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La Grande Evening Observer

THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair, cool, unsettled
with partial fog and drizzle
tonight. Warmer in the interior
tonight.

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CLASSES TO BE HELD IN 4 BUILDINGS

High School Students to
Return to Their Work
Wednesday Morning

WORKMEN BEGIN ON ROOF TODAY

Permit for \$10,000 Taken
Out by W. Vedder;
Grade School Classes
Begin This Morning

High school, on reopening Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, will be held in four buildings, all located as close together as could be arranged. It was announced today by Principal E. D. Towler, who has completed the program of class assignments.

The L. P. S. Recreation hall, the tabernacle, the basement of the Episcopal church and Homan hall will be used for the high school. The principal's office will be located in the model dining room of the home economics building.

The arrangement of the basement recreation room in the Recreation hall will be used as the assembly room and a teacher's and girls' rest room will also be located in this building. There will also be three class rooms. The following teachers will have classes there: Mrs. J. T. Longfellow, Miss Annadown Lee, Miss Eleanor E. Vernon, R. W. Christie and Miss Eleanor Glass. Miss Vernon is girls' advisor and A. G. S. headquarters will also be in this building. The school education classes will be conducted in the upstairs gym, which will also be used as an auditorium.

In the tabernacle rooms 21, 22, 23 and 27 and the stage and assembly room will be available. Miss Genevieve Hannon, Arnold Graham, Miss Alta B. Little, Miss Taylor E. Holt, Miss Dorothy Kierke, Mrs. Weaver and Miss Allen Kibbey will have their classes in the tabernacle.

The commercial department, under Miss Florence Williams and Mrs. Bertha E. Hays, will be conducted in the Episcopal church.

Miss Carolyn Remann and Miss Ethel Bickford will have classes on the first floor and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Thomas will have classes on the second floor of the Homan hall.

Grade Classes Begin

This morning the three grade school classes which had been held in the high school, which was damaged by fire the evening of Friday, Nov. 9, started to school in the Presbyterian church basement.

Workmen are already busy on the job of putting a new roof over the high school building. W. Vedder took out a \$10,000 permit late last week for this work, which, incidentally, brought the year's permits to \$274,448.

100 TAKE PART IN SHOOT HELD AT LONE TREE

One hundred La Grande men took part in the Meco club turkey shoot at Lone Tree yesterday with about 200 spectators in attendance. Roy Forrester took high honors with 11, Smith and Dr. E. G. McCall tying for second.

A luncheon was served by the women of the club. Next Sunday the same Walton league is sponsoring a turkey shoot.

K. P. DISTRICT MEETING HERE THIS EVENING

Tonight the Knights of Pythias of Union county will hold a district meeting at the local K. P. hall in honor of Stanton Rorvick, of Grants Pass, grand chancellor of Oregon, and Walter Gleson, of Portland, grand keeper of records and seals, who arrived in the city this morning.

At 8:20 o'clock a banquet will be held at the Rurawaw Inn.

After the banquet the ladies' meeting will take place and a class of classes will be initiated.

Ladies from all over the county have been extended invitations to attend.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m., 24 above,
High 26, low 18, clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 18, minimum 13
above, clear.

WEATHER NOV. 19, 1927

Maximum 63, minimum 40
above, rain, 1.0 of inch.

New Testament Crusade Closes Here on Sunday

Many Interesting Services
Held in Churches of La
Grande; Congregations
Reported Large

The two-week New Testament crusade at the Central Church of Christ came to an end last night with the church filled with a capacity crowd. The Rev. R. L. Putnam's sermon was on "The Devil's Whitewash Brush" in which he treated on many of the excuses given for not becoming Christians which he had met in personal work.

Another feature of the meeting last night was a pageant, "The Rejected City," which many said was the best of the series that have been given under the leadership of Mrs. Putnam.

Saturday night's service was on "God's Unchanging Law" and a pageant was given entitled, "Sowing and Reaping."

