheme would result in untimely waste of the entire investment and who prefer temporary repairs to the old building.

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Eagles To Give
Carnival Here
October 30 - 31

Meeting irregular executive session last night, the city commission granted the Eagles lodge of La Grande permission to hold an indoor carnival at Eagles hall Oct. 30 and 31, proceeds to be used for the lodge's Christmas program and for benefit purposes. The carnival will be somewhat similar to the Elks' 49 show, it was explained.

A communication from George W. Glendinning, of Red Bluff, inquiring about a possible vacancy in city management here, was placed on file and City Manager W. C. Crews was instructed to write Mr. Glendinning that no such vacancy existed.

An estimate in the amount of \$5,378.44 was allowed Hartman Brothers for work in improvement district 15, the Northside sidewalk project.

Mr. Davis, of the Oregon Trail campgrounds, asked for permission to tap the sewer outside the city limits and the city commission agreed to allow him to do this provided he pay the same sum as property owners inside the city limits are required to pay.

POSTOFFICE
AND STORE
ARE BURNED

Midnight Fire, Believed Due to Lightning, Sweeps Medical

ESTIMATE LOSS
AROUND \$17,500

Only Small Part Protected by Insurance - People in Building Escape in Night Clothes.

PONTOOSA, Ore., Oct. 18 (Special)—The store, postoffice and telephone office at Medical Springs were destroyed by fire just after midnight Tuesday. It is thought that lightning followed a cable carrying the telephone wires was the cause.

The loss to Mr. and Mrs. George South is \$15,000 on account of their home and stock in the store. Some furniture was saved, partly covered by insurance.

The building, owned by Dunham Wright, was valued at \$2,500. Insurance on the structure was cancelled two weeks ago because of so much oil and gas around the building. Previously, insurance had been carried for 25 years.

Escape in Night Clothes

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SHAVEN SINGERS
PLEASE AUDIENCE

Musical Treat Given La Grande People at L. D. S. Tabernacle Last Night

"I believe beyond a doubt that we have the right in about," said James A. Shaver, tenor, with emphasis, and then about they did sing and sing with the pure rhythm and joy of it, and it was that spirit of exuberance which came from the confidence in their own music that fine singers have which accounts in part for the success of the jubilee chorus last night when they appeared at the L. D. S. tabernacle under auspices of the American Legion post.

A group that it was to these 200 La Grande folks who last night listened. Artists they were, each of the five. They were artists, from the jubilee greeting which

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Opening Of '49
Show Draws 750
Into Ballroom

Elks' Benefit Carnival Starts Four-Night Run in Sacajawea - Parade Precedes Dancing

The 1928 Elks' 49 Days of '49 show, opening a four-night stand in the Sacajawea inn ballroom, got off to a running start last night with approximately 750 in attendance, about the usual opening night crowd.

Punctuated with shots from 45 caliber revolvers, a parade, made up of Elks in the trappings of three-quarters of a century ago, moved from the Elks' temple at 7:45 o'clock, winding up at the Adams avenue entrance to the ballroom. The parade, led by the La Grande municipal band, formally opened the show.

Dancing, with music furnished by

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Concert To Be
Given Tomorrow
In Local Church

A concert, for the benefit of a new church building, will be given tomorrow night in the Central Church of Christ beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Tickets are on sale today or may be obtained at the door. The program follows:

Musical life and drama, Sons of Veterans.

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SON OF RICH
MAN IN GRIP
OF THE LAW

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18 (AP)—Three well known northern California men, yesterday were named in federal bench warrants charging operation of a large alcohol still in Contra Costa county.

Those named in the warrants are: Martin W. Hotchkiss, of Berkeley, son of W. J. Hotchkiss, Oakland millionaire landowner, distillery and banker.

Theron A. Bourne, of San Mateo, a banker, and former president of the state Southern railway.

Lawrence Edwards, prominent Stockton lawyer, former state assemblyman and erstwhile commander of the Stockton post of the American Legion.

The warrants were issued as the result of the seizure of a still on Belcher Island, Contra Costa county.

