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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Rain tonight and Friday, warmer in the east portion tonight. Southerly gales on coast.

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EBERHARD IS
WINNER OVER
A. R. HUNTERComplete Returns from
District Give Him 96
Lead Over OpponentPIERCE CARRIES
UNION, WALLOWAA. T. Hill, Charles Playle
and Victor R. Melville
Elected La Grande City
Dads

HOOVER WINS KIDDLIE
Fred E. Kiddie, state senator and Herbert Hoover's campaign manager in Oregon, received the following wire today: "I am deeply grateful for your kind telegram. Our congratulations may well be mutual in the success of a great cause to which you have so generously contributed (signed) Herbert Hoover." Mr. Kiddie yesterday wired Mr. Hoover congratulations.

With final unofficial returns from all precincts in Union county complete, the figures reveal that Herbert Hoover carried the county by more than 1,000 votes, that A. T. Hill was re-elected city commissioner with 11 votes to 1, and that Charles Playle won a large enough majority in Union county to defeat Albert R. Hunter for state senator and that T. G. Johnson, of Wallowa, polled 14 more votes in this county than did J. P. Slater, his democratic opponent for joint representative.

The check also reveals that Union county voted in favor of an income tax and that the measure for limiting the power of the legislature lost by a small margin. All other measures were scanned under an avalanche of news in this county.

Pierce carried Union and Wallowa counties. Wallowa voted 1214 to 829. All county and district officials were re-elected, the closest contests developing in the district attorney and school superintendent races. Carl G. Hill won over John Hodgins by 100 votes and E. A. Sayer won reelection with a majority of 662 over Neil Young. The total vote in the county will amount to more than 5,400 although the exact figure cannot be determined until the official canvass of the vote is made. The city vote was 2072, record breaking 1469.

Following is the unofficial vote for Union county:

For President
Herbert Hoover, 2,184.
Alfred E. Smith, 2,157.
Norman Thomas, 77.
Vernon L. Reynolds, 29.
William Z. Foster, 19.

For Congress
Robert R. Butler, 1614.
Walter C. Cundell, 118.
Walter M. Pierce, 2248.

For Secretary of State
E. R. Douds, 219.
H. E. Hays, 3043.
Ed S. Hopper, 1129.

For State Treasurer
A. A. Haglund, 187.
Thomas E. Kay, 4152.
Neal Swadlow, 142.

For Justices, Supreme Court
(Two to be elected.)
Loyal M. Graham, 824.
Gilbert E. Hamaker, 176.
J. E. Hopper, 157.
C. L. Perrine, 184.
John L. Baird, 3216.
George Rossmann, 2600.
Attorney General
W. R. Decker, 205.

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CITY TO PAY
COSTS DUE IN
KNIGHT CASE

At the regular city commission meeting held last night a motion was passed authorizing the payment of a damage claim of \$2,000 in favor of Minerva Knight plus \$250.25, which represents court costs and interest. The case of Minerva Knight vs. the city was appealed to the supreme court some time ago, the court ruling against the city.

The city attorney also ruled that a settlement with George H. Curry concerning municipal assessments was valid.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—25 above.
Minimum—22 above.
Condition—Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 53, minimum 26 above.
Condition—Partly cloudy.

WEATHER NOV. 8, 1927
Maximum 46, minimum 29 above.
Condition—Rain, 99 of inch.

Senior Play Is
Postponed Until
Late Next WeekAction Made Necessary
By Illness of One of the
Leading Characters—
Tickets to Be Held

The senior play "The Patsy" a three-act comedy drama, which was to have been presented tonight and tomorrow night in the high school auditorium, was postponed today, probably until next Thursday and Friday nights, according to announcement by E. D. Towler, principal.

The reason for the postponement was that Mary Gould Parsons, who has the leading part, is ill of a severe cold and, according to her doctor, could not participate in the play at this time.

This is the first time in local high school history that such a postponement was necessary. A definite announcement will be made the first of next week as to the two nights when "The Patsy" will be presented.

