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## La Grande Evening Observer

THE WEATHER  
OREGON: Fair tonight and  
Wednesday but fog in the west  
portion tonight; colder in east  
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CITY WATER  
CERTIFIED BY  
GOVERNMENTOnly La Grande and Two  
Other Oregon Cities in  
"Select Class"STATE ENGINEER  
PRAISES SYSTEMCertified Water Insures  
Citizens of Almost Pure  
Drinking Supply; "Ze-  
ro" Tests Secured

Following a gradual and decided improvement during the last three years, the water supply of La Grande has at last reached a zenith. This week City Manager W. C. Crowe has received word that, following a recommendation made by the Oregon state board of health, the federal government will issue a pure water certificate to La Grande. Certified water at present exists in only three Oregon cities—La Grande, Astoria and Portland—according to local officials and there are very few cities in the entire Northwest that can be included in this select list.

The state sanitary engineer has declared that La Grande's water system is one of the best in the state and the proof of this remark exists in the certification, as the water supply is almost perfect in order to receive such a ranking.

**Last Test Zero.**  
The certification follows the last test made of local water, which was what is known as a zero test—showing absolutely no trace of bacteria in a cubic centimeter of the fluid. This was the second zero test for La Grande this year. Since 1925 the highest test showed 20 bacteria to the cubic centimeter and water is regarded as pure until it passes the 40 mark. Incidentally, the 29 test was the only high one during three years, the others ranging between 2 and 8.

Certified water means much to the city in many ways. It is insured, primarily, it insures the citizens of the best quality of water obtainable anywhere. In the second place, it means that public carriers, etc., will invariably secure their supply of drinking water from this city when possible.

Certification is made not alone on tests, but also after inspection and approval of the system, including the chlorination plant, the reservoirs, the mains, the intakes, pumps, etc. An example of the care taken in reference to La Grande's system, the chlorination plant at the Old Town reservoir, is maintained at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit the year round—during the coldest days in winter and the hottest in summer. Other parts of the system, of course, receive the same type of care.

**Pumping Some.**  
At present the city is receiving approximately a million gallons of

WOMEN'S CLUB  
WILL SELECT  
NEW OFFICERS

The Business and Professional Women's club of La Grande will meet tonight to elect officers for the year.

The nominating committee will report at that time and the names submitted will be voted upon. Mrs. H. H. Cleaver, Mrs. Devine and Mrs. W. W. Fowler, compose the membership of the committee.

Mrs. Grace Allen is to be chairman of the meeting. The time set for the session is 8 o'clock at the La Grande hotel.

Business to Halt  
Thanksgiving Day

The post office in La Grande will observe Thanksgiving day as a holiday, following the same plan as it uses on Sundays. No deliveries will be made Thursday and the lobby windows will not be opened. Postmaster L. R. Huron announced.

The drug stores in La Grande will be closed from noon to 6 o'clock in the evening. Grocery stores and meat markets are to be closed Thanksgiving day but will remain open Wednesday evening until 8:30 o'clock. Other business places of the city will also observe Thursday as a holiday.

WEATHER TODAY  
7:30 a. m.—43 above.  
Minimum: 35 above.  
Condition: rainy, cloudy.WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum 46, minimum 35  
above.  
Condition: rain, 29 of inch.WEATHER NOV. 27, 1927  
Maximum 56, minimum 24  
above.  
Condition: rain, 35 of inch.Speaker Reveals  
Methods Used By  
Check WritersChamber of Commerce  
Speaker Makes Sug-  
gestions As to How Mer-  
chant Can Minimize Loss

An interesting and instructive talk on "mental" criminals, including forgers, check artists, etc., was given at the chamber of commerce forum luncheon today at noon at the Sackajaw Inn by H. W. Smith, the representative of a national survey company. Mr. Smith divides criminals into two classes, physical and mental, and his remarks concerned the latter type.

Mr. Smith told in detail of the practices of many types of check artists and forgers and ended his discourse with suggestions as to how the merchant can minimize losses from this source. He revealed that this class of criminal gets an average of 100 millions of dollars in the United States annually.

