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OREGON—Fair and cloudy
west portion tonight and Wednes-
day, no change in temperature.

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SAFE TAKEN
FROM STORE
AT WALLOWARobbers Get Away With
600-pound Vault and
\$250 Cash TodayPIGGY-WIGGLY
ROBBED IN BAKERTotal of \$274 Cash Miss-
ing from Safe; Investi-
gations Fail to Disclose
Any CluesBurglars who scorned ordinary
methods practiced in the criminal
profession which they follow, fol-
lowed the John E. Schuchert road full
of Wallowa during last night, ac-
cording to telephone information
received here this morning.Officers, investigating the facts
of the case this morning, were
unanimous in the opinion that the
intruders did a thorough job,
gaining entrance through the front
door by breaking the lock, the
hand of robbers (the officers were
also unanimous in stating that sec-
ond persons participated in the
crime) carried a 600-pound safe
from the building through the back
door, loaded it onto a truck, and
escaped.

Contained \$250 Cash

Officers point out that it would
take at least three or four men to
hoist the safe to the truck by any
ordinary methods.The safe contained \$250 in cash
and valuable jewelry.No clues that would lead to the
capture of the burglars have been
uncovered as yet. The crime is
fixed as between 1 a. m. and 2
a. m. this morning.

PIGGY-WIGGLY ROBBED

Word was also received here to-
day that the Baker Piggy-Wiggly
store, which is owned by Mr. Price
and Mr. Anderson, of La Grande,
also was robbed. The store was
robbed, was entered night be-
fore last. A total of \$274 in cash
was stolen from the safe by the
robbers, who broke the glass and
sawed at the rear entrance, turn-
ed the door lock and entered the
safe later by working the combina-
tion. A number of checks, which
had been kept separate from the
cash, were not molested.The case was fully covered by
insurance. Officers investigating
the case could find no clues.HOME SERVICE
CAMPAIGN OF
ARMY CLOSESThe Salvation Army home serv-
ice campaign has closed, although
the proposed budget of \$1300 was
half subscribed. Captain and Mrs.
O. Holland, officers in charge, state
that total income to date is \$255
cash and \$257.50 pledges. There
was a total expense attached to the
campaign of \$150, leaving a bal-
ance of \$602.50. It is said, how-
ever, that a few responses to re-
quests for funds are still expected.
Speaking of the campaign, the
Hollands stated: "We wish to thank
those who have helped in this work-
ing cause."The officers in charge have re-
ceived in the last five months
\$1302.31 in salaries. Their allow-
ance, if there had been sufficient
funds, would have been \$250. This
rule in the Salvation Army is that
all expenses must be paid first and
if enough money is left, it will be
allowed weekly for single officers
and \$12 a week for married officers.La Grande Listens
To Hoover's TalkLa Grande people had been very
interested in radio programs to listen
to early yesterday evening, one of
the 15-minute talks by State Senator
Fred E. Kilde over KXN of Port-
land, and the other, Herbert Hoover's
New York address last night.
The Hoover talk, which was re-
peated here by KXN, was broad-
cast over a national network, be-
ing relayed by Pacific coast sta-
tions. The listeners stated that the
Hoover demonstration must have
been tremendous, from the great
amount of applause that was heard
over the radio.

WEATHER TODAY

5:30 a. m.—25 above.
High—25 above.
Condition—Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 57, minimum 29
above.
Condition—Clear.

WEATHER OCT. 23, 1927

Maximum 70, minimum 32
above.
Condition—cloudy, rain .22 of
inch.Democrats Hold
Pierce Rally At
North PowderSeveral Talks Made Be-
fore Attendance of 500;
Smith Speaker to Be
Here FridayAn enthusiastic democratic po-
litical rally for congress from the
North Powder district, opening at 8 p.
m. last night, was held at the North
Powder hotel.La Grande democrats, who were
in attendance, estimated the crowd
at 500.Mr. Smith, who is the demo-
cratic candidate for congress from
the North Powder district, opening at 8 p.
m. last night, was held at the North
Powder hotel.Other speakers included: J. E.
Wilson, of Union; J. D. Slater, of
La Grande; J. A. Niles, of North
Powder, democratic candidate for
county commissioner, and John S.
Hodges, of La Grande, democratic
candidate for district attorney.