Those who have tickets and reserved seats are asked to hold them, as they will be good for the postponed performances.

LEGION TO HOLD
RALLY ON MONDAYAll Ex-service Men of the
County Invited to Take
Part Armistice Day

Nov. 11, 1918, at 11 o'clock in the morning firing in the World War ceased following the signing of the armistice. At 11 o'clock next Monday, Armistice day 1928, the ex-service men of Union county are going "over the top." This was decided this morning when the executive committee of La Grande post No. 42 met and made plans for the staging of what is expected to be one of the biggest rallies ever held in the county. Ray Williams has been appointed chairman of the event.

The fun will start at the city hall at 11 o'clock. The ex-service men will form a parade there and will march down Adams avenue to the Pacific lawn where they will have a luncheon and a good time. The luncheon program will include vaudeville acts and good music. It is hoped that every ex-service man in Union county will take part in it. Mr. Williams says:

"The day's festivities will end with an Armistice day dance at Zuber hall in the evening."

This is the first time that the legion has held such a rally on Armistice day. Usually an Eastern Oregon celebration is staged.

The members of the executive committee who met this morning are: James H. Foster, chairman; Robert R. Butler, 1614; Walter C. Cundell, 118; Walter M. Pierce, 2248; E. R. Douds, 219; H. E. Hays, 3043; Ed S. Hopper, 1129.

**DR. HOFFMAN
WILL MOVE TO
NEARBY TOWN**
Dr. George S. Hoffman, La Grande dentist, has purchased the premises of Dr. L. S. Davis of Union, and will move from this city shortly. He has announced that Dr. Hoffman, who since his marriage time ago has been very successful in La Grande and has many friends here who regret to see him leave, although wishing him success in his new home.

Dr. Davis expects to move to Tiller, near Portland, shortly.

No Last-Minute
La Grande Vote

Voters in La Grande Tuesday, as a result of publicity in the Observer previous to the election, did not wait until the last minute to cast their ballots and as a result, there was practically no congestion when the polls closed at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Judges and clerks of the election boards were very representative of this as it enabled them to start their count as quickly as possible. In several precincts small groups of voters were on hand before the polling places opened at 8 a. m.

Christian Church
Begins Crusade

With a fair attendance, the New Testament crusade opened at the Central Church of Christ last night with the Rev. H. L. Patman speaking on the subject, "The Common Place of Man." A trio, consisting of Mrs. Walter Price, Mrs. George Anderson and Mrs. Lloyd Phay, sang. There was one response to the invitation.

Tonight the service will begin at 7 o'clock. The subject will be "The Commandment to Love." Mrs. C. E. McPherson will sing a solo. The service will also start at 7 tomorrow night.

REPUBLICANS
GET CONTROL
IN CONGRESSSix More Seats Gained in
Senate With Chances
for a Seventh20 MORE ADDED
IN LOWER HOUSEHoover Will Have Working
Majority; Senate
Republicans Must Seek
for a New Leader

By the Associated Press
Almost complete congressional election returns show not republican gains of six and probably seven in the senate and of more than 20 in the house.

This will give Herbert Hoover working majorities in both branches in place of an almost equal party division now existing in the senate and of a majority of only 35 now held by republicans in the house.

Key Leaders Involved
The upsets have involved few leaders in either branch of congress and little difficulty over organization of the new senate and house, which will come into office after next March 4, is anticipated. However, senate republicans will have to find a new leader—Senator Charles Curtis, of Kansas, their pilot, will become vice president. Several names have been heard as a successor to the Kansas senator, including Senators Moses of New Hampshire; Watson of Indiana; Reed, of Pennsylvania; Jones, of Washington, and Edge, of New Jersey but no selection is expected for some weeks.

Senator Curtis has not indicated whether he will continue his senatorial post during the approaching short session of this congress.