The high school boy's saxophone quartet, consisting of Cleveland Wallinger, Henry Culp, Stanley Zundel and Clark Ruckman, played two numbers during the meeting and were generously applauded.

H. E. Coolidge, speaking on behalf of the boy scout financial drive, outlined a plan for distributing the quota so as to divide the burden. It was referred to the proper committee.

Charles Malhef, secretary, presented a motion that an invitation be extended to hold the spring basketball tournament in La Grande this year. The motion was carried.

H. E. Brady was chairman. Several county and district officers were in attendance and were introduced by Mr. Brady.

O-W. Club Plans  
For Ice Skating

Employees of the O-W. R. & N. railroad in La Grande are going to have an ice skating pond this winter. Fred Peterson, chairman of the ice skating committee of the Union Pacific Athletic club in La Grande, with a corps of assistants, visited the Dutch pond across from the dockyards yesterday, cleaned out the pond and put it in shape for the work of zero weather which will freeze it.

The pond is about a block square and has been rented by the club. The men who worked with Mr. Peterson are: J. A. Gjerno, W. N. Redmond and L. C. McLeod.

Judge J. W. Knowles  
Returns to Home

Circuit Judge and Mrs. J. W. Knowles have returned from three weeks spent in Portland, where Mr. Knowles presided in place of Judge Ekvall and Judge Stevenson. The former exchanged benches with Judge Knowles in Wallowa county during the recent term of court.

Bishop Remington  
Coming On Friday

A special meeting of the parish of St. Peter's Episcopal church, of La Grande, will be held Friday, Nov. 29 at 7:30 o'clock at the church. The Rt. Rev. W. P. Remington, of Pendleton, bishop of the Eastern Oregon diocese, and Fred Bartlett, general secretary of the Episcopal church, will be in La Grande at this time.

Salvation Army  
Service Thursday

The Salvation Army will hold a Thanksgiving service in the hall on First street on Thursday evening. It is announced today. There will be special songs and other items on the program. Captain Pack will deliver the message and the subject will be "Why We Should Be Thankful."

Every one is invited to attend these services.

Doughnut Shop  
Is Opened Here

A new doughnut shop started business this morning in La Grande in the front of the Campbell garage building with Mrs. E. Ackerman proprietor.

The doughnuts will be mixed, cooked and sold in the shop. Machinery, including a mixer and a cooker, has been installed. During the process of making the doughnuts are not touched by hand, Mrs. Ackerman says.

## ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 27 (AP)—Mrs. Martha Downing, an inmate of the state hospital for the insane, attempted to commit suicide today by drinking a large quantity of iodine. Her condition is critical.

FARM RELIEF  
UNCERTAINTY  
STILL EXISTSCoolidge Unable to Learn  
When Congress Expects  
to Consider ItLEADERS OF BOTH  
HOUSES QUERIEDProblem Centers, Accord-  
ing to President, On  
Chances of Agreeing On  
Some One Measure

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (AP)—Conferees with members of the house and senate have failed to give President Coolidge any indications whether a farm relief bill may be passed at the coming regular session.

Mr. Coolidge feels that if the subject could be discussed and a decision arrived at without any great debate, a farm bill might well be passed at this session but if it is the plan of members of congress and the new administration to have a special session he feels that the farm relief question might well go over until that time.

In the president's judgment the whole question as to whether a farm relief bill can be passed at the coming regular session centers around the ability of members of congress and people outside who are interested in the legislation to agree on a bill.

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Possession Case

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There will be no evening service as the rector is speaking at the Hot Lake sanatorium.

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La Grande High to Play Last Game  
Of Season at Union on Turkey Day

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So far this season the Tigers have won four games, lost two and tied one. The scores follow:

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| 8         | Enterprise  |
| 14        | Baker       |
| 0         | Mac-Hi      |
| 0         | Pendleton   |
| 0         | Walla Walla |
| 25        | Cove        |
| 72        | Total       |

As far as percentage goes, La Grande has a season percentage of .667, including the Walla Walla game. However, in Eastern Ore-

Deer In Danger  
Of Starvation  
In West StatesWyoming, Montana and  
Arizona Herds Outrun  
Food Supply; Become  
Nuisance in California

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (AP)—Deer are growing so numerous in several of the national forests in the west that they are in danger of starvation—and most of their plight is due to their protection by man.

