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OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Thursday, showers in the southwest portion and local rains and snows east portion tonight. Cooler in east portion tonight.

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KIDNAPER OF GIRL IS FOUND GUILTY

BUD METCALF TO SERVE 20 YEARS IN PEN

Elgin Man Sentenced After Conviction on Child Stealing Charge

CASE TRIED AT ENTERPRISE, ORE.

Deer Hunters Indicted; Harry Newberg, Fred Black to Face Jury on December 3

James "Bud" Metcalf, of Elgin, who was arrested Sept. 2 on a charge of child stealing, was found guilty and sentenced to 20 years in the state penitentiary by Judge Elwall, circuit judge for Multnomah county, in the court house at Enterprise. The jury returned the verdict after deliberating from 9 o'clock last night to 12:30 this morning. The case began at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Carl Helm, Union county district attorney, prosecuted the case which was tried at Enterprise due to a change of venue which had previously been granted. Green and Hess, of La Grande, were attorneys for the defendant.

Metcalf was apprehended at his cabin in a wooded section near Elgin by Sheriff Jesse Brashears, assisted by Marshal Hallgarth, of Elgin. After placing Metcalf under arrest, the sheriff started to hunt for the child, 12-year-old Nina Cass, who had been abducted from her home nearly a month before. In answer to his call, the girl ran from a nearby plot, where Metcalf had made her remain. Taken there during the darkness, she had been unable to escape and knew nothing of her actual position. She also accused Metcalf of mistreating her.

Deer Hunters Indicted

Three grand jury indictments were returned Saturday by the Wallowa county jury. Harry Newberg and Fred Black were indicted each on a charge of second degree murder. Their trial was set for Dec. 3, in Enterprise. The men were arrested on a charge of shooting and killing Leonard Olsen, Lostine farmer, when they alleged they mistook him for a deer. They entered pleas of not guilty yesterday.

An indictment was returned against Frank Hoffman, who was charged with shooting and killing Mr. Nichols at Minam when he was mistaken him for a deer, charging him with involuntary manslaughter. He entered a plea of not guilty, yesterday.

TWO DINNERS TO BE SERVED AT MT. GLEN

In connection with the dedication of the new recreation hall recently erected by the church of the Latter Day Saints at Mt. Glen, this coming Friday evening, the ladies of the church are planning to serve the public with two dinners. In response to a special request from La Grande merchants the first dinner will be served at seven o'clock and the second dinner will be served at nine o'clock. The dinners will be served in the church which adjoins the new hall, while the latter will accommodate the dance which will be held all during the evening.

The cooks of that section of the Grande Ronde valley have arranged a menu which should appeal to the most fastidious, it is asserted. Roast chicken will be the piece de resistance, and accompanying the chicken will be home-made noodles, vegetables, relishes, jellies, hot biscuits, huckleberry and pineapple cream pie, pumpkin pie and other delicies of food making a long, long array.

The new hall, which has been under construction for several months, is a very attractive building, and, it is said, will meet all the civic and social needs of that active community. It makes the third building of the center, the church adjoining it and the school house across the road. It has been very substantially built, principally of volunteer labor and has been well planned.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—46 above.
Minimum—38 above.
Condition—Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 57, minimum 28 above.
Condition—Cloudy.

WEATHER NOV. 14, 1927
Maximum 43, minimum 26 above.
Condition—Rain, .14 of inch.

School Rumors Ridiculous, Says Board Chairman

Robert S. Eakin Speaks at Rotary Club Luncheon; Armistice Day Program Is Also Held

Asking La Grande's citizens to help spike some of the ridiculous rumors regarding the high school fire and the plans of the school board, Robert S. Eakin, president of the board, spoke briefly concerning the school situation at the Rotary club meeting today at the La Grande hotel. An Armistice day program occupied the majority of the luncheon hour.

Mr. Eakin said that one rumor was to the effect that the fire started from a cigaret butt thrown on the stage by students who were practicing late Friday night. On the contrary, he said that the building was locked up, no rehearsals were held during the entire evening and neither students nor faculty members were in the building after 6:30 o'clock Friday night.