Chance for Gain of 7

To break up the evenly divided senate, the republicans held every one of their 12 seats at stake in this election and captured six of the democratic seats involved in the contest. Indications were that a seventh seat would be lost by the democrats in West Virginia, where

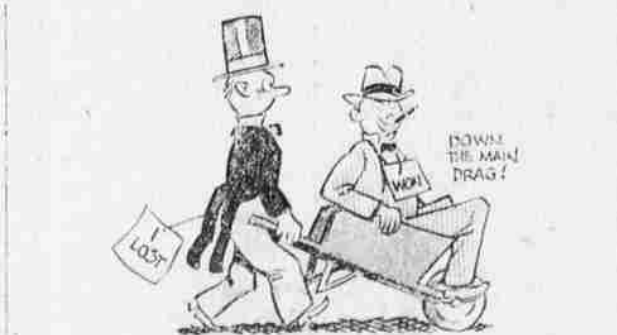
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Woman Charged
With Obtaining
Money Falsely

Jean Olson, alias Jean Stuart or Stewart, is being held in the county jail today on charges of obtaining money by false pretenses. She was brought to La Grande last night by Sheriff Jesse Freshwaters, who drove to Boise to arrest her. Extradition had been waived Oct. 26. She completed a 24 days sentence at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the Idaho city.

She is charged with passing 14 worthless checks, made out to Mrs. A. J. Stuart and signed by A. J. Stuart, about July 18. Two merchandise turned the checks into the authorities and one signed a complaint against the woman.

Sheriff Freshwaters learned Tuesday night that her form would be out yesterday, so he left here by car early Wednesday morning in order to be waiting for her when she was released.

Police Chief Haynes Going To Baker
Not Permanently--Just To Pay a Wager

That Haynes, chief of police, is preparing to leave this city for Baker.

Not permanently! Only for a few hours.

But those few hours will be crowded with interest, especially to his friends and to friends of Sheriff Henry McKinney, of Baker county.

In Baker, Chief Haynes is going to do a little work. He is well prepared for his task, as he put in several years in the blacksmithing line and as he also tips the scales at more than 200 pounds.

His job will need a big man and the rigors of the work may cause him to remember old days in Rumpson when his work required a number of steel.

A few weeks ago the chief and the neighboring county sheriff, who held opposite political views, made a bet on the presidential election, or should one say, wager.

BUTLER WINS
OVER PIERCE
IN DISTRICTLa Grande Man Gets
20,952 to Opponent's
27,463 FigureHOOVER MAJORITY
IS NEARLY 94,000Income Tax Loses Out Over
State By About 15,
000—All Initiative Mea-
sures Defeated

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 8 (AP)—Increased majorities were the only changes noted as belated returns from Tuesday's election in Oregon were tabulated today.

The vote on the income tax, which was one of the closest of any stood today: 140 precincts out of 1783 yes, 109,208, no 121,747.

In the second district the vote on representative in congress was: 451 precincts out of 437: Hoover 192,581, Smith 105,865.

Butler Wins
Robert J. Butler, republican, 27,462; Walter M. Pierce, Democrat, 20,952; W. C. Cundell, social labor, 1,023.

Herbert Hoover's Oregon majority continued to grow as scattering returns came in today to swell the vote cast in Tuesday's election. Reports from 1724 out of 1783 precincts tabulated at noon today gave Hoover 192,581, Smith 105,865.

On the proposed income tax returns from 1412 precincts gave Hoover 109,208 yes, 121,747 no.

The latest tabulation on other offices showed:

Justices of the supreme court (two to elect) 1621 precincts out of 1783:

Loyal M. Graham (Ind.) 65,802; Gilbert E. Hamaker (Ind.) 29,145.

J. E. Hoover (Rep.-Ind.) 14,254; G. L. Perrine (Rep.-Ind.) 8,626; John L. Baird (R-D) 124,091.

George Rossmann (R-D) 181,355. For secretary of state 1929 precincts:

E. R. Douds (Rep.-Ind.) 15,118; H. E. Hays (D) 192,552.

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Court Takes Up
Budget Tomorrow

The county court continued the second day of the November session today and completed the auditing of county bills and started work on making out the court docket.