Everywhere on the national forests, the forest service pointed out today, the number of deer is increasing.

Man by his slaughter of mountain lions, wolves, coyotes and other prey animals has destroyed nature's balance. Now the chief natural checks on the deer are famine and disease, the forest service said.

## Weaker Animals Succumb

When an excessive number of animals are seeking sustenance, a short forage crop, or a hard winter results in a struggle for life under which the weaker animals often succumb in large numbers.

At present, the forest service said, the most acute situation on any national forest is on the Kaibab forest in Northern Arizona. The deer herd in this forest, numbering over 25,000, has outrun its food supply so that fawns born the previous year have died. A somewhat similar situation threat-

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REACHES HUNDREDScore of Vessels of Sub-  
stantial Tonnages Lost;  
Great Britain Damage  
About \$5,000,000

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Nov. 27 (AP)—Floods resulting from the tremendous gale and heavy rains that accompanied it, are proving to be the worst calamity that Belgium has suffered from nature in half a century. Fifty villages are wholly or partly under water.

**FLOODS FOLLOW STORM.**  
LONDON, Nov. 27 (AP)—Floods today followed in the wake of a four-day gale which caused the loss of a score of vessels of substantial tonnages in Western European waters and possibly took a toll of 100 lives.

From Belgium north to the Frisian island, lowlands were flooded as the sea was driven in upon them by varying winds. Dykes and sea walls buffeted by heavy seas gave way to the rush of waters.

## Antwerp Dykes Broken

Police soldiers and civilians were working frantically in Antwerp to repair broken dykes there and on the opposite side of the Scheldt. Railroad bridges were damaged and telephone and telegraph lines down. Six persons were missing and it was feared that they were dead. A hole 60 yards in circumference and six yards deep was made in the grand palace at Antwerp.

The Flanders villages of Grembergen, Moere and Termonde were evacuated by their inhabitants as the sea rushed through a break 20 yards wide in the dykes. At Bergen-Op-Zoom, Holland, a 120-foot dyke broke with a tremendous crash, letting in the sea.

Ryft Island, one of the Frisian group, was inundated and dwellers on it sought safety on the high-est points.

**Rivers Rising.**  
Rivers in the Vosges hills were rising with alarming rapidity. The Moselle was also rising and tributaries of the Rhine were raging torrents. Houses along the banks of the Ruhr at Muelheim were evacuated and the shipping on the Saar was at a standstill.

Cuxhaven Roads, Germany, was full of disabled shipping. One incoming vessel reported that it had sighted five wrecks in the North sea.

The French freighter Cesareo sank off Algiers and 15 of her crew of 19 were drowned. An Italian steamer believed to be the Salento was wrecked and all aboard were lost. The Norwegian steamer Michelsen was driven ashore and three members of the crew drowned while the rest were being rescued.

The steamships Montenegro and Sabon were wrecked near Vigo, Spain and three lives were lost. The freighter Amalbad-Mendi sank off San Sebastian, Spain, but her crew was rescued.

As the gale moved over Mediterranean all liners from Algiers, Oran and Tunis which were due at Marseilles, France, cruised outside the roads, being unable to make port.

The losses to Great Britain alone from the recent storms were estimated at more than a million pounds.

K. P. Lodge Will  
Elect Officers

Next Monday night the Knights of Pythias lodge will hold election of officers. First and second degrees will also be given.

Last night the lodge met with a large number of members present. The lodge cleared \$30 at the dance last Tuesday, it was reported. The money has been sent to the Pythian home at Vancouver, Wash. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Huel for the use of Zeller hall.

Wellington Fire  
Loss \$1,250,000.00

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Nov. 27 (AP)—The greatest fire in the history of Wellington last night did damage estimated at \$1,250,000 when 16 buildings were destroyed in the produce market in the heart of the city.

