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EPIDEMIC OF
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COMMUNITYCity Health Officer Es-
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150 Cases at PresentFEW CASES OF
OTHER DISEASESLa Grande Woman Suc-
cumbs This Morning to
Pneumonia and After
Effects of Diphtheria

La Grande is not escaping from the epidemic of influenza which is prevalent in many parts of Oregon this fall. It is estimated by Dr. A. L. Richardson, city health officer, that in La Grande there are approximately 150 cases of the disease. Many of the cases are mild and others are severe. No deaths have been reported.

The type of influenza is severe. Dr. Richardson says. It is purely a germ contagion and is contracted by contact with persons having it. Large crowds should be avoided and fresh air is also a protection, he says.

Warns Against Exertion

"People should be warned not to regard even a slight cold as merely a cold. Go to bed and stay there. Nothing in the world is so dangerous to progress in heading off the disease as exertion. Many people because they get up too soon after convalescing have relapses which prove serious," Dr. Richardson asserts.

There have been cases of influenza all summer in the city but during the fall the disease has taken on a serious aspect. The form during the summer months was mild, he states.

Besides the influenza cases, there are several cases of mumps over the city although none are regarded as serious. High school authorities reported that four of the football squad were unable to play at Union yesterday because of the mumps.

In addition there are a few of more severe diseases, including diphtheria and scarlet fever, although these cases in no way indicate an epidemic. There have been occasional cases in La Grande during the fall but never more than two or three places under quarantine at the same time.

One Death Today

One death resulted in La Grande this morning when Mrs. Bryon E. Underwood, 2767 North Birch street, succumbed to pneumonia and after effects of diphtheria. A private funeral has been arranged for her tomorrow afternoon at the Odd Fellows cemetery at 2 o'clock. Her two small sons also have diphtheria but are recovering satisfactorily. Further details of her death are given elsewhere in this paper. One other home was quarantined for diphtheria quarantine a few days ago and one home is under quarantine now because of scarlet fever.

It is also reported that numerous cases of influenza exist at present in Walla Walla county towns.

FATOR BOUND
OVER TO AWAIT
GRAND JURORS

P. K. Wilson, of La Grande, was arraigned this morning in the justice court on a charge of the unlawful use of a dealer's license. He was released on his own recognizance and the trial was set for 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He pled not guilty.

H. D. Ault, of Touchet, Wash., was fined \$25 and costs in the justice court today on a charge of switching license plates. He had a truck which bore a license that had been issued to a Hudson coach at Freewater, Ore. It is alleged, he was arrested in La Grande yesterday.

Vern Fator waived preliminary hearing this morning and was bound over to the grand jury with bond set at \$500. Mr. Fator was charged with larceny of personal property belonging to J. E. Jennings. The theft is alleged to have occurred Nov. 14. The property consisted of a leather suitcase valued at \$10; one pair of shoes valued at \$6; one 410 shotgun valued at \$10 and a man's suit valued at \$15. The bond was not posted.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—30 above.
Minimum: 23 above.
Condition: half inch snow.
WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 24, minimum 22 above.
Condition: partly cloudy, rain 4.0 inch.
WEATHER NOV. 30, 1927
Maximum 45, minimum 22 above.
Condition: snow, rain, 3.0 inch of rain.

Tiger Machine
Defeats Union
Eleven, 12 to 0

Passes and End Runs De-
cide Game; La Grande
Now Tied for Second
Place With Mac-Hi

The Tigers wound up their 1928 football season yesterday at Union, overcoming a stubborn defense to place the Bobcats 12 to 0, thereby giving the La Grander the undefeated championship of the Union-Walla Walla and Baker counties, and also putting them into a tie with Milton-Freewater for second place in the annual Eastern Oregon race, which Pendleton won by trouncing Baker yesterday 20 to 0.

La Grande's two touchdowns came in the first and third periods and in each case, the try for extra point resulted in failure. Newlin's inability to catch forward passes out of a mob of Union players was the deciding factor in the first half for touch-down, which started from Union's 35-yard line. On the first play after two exchanges of punts, Kiefer lost three yards and then elected to pass to Newlin, who was downed on Union's 15-yard line. Two plays later to gain more than two yards and Kiefer stepped back and heaved another one to Newlin, who was downed on the two-yard line. Pass plunged the ball over on the first play.