Speech Here Friday

It is also announced that the
Rev. Mr. Johnson, a Christian
minister, will speak in La Grande
in the evening of Friday night.The Rev. Mr. Johnson, who is speak-
ing out of Portland at present, supported
La Grande in the local presidential
campaign, making many speeches in
the Middle West and East.

William Miller

Home Is Partly
Ruined by FireFire, believed to have been
started from the fireplace, flared
partly destroyed William Miller's
two-story residence at 1192 E. ave-
nue about 9:20 o'clock last night.
The family was in the lower story
and neighbors saw the burning
roof, turning in the alarm.Firemen responded promptly but
the water pressure was low and it was
necessary to call out the pump-
er truck. After the pumpers arrived,
the fire was quickly controlled but
so much of it had damaged the house
severely.Although no accurate check has
been made, some estimates place
the loss at around \$2,000, which
was covered by insurance. Firemen
and neighbors helped in taking the
furniture from the house. Fire
damage was confined to the roof
and second story.The burning roof gave a spec-
tacular phase to the fire, as it was
plainly visible from most parts of
downtown La Grande.Mr. Miller stated this morning
that he expects to rebuild as soon
as possible.Game Dinner To
Be Oct. 27 Event
At EnterpriseAn event that is arousing con-
siderable interest among sports-
men in Union county will occur at
Enterprise Saturday night, Oct. 27,
when the fifth annual game dinner
will take place under the auspices
of the Enterprise chapter of Hawk
Wallon hunters from Joseph, En-
terprise, Lostine and Wallowa.Advance notices state that fish,
game, pheasants, ducks, wild
geese, bear, and a bull elk will be
served for the occasion. The com-
mittee in charge, H. M. Dutton,
John E. Hunsbarger, Jay Billings
and Daniel E. Courtney, also prom-
ise a "high" time and a most en-
tertaining affair.Ben Weather, of Enterprise, will
be master of the dinner, and a
trap shoot will take place prior to
the food.Several Union county sportsmen
are expected to attend.Mercury Ranges
Nearly 50 DegreesIn the midst of an enjoyable In-
dian summer, La Grande and
Gladstone valley people are en-
joying some sunny days with the
temperatures mounting to 62
and 70 above—ideal October weather
for Eastern Oregon. At the same
time, however, there is "frost on
the panhandles" during the
night and early mornings, with
the mercury consistently slipping
below freezing point this week.Sunday had a low point of 22
above, the coldest yet this fall.
Yesterday morning's minimum was
21 and this morning the minimum
was 25 above. The weather fore-
cast is for fair in Eastern Oregon
tonight and tomorrow with no
change in temperature.Two Turkey Shoots
Will Be Held SoonTwo turkey shoots, one to be
held the Sunday before Thanksgiving
day and the other to be held
just before Christmas, have been
announced by the La Grande chapter
of the Hawk Wallon league.The first shoot, just before Tur-
key day, is to be held at the Lake
Ten grounds.STORM HITS
BOTH FRANCE
AND ENGLANDDamage in Southeastern
France Will Be Millions
of FrancsSMALL TORNADO
STRIKES LONDONHeavy Rain Accompanies
Storm; Railway Line
Between Lyons and Ge-
neva Cut in 5 PlacesLYONS, France, Oct. 23 (AP)—
Damage running into millions of
francs has been caused by floods
which today were devastating
southeastern France after a tor-
rential rainfall in the Grenoble re-
gion.More than 500 houses were in-
undated. Many houses were forced
to close.The main railway line between
Lyons and Geneva was cut in five
places. Several trains were de-
railed on smaller lines but there
was no loss of life. Traffic was
paralyzed.The city of Brindon was com-
pletely isolated from the rest of
the department. The rivers were
continuing to swell today.