He also said that it was rumored the board planned to tear down the old building and build a new structure from the ground up. He said that this was ridiculous on its face and that no such plans had been considered by the board.

Armistice Day Talk

Preceding Mr. Eakin's brief talk, was a discussion of the significance of Armistice day by Harley Richardson, two appropriate songs rendered very pleasingly by Ray Williams with Mrs. Williams at the piano, and a reminiscence of the period leading up to Armistice day as experienced by Joe Longfellow.

Representatives of the high school student body urged the support of the high school lyceum course and Sherwood Williams urged a 100 per cent membership in the national Red Cross.

H. F. Matthews presided for the program committee.

Club Women Of La Grande Help In Market Work

Two hundred questionnaires are being distributed by the La Grande Neighborhood club members as part of the home market survey which is being conducted in Union county by the Oregon State college and the federal economics bureau. Through the questionnaires information will be secured which will make known the kinds of fresh food stuffs which are used and the sources from which they are obtained by the housewives in this county.

A similar survey is being conducted among the producers of the county. The two sets of information will be coordinated with the assistance of the Union county chamber of commerce, to find out whether or not the fresh food stuffs are being produced in the county to supply the demand, or whether the housekeeper is finding it necessary to buy certain articles of food from outside sources.

In the food survey questionnaire are included dairy and poultry products, fruits, vegetables, and meats. The survey is to be ended by Nov. 30, it is said.

First Snow Of Fall May Come During Evening

Possibility that the first snowfall of the season in La Grande will come tonight was indicated by the official weather forecast issued in Portland today, and received by The Observer from the Associated Press.

The forecast predicted local rains and snows in Eastern Oregon tonight with colder weather.

The first snowfall of last November came just before Armistice day, a check of 1927 local weather records revealed. The fall, noted as a "trace," was too slight to measure.

The entire Pacific coast region is included in a general forecast from San Francisco today, indicating general rains and snow in the mountain districts.

Vote Abstract Is Given On Page 8

An official abstract of the Union county vote in the general election held Tuesday, Nov. 6, is given on page 8 of today's issue of The Observer. The abstract includes only the important national, state, county and city races and the more important measures.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 14 (AP)—Fire in the basement of the Hilgh Hotel building today caused damage estimated at $25,000, mostly covered by insurance. About $15,000 of the loss was suffered by the Hilgh billiard hall. The cause of the fire was not found out.

RECLAMATION LINKED WITH FARM RELIEF

Speaker at Salem Convention Believes Settlement Efforts too Ambitious

LIVING PRICE FOR FARMER IS NEED

Other Activities Should Be in Accordance With Demand, Is Claim; Baker Wants Convention

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 14 (AP)—Real estate men, newspapers and chambers of commerce should bend their efforts to protecting the people already in the farming business, rather than working to get more people on the land, Senator Sam H. Brown, of Marion county, president of the Oregon Drainage association, told the State Reclamation Congress in his annual address here today.

"Let the farmer get a good market for his produce," said Brown, "and at once the unscrupulous real estate man begins to exploit the land, and the newspapers and chambers of commerce get busy trying to bring in more settlers. These activities should be in accordance with the demand for the farmer's produce."

Urges "Living Price"

Brown declared that the farmer should be guaranteed a living price for his produce, declaring that that would solve the settlement question.

"People are not going to settle on our irrigation projects until they are sure of a decent living", he said. "We have a public service commission that guarantees a paying return to utility companies by fixing the price that the consumers of electricity or the users of telephones must pay. The farmer should have the same consideration."

He declared that the fact that a fair price in one locality depends on a crop failure in some other is proof that the farmers are producing all the market will stand.

Percy A. Cupper, former state engineer, told the convention that reclamation is perhaps the most important question before the An-

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WOMEN ORGANIZE BUSINESS CLUB

Miss Mozelle Hair, State President, At Dinner Meeting Last Night

The Business and Professional Women's club of La Grande, which during the summer months discontinued regular meetings, held the first meeting of the fall season last night at the La Grande hotel when Miss Mozelle Hair, state president of the federation of business and professional women's clubs, was present.

