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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably rain on the coast, moderate temperature, moderate variable winds.

BUSINESS IN
LA GRANDE IS
PROGRESSINGTwenty-two New Store
rooms Built Since First
of This YearNEW FIRMS COME
INTO THIS CITY1928 Regarded As One of
Best Years in Reference
to Expansion of Busi-
ness District

That business in La Grande, in spite of a comparatively poor season on some months ago caused by an adverse lumber market and agricultural conditions, is still expanding, and this year is regarded as one of the best in this connection.

During the last several years the city has grown steadily, and in keeping with this increase in population, the business section has been extended both in size and in the number of store rooms, houses, etc., and this year is regarded as one of the best in this connection.

Among the most important was the providing of new store rooms in the city building, on the corner of Fifth and Adams, two of which furnished accommodations for new concerns.

Another of the more important projects this year, while not completed, is that of the Montgomery-Ward & Co. building on Washington and Fourth, which adds four store rooms to the total.

On the same avenue, the new Fred Smith building, provided housing for two families previously in the city building, completed this year, on Jefferson and Greenwood, has five store rooms.

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River Problem
Is Taken Up By
County OfficialsJudge and Commissioners
Visit Bend on Grande
Ronde; Steel Bridge Up
Catherine Creek Done

The possibility of straightening the bend in the Grande River on the Jack Beckman and McAnish places east of Alsea was considered Monday by County Judge J. G. Couch and Commissioners W. R. Ledbetter and W. W. Stevens when they made an inspection tour of that region. Where the river turns north in that section it is very crooked and the bend may be cut by a canal to shorten the stream and to thus increase the speed of flow to deter the washing away of the farm land.

Tuesday morning the men went to Catherine creek where a steel bridge was completed yesterday on the 15th Miller lane, in a spread road district four and a half miles west of Union. The bridge replaces the lighter steel one which was wrecked last winter by an overload of stock. The completion of the new one is the result of six weeks work.

Half Inch Rain
Is Welcomed By
Valley Farmers

Farmers over the valley, who have been held in check in getting in their fall grain because of extreme dryness of the ground, welcomed the rain that started falling yesterday. In fact, many regarded it as a "life-saver" as far as the winter wheat is concerned.

In some parts of the county, an occasional farmer has been attempting to get his ground in shape for planting in spite of the dryness, but most of them had little success. The present rain, if followed by a few dry days, is expected to help conditions tremendously.

In La Grande the rainfall in the 24 hours ending at 7:30 o'clock this morning amounted to more than half an inch, a total of .55 of an inch to be exact. Rain is still falling and with the skies overcast, indications are that there is quite a bit more moisture to come.

Izaak Walton Club
Will Meet Friday

The members of the Izaak Walton Club of the La Grande chapter of the Izaak Walton League will meet at the city hall Friday night at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of hearing committee reports and planning for future trap shooting events.

It was announced that a practice trap shoot will be held at the Lone Tree grounds Sunday.

Local Boy Scout
Will Be Advanced

Vincent Koehnberger, of La Grande, is about to be appointed assistant scoutmaster of troop No. 2, of which R. V. Conkey is master. Which he has been a scout for two years and according to scout rules is now eligible to the assistant position. His application has been approved by the Eastern Oregon Boy Scout council and when official word is received from New York headquarters the appointment will be made.

Entertaining Skit
At Rotary Lunch

A very clever and entertaining burlesque was the main part of the program at the Rotary club luncheon at the La Grande hotel at noon today. The skit, a burlesque on a Rotary meeting, was staged by W. K. Gilbert, Oscar Warner and Ashner Thyle, and was vigorously applauded.

Stilts Replace
Old Scaffolds

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 31 (AP)—A firm of Toronto contractors has provided sky-flo scaffolds for its workmen to eliminate the need of erecting in building operations. Two workmen refused to use the scaffolds and reported to officials of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners that they had been told to use them.

The building trade union is investigating to determine whether the use of stilts would be a continuation of city or provincial standards.

PLANE LANDS

Last night about five o'clock the aircraft plane on route to Denver, Wash., landed on the La Grande emergency landing field. It was necessary to land the mail on by train.

OBSERVER TO GIVE
ELECTION RETURNS
AT SACAJAWEA INN

Elaborate preparations for providing election returns have been completed by The Observer and through the expanded service of the Associated Press leased wire and the work of the local staff, quicker and more complete returns will be made available than ever before in La Grande's history.

Two extra editions will be issued following election day. The first will come off the press election night as soon as a sufficient quantity of partial returns are received, and the second will be issued early Wednesday morning, giving what should be a practically complete picture of election results.

Great Interest Expected

Anticipating a record-breaking crowd following this record-breaking election, the Sacajawea Inn and The Observer will co-operate election night and returns will be announced continuously in the Sacajawea ballroom. Chairs will be provided in the ballroom and no admission will be charged. Any one interested in election results is invited to receive them as guests of the Sacajawea Inn and The Observer.

First Returns

National election results will probably start over the wire by noon Tuesday, when small precincts in the New England states will announce first results. The Associated Press extra and the telegraph printers will be in operation continuously from 7 o'clock on election day until an hour or more after midnight. The crowd following this record-breaking election, the Sacajawea Inn and The Observer will co-operate election night and returns will be announced continuously in the Sacajawea ballroom. Chairs will be provided in the ballroom and no admission will be charged. Any one interested in election results is invited to receive them as guests of the Sacajawea Inn and The Observer.