The county budget will be taken up tomorrow.

P. Evansen Makes
Close Prediction

P. Evansen, who lives on E. E. D. No. 2, La Grande, made the best guess as to the outcome of the presidential election, among those who submitted marked surveys to The Observer previous to election day.

Mr. Evansen predicted that Hoover would carry every state but Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina. He did not, however, credit that Smith would carry Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Baker Re-Elects
Sheriff McKinney

BAKER, Ore., Nov. 8 (Special)—Sheriff Henry McKinney, of Baker, was re-elected here by more than 1,800 majority over his opponent, Baker county also elected Mr. Perkins as county commissioner.

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Herbert Hoover, president-elect of the United States, surrounded by his family at their Washington home. Seated beside him is Mrs. Hoover. Standing are Herbert Hoover Jr. (left), Mrs. Herbert Hoover Jr., and Allan H. Hoover.

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By the Associated Press
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States carried—Hoover 40; Smith 8 (Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Rhode Island, South Carolina).

Popular vote (incomplete)—Hoover, 18,299,708; Smith 12,089,092; Hoover plurality, 6,210,616. In 1924 Coolidge had 15,724,916; Davis 8,285,591; La Follette 4,822,850.

Fourteen large cities—Hoover 85; Smith 8. Hoover won Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Smith won New York, Cleveland, St. Louis, Boston, San Francisco, Newark.

Total vote in these cities: Smith 2,420,762; Hoover 3,315,070.

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IN TEXAS GROWSWisconsin G. O. P. Victory
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By the Associated Press
The presidential election of 1928 was passing into history today leaving in its wake the greatest electoral majority ever cast for any candidate.

The full measure of the overwhelming victory which sent even ruck-ridden democratic states into Hoover's column was still to be completely ascertained, but from returns which rapidly were becoming complete it was evident that the new president will come into office with the greatest electoral majority in all history and with a popular vote exceeding any before it.

The only post-election contribution of Governor Smith has been an announcement that he is through with politics after a generation in public life. He expressed his gratitude to those who have stood with him and declared that never again would he run for public office.

President-Elect Hoover has expressed his appreciation of the vote given him Tuesday and has replied to message of congratulation from President Coolidge and Governor Smith.

TEXAS RETURNS
DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 8 (AP)—Returns to the Texas election bureau at 9 a. m. today from 250 of 253 counties, including 86 complete, gave Smith 310,592; Hoover, 247,586.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 8 (AP)—Returns from 6,186 of the 6,371 districts in Pennsylvania show the lead of Herbert Hoover slowly growing his lead to now 344,475 over Governor Smith. The total vote received by Hoover 1,961,664; Smith 1,615,185.

WISCONSIN IN G. O. P. HANDS
MILWAUKEE, Nov. 8 (AP)—An all republican representation in congress for Wisconsin was assured today when the complete unofficial returns from the fifth congressional district showed Representative Victor L. Berger, the socialist, had been defeated for reelection by his erstwhile republican opponent, William H. Stafford.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8 (AP)—With only 176 precincts in Illinois to be heard from President-Elect Hoover had a lead of 421,350 votes over Governor Smith today.

Cook county with only three precincts missing, out of the total 3,262, gave Hoover 59,502 votes of his total 1,712,241 in the state, and Smith 712,942 of his state total of 1,291,191.

CALIFORNIA RETURNS
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 8 (AP)—The popularity of President-Elect Herbert Hoover and Senator Hiram W. Johnson in their home state was accredited largely today to the one-sided victory they achieved in California. Hoover often is referred to as California's "favorite son."

The life of Senator Johnson likewise has been intimately associated with California. He has served as Governor of the state.

The overwhelming majority which California gave Hoover and Johnson was shown by late election returns. Final unofficial returns as tabulated by the Associated Press for 8451 precincts out

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GANG RESORTS
TO TORTURE
IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Nov. 8 (AP)—Torture by the "beatniks" of the city has been reported to have been increased in the face of a new law which has been passed to make an enemy "beatnik."