The session was held for the purpose of starting plans for the affiliation of the local club with the national federation.

The national organization has a membership of 500 chapters throughout the United States. The advantages of affiliation with such a group were pointed out by Miss Hair, who told about the work that many of the clubs are doing to improve business, civic, educational and social conditions among the women of their communities.

Leadership Important

"The development of leadership among women is one of the most important functions of such a club," Miss Hair said, "for it is leadership more than anything else which is needed if the conditions of women in the working world is to be improved."

Other important work that the professional women's club does is to stimulate friendship, provide recreation and to help the younger

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Lyceum Number To Be In M. E. Church

The performance of Frys & company, originians, who are to appear as the first of a series of lyceum numbers sponsored by the La Grande High school student body next Monday, will be held at the First Methodist church. Seats will be on reserve at Glass Drugs after 3 o'clock the morning of Nov. 19, it is announced.

Inventor Victim Of Radium Paint Fatal To Women

Dr. Sabin von Sochocky Dies in East Orange—Recalls Settlement of Million Dollar Suit

EAST ORANGE, N. J., Nov. 14 (AP)—Dr. Sabin von Sochocky, died today, a victim of the luminous paint which he had invented for the painting of watch dials in the plant of the United States Radium corporation, formerly located in Orange. Deaths of a half dozen women, who were employed in the plant to paint watch dials, have been attributed to the assimilation of radio active substances.

A plastic anemia was given as the cause of the inventor's death. He had been ill for several months and 11 blood transfusions had been resorted to in an effort to save his life.

Last May the United States Radium corporation allowed five women, alleged to be suffering from the same poisoning, the sum of $10,000 each, annuities of $600 each and the cost of legal expenses and medical treatment.

Settlement Made

The allowances were made in settlement of suits for $1,250,000. Physicians said today that deposits of radio-active matter in the bones of the victim had stilled the action of the blood supply agencies of the body and caused death.

Dr. von Sochocky was technical director of the United States Radium corporation. He had been associated for many years with institutions using radium in the treatment of disease.

He was 45 years old and a native of Austria. He came to the United States 12 years ago and invented his formula for luminous point in 1920.

Kay in Favor Of Income Tax Plan

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 14 (AP)—A statement from State Treasurer Thomas B. Kay, favoring enactment of an income tax with a property tax offset by the legislature to be submitted to the people, is printed today by the Portland Telegram. Kay said he believed such a measure would produce $1,125,000, enough to get the state out of debt, and that it would be framed to avoid objection that it would cause double taxation.

Argentina Storm Damage Is Great

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina Nov. 14 (AP)—Heavy loss of life and damage are reported from the region of Villa Maria, railway center, which was struck by a tornado yesterday. Eighteen persons are known to be dead in Villa Maria with the number of dead and injured in neighboring towns undetermined.

Villa Maria was partly in ruins today while nine other nearby towns had suffered much damage.

Property loss was estimated at $1,500,000.

HOOVER WILL VISIT MEXICO ON HIS TOUR

Itinerary of Good-will Journey Is Not Yet Definitely Given

ALTERNATE PLANS ARE CONSIDERED

President-elect Receiving Callers Today; William J. Donovan Among His Visitors

By James L. West
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Nov. 14 (AP)—Herbert Hoover will visit Mexico during the good-will tour of Latin America, upon which he will embark next Monday from San Pedro, but whether it will be the first or the last of the republics on the itinerary is yet to be decided.

Alternate plans are under consideration one calling for a stop at Acapulco en route to South America, and the other for a call at Vera Cruz on the return trip from Rio De Janeiro to Florida. Should the call be made at Acapulco, which is about 300 miles almost due south of Mexico City, President Calles and Dwight W. Morrow, the American ambassador probably will welcome the president-elect there during a one-day stay of the good-will ship, the battleship Maryland.