TORNADO HITS LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 23 (AP)—Un-
roofed buildings, shattered glass
and fallen masonry today marked
the path of a miniature tornado
which swept upon London last
night with a violence rarely ex-
perienced in England.It had been raining steadily but
was otherwise fairly calm when
people were startled by a sudden
rain and whirling debris around
and crashing glass and falling
stones, tiles and bricks.Only two persons were injured,
this small casualty list was attrib-
uted to the rain which had cleared
the streets before the storm
broke in all its fury.UNIVERSITY HEAD
SPEAKS TONIGHTDr. A. B. Hall and Other
Oregon Officials to Visit
La Grande Two DaysClose to one hundred University
of Oregon alumni and parents of
students have signed for
attendance at the banquet tonight
at the Seaside hotel in honor of
Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president
of the university; Bart Brown
Harker, vice president; Alfred
Powers, dean of the extension di-
vision; and George Godfrey, head
of the publicity department. The
Oregon officials will arrive here
late this afternoon.Today Dr. Hall addressed the
students at Whitman college in
Walla Walla and the Walla Walla
chapter of commerce.At the banquet tonight Gang No.
2, Oregon Delta, is to be organ-
ized. Gang No. 1 was organized
at Pendleton last night, and Gang
No. 2 will be formed at Baker at
a banquet tomorrow night.The purpose of the Oregon Delta
groups is to interest parents of uni-
versity alumni and students in the
work of the university and with
the creation of individual "gangs"
the work can be concentrated in
the various Oregon sections rep-
resenting the state organization.

