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Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday, not much change in temperature.

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RECOMMEND AIRPORT IN NEW LOCATION

Purchase of McCall or Phy Field Not Advisable, Committee Reports

COMMERCE CLUB APPROVES ACTION

Aviation Situation Explained at Meeting Held Today—Company Receives Cup.

A recommendation that neither the Hugh McCall field nor the government emergency landing field be purchased but that it is desirable to purchase as soon as possible a satisfactory field at a reasonable price to be used as a community airport, was presented to the chamber of commerce today by its aviation committee, and ratified without a dissenting vote. This action was taken during the noon luncheon at the La Grande hotel, following a report presented by Dr. J. L. Ingle, a member of the committee. Other members were Julius Romsdal, chairman; Dr. H. G. McCall, Oscar Cutler and W. C. Perkins.

The committee report came after a summer spent in a thorough investigation of the entire situation. It was reported that to lease the land now used by the government and the Varny airfield from Judge Phy would involve approximately \$2,000 a year plus maintenance costs, and to buy the McCall property and an additional 20 acres that would be necessary, would involve around \$10,000. The committee feels that there is a hazard at the emergency field, due to high tension wires on the north, and regards the McCall price of \$150 and more too high, stating that more desirable land could be purchased for a similar price.

Dr. Ingle stated that the government lease of the Phy field had three years more to run, and that at the end of that time, if the community had a satisfactory field to offer, the government would move its equipment. Situated at the end of the main highway, it was for this reason also coupled with the fact that the fields here at present are taking care of present demands, that the committee did not recommend purchasing the Phy or McCall fields but rather, investigating other desirable sites.

The report also brought out that Mr. Phy is realizing about \$2,000 annual from the land used by the airfield planes, and that Mr. McCall is receiving revenue from renting his field to commercial companies.

Maintenance of an airfield would include the expense of a caretaker, and about \$21 a month for lights.

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LEGION POST INSTALLATION IS WEDNESDAY

Installation of officers will be the principal feature at the meetings of the American Legion and auxiliary, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in the Siasagawa Inn. These officers were elected at the meeting in September.

Keene Harty, district commander from Enterprise, will come to La Grande to install the new officers. The state sergeant-at-arms of the auxiliary, Fern Bowden, is expected to arrive to install the auxiliary officers.

SPORT CLASS PLANNED FOR E. O. N. GIRLS

Sport classes for girls have been announced at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, and according to reports have been held in organized. This term they will play speed ball, volleyball and base ball.

"Every girl who attends school should have at least one hour of exercise a day," Miss Madeline Larson, director of girls physical education, said yesterday.

The type of sport will change with the seasons, and according to the room they have, games will be played outside as long as the weather permits.

Playing games is also a means of becoming acquainted; friends made on the athletic field often make lasting friendships, it is pointed out.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—46 above. Minimum: 39 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 73, minimum 33 above.

WEATHER OCT. 1, 1929

Maximum 73, minimum 44 above. Condition: cloudy.

Sir Harry Lauder, Here Today En Route to Pendleton, Gives His Opinion on Scotch Jokes

"Tell the people I hope that trade is good, business brisk, and everybody happy," Harry Lauder remarked this morning as he and his troupe stopped in La Grande. The way he spoke made one think of Scotch brook and heather.

The time that he seemed most Scotch was when he asked what he thought about the Scotch jokes that are so prevalent. He laughed heartily, his face was slightly red from the cool morning air, or maybe it is always red. "That is the joke," he said and laughed again. If you heard the laugh in the dark, you would know it belonged to somebody pleasant, and then when you can see its owner in daylight, right then all visions of the popular Scotchman featured in American humor, fade. They can't be of the same race, this man of the jokes, and Harry Lauder.

Enjoy Jokes "We Scotch, always enjoy jokes about ourselves. We laugh because the Americans believe them. "We know they aren't true, that's how we enjoy it so much. I like America fine, it is my adopted country." Here is a man so generous he adopts a whole country. Who said a Scotchman was tight, anyway?

On his head he wore a brown knit tam-o-shanter, with a fuzzy

little ball on the top, and on the band was what looked like a tiny black feather. One shiny black toe peeked from under the fringe of a bright green robe he covered himself with as far as his chest.

His interviewer longed to see the kind of his kilt, but he got in the bus all the time (probably to keep his knees warm). "Homey" Kind Out West "There is no difference between east and west, the difference is between the North and South. A man in Alabama would talk," and he drew out a few words in Southern style. "You people do things more quickly than they do down there. The people out West are the 'homey' kind. They like their own little home."

