EASTERN OREGON'S LEADING NEWSPAPER—EIGHT PAGES TODAY—FULL ASSOCIATED PRESS LEASED WIRE SERVICE

CITY EDITION

La Grande Evening Observer

THE WEATHER
OREGON — Fair tonight and Wednesday but with considerable cloudiness west portion tonight. Freezing temperature tonight in the east portion.

VOLUME XXVII. MEMBER ASSOCIATED PRESS LA GRANDE, OREGON, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1928. MEMBER ASSOCIATED PRESS NUMBER 49.

EAST NORMAL INSPECTED BY REGENTS

Members Building Committee and Architect View Structure Today

ROOF MAY BE ON BY DECEMBER 20

George Hartman, Charles Starr Pleased With the Basement Under School in La Grande

Entire satisfaction with the progress of the normal school building was expressed by George Hartman, of Pendleton, chairman of the building committee for the board of regents, and Charles Starr of Portland, member of the committee, and John V. Bennes, architect, of Portland, who came to La Grande this morning for a visit of inspection.

The officials spent some time at the new structure and expressed the hope that the roof would be on before severe weather sets in, so that the interior work can go right on through the winter. They went over the building with the construction superintendent, and were told that the final concrete would be poured and the roof on by Dec. 20. It is thought possible that this may be accomplished sooner, however.

Well Satisfied

Mr. Bennes, the architect, said that he was well satisfied with the class of work which is being done, that it was of fine quality and that the building was going up to his entire satisfaction. Both Mr. Starr and Mr. Hartman showed special interest in inspecting the basement of the new building, since the Southern Oregon Normal school at Ashland does not have a basement excavation. The additional room provided in the building here will mean a great deal, according to Mr. Starr. In providing additional facilities unit other buildings can be added to the campus.

Steel Beams on Hand

Construction is progressing as rapidly as possible. The steel beams for the auditorium are already on the ground and the remainder of the exterior work will move ahead speedily.

Mr. Hartman drove to La Grande for the inspection today and was accompanied by Mrs. Hartman.

U. P. TEAMS TO BEGIN COURT WORK SHORTLY

Practice for the winter basketball tournaments is about to begin for members of the La Grande Athletic club of the Union Pacific system. Last year the unit eliminations were held in Portland in February. The date for the eliminations this year has not yet been set. G. E. Walker is chairman of basketball.

The M. I. A. gymnasium may be used two nights a week for the practice and later games will be played with various independent teams about the county.

Bowling practice at Wirtz's bowling alley is scheduled to begin soon. Richard Cook is chairman of this branch of the club's athletics. J. V. Rosenbaum is secretary of the association.

Power Line Work Near Baker Ends

BAKER, Ore., Nov. 20—Construction of the 70-mile electric power line from this city to the Oregon Copper company properties on Balm creek has been completed and the crew of the construction company has returned to La Grande, according to J. H. Kline, general superintendent. The work cost approximately $75,000.

The line was built in record time so the copper company wished power as soon as possible, and nearly a mile a day was constructed.

Employes of the Oregon Copper company are making the electric installation at the mine, and it is expected that the new power unit will be in use in a short time.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—35 above.
Minimum—24 above.
Condition—Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 47, minimum 21 above.
Condition—Clear.

WEATHER NOV. 20, 1927
Maximum 51, minimum 37 above.
Condition—Rain, .36 of inch.

Forum Luncheon Held At Imbler Today At Noon

Dinner Served By P.-T. A. —Robert Haley Tells of Progress of the Home Market Survey

The annual goodwill trip to Imbler for the weekly forum luncheon was made by the chamber of commerce today. About 50 were in attendance and were unanimous in reporting the dinner one of the finest of the season. It was prepared and served by the Imbler Parent-Teacher association.

Frank McKennon presided and the Imbler High school girls' glee club sang several songs and were generously applauded. Miss Edna Baxter, supervisor of music at Imbler, assisted the glee club, singing the verses of some of the songs.

Haley Chief Speaker

Robert Haley, of Corvallis, who is conducting a home market survey in the county, stated that his work is nearing an end. He described the project in general, pointing out the benefits that may result from the survey and the classes of people it will concern.