Banquet at 6:30

The banquet is scheduled for 6:30
this evening. A number of alumni
and parents are expected to arrive
from Wallowa county and other
Union county towns for the occasion.Dr. Hall will speak at the high
(Continued on Page 5)Christians From Three Counties
To Hold Convention WednesdayThis month, from Oct. 8 to 26th,
there will be more than 200 con-
ventionists conducted by the
United Christian Missionary society
of the Churches of Christ. One
of these conventionists will be held
here tomorrow at the Central
Church of Christ. The opening
session begins at 10 a. m. Mem-
bers of the churches from Baker,
Wallowa and Union counties are
included in this district.A. B. Liversett, secretary of the
church, erection department of the
United society, Indianapolis, Ind.,
is leader of the convention. Before
taking this position, Mr. Liversett
held a pastoral charge at the First
Christian church of Jackson City, Mo., where he served seven years.He was also pastor for seven years
at Walla Walla, Wash.The chief speaker, F. S. H. Hart-
ley, who recently returned from
six years as a missionary in Ja-
maica, He was formerly state sec-
retary in the state of Ohio and
held important positions in the
Christian churches. He has re-La Grande Book
And Stationery
Firm Is FormedCompany, Headed By Ce-
cil R. Myrick, Purchases
Newlins—Larger
Stock Will Be ProvidedThe La Grande Book and Sta-
tionery company, a new firm head-
ed by Cecil R. Myrick, has pur-
chased the Newlin Book and Sta-
tionery company, according to an
announcement made by Mr. Myrick
and Miss Newlin today. The new
firm is already in possession and
will immediately rearrange the
stock, will have new ownership
and will make extensive im-
provements in the store as rapidly
as possible.Mr. Myrick comes here from
Spokane, where he has had long
experience in the book, stationery
and office supply business. He
says his company decided on La
Grande after a careful investiga-
tion, and he is convinced it is a
city with a wonderful future. "The
city today justifies a greatly in-
creased stock and a more modern
and more comprehensive store," Mr.
Myrick says. "Miss Margaret New-
lin, I am happy to say, has con-
sented to stay with the company."The new firm is planning a sale
within the next few days which
will be announced in The Observer
and is designed to make room for
new stocks already ordered for the
store. An enlarged book depart-
ment, a better equipped and larger
office supply department and
more extensive lines in other de-
partments will be effected at once.Mr. Myrick says new lighting and
new fixtures will be installed as
soon as possible and the stock re-
arranged to give La Grande a thor-
oughly up-to-date store.The Newlin Book and Station-
ery company was the pioneer busi-
ness of the kind in La Grande and
was the outgrowth of the pioneer
drug store in this city. Ferdinand
Newlin, father of Miss Margaret
Newlin, opened the first drug store
in Old Town in La Grande's early
days, and it was later merged into
this small country drug store.Miss Newlin has been owner and
manager of the business for the
last 15 years.Great Progress
Made in Fighting
Major DiseasesChoosing as his subject "Pre-
ventative Diseases," Dr. C. L. Gil-
christ, local physician, gave an in-
teresting and instructive talk today
at noon at the regular chamber of
commerce luncheon at the La
Grande hotel.Quoting statistics, Dr. Gilchrist
showed that a great decrease in
deaths had resulted in smallpox,
scarlet fever, tetanus, diphtheria
and other similar diseases as a re-
sult of use of toxins, anti-toxins
and serums, designed both to pre-
vent the disease and to combat it
after it had gained a foothold.Miss Jennie Nielsen played two
violin solos accompanied by Miss
Elizabeth Hess, which were gen-
erously applauded.Announcement was made that
consideration of a chaplaincy had
been postponed pending securing
of more information.Oregon Tot Dies
Of Severe BurnsPORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 23 (CA-
P)—Edward Vandewater, three-
years old, of Forest Grove, died
yesterday in a hospital here
from burns suffered when his
clothing became ignited from
a match with which he was play-
ing.The child had been left alone
for a few moments, and when his
mother returned she found him se-
verely burned about the back, al-
derson, head, face and hands. The
boy was rushed to a hospital here
in a futile attempt to save his life.Poison Liquor Is
Cause of 2 DeathsLOS ANGELES, Oct. 23 (AP)—
Two women died here today the
result, police said, of poisoned li-
quor.Mrs. Clara Peltier, 27, was found
dead in a West Ninth street hotel.
An unidentified woman about 40
years of age was found slumped
over a table in a new High Street
hotel. She was rushed to a hospi-
tal but died.Royal Betrothal
Rumored in RomeROME, Oct. 23 (AP)—The news-
paper Popolo di Roma today in-
formed that Princess Marie Jose, of
Belgium, might soon become en-
gaged to Crown Prince Umberto
of Italy.BOY, 15 SENT
TO PEN FOR
LIFE TODAYRex Meade, Slayer Aged
Benefactor, Sentenced
in PortlandCHANGES PLEA TO
GUILTY IN COURTCharles Goodwin, Vice
President of Defunct
Overbeck & Cooke, En-
ters Plea of GuiltyPORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 23 (AP)—
Rex Meade, 15-year-old slayer
of M. D. Dewey, was sentenced to
life imprisonment when he plead-
ed guilty before Judge Kander to a
charge of shooting his friend
and benefactor with a rifle as the
old man sat at breakfast in his
cabin home at the edge of Port-
land.When the prison gates close on
young Meade he will be the young-
est "thief" ever to be sentenced in
Oregon. Hugh De Autremont, one
of three brothers who murdered
three railroad men in the Skidway
tunnel holdup in Southern Oregon,
was 18 years old when he killed.Meade has been in the county
jail since his arrest Aug. 3, two
days after he killed Dewey and
drove off in the man's automobile.
He was captured at Reedport after
he sold the automobile in Salem.

Changes His Plea

Meade entered a plea of not
guilty, but changed it today when
the charge was reduced to second
degree murder. The state was not
wager to hold out for the death
penalty because of the defendant's
extreme youth.Dewey's death was one of the
county. Meade said after his ar-
rest that he feared his employer
outstanding crimes of Multnomah
and believed the man would send
him back to the reform school be-
cause he had "been a bad boy."Young Meade's mother and step-
father had hoped that Dewey's in-
fluence would overcome the boy's
waywardness and bent for crime,
which was developed when he was
but 10 years old.