LONE FLIER
IS OVERDUE
LATE TODAY

World Waiting Anxiously for Word from Commander MacDonald

LAST SEEN DURING
NIGHT BY STEAMER

Young Wife and Son of Birdman Eager for News—Nothing Heard of Him for Many Hours

STEAMSHIP AMERICA, Oct. 18 (AP)—(By wire) to The Associated Press.—The steamship America all day today piled a direct course from Eastnet, Ireland, to Cape Race, Newfoundland, along which Commander H. C. MacDonald had been expected to take but no sign of the daring flier was evident although a close lookout was kept.

LONDON, Oct. 18 (AP)—Last reported far north of his course, Commander H. C. MacDonald, daring British aviator, who yesterday set out from Harbor Grace in a four-engine biplane on a non-stop solo flight to England, was long overdue this afternoon.

Anxiety Increases

Anxiety for his safety increased as hour after hour went by without his arrival and this worry was in no way decreased by the receipt at first news of his being sighted at sea at 7:30 p. m. Eastern standard time, last night.

The news came from the Dutch steamer Hordenburg by way of the Leeward Islands and placed the intrepid flier about 340 miles east of Bermuda and about 200 miles north of the Great Circle route from Harbor Grace to England.

None of the waters along the west coast of Ireland caught a glimpse of the gypsy moth as Haviland and during the early morning hours reports from that section indicated most unfavorable weather.

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GETS LIFE TERM

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HICKMAN HEARS
CHANT OF DEATH

Cruel Slayer of Los Angeles School Girl Has One More Day to Live

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Oct. 18 (AP)—Apparently ready to die, but disappointed because his mother had failed to come and bid him farewell, William Edward Hickman today awaited his fate in the death cell of San Quentin prison.

Jerome Walsh and Richard Cannon, attorneys who defended him against the charge of murdering 12-year-old Marilyn Parker, Los Angeles school girl, continued their fight to save Hickman but with little hope. They worked far into the night collecting affidavits as a possible means of bringing about a sanity hearing within the prison walls and then delay the execution. Hickman is scheduled to mount the gallows at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Warden James R. Holton has informally said he would not order a sanity hearing.

Delayed March to Cell

Hickman was supposed to have been taken into the death cell late yesterday but Warden Holton delayed the removal on being told by Walsh that the condemned man's mother, Mrs. Eva M. Hickman, was due to arrive here last night from Kansas City when 9 o'clock came and Mrs. Hickman did not appear. The youth was taken to the bare cell in the execution chamber.

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University Of
Oregon Leaders
Will Visit Here

Dr. A. B. Hall, Burt Brown Barker and John Veatch Will Attend Banquet Next Tuesday

Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon, Burt Brown Barker, vice president, and John Veatch, of Portland, president of the Oregon Alumni association, will arrive in La Grande next Tuesday for a day's visit in the interests of the university. The three executive officials are on a tour of the state.

All alumni, former students and parents of sons or daughters in the university, are eagerly anticipating the visit as many of them have not yet had the opportunity of meeting either the president or the vice president of the university, both of whom are comparatively new in office. Mr. Hall has been in La Grande before but it will be Mr. Barker's first visit.

A banquet is being planned for Tuesday evening. It will be in the banquet room of the Sacajawea Inn and all alumni and parents of university students are urged to attend. At Rotary club the following day Dr. Hall will address the members. They will come to La Grande from Pendleton. The dinner set for the banquet and other arrangements will be announced later.

Night Club Raid
Causes Arrest
Of 8 In Gotham

NEW YORK, Oct. 18 (AP)—Four men and four women were arrested early today in a police raid on a night club in East street, the first made since Maurice Campbell, prohibition administrator for this district, pointed out to District Attorney John H. Egan, that this material is an outrage on Mr. Hoover and a fraud on the American people.

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IN ENGLAND

Republican Nominee Has American Citizenship Throughout His Life

DR. WORK SCORES
UNJUST ATTACK

Former Secretary of Commerce Regularly Given Passports for Travel in Great Britain.

By James L. West
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (AP)—A statement by Dr. Hubert Work, chairman of the republican national committee, published today, declares "one of the most unjust whispering campaigns in the history of presidential contests."