Two Charges Stopped.
In the second quarter the Tigers threatened twice, being held for downs on the Bobcats' 12-yard line once and on a second attempt, following an 11-yard dash by Evans and 21-yard gain on a forward pass to Newlin, placing the ball on the 10-yard line. Union intercepted a second pass attempt and kicked out of danger.

The third period saw two long sustained marches, one by Union and one by La Grande. Early in the quarter La Grande drove from midfield to a touchdown on eight plays. Patten ripped off 24 yards on a trick play. Evans gained seven, Patten tore off four more and then Evans placed the ball in position to score by a nine-yard end run to the three-yard line. On the second play Patten carried it over, fumbled, and Patten recovered for a touchdown.

Kofford Rips Tiger Line

Following this Kofford, a crushing back, replaced Patten in Union's lineup, and the Bobcats advanced from their own 20-yard line to La Grande's 14-yard line before the Tigers lurked up and took the ball on downs. Kofford led Union's 65-yard march, gaining 45 yards himself on seven line squashes and end plays. Fifteen more yards of the 65 came from three La Grande offensive penalties.

Just before the third quarter ended, Evans went 11 yards on a sweeping end run and Patten gained six more kicking the ball on La Grande's 31-yard line. In the fourth quarter Union stiffened momentarily and forced the Tigers to punt, the ball going out of bounds on La Grande's 27-yard line. Taking it there, Union punted to the 16-yard line on line plays and a short forward pass, but La Grande held on downs and then started another march. Eleven downs saw the ball advanced 78 yards to Union's six-yard line but the Bobcats again stiffened and the Tigers lost the ball after a fourth play had failed to gain the necessary four yards for first down. Of the 78-yard gain, 30 yards came from a Union penalty which also saw one of the Maron and White players

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Snow Blankets
City Following
Thanksgiving Day

Nearly an inch of snow, the first to fall in La Grande this year, followed Thanksgiving day in this city, marking the opening onslaught of winter in this community. The mercury dropped about 10 degrees below freezing point during the night and the snow started during the early morning hours.

Thanksgiving day in La Grande found scores of families united around the annual dinner and church services were well attended. Two union services were held, one Wednesday night at the Nazarene church, and the other yesterday morning at the First Baptist church. The Rev. J. O. Hess was in at his home, so the Rev. L. H. Aves presided in his place. The Rev. J. George Watz preached the Thanksgiving day sermon.

Services were held at 10 o'clock at St. Peter's Episcopal church with the church celebration of the holy communion. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Florence L. Miller, sang the anthem, "The Earth is the Lord's" by Oth. The Rev. Oliver Riley's sermon was on the subject, "The Nature of True Thanksgiving." Mrs. H. N. Ashby, at the console, played prelude "Priest" by Galtieri, offertory "Psalm" by Stokres, and the postlude "Song of Thanksgiving" by Ashford. In the evening Mr. Riley spoke at Hot Lake.

All business was closed during the afternoon, many of the stores remaining closed during the entire day. Several score La Grande people went to Union to witness the football game.

YOUTH TELLS
OF DEATH AT
MURDER FARM

Northcott Enroute to Cal-
ifornia, Makes a Par-
tial Confession

ADMITS SLAYING
YOUNG MEXICAN

Is Willing to Plead Guilty
in Riverside But Will
Fight Charges If Tried
in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30 (AP)—Denying the confession of a murder of an unidentified Mexican boy in the same breath declaring that "my conscience is now clear," Gordon Stewart Northcott, alleged quadruple murderer, arrived in Los Angeles today in the custody of four California officers. The shackled prisoner was taken off the train at Glendale at 9:30 o'clock this morning and brought to Los Angeles in an automobile.

TELLS OF MURDER

Northcott Special Car Enroute to Los Angeles, Nov. 30 (AP)—Deputy district attorney Earle Redwine, of Riverside county, this morning announced that Gordon Stewart Northcott had made a complete confession to the murder of an unidentified Mexican youth on the Northcott ranch.

Northcott told Redwine that he and Clark killed the lad on the Riverside ranch, decapitating the body and then taking it in an automobile to Ponto.