"Do not expect this survey to be a cure-all," he said, "but it will be a basis for future advancement." He said that the survey will bring together numerous facts which will form the groundwork for progress in marketing and producing local crops.

The dinner was held in the Imbler gymnasium.

Lumber Company Employe Dies of Injuries Today

John Anderson, employed at the Mt. Emily Lumber company camp, was fatally injured about 7 o'clock this morning when he was accidentally struck on the head by a tree limb. He was immediately brought to La Grande but died in the hospital about 11 o'clock.

Little is known about Mr. Anderson, except that his family is in Sweden. He has been in this country about six years and is a man of about 45 years of age. He has no relatives near here. His body is at the Snodgrass & Zimmerman mortuary pending funeral arrangements.

Band Will Give Concert Sunday At The Arcade

Much interest is being manifested in the announcement of the first indoor concert of the winter season to be given by the municipal band at the Arcade theater next Sunday at 4:15 o'clock.

The program will contain a major portion of numbers not played by the band heretofore, among which will be a delightful intermezzo-scene "In A Persian Market" by Ketelbey. The different descriptive movements of this number will be explained in a novel manner at this concert.

The soloist for Sunday's concert will be one of La Grande's most popular baritones, Ray Williams, who will be heard for the first time with the band.

Another new selection will be the difficult "Mazaniello" overture by Auber. This number is rarely attempted by other than professional organizations.

The Arcade theater is donated for these winter concerts by Meyers and Gruelich, and the public is urged to come early. The concert will begin immediately after the regular matinee at the theater.

Bowens Leave For Portland, South

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bowen, of La Grande, left this morning for Portland, where they will spend a short time before going to California for an indefinite stay. Mr. Bowen formerly was part owner of the Arcade and Star theaters coming to La Grande in November, 1925. He sold his interest in the local theaters last May both Mr. and Mrs. Bowen made a host of friends while in La Grande and were active socially and in community work.

Robert Stewart Held Not Guilty

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20, (AP)—Robert W. Stewart was acquitted late today of perjury charges arising from his testimony before the Senate Teapot Dome committee.

TONIGHT'S BOXING CARD

Main event (10 rounds): Curley Johnson, Boise, vs. Tuffy Wing, of Portland.

Semi-final six rounder: Kid Alabama, La Grande, vs. Rod Woolen, Baker.

Preliminaries call four rounders: Ector Worden vs. Vernon Coleman, both La Grande. Orval Anderson vs. Leroy Edmunds, Farmer Vernon vs. Buck Anderson. First preliminary to start at 8:15, Jefferson avenue arena.

AVERS THAT INDIANS ARE PERSECUTED

Bitter Testimony Given at Senatorial Hearing at San Francisco

WITNESSES ACCUSE POWER COMPANIES

Mention Made of Murder And Arson Among Klamath Group; "Shameful Neglect" Is Charged

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20 (AP)—Charges of persecution of the Klamath River Indians by the power companies, including murder and arson, climaxed other bitter testimony here during the first session of the senatorial investigation of Indian affairs in this state.

Backed by United States Senator Hiram W. Johnson, women's clubs and the California Indian Defense association, Mrs. Mary Gist Dornbach, called the "Joan of Arc" of the Klamath River Indians, made a fiery witness before the committee which is hearing the complaints of neglect and maladministration directed against the federal Indian bureau.

Accuses Power Firms

"The power corporations have stopped at nothing to get power sites on the Klamath river," Mrs. Dornbach testified. "My own sister was murdered and our house

(Continued on Page 5)

LODGE OFFICIALS BANQUET GUESTS

Grand Chancellor and Keeper of Records and Seals in La Grande

A meeting and banquet sponsored by the La Grande Knights of Pythias lodge and attended by members from all parts of the county and from Baker, were events of last night when Stanton Rowell, of Grants Pass, grand chancellor of Oregon, and Walter Gleeson, of Portland, grand keeper of records and seals, were in La Grande.

The banquet was held at the Sacajawea Inn with about 50 in attendance.

At the lodge session two candidates were given the rank of page.