He regretted not being able to play in La Grande. Last night while they were in Baker, several La Grande people drove there to attend his performance. Arrangements could not be made in time for him to sing here. This is the first time he has played in Eastern Oregon, although he has passed through before.

He has been touring for more than a score of years, and has been in every state of the Union. Accompanying him are two buses containing members of his troupe. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Tom

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Enrollment At E. O. N. Passes The 250 Mark

Enrollment in the Eastern Oregon Normal school in La Grande reached and passed the 250 mark yesterday and today, according to President H. E. Inlow. The school opened last week with an enrollment of 235, which brought the total enrollment for the first year to 402. Now this total enrollment figure is nearing 420.

This is an unusually large enrollment for a normal school, particularly in a section that is not heavily populated.

At Last! Here's A Fire In Class by Itself

When the yearly fire report is drawn up during January, Fire Chief C. T. Lindsey will have an original origin to report—at least, original to this city.

Usually the origins of fires are listed as: cigarettes, playing with matches, overcooled stove, faulty fuse, etc. Yesterday, however, a new one went into the books.

At 4:50 p. m. the department rushed its truck to 1209 N. avenue, and found the house filled with smoke. Immediate investigation revealed the cause—jelly boiling over onto the stove and causing a fire.

There was no damage—except to the jelly.

12-Foot Corn Is Grown By Mr. True

Corn that reminds one of Iowa and other famous producing centers is on display in the Union county chamber of commerce offices today, a product of the Grands Ronde valley.

The stalk exhibited is approximately 12 feet in height and has ears nearly a foot and a half in length, as large around at the center as a saucer.

The corn was raised by F. M. True, who lives on the John Ainsworth place near here.

Store Has Animal And Bird Display

For awhile yesterday W. K. Gilbert had all the earmarks of a zoologist. In one show window was a display consisting of two cut birds, shot by Jim Smith Monday.

Two deer, both weighing 150 pounds dressed and equipped with five-point antlers, were brought in the same day, one shot by H. S. Smith and one by Arthur Watkins. The third display is a pair of Golden pheasants, belonging to Frank DeKolt. The pheasants, particularly attracted much interest due to their beauty and the fact that few local people have seen them before.

Dornier Airplane Will Fly To U. S.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Ger., Oct. 1 (AP)—The Dornier airplane works announced today the new large twelve motor Dornier Dox airplane recently constructed by the company would attempt a flight in America in mid-January, 1929. The route of the flight project has not been fixed but it is believed it would be across the South Atlantic to South America and thence to the United States.

HOLDING HIS OWN

CHICAGO, Oct. 1 (AP)—Professor Albert A. Michelson, world famous physicist, continued to hold his own early today against pneumonia, and physicians expressed hope that the 77-year-old scientist would survive.

SHEARER FIGURE IN '28 ELECTION

Senate's Shipbuilding Investigation Enters New Angle Today.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (AP)—The senate's shipbuilding investigation veered suddenly for a time today from the events of the 1927 Geneva naval conference to the part William H. Shearer said he played in the last presidential campaign.

Appearing as a witness for the second consecutive day, Shearer testified that upon the suggestion of Senator Moses of New Hampshire, Representative Bacon of New York and Mr. Archer, he had gone to Massachusetts, looked up Louis K. Liggett, republican national committee chairman for the state, and made a speech and that others had used his article entitled "Sea Power."

Moses and Bacon were prominent in republican campaign activities while Archer was described by Shearer as an assistant to Senator Allen, republican, Kansas, who was director of publicity for the republican national committee and now is a member of the investigation committee.

ROBIN ON TURM Questioning Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, turned the committee toward the campaign after Shearer who received \$25,000 from three shipbuilding corporations for representing them at Geneva, had said S. W. Wakeman, head of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, advised the idea of keeping secret his employment by the shipbuilders.

He testified Wakeman had given him his instructions at a private

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Initiate Member Into First Rank

A new member, Marcus Borsch, was initiated into the first rank of the Knights of Pythias last night in their meeting at the K. of P. hall.

Next Monday there will be several take the second rank, and a week from that, Monday, or October 14, a banquet will be given in honor of those men who will become knights.

Quinn Working Two Full Teams In Preparation for Coyote Game Friday

For the first time this season, two normal school eleven were out for practice yesterday afternoon, giving Coach Quinn a large enough squad for scrimmage and assuring him of a fair supply of reserves. Two of the new men are Owen Price, of La Grande, and Dougherty, of California. A hefty half-back. Price played on in high school here and since then has put on considerable weight and size.

The size of the squad, with the College of Idaho game here only a few days away, was cheering news to the E. O. N. mentor, who was handicapped during the first week of workouts by the size of the turnout.