"He was awfully hard to kill," Northcott is quoted as saying. "I put nine bullets into his head with a .38 pistol and Sanford shot him through the back with a .22 rifle. Sanford helped me saw off his head and burn it on the ranch and I took the body to Ponto."

To Fight Case

Northcott declared he would fight the case if tried in Los Angeles but that he would plead guilty if they would hold his trial in Riverside.

CHRISTMAS SEAL
SALE WILL BEGIN

Annual Campaign for
Health Work to Start in
La Grande Monday

The annual Christmas seal sale will start Monday in La Grande under the chairmanship of Mrs. Norman Press, it is announced today. Committees have been appointed to assist with the sale, which is sponsored in this county by the Union County Public Health association, of which Harry Zurbich is president. Mrs. Charles E. Gump is chairman of the seal sale for the county.

"Out of every dollar that you pay for Christmas seals 95 cents is spent for health work in Oregon, and the more seals we sell the higher is the percentage of the money we keep in Union county," Mrs. Press states.

The money is used for assisting the county health nurse in her work, establishing health committees, furnishing help for health teaching in schools, free child and health clinics, aid to parents for sick or handicapped children, care of tuberculosis patients and co-operation with public officials in health and welfare work.

The sale will continue until Christmas. The committee appointed by Mrs. Press includes: Mrs. Charles Ringman, Mrs. Robert Clark, Mrs. H. H. Cleaver, Mrs. H. E. Dixon, Mrs. E. L. Eckley, Mrs. Grover Grinnett, Mrs. Julius Iversen, Mrs. C. B. Dwyer, Mrs. C. R. Eberhard, Mrs. J. J. Carr, Mrs. L. A. Howell, Mrs. W. B. Guild, Mrs. Fred H. Kiddle and Mrs. Ward W. Fowler.

Jake Nibler Retires From Active
Service on Union Pacific System

Jake Nibler, of La Grande, reached his 70th birthday Tuesday, Nov. 27, and this afternoon at the railroad shops where he has worked for the last 23 years, his fellow workmen gave a party in his honor and presented him with a Hamilton watch in recognition of his long and loyal service to the Union Pacific railroad.

According to the regulations of the company Mr. Nibler will be retired on a pension. Mr. Nibler was leading machinist at the shops and started his work in La Grande Aug. 1, 1885. His last period of continuous service began Dec. 12, 1905.

Mr. Nibler owns a filling station on Adams avenue near the Union Oil station and he will manage the station now following his release from the shops. His home is at 2501 Adams avenue.

The Nibler family will not be forgotten, however, at the railroad shops, for Mr. Nibler's son, Ralph Nibler, is a machinist there.

Expect Contest
To Develop For
Chair In Senate

Jones, of Washington,
May Succeed Curtis
When Latter Resigns to
Take Vice Presidency

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—Possibility that a contest might develop in the selection of a successor to Senator Curtis of Kansas as Republican leader of the senate developed today when Senator Jones of Washington announced he would accept the post if it were tendered him.

Senator Jones outstanks in seniority Senator Watson of Indiana, the assistant leader who has been prominently mentioned as a successor to Senator Curtis when the latter becomes vice president next March 4.

Jones Senior Member

If the senate follows the rule of seniority by which it has guided itself in the past, Senator Jones would be in a commanding position and there are indications that friends of Jones will expect the senate to follow precedent this time.

No selection is expected to be made until Senator Curtis resigns or terminates his office on March 4. Should Senator Curtis relinquish the post during the approaching session, as is indicated he might, it is the view of Senator Watson and his friends that he would become leader automatically by virtue of his role as assistant.

Bowling Team To
Go To Portland

The O. W. R. & N. Athletic club bowling team of La Grande will go to Portland Saturday night and will bowl Sunday against the Albina team. The men will return early Monday morning to La Grande.

The team includes the following members: C. W. Cook, chairman; V. Almsworth, C. C. Howard, Arch Bacon, Joe Dehl and H. C. Buckwalter.

Midnight Matinee
Committee Meets

The midnight matinee committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Ray Murphy met at noon today to make tentative plans for the staging of the midnight matinee to be held New Year's night at the Arcade theater.