Harley Stoneking, chancellor of the local lodge, gave a short speech of welcome during the meeting. The Rev. Mr. Lee, of Union, Mr. Rowell and Mr. Gleeson also spoke.

Boys Sentenced And Paroled By Judge U. G. Couch

Five boys, ranging in ages from 14 to 17 years, who were arrested last weekend by the police and who confessed to numerous auto thefts and also burglary of the Island City and Cove stores, were taken before Judge U. G. Couch, presiding as a juvenile judge, yesterday. The quintet pleaded guilty to the charges and each was sentenced to the state reformatory at Woodburn and then paroled to members of the La Grande Rotary club.

The five boys were arrested by the police, assisted by State Traffic Officer Dick Robertson.

Lyceum Number Pleases Crowd Of 500 Monday

Frye and Company Presented at First M. E. Church, Sponsored By La Grande High School

Startling tricks which mystified an enthusiastic audience, interesting exposes of fraudulent practices of fake spiritualist mediums and a program of song, dance and music were features of the Frye & Company performance which was held last night in the First M. E. church as the first of a series of four lyceum numbers brought to La Grande by the student body of the La Grande High school.

One of the most effective parts of the program was the appearance of a "ghost," which floated mysteriously in midair and waved over the heads of the audience causing a smothered gasp now and then.

"Ghost" Appears

At one time, Mr. Frye said, he and his company caused the "ghost" to appear in a darkened room where they were performing when a woman in the audience fainted thinking the spirit of her recently departed uncle had returned.

So in order to save his La Grande audience from similar shock, Mr. Frye showed the "ghost" before the lights were turned off and the room left dark. The "ghost," which is the kind used by mediums who pretend to commune with spirits of the departed in the spirit world, is nothing more nor less than a stick covered with a floating piece of cloth, the head covered with white material. The cloth is surfaced with luminous paint. The "ghost" is suspended by a handle which is invisable in the dark and the performer dangles it in the air. The darker the room is the more plainly the luminous paint shows up and the more ghostlike is the effect.

Voice Tricks Shown

Mr. Frye also showed how the

(Continued on Page 5)

Mrs. J. W. Lytle, Pioneer, Called Beyond Sunday

Mrs. James W. Lytle, a pioneer resident of the Grande Ronde valley who came to Oregon more than half a century ago, was found dead in her home at 1206 O avenue yesterday afternoon by neighbors. Death came Sunday afternoon from heart disease, authorities believe. Her neighbors, remembering there had been no light in the house Sunday night, investigated yesterday and found Mrs. Lytle dead.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Island City Community church. She will be buried in the Island City cemetery by the side of her husband, who preceded her in death about four years. The Rev. C. A. Quinn, formerly of Alicel, but now of Weiser, will preach the sermon.

Mrs. Lytle owned a farm about two and a half miles south of Alicel, moving to La Grande shortly after her husband's death. Her name was Saxilla Shafer before her marriage. She was born in Ohio and was married Aug. 27, 1876. She was 72 years old last March.

Her body is at the Snodgrass & Zimmerman mortuary.

Prof. H. S. Hering To Speak Tonight

Prof. Hermann S. Hering, C. S. D., of Boston, will deliver a public address tonight on "Reading Stones in Christian Science," at the Colonial theater at 8 o'clock. There will be no admission charge. Professor Stone is a member of the board of lectureship of Boston.

High School To Re-Open Tomorrow Morning With 9 O'clock Assembly

Moving of equipment, books, etc., to temporary quarters made necessary by fire damage to the high school building Nov. 9 was being completed today in preparation for the reopening of high school tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

In the meantime, workmen are busily engaged at the burned building on the repair work.

School will re-open with a student body assembly in the Recreational hall and, following this, the students will swing into the regular schedule of classes, with four buildings to be utilized. Besides the Recreational hall, the L. D. S. tabernacle, the Episcopal church basement and Moran hall are to be used as class rooms.

E. P. Tower, principal, states that everything is organized and that school should move along in its customary channels beginning tomorrow.

J. T. Longfellow, superintendent of the city schools, is now located in a room on the second floor of the La Grande hotel, which he will use as offices until the high school is repaired. Mr. Longfellow was housed temporarily in the city building following the fire.