Pleads Guilty

Charles S. Goodwin, vice-presi-
dent of the now defunct local bro-
kerage house of Overbeck & Cooke,
today entered a plea of guilty to a
grand jury indictment charging
conspiracy to defraud the bank of
Portland.Pleading of sentence was post-
poned.FUNERAL FOR
GEO. MESERVE
NOT ARRANGEDFuneral services for George Mes-
serve, who died Sunday in the San
Fernando hospital, have not
yet been arranged. His body
will arrive here tomorrow, prob-
ably on No. 24, according to Shod-
grass & Zimmerman.The deceased was widely known
in Union and Baker counties, hav-
ing come west from Chicago. His
birthplace, about 1311, first going
to Baker. After coming to La
Grande he was employed by the
O.W. company and throughout his
residence here and in Baker was
active in promoting and taking part
in sporting events, playing base-
ball for several years in both cities.He is a veteran of the World
war, serving in Siberia as sergeant
in Co. J, 32nd Infantry. He was
in the northern county where he
contracted tuberculosis which was
responsible for his death. He married
Mrs. Meserve at Fort McDowell,
and was honorably discharged Aug.
13, 1919, at Camp Lewis.Mr. Meserve was a member of
the Elks lodge and the American
Legion. Besides his wife and two
children, he was survived by his
mother, of Chicago, who was also
with him at the time of death. He
and his wife were married in Ba-
ker.Mother Of
Whole Village
Dies in SpainPORTLAND, Spain, Oct. 23
(AP)—The mother of a whole
village died today, Antonia
Bernardina Lopez, died in this
village, a neighboring village,
at the age of 97. She is sur-
vived by five children, the
youngest of which is 30; 29
grandchildren, 48 great-grand-
children, 22 great-great-grand-
children and 23 other relatives. The
total for the family is 145, up
from the complete population of the
village.Over her tomb this inscription
has been placed: "Here
lies the mother of a whole vil-
lage."Graf Zeppelin's
Repairs CompletedLAKEHURST, N. J., Oct. 23
(AP)—Repairs to the Zeppelin
ship, the Graf Zeppelin, were
completed today and the ship was
ready for flight. The command-
er of the ship left for the great cross-
ing on the proposed flight to the
middle west coast of the United States
from Chicago. He is due here to-
night.Royal Betrothal
Rumored in RomeROME, Oct. 23 (AP)—The news-
paper Popolo di Roma today in-
formed that Princess Marie Jose, of
Belgium, might soon become en-
gaged to Crown Prince Umberto
of Italy.