It was decided that the program will be in the form of a negro minstrel and will not be more than an hour long. The program will begin at midnight.

Ray Williams and Norman Dentel were appointed the committee in charge of the program.

Ice Skaters Busy
At North Powder

Ice skaters are already busy in North Powder skating on the pond just the other side of the town. The pond is about 100 yards long and 20 yards wide and has frozen over sufficiently to accommodate the skating fans of the vicinity.

Due to the climate at North Powder which is colder than that of La Grande, the ice skating season there can start earlier in this city.

Pastors Exchange
Pulpits On Sunday

A new feature will be introduced at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday morning when the Rev. George G. Hines and his choir will come from Pendleton to be in full charge of the 11 o'clock service. They represent the pulpit and choir of the First Church of Pendleton.

The Rev. J. George Watz with his ladies' triad chorus will be in charge of the services in Pendleton at the same hour.

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KING GEORGE V



Here is an excellent close-up of Great Britain's king, George V, who is seriously ill in Buckingham palace. His condition was improved slightly this morning, it is reported.

Typhoon Deaths
In Islands Now
Estimated at 130

MANILA, P. I., Nov. 30 (AP)—Reports from four destroyers returning today from a relief expedition in the typhoon swept islands of the Philippines place the number of known dead from the storm at 130 while at least 19 persons are still unaccounted for.

Extensive crop damage has been done in almost every island touched by the typhoon and the island of Negros is estimated to have suffered property and crop damage of \$2,500,000.

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LONDON, Nov. 30 (AP)—Dispatch to Lloyd's from Yokohama today said that the steamer Hokuriku Maru, bound from Ataru for Yokohama, went ashore on Nov. 28 off Yokoyama, and probably would be a total wreck. A mile stirred up tremendous seas and drove the vessel on the beach. She was of 2,400 gross tons.

Indian Sings Over
Phone, Gets Job

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Nov. 29 (AP)—Chief Willow Bird answered the telephone in his Durango, Colo., home, and was surprised to hear a voice command him to sing.

The Apache chief said, "Sing what?" "Why?" "Sing your song," the voice said. "This is Hollywood, and I'm looking for an Indian who can take the lead in a production."

The chief sang into the telephone beginning with "Indian Love Song," and going right on through his list in a rich tenor.

The contract was made.

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DAYS TILL
CHRISTMAS**

Don't let that clock drop. Why not take one of some poor home

Where Santa has to stop.

King George Is
Slightly Better,
Reports Declare

Improvement Noted Dur-
ing Day But No Change
This Evening—Ruler
Not Out of Danger

LONDON, Nov. 30 (AP)—The condition of King George shows no change this evening, said the bulletin issued at 8:30 p. m. by Sir Stanley Howitt and Lord Dawson of Penn.

His condition showed some improvement today but it was regarded that he is by no means out of danger as yet.

Third Doctor Called

This bulletin was posted after a prolonged visit by Sir Stanley Howitt and Lord Dawson of Penn, the king's physicians, during which they called a third eminent physician, Sir Humphrey Rolleston, into consultation. The alarm which the calling of Sir Humphrey might naturally have caused was headed off by a simultaneous semi-official statement saying that His Majesty was a little better all around today and the regular bulletin, when issued, confirmed this earlier communication.

The doctors took their time reviewing carefully the whole position of the case, its present aspects and its possible and most likely developments. Consequently their usual bulletin was given out nearly two hours later than customary.

The information that there has been some improvement in the condition of the inflamed lung and pleura and a little recession of the fever, caused much gratification, but it was noted that the bulletin added with the precaution that the malady has not yet passed the stage where aggravation of the infection would not be possible and made clear to the public that in any event there could not be a rapid convalescence for His Majesty's program necessarily must be slow.

By J. R. Vessels
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
NEW YORK, Nov. 30 (AP)—Their pockets stuffed full of congratulatory wires from home, the Beavers of Oregon State college were just ordinary, peaceful sight-seers today.

At the Yankee Stadium yesterday, however, they were terrors of the gridiron, terrors that manifested themselves in a relief expedition in the typhoon swept islands of the Philippines place the number of known dead from the storm at 130 while at least 19 persons are still unaccounted for.