The fire started in the center of the block and spread in four directions and raged for four hours, watched by a crowd of between 30,000 and 40,000.

## SMITH STAYS NORTH

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 27 (AP)—Intent on reaching his desk at Albany Wednesday, Governor Alfred E. Smith was en route to New York today.

Governor Smith has closed his vacation in the south.

## MISS MORROW



Miss Elizabeth Morrow, daughter of Dwight Morrow, U. S. ambassador to Mexico, is pictured as she arrived in New York after a sojourn in the Near East, where she visited Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, mother of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh. Rumor of a romance still links the name of Miss Morrow with that of the flying hero.

GRAIN INSPECTION  
LOANS ARE PAID

State Department on Self-Supporting Basis for the First Time

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 27 (AP)—Reynold Jones, state market agent, has returned to the state the sum of \$21,825.30, which has been owing to the state by the grain inspection department for several years. This means, according to Jones' report to Governor Patterson, that grain inspection is on a self-supporting basis for the first time. Jones took charge of the department in February, 1927.

The grain inspection department was created in 1917, and an appropriation of \$7,500 was made by the legislature of that year for administration of the department. This was not enough, and since that time deficiency appropriations totaling \$14,225.37 have been made. These with an expenditure of \$7,499.33 from the original appropriation of \$7,500 total the amount that has been returned. The act making the appropriation provided that the money should be repaid the state from inspection fee receipts.

## TOO MANY TWINS

LONDON, Nov. 27 (AP)—Incidence of twins is common in England, but if an application comes from too many a birth of Southeast London, agents are apt to refuse it. Every street in the district has one or more pairs. No school in the district is without them.

Chicken Tours  
While Student  
Hungers

This chicken got a round trip from La Grande to Eugene and back, for nothing. The fowl was packed to send to one of the University of Oregon students who craved a bit of mother's cooking for a change. It was sent and it arrived there within due course of time and in good shape.

There was but one flaw in the case and that was in the address. On one side of the package was a label left there from a previous delivery and the label said "Moon Drug Company, La Grande, Ore."

Therefore the post office clerk who didn't see the Eugene address on the other side, flipped the package back into the delivery bag and away it went and didn't stop until it had reached the Moon Drug company in La Grande.

By that time the fun was ended for the chicken had traveled too far for its own good, and the university student missed a good feed.

Now, Major Ralph Huron, postmaster at La Grande, points out a moral from the episode.

He says, "People should be particularly careful about leaving old addresses on a parcel. Post office clerks are not mind readers and two separate addresses on the same package are confusing."

A return address should always be above the mailing address, Mr. Huron says. Sometimes people reverse the order and in that case often a package is delivered to the person from which it was sent.

Little Change Is  
Noted In King's  
Condition TodayCrowds Surround Buck-  
ingham Palace Await-  
ing Bulletins; Stamina  
Undergoing Strain

LONDON, Nov. 27 (AP)—Anxiety over King George's illness was not greatly relieved this morning when his physicians issued what might be characterized as a non-committal bulletin.

The physicians, Sir Stanley Hewett and Lord Dawson of Penn, informed the public that their royal patient had passed the night more restfully and that his feverish condition had abated somewhat. The bulletin did not actually give the king's temperature and summed up everything else by stating that conditions otherwise were unchanged.

## Subjects Anxious

On top of the disturbing bulletins of the past few days which have indicated that the king is very sick, today's report did not tend greatly to relieve anxiety among his subjects over the eventual outcome of the attack which has now been in progress nearly a week.

It was realized that the king's stamina was undergoing a severe strain, owing to constant pain from pleurisy and the lack of rest and sleep that attended it.

Crowds continued to gather round the palace gates all afternoon to read the official bulletin and to inquire for latest news.

The queen and Princess Mary left Buckingham Palace in an automobile this afternoon to make some personal visits. It was noticed that the queen was smiling and looked well, which was taken as an indication of further good progress which his majesty was reported to be making.