Many Take Part

During the series of meetings nearly 100 persons have taken part in illustrated songs, pageants and pageants. A. P. Nelson has been in charge of the lighting and decorations.

Sunday night quite a large delegation was in attendance from La Grande with several visitors also coming from Union.

Many other very interesting services were held in churches of La Grande yesterday, including those at the Presbyterian church, the First M. E. Church, the Episcopal church, the English Lutheran church and others. The congregations were large in each case.

Senior Play To Attract Large Crowd Nov. 21-22

The La Grande High school senior class play to be given Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week, promises to be one of the most interesting and entertaining of plays ever produced by the local high school, according to reports.

"The Dams," the title of the play, is widely recognized as one of the best plays suitable for high school production.

The play has been rehearsed in costume and each of the characters now has his part well in hand. Last week the play cast journeyed to Union where several of the members talked to the student body of the Union high school and succeeded in creating a considerable amount of interest, so it is expected that a large delegation from that high school will attend the play at the Arcade theater.

Since the play is to be held in the theater instead of at the high school auditorium as previously planned, there are more tickets to be sold as the seating capacity of the theater is larger.

The ticket sellers, headed by Franklin Eberhard, are making a strong effort to sell every seat in the house.

Merrill Giffin, of Los Angeles, was bruised Sunday morning when his car was crowded from the highway and tipped over when she started to pass another machine.

Two or three minor traffic accidents were also reported to police.

Gehring Charged With Possession

C. Gehring, charged with possession of liquor, is in jail today following his arrest Saturday by the local police. H. E. Dixon, acting as city judge in the absence of C. M. Humphreys, who is out of town, placed Gehring's bonds at \$200 cash, which had not been raised this morning.

Parachute Saves Airmail Pilot

BROOKVILLE, Pa., Nov. 19 (AP)—The airmail pilot, who was rescued after being crashed to earth by a parachute, had a new member today.

He is Paul F. "Doc" Collins, airmail pilot on the National Transport company's Cleveland to New York line who landed 4000 feet to safety when his Douglas biplane became disabled while "flouting a line" over mountainous section of Northwest Pennsylvania about 9 a. m. yesterday.

HOOVER ON INITIAL LEG OF JOURNEY

Leaves Stanford for San
Pedro, Where He Em-
barks for South

MRS. HOOVER AND ALLAN WITH HIM

President-elect's Goodwill
Mission to Southern Re-
publics Has No Prece-
dent in History

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Nov. 19 (AP)—Herbert Hoover arrived here at 9:40 o'clock this morning from Palo Alto and went immediately aboard the battleship Maryland for his good will trip to South America.

The president-elect was met at his train by Admiral William V. Pratt, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Coast battleship and a group of other naval officials who escorted him to the admiral's launch, which put off immediately down the bay to the battleship.

Five minutes later there were a series of booming blasts and various battleships in the harbor fired the presidential salute of 21 guns.

By James L. West
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

HOOVER TRAIN, EN ROUTE TO SAN PEDRO, CAL., Nov. 19 (AP)—Bound on a good will mission for which there is no precedent in American history, Herbert Hoover moved today toward San Pedro to embark upon his voyage to South America.

Bidding farewell to the college town that has known him for more than 20 years, since his undergraduate days, the president-elect of the United States boarded his special train at Palo Alto last night for a journey which was to carry him into most of the countries on the western hemisphere and across the breadth of the South American continent before bringing him back to Florida for a month before his inauguration on March 4.

To Visit Corinto

Before him as he boarded the battleship Maryland for the voyage southward down the Pacific coast lay Corinto as the first port of call where he was to pay the first visit that any president or president-elect of the United States has ever made to Nicaragua.

Afterward, although the definite itinerary for the entire trip has not yet been announced, was to come a stop at Balboa for a brief inspection of the Panama Canal, and then the long voyage down the rim of South America to Callao, Peru.