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MR. HOOVER'S
REPORT MADE
ON COMMERCE

Big Expansion in Build-
ing and General Busi-
ness During Year

PRESIDENT-ELECT
NEARING ECUADOR

Crosses Equator, Watches
Holding of King Nep-
tune's Court for Initia-
tion of "Pollywogs"

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—Herbert Hoover's last official pronouncement as a servant of the government before his election as president was made public yesterday in the form of the annual report of the commerce department for the fiscal year 1928, which closed last June 30.

The document's key-note stressed "the remarkable continuity of the prosperity of the United States during recent years and its prevailing upward trend." In the foreword, usually the secretary's own production, the steadiness of prices, the improvements in transportation, and the phenomena of finance were treated, while agriculture was given a special study.

Agriculture About Same
"Viewing the agricultural situation as a whole, no very marked difference appears between conditions in the fiscal year 1927-28 and the preceding fiscal year," Mr. Hoover's section said. "The crops harvested in the autumn of 1927 were in the aggregate of approximately the same magnitude as those of 1926 and larger than in any previous year except 1915 and 1920."

"It is true that the increase in agricultural production both over a long period of time and during recent years has been decidedly less rapid than that in the production of manufactured and mineral products. The demand for farm products, which are for the most part necessities of life, tends to increase little if any more rapidly than population. On the other hand, there is practically no limit to the demand for manufactured commodities, many of which are in the nature of semi-luxuries or luxuries. Even if the need for one type is fully met, new and more highly elaborated articles are constantly coming into use with the advancing standards of living and of the equipment for production."

Commerce Increases
Turning to another field, the report remarked that "during the past seven or eight years, the amount of construction (of buildings) in the United States has been unparalleled in the history of this or any other important country."

"This has actively reflects both expansion of the equipment of industry and commerce," Mr. Hoover's report said, after giving the figures of the continuation, "and marked improvement in the quality of that equipment, and, above all, in the quality of the homes of the people."

Railroads were said to "have continued to furnish adequate and efficient service and to enjoy large traffic and revenues."

Analyzing the movement of gold to Europe, with the fluctuating reserve bank rate that has accompanied it, and the resulting swing in bank deposits, it was said the after making allowance for "the extraordinary volume of trading of the stock exchanges," the situation indicated "a healthy state of business activity."

CROSSING EQUATOR
U. S. S. MARYLAND, Enroute to Guayaquil, Ecuador, Nov. 30 (AP)—Rising from the sea with his royal court King Neptune today took charge of this goodwill ship as it crossed the equator. His trusted shellbacks—those who have crossed the equator before—were with him to initiate pollywogs—those who haven't—into the mystery of his realm.

President-elect Hoover, shellback of shellbacks, who was crossing for the 15th time with Mrs. Hoover, and Ambassador Fletcher, who has witnessed many an initiation, watched the ceremony from a special platform built on a forward turret. Allan Hoover, son of the president-elect, was below them with 22 handbushers of the goodwill party who were waiting their turn with 150 officers and sailors who had received warnings to appear before the royal court and receive sentence and punishment.

Nearing Ecuador
While the rollicking show was going on today the Maryland was steaming swiftly southward to arrive at Ecuador at 5 a. m. tomorrow. Off the coast of Ecuador the Hoover party will be transferred to the cruiser Cleveland for a 60-mile trip across the Gulf of Guayaquil to the river to Guayaquil where the president-elect will be the guest of President Ibañez Ayala. He will be entertained to a reception after dinner. This will be the first overnight stop on the goodwill tour which started at San Pedro on November 15.

Federal Judge In
Frisco Resigns

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30 (AP)—The resignation of Judge William Henry Hunt, senior judge of the United States circuit court of appeals for the ninth circuit, was accepted today by President Coolidge. In a letter sent Judge Hunt, President Coolidge commended him for his work on the bench.

With the resignation of Judge Hunt, it becomes apparent that the post may be filled. A bill pending before congress provides that the position is retained upon the withdrawal of Judge Hunt.

Georgia Tech Will
Play California

ATLANTA, Nov. 30 (AP)—Participation by Georgia Tech in the annual tournament of cross football game New Year's day was assured today when faculty approval was given the contest and Dr. R. V. Sanford, president of the southern conference, added his endorsement.