May Visit Capital

While all details of the itinerary of the Latin-America trip still are being carefully guarded, it is the belief here that he would prefer to make an official call upon the President at Mexico City, since he will call on the presidents of the other republics in their capitals.

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HIGHWAYS TO BE BUILT BY FEDERAL AID

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 14 (AP)—The State Highway Commission decided late yesterday to get as much federal aid as possible on Oregon roads. The government money will be used to improve 70 miles of the Siuslaw highway, 257 miles of the Central Oregon road, 24 miles on the Salmon river route, 101 miles on the Wapinitia highway, 57 miles between Corvallis and Newport and 82 miles on the Klamath Falls-Lakeview road.

The commission agreed to cooperate on a project on the Roosevelt highway north of Gardner in Douglas county.

A hearing was set for December 11, at 2 p. m., at Roseburg, for the application for the creating of the Diamond Lake - North Umpqua highway improvement association. All three commissioners will be present.

Persons From All Ranks of Life On Death List of Liner Vestris

NEW YORK, Nov. 14 (AP)—Persons from all ranks of life, many of them prominent in their fields, are among the missing passengers of the ill-fated liner Vestris.

Among them are:

Major Yoshio Inouye, en route to Buenos Aires to assume the post of Japanese consul. Mrs. Inouye was picked up by the battleship Wyoming.

Earl F. De Vore and Norman K. Batten, automobile racing drivers, who were on their way to South America to take part in a number of meets. De Vore had with him his $40,000 racing machine, the "Nickle Plate Special." De Vore lived at Altoona, Pa., and Batten at Dayton, O.

Charles M. Henratin, mining engineer who for many years was manager of the Kimberly diamond mines in South Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fletcher of San Francisco, the former a foreign trade expert who was en route to Buenos Aires to take charge of the South American sales force of the Caterpillar Tractor company.

Mrs. O. F. Bercus, wife of the manager of the Buenos Aires branch of the First National Bank of Boston, who with her husband was returning to Argentina after a three months honeymoon in this country.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brownfield, of Louisville, Ky., who were on a three months trip to Brazil where Brownfield was to introduce the product of the Kentucky Rock asphalt company of which he was chief engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Leuthauser, of Jersey City, who were bound for the Argentine to seek their fortune.

Sidney S. Koppe, New York advertising agent for a number of South American publications.

Mrs. S. J. Goodman, who was returning her husband in Barbadoes, where he is manager of a sugar plantation, after visiting her son, Louis Goodman of White Plains, N. Y.

Mrs. Margaret Dougherty of Philadelphia, who was en route to Buenos Aires to visit her daughter.

Mrs. John Mills, of Los Angeles, a widely traveled tourist, 65 years old and the widow of the Rev. John M. Mills, formerly a pastor at Evanston, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jackson, missionaries of Richmond, Va., and their son, Cary, who were returning to South America after a several months' visit to this country.

Vincenzo Morvi, of Philadelphia, who was on his way to Buenos Aires to attend the marriage of his sister.

Isaac Nahon of the Benos correspondent agency of New York who had postponed an earlier booking on the Rhur American Legion.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Franke and two children, a daughter 21, and a son, eight. Mr. Franke was en route to Buenos Aires to take over the branch there of Koetting Brothers, manufacturers of compressor engines, of Hanover, Germany.

Two families with three children each were among the missing third class passengers,, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Alleyne, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mr. James Headley, negress, formerly of New York.

ENDS TRYST

Walter L. Liggett, below, faces charges of murder after the shooting of Turney M. Cunningham, of Nashville, Tenn. Liggett gave himself up to police after the shooting, which followed an alleged secret tryst between Liggett and Mrs. Cunningham, top. Police said Mrs. Cunningham admitted secret meetings with Liggett over a period of two years.

APPLE CROP IS ABOVE AVERAGE

Nation's Yield Estimated at 34,441,000 Barrels; Spud Crop Also Large

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 14 (AP)—The apple crop of the United States in 1928 has been estimated by the department of agriculture at 34,441,000 barrels, compared with 26,300,000 barrels in 1927, and 33,700,000 for five-year average. One barrel is equivalent to three bushels.