"Whereas," the statement explains, "the statement appearing in the fact that Herbert Hoover was listed on English voters' rolls without his knowledge years ago."

Saying that he has been informed that American detective agencies and opposition newspapers have taken photographs of these rolls and propose to produce them in the United States, Dr. Work's statement says that to circulate this material is an outrage on Mr. Hoover and a fraud on the American people.

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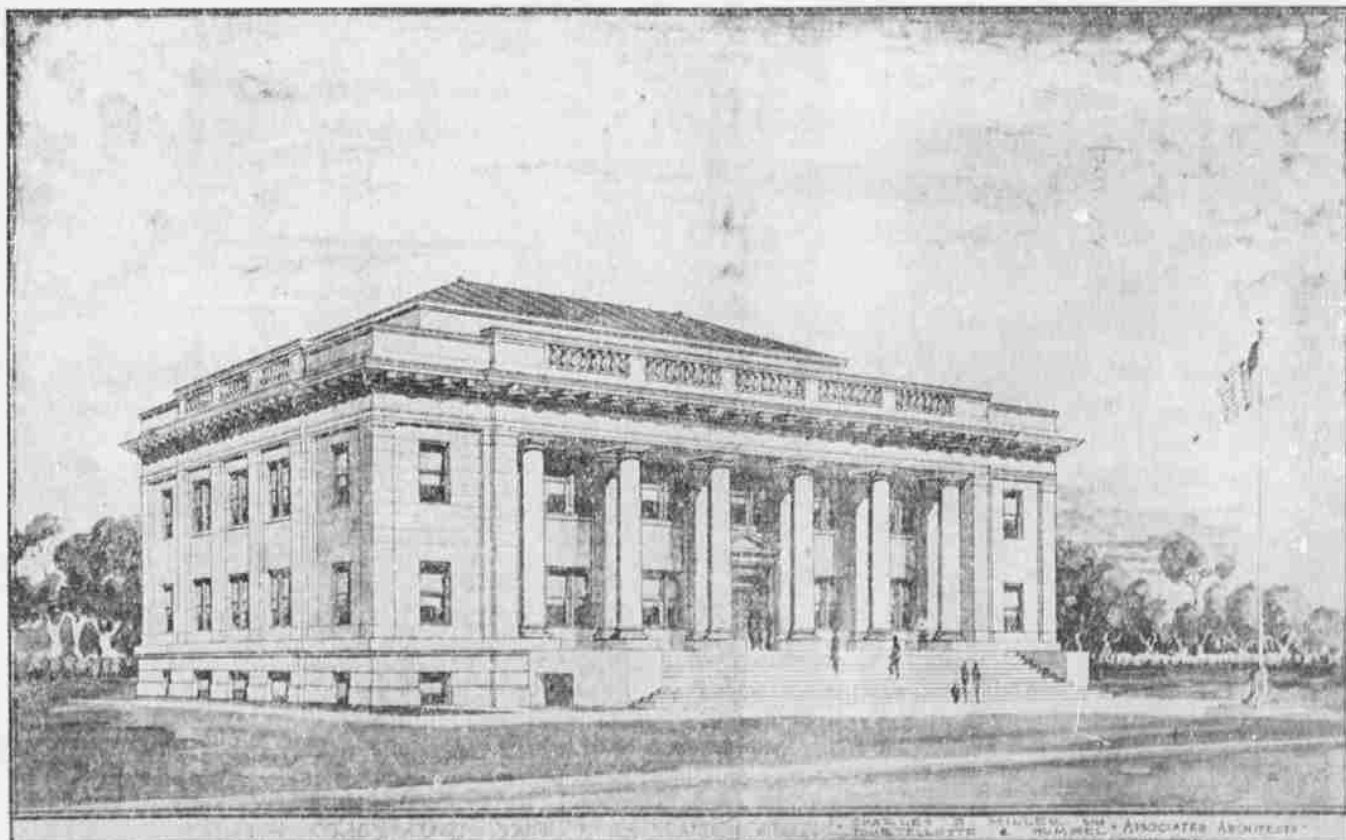
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