LONDON, Nov. 27 (AP)—The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Gloucester are returning to England as soon as possible. It was learned late tonight.

Omaha Hatchet  
Slayer Admits  
Fiendish Crimes

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 27 (AP)—Police said today that a negro giving the name of Elmer Williams, 24, laborer, had confessed to them a series of hatchet murders in Omaha.

The man was arrested, according to Chief of Detectives C. G. Miles, after he engaged a newsboy to write two letters for him, referring to the mysterious murders of Mrs. Walter Resso and her sister Greta Brown, in Omaha, and saying that Nebraska authorities were making "bad mistake" by holding Jake Bird, another negro suspect, in connection with the hatchet killings.

"We in the United States have learned much from the experience of our Latin-American neighbors of how to turn take pride in our contributions to the common pool of human advancement in these one hundred and fifty years. Therefore, I have felt that the larger personal acquaintance with both our neighboring countries and

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Baker Theater  
Robbed Monday  
Of About \$925

BAKER, Ore., Nov. 27.—The safe at the Clark theater was blown open by robbers yesterday morning and \$924.70 taken.

The Willis Shoe Shop on Broadway was also robbed of about \$175 worth of merchandise. Tools for the Clark robbery were obtained by robbing three tool houses on the railroad right of way, two O-W. R. & N. and the Western Union business tool house.

The robbery looked like the work of experienced cracksmen. They entered the theater by jimmying the rear door and opened the door of the office on the mezzanine floor in the same way.

Police Raid Four  
Chinese Lotteries

PROTEND, Ore., Nov. 22 (AP)—The police gambling squad raided four Chinese lotteries late Monday, seized a huge quantity of paraphernalia and arrested 16 men, four of them Chinese.

Three of the raided establishments were located virtually in the shadow of the police station.

Dr. Hall Reported  
Ill of Influenza

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 27 (AP)—Word has been received at the University of Oregon that Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president, fell ill at Los Angeles of an attack of influenza. He was returning from an eastern trip and stopped at Los Angeles to visit Mrs. Hall and their daughter who are in Southern California for the winter.

Lindbergh Lands  
In Nashville, Tenn.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 27 (AP)—Capt. Charles A. Lindbergh landed at McMinnville field at 11:23 today, having flown here from Memphis. Lindbergh remained here only 75 minutes, refueling his plane and departing on his flight to New York.

MR. HOOVER  
GUEST TODAY  
IN NICARAGUAU. S. S. Maryland Anch-  
ors Off Corinto at 7  
O'Clock This MorningTWO TALKS MADE  
DURING MONDAYPresident-elect Is Given  
Great Welcome in San  
Salvador and Honduras;  
Stresses Goodwill

CORINTO, Nic., Nov. 27 (AP)—Herbert Hoover, on his good will tour of Latin American countries, landed here at 10:55 a. m. He was officially welcomed by President Diaz, former President Chamorro and President-Elect Moncada. At least 10,000 persons crowded into this little port to welcome the president-elect. The American flag was flying from numerous buildings.

U. S. S. MARYLAND, Nov. 27 (AP)—Carrying Herbert Hoover to the third country of his South American tour, the battleship Maryland anchored two miles off Corinto, Nicaragua, at 7 o'clock this morning.

A complement of 74 marines will be taken aboard here to escort for Mr. Hoover throughout the remainder of his journey.

## MAKES TWO SPEECHES

U. S. S. MARYLAND, Off La Union, Salvador, Nov. 27 (AP)—Herbert Hoover in his first speeches on his present trip, told the people of Honduras and of San Salvador that he was paying them a call of friendship in behalf of the people of the United States. Both addresses were brief, the other at La Union, were brief, and both emphasized the need for mutual understanding between the United States and other democracies of the American continent.

At both seaports yesterday he was given a warm and colorful welcome.

"In our daily life good neighbors call upon each other as the evidence of solidarity for the common welfare," he said, "and to learn of the circumstances and point of view of each so that there may come both understanding and respect, which are the elementary forces of all enduring society."

**Pledged Through**