Several Formal Calls

There he will begin the series of formal visits that will mark his

LYCEUM NUMBER AT M. E. CHURCH

First of Series Sponsored
By High School to Be
Given Tonight

Plans and preparations for the Lyceum Company mystery, melody and march performance tonight, are completed. The company has arrived in town and the program will begin promptly at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church auditorium.

The Lyceum program is headed by William Eugene Price, magician and illusionist, who for the last 10 years has been appearing before audiences all over the country.

An expose of alleged fraudulent mediums will be an interesting feature of the program, it is said.

Magical numbers are also promised as a part of the entertainment.

A large crowd is expected to attend the program which is the first of a series of lyceum numbers sponsored by the student body of the La Grande High school.

Labor Federation Plans to Double Membership During the Coming Year

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 19 (AP)—Plans for doubling the membership of the American Federation of Labor in 1929 were put in motion here today at the opening session of the 48th annual convention of the organization.

Hardly had the applause subsided by a series of welcoming addresses by representatives of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana died away before the annual report of the executive council presented the delegates with the slogan "Double Trade Union Membership in 1929."

Paid-up membership for the year ending August, 1928, was 2,828,222, an increase of 31,337 over the previous year, the report said. This number did not include 500,000 who have on strike or unemployed and for whom no taxes were paid to the federation.

Scores Drowned In Heavy Storms In Old Country

Holland, Sweden, England
and Germany All Re-
port Damage; English
Life Loss Greatest

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Nov. 19 (AP)—Three members of the crew of 14 killed by the Swedish vessel Malmo were drowned today, when the ship went aground near Ameland Island.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Nov. 19 (AP)—Many ships, foundered off the coast in the violent storm that raged over Sweden during the weekend. No loss of life was reported.

SWANSEA, Wales, Nov. 19 (AP)—Fear that the gale which swept over England, there was no sign today of a recurrence of the gale damage done by the storm was being repaired and communications restored.

Restoration of communications added five to the known deaths when it was learned that many members of the crew of the small Liverpool schooner Mary Ann were drowned when the vessel was driven on the Dulka rocks. John Woodier, a youth of 17, was the only member of the crew who succeeded in escaping.

LONDON, Nov. 19 (AP)—With 41 killed in the storm which swept over England, there was no sign today of a recurrence of the gale damage done by the storm was being repaired and communications restored.

HAMBURG, Germany, Nov. 19 (AP)—With delayed advices today telling of the havoc wrought by Saturday's hurricane in North-western Germany, the Hamburg meteorological station forecast the approach of another storm center.

Several vessels were sunk. These included a motor ship, the fate of whose crew was not determined and whose home port was not known. The battleship Weser was driven from its moorings and stranded on the island of Wangerooge. Several fishing cutters were carried hundreds of yards inland.

The gale attained a velocity of 74 miles an hour and caused a three foot rise in the tide.

IMBLER TO BE
HOST TUESDAY
TO CHAMBER

The Union county chamber of commerce will be entertained at luncheon tomorrow noon at Imbler at a meeting sponsored by the Imbler Parent-Teacher association.

A program of music, readings and talks will be featured. The meeting is held at a token of good will between the two groups.

R. M. Haley, of Oregon State college, at Corvallis, will report on the progress which is being made in the market survey in Union county. Mr. Haley has been in the county working on the program for some time and will discuss the type of cooperation needed for the survey, its purpose and value.

BANK EMPLOYE SUICIDES

HILLSBORO, Ore., Nov. 19 (AP)—Standing in his cage in the Commercial National bank this morning, James Woods, assistant cashier, shot himself through the head. He died at a hospital an hour later.

LOYD GEORGE ILL

LONDON, Nov. 19 (AP)—Lloyd George, the liberal leader, was confined to his home today with a chill. He has expelled all engagements for the next few days.

TESTIMONY OF REPORT FROM
WESTERN NOVEMBER 12

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (AP)—Although it had been here for 17 hours, water taking water faster than it could be pumped out and was slowly forcing over on its side, the steamer Vesuvius reported to a sister ship at 2 o'clock last Monday morning that it had "nothing to report" a witness testified at the federal inquiry today.