Oregon's 1928 crop is estimated at 1,800,000 barrels, the 1927 crop was 975,000 barrels, and the five-year average was 1,454,2000. Figures for the same periods for Washington: 10,320,000 for 1928; 7,434,000 for 1927, and 8,125,000 five-year average. Idaho: 1,264,000; 1,400,000; 1,325,000.

Total potato production this year in the United States was estimated at 465,654,000 bushels, compared with 400,954,000 for 1927, and 337,776,000 five year average.

Oregon's 1928 potato crop is estimated at 6,240,00; bushels compared with 6,240,000 1927, and 4,265,000 for five-year average. Washington 9,950,000 for 1928, 13,450,000 for 1927, 8,997,000 five-year average; Idaho, 19,320,000; 24,350,000; 13,728,000.

ATTEMPT MADE TO KILL TORAL IN DEATH CELL

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 14 (AP)—Prevented from taking the life of Jose De Leon Toral, assassin of General Alvaro Obregon, Captain Jesus Obregon 28, last night took his own life. An extraordinary heavy guard was placed today about Toral's cell. He is under sentence of death.

Police described Captain Obregon, who is a nephew of the slain president-elect, as mentally unbalanced.

Although only his parents have been allowed to visit Toral, Captain Obregon gained admission to the penitentiary because he was well known to the authorities there.

Cooke Case Given To Jurors Today

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 14 (AP)—The case of James P. Cooke, former president of the defunct bond house of Overbeck & Cooke, charged with larceny by embezzlement, went to the jury today.

Al Smith Urges Nation To Back New President

Defeated Candidate Also Broadcasts Appeal to Democrats to Continue Constructive Work

NEW YORK, Nov. 14 (AP)—After broadcasting an appeal to the democratic party to develop and present to congress a constructive national program, Governor Alfred E. Smith today was intent on golf in the south.

Accompanied by a few friends he will have a two weeks' vacation near Biloxi, Miss.

The governor, in his speech, which was broadcast over 23 radio stations, also urged that Herbert Hoover—although he did not mention him by name—be given the co-operation of every citizen in the development of a program calculated to promote the welfare and best interests of the country.

"It must be remembered," said the governor, that while political parties may seriously divide public opinion throughout the country during the progress of a campaign, after the American people have made their decision the man selected is not the president of the republican party, but is the president of the United States.

"He is the president of all the people and as such he is entitled to the cooperation of every citizen in the development of a program calculated to promote the welfare and best interests of this country."

The governor denied the election was a "crushing defeat" for the democratic party, which he asserted was still "a live, a vigorous and a forceful major minority party."

The existence of such a party he declared necessary to serve as a check upon the majority party.

SMITH GIVEN PRAISE

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., Nov. 14 (AP)—Gov. Alfred E. Smith's message to the American people last night will do much to bring unity to the democratic party, in the opinion of Franklin D. Roosevelt who is spending a month's vacation at his winter home here.

After listening in on the radio address broadcast from New York, the governor-elect of New York declared that "every American, regardless of party will agree with the clear statement of Governor Smith in regard to or obligation of loyalty as Americans to the president of the United States."

Pacific Coast Faces General Rain, Some Snow

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14 (AP)—The Pacific coast from Seattle to San Diego today faced the prospect of a general rain, with snow in the mountains on the tail of a storm which caused some inconvenience to shipping and local damage yesterday.

Gusts of high wind at nightfall forced four vessels to return to San Francisco after clearing for coast ports. The wind moderated later, but torrential showers swept the city at intervals, causing some damage. Oakland was left in darkness for a time due to the breaking of power wires in the storm.

All electric trains were halted temporarily. Sewers were flooded and stores were awash here.

Trees were uprooted, telephone and power poles blown down, and other minor damage done in most of the communities around San Francisco bay. Telephone and telegraph communication throughout North California was interrupted, and wires to Oregon and Washington experienced considerable trouble. Heavy snowfall was reported from mountain districts from Central California northward.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 14 (AP)—Seven inches of snow was reported on McKenzie pass and 15 inches of snow at Anna Spring camp, blocking the Medford-Klamath Falls loop highway.