READS BIBLE

Obble Bergsma, 28, Grand
Baptist pastor, reads his Bible
and for that reason his business
may be out in half. It's like
this, The Bible says: "Do not
even think of your own life, but
if a man have long hair, it is a
shame unto him; but if a woman
have long hair it is a glory to
her; for her hair is given to
her for a covering."—1 Corin-
thians, 11:14, 15. So Bergsma
has refused to bob hair and be-
fore this decision, he bobbed as
many as 200 heads a week.REFUSE TO GIVE
POWER TESTIMONYElectric Bond and Share
Company Officials and
Employees Keep SilentWASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (AP)—
Ralph E. Peugh, a vice-president
of the Electric Bond and Share
company, again declined to testify
or produce documents in the fed-
eral trade commission's power in-
vestigation today.Counsel for the company informed
the commission that this position
would be maintained until it
had been judicially determined
whether the organization was re-
quired to submit the information
sought concerning company dis-
bursements.John E. MacLure, the counsel,
at the outset informed Commis-
sioner McCullough, presiding, that
the company "has made no dis-
bursements to influence or control
elections at president, vice-presi-
dent or members of the United
States senate, and therefore has
no concerns or records with respect
therein." He added that witnesses
who have searched the records
were present to verify this state-
ment."As to any other matters," he
continued, "we must respectfully
decline to submit witnesses, ex-
amination or to produce records or
papers until the fundamental
constitutional and legal questions
presented at the hearing on Oct.
17 have been adjudicated."Peugh's refusal was duplicated
later by Bernard E. Zimmerman,
secretary of the Electric Bond and
Share company. Benjamin H.
Brewster, auditor, and C. R. Mc-
Bride, a company accountant.Collegians Will
Start 'Clean-Up'
At WashingtonMEATTLE, Oct. 23 (AP)—
Accused by reports of lax condi-
tions among the fraternity and so-
ciety members of the University
of Washington, President M. L. Sp-
encer lectured 2,500 undergradu-
ate members of campus organized
houses last night. Spencer said
several Seattle business and pro-
fessional men had come to him
with reports of drinking and gam-
bling going on in the organized
groups and that he was determined
to stop this evil.At the end of his address, which
was heartily applauded, a number
of campus leaders arose and pled-
ed their aid in carrying out a
"cleaning up" program.Lindbergh Leaves
Dodge City TodayDODGE CITY, Kan., Oct. 23
(AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh
took off here at 9:25 a. m. for Las
Vegas, N. M. He last stood on his
flight to Mexico to Hunt Gray. He
arrived here last night at 10 o'clock
from Wichita, Kas., where he
stayed early in the evening after
a non-stop flight from Columbia,
Ohio.He outlined the plan of his
company at a breakfast given for
him. Dodge City, he said, would
be the mid-continent station point
on the company's drive. From
Columbia, Ohio, eastward would be
the eastern division and from
Dodge City to Los Angeles the
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Columbia, Ohio, eastward would be
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Dodge City to Los Angeles the
western division.Man Who Shot Dry
Agent Is SoughtCHICAGO, Oct. 23 (AP)—A fed-
eral dry agent, Thomas Ryan, was
shot down in a federal court house
yesterday in the presence of 40
persons. Yet who shot him, or why,
remains a mystery.Ryan himself thought for a sec-
ond that it was a joke. But some-
one had examined a fingerprint in
the front court room in which E.
S. Commissioners Edwin J. Connel-
ley was sitting. Then he felt
the bullet, a shot struck him in
the shoulder, and "This shot!" he
cried, and he fell.In the moment of excitement
that followed at least six men left
the courtroom. Then the doors
were locked.

No suspect could be found.

Recognition Of
Faith Healing
May Come SoonReport Presented at Epis-
copal Convention; Three
Prominent Physicians
Sign RequestWASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (AP)—
The membership of the Episcopal
church was called on today by its
bishops in general convention here
to set an example of law enforce-
ment by respecting the prohibition
and anti-temperance laws. The ac-
tion was a reaffirmation of action
taken by the 1925 convention.Recognition Of
Faith Healing
May Come SoonWASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (AP)—
Sponsored by a special commission
after six years of study, a recom-
mendation that the Protestant
Episcopal church give faith healing
its official recognition today held
a place on the agenda of the church's
triumphal convention, with
indications that it would be given
early consideration.Hearing the signature of three
physicians in addition to members
of the clergy, a report embodying
the recommendation declared that
"Christian healing has passed be-
yond the stage of experiment, and
its value cannot be questioned." It
asked that the convention "Thank-
fully recognize the deepening of
the spiritual life of the church
which has come through the grow-
ing recognition of the healing pow-
er of God."The study of the commission was
summarized in three conclusions—
that "spiritual healing" has become
a "believed and practiced" of large
and increasing number of per-
sons; that its value "can no longer
be questioned"; and that "while
faith in any supposed remedy pro-
duces some effect, vital faith in
God, as revealed in Christ, is fol-
lowed by results which are more
sure, more lasting and of a more
evidently spiritual character." Fur-
ther, it was recommended that
faith healing be conducted in co-
operation with medical science and
practice.