Side of tickets for the Coyote-E. O. N. game, which will be played here Friday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock, was to begin this afternoon and normal school supporters were hopeful of disposing of a large quantity, inasmuch as this is La Grande's first college football game.

Now for a look at the Coyotes. Maybe Anse Cornell is leathery and maybe he isn't. Beardiness is "theeasie" with some coarseness. His team held Washington State college to practically the same score on Saturday as last year in the Coyotes' initial skirmish.

Forty men are rushing out

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STORM FURY WANES OVER SOUTH TODAY

Tropical Hurricane Lashing Georgia but Main Force Is Spent

DAMAGE THREAT IS DIMINISHING

Experience Strong Winds Today With Heavy Rains; Communication Is Crippled.

By The Associated Press Describing a huge area that did not seriously damage the coast of Alabama, Mississippi and Florida, evidently had diminished in intensity today as weather bureau reports said there now was no danger of hurricane winds. Still winds, however, still prevailed along its path.

Northeast storm warnings were ordered from the Virginia capes to Charleston and southwest storm warnings from Charleston to Daytona.

Moving Northeastward The disturbance was central over extreme southwestern Georgia this morning, moving northeastward with diminishing intensity after passing the Florida mainland from Tallahassee west to Pensacola. No serious property damage or casualties have been reported either in western Florida or southern Georgia.

Railroad, telephone and telegraph communication was crippled, however, and highways were flooded by torrential rains that accompanied the storm.

Thomasville, Ga., experienced severe winds this morning, after a night of heavy rain. The barometer there stood at 29.12.

Further eastward, at Valdosta, however, only a light breeze was blowing at 11 a. m. but rain drenched that section.

Storm continues on its present course, it probably will reach the eastern Georgia coast late today, meteorologists said.

John McNab To Make Study Of 18th Amendment

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (AP)—President Hoover announced today that John McNab, attorney of San Francisco, had consented to make a study of federal judicial procedure and administration of the eighteenth amendment and to formulate changes to be recommended to congress in December.

The president's announcement said McNab would work in cooperation with the law enforcement commission and justice and treasury departments.

McNab, the president said, had consented to make the study at the joint request of Attorney-General Mitchell, Secretary Mellon and George W. Wickersham, chairman of the national law enforcement commission.

The president said the general line of reorganization as regards law enforcement on the administrative side are to centralize the administrative agencies, "and thus responsibility for investigation and enforcement into the department of justice."

Looking here from Windsor, Ont., the S. S. Eden, of Buffalo, N. Y., was met by prohibition and coast guard forces late last night. In virtually every part of the vessel, whiskey, ale and wine were found and the chief was expressed that another day's search would unearth more.

Capt. Robert Koch, of Buffalo, the ship's master, and the crew of 21 men were arrested pending a thorough investigation to determine responsibility for the smuggling. They were permitted to remain in their ship quarters for the night, under guard.

Find President Of Rayon Mills Dead

ELIZABETHTOWN, Tenn., Oct. 1 (AP)—Kensil W. C. Kummer, acting president of the American Bemberg and Glanzstoff corporations rayon mills, was found dead in bed at his home today, his wrists slashed by a razor blade.

No motive for suicide could be advanced by the family. Officers would not discuss the probability of murder.

NEGRO CONVICT ESCAPES

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 1 (AP)—George Baker, a negro convict of the state penitentiary here, escaped from a construction gang outside the walls of the prison last night. He was described as a short thin man, five feet seven inches tall with the index finger of the left hand off at the second joint.

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CROPS BELOW AVERAGE FOR THIS SEASON

Government Report Has Yield Six Per Cent Less Than Normal

BIG SHORTAGE OF POTATOES, REPORT

Commercial Apple Crop Six Million Barrels Less Than 1928—Prices 50 Per Cent Up.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (AP)—The department of agriculture in its Oct. 1 report on the agricultural situation today said the total yield of crops this year probably will run about six per cent below the ten-year average because of severe drought most of the summer.

Although September rains finally broke the long dry spell the situation in the Pacific Northwest, the department said, is still serious and ranchers have had difficulty preparing their land for winter wheat.

Potato Crop Small Effects of the dry season, the report added, are evident among the vegetable crops also. The potato crop is estimated at about 350,000,000 bushels which is one of the smallest crops in ten years. Total car lot shipments of this season's fruits and vegetables during August and September ranged around 15 per cent smaller than last year.

The commercial apple crop was forecast by the department last month as 25,500,000 barrels which is about 6,000,000 barrels less than a year ago. Apple prices, the department said, this year have been running about 50 per cent higher than last year.