Woman Indicted on Charge of Murder

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 14 (AP)—Dorcasse De Selve, of San Francisco, was indicted today by the county grand jury on a charge of first degree murder for shooting to death Gilbert Plato in the dining salon of the River Melodie here last Thursday. After her arrest she told police she intended to kill herself and turned the weapon on Plato when he laughed at her. She said he had made her false promises of marriage.

ADMITS SLAYING

RICHMOND, Cal., Nov. 14 (AP)—Police announced here that Robert Jackson, ex-convict who has been working at Benicia, in Humboldt county, had confessed the killing of Mrs. Lucile Rowland, 34, whose body was found in a ravine near here Monday.

CAPTAIN IS BLAMED FOR SEA TRAGEDY

Experienced Master, A Passenger, Charges Him With Criminal Neglect

MANY SURVIVORS OF LINER IN PORT

Friendly Gulf Stream Responsible for Saving Many Lives After Vestris Went Down

NEW YORK, Nov. 14 (AP)—Through the joy over the 220 passengers and sailors saved and sorrow for the 108 lost when the Vestris went down at sea Monday, a strong note of criticism predominated as the survivors reached New York today.

Stories of the weary passengers, some of them slowly recovering from hours in the water, blamed Captain William J. Carey, late master of the Lamport & Holt liner for the extent of the disaster. Passengers and sailors joined in praising the captain as a brave sailor while many indicted him on charges of bad seamanship.

The tragedy of the disaster, if the passengers and sailors are correct in their summing up, was that the calls were sent too late.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14 (AP)—Definite word of the death of Captain William J. Carey, master of the Vestris, was brought today by the rescue ship Berlin.

The last words of Captain Carey were:

"Hell, no! You jump!"

They were brought to New York today by Alfred Duncan, of Liverpool, one of the Vestris stewards, who was on the Berlin.

He and the captain, he said, were the last to leave the ship.

"We stood by the railing," he said, "and all the lifeboats had gone. We were the last to jump."

"Jump," he said.

"You'd better jump, sir," I said.

"Hell, no! You jump!" he said.

"I jumped then, and I think he jumped after me. But I never saw him again."

Captain Criticized.

Criticisms of Captain Carey, master of the Vestris, were voiced today by some of the 125 survivors of the liner who reached port on the American Shipper.

Rescued passengers and members of the crew alike were rather severe in their references to the captain's delay in sending out the first S O S on Monday morning and in ordering the lifeboats out.

Not a life would have been lost, passengers said, had the boats been safe and properly equipped, or had they been launched before the awkward listing of the ship. The sharp angle which she took made every descent into a life craft a trip of terror and confusion, it was said.

Pale, Drawn Faces

The experience they had been through was written sharply on the pale, drawn faces of the survivors brought by the American Shipper. Several passengers had had medical attention, especially those who had been long exposed to wind and water as they awaited rescue in the lifeboats.

Some said that the friendly gulf stream had been responsible for the saving of many lives, for the water that drenched their clothing was warm.

Captain Frederick Sorenson, a passenger of the Vestris who holds a master's license, was particularly bitter in his criticism of what he called the "criminal neglect"

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LARGE LIQUOR STILL SEIZED BY POLICEMEN

PORTLAND Ore., Nov. 14 (AP)—The largest still ever seized in Portland was found by police last night in a house at East Fourteenth street North and Knott street, in the Irvington district. When officers raided the house it took them ten minutes to halt the still, and in that time it produced two gallons of alcohol.

Approximately 13,000 gallons of rye mash in large vats in the attic was confiscated. Thousands of bottles, pints, quarts and gallons, several score sacks of sugar, many boxes of corks, pressure tanks, tubes, hundreds of gunny sacks and other paraphernalia also were seized. Three men and a woman were said to have fled before the officers arrived. No arrests were made. Police found indications that the still had been in operation at least two months.