High school activities have not been broken into to any marked degree by the fire. Football went along as usual, with the team playing two games since Nov. 9. Coach H. W. Christie is now preparing his squad for an interstate battle here Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Blue Devils of Walla Walla as the opposing eleven.

The high school presented the first number of the lyceum course it is sponsoring, in the First M. E. church last night, and the senior class is completing preliminary work today in connection with the staging of the play "The Dairy" in the Arcade theater Wednesday and Thursday nights.

A meeting of the school board was held last night in Mr. Longfellow's office and $80 new movable chair-desks were ordered, to be shipped immediately. Delivery is expected before Dec. 15. The chair-desks will replace seating equipment lost on the upper floor. They can be used as soon as they arrive in the temporary class rooms. Three samples of different types were presented to the board last night.

HOOVER SHIP MOVING DOWN WEST COAST

President-elect, Enroute to Latin America, Enjoys First Day Out

KEEPS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH U. S.

Radio Links Him With Happenings of World; Itinerary Not Entirely Completed As Yet

U. S. S. MARYLAND, En Route to Corinto, Nicaragua, Nov. 20 (AP)—Now that he has had time to get his sea legs, President-Elect Hoover en route to the republics of Latin America on a mission of good will and understanding today was enjoying himself on shipboard and for the next few days will give himself over almost entirely to rest. Even the job of posing for the camera men has been banned for that period.

As the ship moved down the coast of Lower California yesterday, Mr. Hoover conferred at length with Henry P. Fletcher, American ambassador to Italy and a student of Latin-American affairs, concerning the details of the itinerary of his trip on which he embarked Monday morning and which will continue through January.

Visit All Possible

Because of the pressing character of the invitations which have come from every one of the Central and South American republics the president-elect wishes to visit as many countries as possible in the limited time at his disposal. In order to do this he is now considering foregoing a projected inspection of the Panama Canal. He would save three days by omitting Balboa as a port of call.

While Corinto is his first stop, Mr. Hoover may drive thence to Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He also has been invited to go to Guatemala, Costa Rica and other Central American countries, but it may be impossible to include them in his visit.

Purely Good Will Trip

Friends of Mr. Hoover say that his mission is not one having a commercial aspect but is purely for the purpose of furthering good will and understanding with Latin America. They believe that the visit is a milestone in the history of the relationship between the two continents and that it will have far reaching effect.

Both Mr. Hoover and Mrs. Hoover find keen interest in watching the activity on shipboard. They move about on the quarter deck, a part of which has been reserved for them, for quite long stretches at a time, and the president-elect took a brisk constitutional early this forenoon.

Listens to Radio

Mr. Hoover is keeping in close touch with the world by radio. Resumes of 600 words each will be received twice daily throughout the voyage in addition to the regular navy radio news supplied by the Associated Press. The latter is printed in the daily ship's paper, a one-page sheet entitled the "Evening Hurricane."

Regular radio programs also can be received merely by tuning in a set which has been installed in Mr. Hoover's quarters. The president-elect plans to listen in to the Stanford-California football game on the Pacific coast Saturday.

Nightly movies also are furnished for the entertainment of the distinguished party and also for the

(Continued on Page 5)

WIDOW FILES CHARGES OF FAKE ROBBERY

EMORY, Tex., Nov. 20 (AP)—A widow's allegation that her slain husband and another man were led into a faked bank robbery, "framed" for six men, three of whom were West Texas sheriffs, and then shot down for the $5000 rewards their alleged slayers expected to collect from the state bankers' association, was on file here today.

Mrs. Mary Hansen made the assertion in a $100,000 damage suit entered yesterday against the association, Sheriff Reeder Week, of Kaufman county, Sheriff A. C. Francis of Midland county, Sheriff Hal Eastfield of Upton county and J. W. B. Hogan. Two other men were named in the papers, but not made parties to the suit.

Chicago Man New A. A. U. President

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (AP)—Avery Brundage, Chicago contractor and former all-around athletic champion, today was elected president of the National Amateur Athletic union by unanimous vote of the 1928 convention. He succeeds Murray Hulbert, of New York, who put his own successor in nomination after serving four terms.