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TOURS, France, Oct. 31 (AP)—The Graf Zeppelin passed over Tours at 8:20 p. m., G. M. T., 4:20 p. m. Eastern Standard Time.

PARIS, Oct. 31 (AP)—The homebound dirigible Graf Zeppelin reached the French coast at Lakenburg, N. J., late today flying over Nantes at 6:45 p. m. (1:15 p. m. Eastern Standard Time).

At that time the huge ship, which is completing the first round trip commercial trans-Atlantic air voyage, had been in the air 59 hours and 49 minutes.

She still had about 300 miles to go before reaching Friedrichshafen, her home port where she was expected at the earliest at 2 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Thrilling Picture

Just as darkness set in at the French coast the huge air liner with all her lights ablaze in the forward and aft cabins presented a thrilling picture as she sailed serenely over the city. She was flying at an altitude of approximately 5,000 feet.

Although a fair northeasterly breeze was blowing she appeared to be making between 50 and 60 miles an hour. She was headed due east apparently making a straight line for Friedrichshafen which is on the same degree of latitude as Nantes.

Sirius Star Welcomed

The Zeppelin passed over La Toussaine, a popular manufacturing suburb of Nantes at 6:42 P. M. (1:45 p. m. Eastern Standard Time) a few minutes after shops and plants had closed for the day's work. Sirius, the star of the evening, was shining brightly and the dirigible dipped several times in a friendly salute.

The appearance of the Graf Zeppelin over the French coast at 7:45 p. m. marked the fastest dirigible voyage on record across the Atlantic. The last previous time had been made on the return trip of the British dirigible R-34 which flew from Roosevelt Field to Clifden, Ireland, in July, 1914 in 46 hours and 41 minutes. The Graf Zeppelin flew from Lakenburg, N. J., to Nantes was 50 hours and 49 minutes.

The R-34 took 75 hours to reach her home port in England and it is possible that the Graf Zeppelin will take about that time also before reaching Friedrichshafen.

STOWAWAY OFFERED JOB

REHLEN, Oct. 31 (AP)—Charles Terhune, American boy stowaway on the air liner Graf Zeppelin, will receive a hearty welcome in Germany and can have a job if he wants one.

He will not be subjected to molestation by the police, whether he receives a temporary passport or not. The Weimar minister of interior advised the Friedrichshafen airport officials today, "treat the 'find' passenger in the most loyal manner possible."

Terhune, 14, of New York City, who came aboard the Zeppelin at Lakenburg, N. J., on Oct. 22, was found by the crew of the ship, which was flying over the North Atlantic, on Oct. 29.

Offer your immediate job. Wire your terms and time of arrival.

The world-famed Hageback dirigible at Hamburg also sent out a wireless message offering him a position.

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Bodies Found

The bodies were found buried just below the surface. In nearly every case a bowl, with its bottom punctured, was found placed over the cranial bones of the skeleton.

In one case, said Dr. Jenks, "we found what we believed was a human skull contained in a bowl and buried beneath an overturned barrel. All the members of the expedition, including the art museum, worked by finding traces of human waste on the surface of the ground and then excavating to the floor level."

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Hallowe'en
Spirits Will
Roam Tonight

Tonight is Hallowe'en!
The night when ghosts walk
(usually you can hear their foot-
steps), goblins cavort, gnomes ram-
ble hither and you, wood piles top-



ple earthward, ticktacks beat noisy rhythms on windows for the enjoyment (?) of those within, and many other queer and macabre happenings occur.

Referring to the encyclopedia, one finds this definition for Hallowe'en: "The name popularly given to the eve or night of All Hallowes, or festival of All Saints, which being Nov. 1, Hallowe'en is the evening of Oct. 31. In England and Scotland it was long consecrated to harmless frolics and revivings, with many ceremonies for divining a future sweetheart."

But ask anyone of the 20th century how many of the revelries are now confined to the fringes!

Police Chief Clint Haynes, who likes to see the kids have all the innocent fun possible, announces that ticktacks, harmless pranks, etc., are O. K., up until curfew time. After that, special policemen may nab the prowling young-

ster, because the police are going to find out that any boy or girl out after curfew (9 o'clock), is breaking the law and a night in the jail may result. He warns against any destruction of property.

Man's Name Mentioned

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"Who did this?" said the state's attorney, bending over the girl's cot.

"I did it myself, for faith, for purity," was the response. At intervals the officer obtained her story. She had known Hitchcock four years, she said, having studied education and seamstress in classes he conducts here.

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Rich Pottery Finds

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"Nearly all of the pottery found in the excavations was made with 'soft' mud," said Dr. Jenks, "that is, each one had a small hole broken into its bottom before being buried with a dead person."

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Self-Torture By
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By Young WomanSuffered to Prove Her
Faith in a "Spirit Love"
—Officials Not Sure of
Uncanny Story

LAKE BLUFF, Ill., Oct. 31 (AP)—Self-torture by fire to prove her faith in a "spirit love" was advanced today to explain the strange case of Miss Effrieda Knaak, 20-year-old Sunday school teacher and book agent.

The uncanny explanation, came from the lips of Mr. Knorr, her self, lying near death from burns mysteriously inflicted in the basement of the Lake Bluff police station sometime Monday night.

"To believe her story," said Dr. A. J. Haininger, attending her, "you would have to believe these facts: 'That she first placed one foot, then the other, in the furnace and kept them there for some little time; that she thrust head and arms and held them there under what certainly must have been terrific pain. The fire box is only 12 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches.'

"It does not seem possible that a person, even in a trance, could do that."

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