It appeared that the vessel was damaged by fire and was slowly sinking.

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They were Mrs. Wanda Bismarck, wife of a bank house on State, and her unmarried sister, Creta Bismarck.

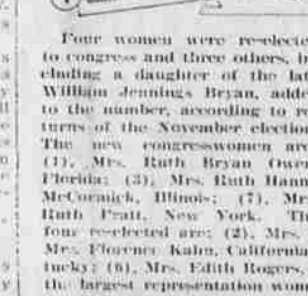
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THEY'RE ELECTED TO CONGRESS



Four women were re-elected to congress and three others, including a daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan, added to the number, according to returns of the November election.

The new congresswomen are: (1) Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, Florida; (2) Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormack, Illinois; (3) Mrs. Ruth Pratt, New York. The four re-elected are: (4) Mrs. Mary T. Norton, New Jersey; (5) Mrs. Florence Kahn, California; (6) Mrs. John W. Langley, Kentucky; (7) Mrs. Edith Rogers, Massachusetts. They will make up the largest representation women have ever had in congress.

Olmstead And
Wheeler Losers
In Case Appeal

The United States circuit court of appeals here today affirmed the decision of the Oregon district court in finding guilty John E. Olmstead, a large stockholder, and Wheeler, a large stockholder, indicted for conspiracy to defraud the Northwestern National Bank of Portland, Ore. They were convicted on a charge of misapplication of \$25,000 of the bank's funds.

Olmstead, who was president and director of the bank, and Wheeler, a customer, and one of the bank's largest stockholders, were indicted by a federal grand jury in Portland in 1927 on charges of conspiring to misapply approximately \$750,000 in bank funds and on 22 other counts alleging misapplication of \$63,000.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19 (AP)—Henry Olmstead was sentenced to five years in prison and John E. Wheeler three years, and each was fined \$1,000 in federal court here following their conviction on 22 counts of misapplication of funds of the Northwestern National Bank.

DR. G. HARDING
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IN SANTA ANA

SANTA ANA, Cal., Nov. 19 (AP)—Dr. George Harding, father of the late President Warren G. Harding, died here this morning as the result of a paralytic stroke last Friday. He was 85 years old.

Dr. Harding, who came here from Marion, O., recently to spend the winter and to be among some of his comrades—Civil War veterans who he had met at the time after the stroke. The paralytic stroke hit him right side and his vocal organs. In the few remaining moments he had after the stroke he was unable to speak.

Mrs. Harding and a daughter, Mrs. Carl V. Harding, of Washington, D. C., were at the bedside as was Mrs. R. H. Rosenberg, a daughter of the aged physician. Dr. Harding had been staying at the Rembrandt hotel.

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Leper Cured By Health Service; Others Rejoice

Men Once Doomed By
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Have Chance to Recov-
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WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (AP)—John Early, the leper, whose love for his native mountains of North Carolina gave health authorities much trouble and newspapers much copy, is going home again.

But this time he goes not as a fugitive from a leper's asylum, but with the benediction of the authorities. The United States public health service has announced that Early "has recovered" and will be released sometime in November from the national leper home in Carville, La.

And remembering the time when the burial service was read in English churches over lepers after the dread malady was discovered, those at the leper home still suffering from the disease will send Early out with economic sympathy of the joy of men once doomed who have in prospect a reprieve that seems lasting.

The public health service terms Early's case "another triumph in modern medicine." Although he bears on his face and body scars of the disease, he is believed to be well. Periodic tests will be made but there seems scant danger of a relapse. The health service reports that since 1921 only one leper discharged from the Carville institution as cured has suffered a recurrence of the disease. During the last 16 months, 24 patients have been discharged from the leper home as men sound and whole again.