SAVED

When the liner Vestris went down off Virginia Capes, a dog and cat were also saved. In the upper picture is Alfred Dinelry, a survivor, with the ship's cat which was on one of the lifeboats picked up by the American Shipper, rescue ship. In the lower picture is Mrs. Earle F. DeVore and her dog, who were saved. She saw her husband drown as the first lifeboat swirled beneath the waves.

U. S. DEFINITELY TAKES TO SKIES

Record of Last Year One of Accomplishments in Aviation Branches

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20—A phenomenal record of progress in all branches of American aviation is revealed in the annual report of Major Clarence M. Young, director of the aeronautics branch of the department of commerce, which was made public today. The growth of air commerce and the aircraft industry of the United States, Major Young believes, is due in no small measure to the strict enforcement of federal regulations which has insured public confidence in the safety of air transport.

During 1927 American factories produced nearly 2,000 aircraft having a total value of $14,250,000 as compared with less than 1,200 valued at $8,870,000 during the preceding year. Exports of aircraft and parts during 1927 amounted to nearly $2,000,000, an increase of approximately 85 per cent over 1926. During the first half of the current year total sales in foreign markets of aircraft products were 28 per cent greater than the entire shipments of last year.

Air transport, Major Young declares, has now attained a definite

(Continued on Page Four.)

Two Union County Decisions Given

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 20 (AP)—Supreme court opinions today included: H. H. Weatherspoon vs. Karl J. Stackland, appellant; appeal from Union county; action to recover money; decree of Judge J. W. Knowles modified in opinion by Justice Bell.

F. C. Brown, appellant, vs. J. M. Hazelwood, appeal from Union county; appeal from judgment for defendant in action to recover personal property. Opinion by Justice Brown. Judge J. W. Knowles affirmed.

Maniac Hatchet Man Sought By Omaha Officers

Three Killed and One Is Near Death; Fiend Attacks Adults But Leaves Children Unharmed

OMAHA, Nebr., Nov. 20 (AP)—A maniac "hatchet man" who in brutal fury pounces upon his victims as they sleep and crushes their skulls with his instrument of death was sought by Omaha police today for the killing of two women and an aged man and the wounding of another man and his wife within a 48-hour period.

While the madman apparently slays grown persons without mercy he does not harm babies. Three children of two of the families he attacked were left unharmed in their cribs.

Latest Attack.

The latest victims of the killer, described by the police as "a fiend, a crazy man" were Harold Stribling, 23, former high school football star, and his wife who were attacked early today as they slept.

He entered the Stribling home at 3 o'clock, beat in Stribling's head after a struggle, then calmly turned on the lights, washed his hands and asked Mrs. Stribling to see the baby. He stood over its crib for several minutes, then forced Mrs. Stribling to go with him to the East Omaha swamps where she finally escaped after three hours. Stribling, doctors said, probably will die, and his wife is in a hospital, cruelly beaten and may lose the sight of one eye.

First Murder Sunday.

The attack on the Striblings came while hundreds of police were searching the city for the maniac for the killing of two women and an aged man 24 hours earlier. His first victims were Mrs. Walter Resso, 21-year-old mother of three children; her sister, Greta Brown, 18, and J. H. Blackman, 75, an expressman.

Blackman was killed Sunday morning as he slept, his head apparently crushed in with the hammer side of a hatchet. His son found the body covered with a comfortee in the Blackman home, and outside found a blood-smeared hatchet and a shoe.

The bodies of the women were found yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Resso's husband arrived home from work.

Act of Crazed Man.

The crazy man had hacked their heads open with the sharpened side of his hatchet, Mrs. Resso's body being found downstairs covered with a comforter as Blackman's had been, beside her in a crib were lying two of her children, who were unharmed. The Brown girl's body, similarly mutilated and covered with a comforter was found upstairs.

Clothing had been stripped from the bodies of both women but there was no evidence that they had been criminally assaulted. The Resso and Blackman homes were ransacked and from one of them a small sum of money was missing. All the victims lived in widely separated parts of the city.

Mrs. Stribling today described her assailant and attacker as a

(Continued from Page Four.)

Electric Chair To Make Debut In Middlewest

CHICAGO, Nov. 20 (AP)—Death in the electric chair, Illinois' new and untried mode of execution, was fixed by a circuit court jury last night as David Shanks' punishment for the murder of Miss Jennie Metz Constance.

The trial ended as quickly as the negro bootblack had admitted slaying Miss Constance, an English teacher at Bradley Polytechnic Institute, Peoria, Ill., on the night of Aug. 14. Attorneys suddenly waived closing arguments and the jury's verdict followed in 10 minutes.

Shanks' lawyers had entered a plea of not guilty on the ground that the slayer was insane. The jury, however, ruled unanimously that he was sane although illiterate.

W. C. T. U. Re-Elects Officers in Boston

BOSTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, at its 54th convention today re-elected all its officers.

They are: President, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Vice president, Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, Des Moines, Iowa; Secretary, Mrs. Anna Marden, De Pu, Evanston, Ill.; Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret C. Munns, Evanston, Ill.; Recording Secretary, Miss Sara H. Hoge, Lincoln, Va.; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Nellie G. Burger, Springfield, Missouri.

The convention adopted unanimously a resolution urging all state and local W. C. T. U. organizations "to help in securing federal supervision of motion pictures, establishing higher moral standards of production."

OL' MIS' ON ANGRY SWEEP OF LOWLANDS

Flood Situation in Middlewest and South Grows More Serious

17 LIVES LOST; CROPS INUNDATED

Estimates Place Property Damage at Ten Millions of Dollars — Missouri River Menacing

By the Associated Press

Into the lap of old man river himself, the deep-rolling, untractable Mississippi, was poured today the anger of the late autumn floods.

Levees near Quincy, Ill., had crumbled permitting the waters of swollen tributaries to sweep over thousands of acres of corn, wheat and rice on both the Missouri and Illinois side of the Mississippi.

Heavy Life Loss

With this flood, and damage done by the Kentucky and Cumberland rivers in Kentucky, the uncontrolled waters today had claimed 17 lives and inflicted a property loss roughly estimated at ten million dollars.

In Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, where 14 lives have been lost and where property damage has been heaviest, a recession of the waters was making possible a survey of the greatest November flood damage these states have ever known. That was true, however, more particularly in Kansas and Oklahoma, for across Missouri the river that has the same name continued to be a raging menace.

Missouri Menacing

The Missouri was dangerously close to flood stage across the entire state, and the inundation of great areas of bottom lands near St. Louis was feared. Smaller streams in the St. Louis territory were choked with waters, and many railroad lines and highways throughout the state were blocked.

The number of homeless ran high into the thousands. One thousand were driven from their dwellings in five Kentucky communities alone, with the Kentucky and Cumberland rivers still rising at last reports from the flooded areas early today. Pineville, Georgetown, Sunshine, Barbourville and Middlesboro were the Kentucky communities hardest hit by the rising waters. Georgetown and Sunshine are suburbs of Harlan. It was near Pineville that three employes of the Virginia-Harlan Coal corporation were swept to death when a tree, borne on the flood's crest, tore away a bridge on which they stood.

7,000 Acres Flooded

There was no loss of life in the region surrounding Quincy, Ill., although many thousands of acres were flooded. The bursting of the mark levee, which protected the south fabius drainage district on the Missouri side of the Mississippi, permitted the waters to pour over 7,000 acres of rich bottom lands and its growing crops.

On the Illinois side the earthen

(Continued on Page 6.)

SECOND QUAKE WITHIN MONTH SHAKES SOUTH

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 20 (A. P.)—For the second time within a month, the southern tip of the Alleghenies mountains was shaken by earth tremblors shortly after 10 o'clock eastern time last night.

The shock was distinctly felt at Asheville, N. C., Johnson City, Tenn., Hot Springs, N. C., and other towns within a radius of some 200 miles, although no damage was reported.

The mountain area in Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, was slightly rocked about a month ago.

Christmas is the offing lies,
So far, and yet so near.
Start your buying now, or you'll
Be standing on your ear.