Escaped Frequently

Although Early's frequent escapes from institutions where he was confined caused vexation at the time, health authorities seem inclined to think that his absence without leave was for the best. They credit him with creating sentiment that aided in passing the law placing lepers under the care of the public health service and also credit him with helping keep the country aware of the fact that it had a leprosy problem.

The treatment of leprosy is tedious, the health service said, and the injection of chaulmoogra oil, used in treating the malady, at one time caused excruciating pain. That might have had something to do with the leper's frequent escapes from leper institutions.

Early is 54 years of age but the health service declared "he is of rugged constitution and is expected to remain out a full period of several happy old age."

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 19 (AP)—It will be something of an Enchanted night for John Early if he (Continued on Page 6)

JAMES P. COOKE
FACING PRISON

President of Overbeck and
Cooke Sentenced to
Serve Seven Years

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19 (AP)—James P. Cooke, president of Overbeck & Cooke, stock broker, age house which failed last January, was sentenced today to seven years in prison following his conviction last week of having by embezzlement.

He was convicted in connection with disappearance of funds deposited from sale of bonds for a customer. A county grand jury indicted Cooke, Charles S. Goodwin, vice president, and Howard S. Phillips, secretary. Goodwin pleaded guilty and will be sentenced next week. Phillips pleaded not guilty and his case is yet to be disposed of. The indictment recited that Cooke had embezzled funds of the firm and suffered losses aggregating \$1,500,000.

Cooke's attorney filed motion for a new trial after his sentence was pronounced today.

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Known Death Toll Is Near
20 With Property Dam-
age in the Millions

SNOW FALLS OVER
LARGE TERRITORY

Mississippi and Cumber-
land Rivers on Ram-
page; Relief Agencies
Rush to Aid Refugees

CHICKENVILLE, Ky., Nov. 19 (AP)—The Cumberland river, swollen by 24 hours of rain, went on a rampage in this vicinity today, causing the deaths of three men, driving families living in the lowlands of four communities from their homes and inundating parts of the business district of Nashville, Ky.

QUINCY, Ill., Nov. 19 (AP)—Flood stage of the Mississippi river and its tributaries in Illinois and Missouri today had inundated thousands of acres of corn lands behind broken levees with damage estimated at approximately \$1,000,000.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 19 (AP)—Snow fell generally over the flooded areas of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma today, intensifying the suffering and hardship of thousands of persons driven from their homes by overflows which followed an unprecedented November downpour.

With the known toll of dead and missing standing at a dozen, additional lives were endangered by possible outbreaks of disease expected to follow the severe climatic change which led the temperature in the lower thirties.

National and local relief agencies throughout the flooded section have joined in appeals for the new flood and to aid in rehabilitation of the victims, many of whom will be hard to readjust their living conditions before the advent of severe winter weather.

The property damage today alone in the millions, the principal loss being to crops, livestock and flooded homes and business buildings in widely scattered sections. Italian road companies suffered heavily through damaged roadbeds and bridges, which caused a two-day shutdown of trains on many roads.

With the crest of the flood passing from central and northeastern Kansas uplands the danger was increased in southwestern Kansas where much of the turbulent overflow will leave the state in a few days.

The largest toll of life at a single point came at Ottawa, Kansas, Saturday night when swollen waters exploded a motorboat in which Dr. Ralph Shiras and Dr. J. Ward Smith had been carried on rescue operations. The other victims were Mrs. C. C. Jones and her two small daughters, whom the physicians had removed from their

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U. S. PRODUCES
SIX BILLIONS
IN MINERALS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (AP)—The United States is producing minerals with a value of \$6,000,000,000 annually and is finding employment for a million workers in mines, quarries, coke ovens and metal plants. The figures were made public today by Brent Turner, director of bureau of mines, in connection with his annual report of the year's activities.

About 2,800 men are killed and 200,000 per year injured in mine-tunneling the output, and Mr. Turner described at length the continuing effort of the government, by mine rescue cars by studies above and below surface, to reduce the life and limb cost of the minerals.

Directed Verdict
Request Is Denied