COLORED GIRL PLANS APPEAL TO GOVERNOR

SALLEM, Ore., Oct. 1 (AP)—Mrs. Maxwell, mother of Maxine Maxwell, colored girl who claims she has been debauched from Susan Campbell hall at the University of Oregon because of race prejudice, said today that no arrangements had been yet made for a conference with Governor Patterson, but that such a conference probably would be held.

Governor Patterson said no request for a hearing had been made of his office.

Information from Eugene is that Karl W. Onthank, executive secretary of the university, stated that Miss Maxwell applied for a room after all rooms had been applied for. He is said to have denied that the question of color arose. It was said further that Miss Maxwell was allowed to live in the dormitory a few days prior to the arrival of students who were ahead of her in the application for rooms, and that when the rooms were claimed the dean of women located her in comfortable quarters near the campus, with the usual arrangement that she take her meals at the dormitory. She is said to have all privileges in the dormitory organization.

LIQUOR WORTH \$36,000 FOUND BY OFFICERS

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 1 (AP)—A huge lake freighter was impounded, 22 men were in custody and liquor valued at more than \$36,000 was in the possession of federal agents today, the aftermath of the most spectacular raid ever staged in Wisconsin.

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Famous Railroad Man Is Drowned

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 1 (AP)—Thomas E. Mitten, one of the best known railway men in the world, was drowned in the Desnoe mountains near Milford, Pa., today.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 1 (AP)—Search for John Cherry, 18, Indianapolis, Ind., lost in the woods near the headwaters of the Tualatin river near Cherry Grove, Ore., continued today although the ground has been thoroughly searched where he is thought to be missing.

Mid-West Youth Is Lost in Forests

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 1 (AP)—Search for John Cherry, 18, Indianapolis, Ind., lost in the woods near the headwaters of the Tualatin river near Cherry Grove, Ore., continued today although the ground has been thoroughly searched where he is thought to be missing.

Cherry became separated from a deer-hunting party. Bloodhounds were sought here yesterday to aid in the search. Cherry had sufficient food for two days, it was said.

Loss of \$124,000 Cause of Suicide

NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (AP)—A broker leaped to his death from a window on the 11th floor of the Hotel Shelton early today after writing a note telling of stock market losses of \$124,000 since last April.

The man was identified from papers in his pockets as W. J. Keyes, vice president of the Charles Freshman company, Inc. A note addressed to "dearest mother" said, "Last April I was worth \$100,000. Today I am \$2,000 off in the red."

HEARING NOV. 15

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (AP)—Hearing on the application of the Great Northern and Western Pacific railroads to construct a 200-mile line between Klamath Falls, Ore., and Paxon or Kettle, Cal., will be held in San Francisco Nov. 15 before Charles D. Mahaffie, director of the interstate commerce commission's bureau of finance. The announcement was made late yesterday.

WILL HELP ENTERTAIN

Among the attractive women of the British embassy who will figure in the social entertainments for Premier Ramsay MacDonald and his daughter, Isabel, is Mrs. T. G. Hetherington.



She is the wife of Wing Commander Hetherington, air attache of the embassy.

MINISTER TURNS TO BANK ROBBING

Iowa Pastor Commits Suicide After Suspicion Is Directed Toward Him

LE MARS, Ia., Oct. 1 (AP)—For three hours yesterday the Rev. Rex Froelke forgot he was an ordained minister of the Evangelical church, forgot his position as a respected citizen and landowner. He fastened a black mask across his face, shoved a pistol into his pocket and dashed the Sioux center bank. Then, with arrest near, he killed himself.

The robbery was the more inexplicable to authorities because Froelke's wife is reputed to be one of the wealthiest women in this section of Iowa.

Just before Froelke shot himself in a barn on the farm of his wife, he gave \$250 to P. Dickman, the farm tenant, with the explanation it was money he had obtained in the bank robbery.

Auto License Is One Licensee plates on his automobile turned suspicion to Froelke. Persons who saw the robber drive from Sioux center after the hold-up caught the number of the license and traced them to Froelke. Members of a posse went to Froelke's place and questioned him. His declaration of innocence, coupled with his high standing in the community, influenced them not to arrest him.

Froelke then went to Dickman, gave him the money, confessed the theft and went to the barn where he shot himself with the same gun he had used earlier in the day in holding up the bank cashier.

The minister was 38 years old. In his college days at Western Old college here he starred at football. Upon graduation he was ordained to the ministry, but he had not had a prostrate recently. Up to a short time ago his various business activities included operation of radio station KWOC of Le Mars.

The place of yesterday's robbery is 29 miles from here. The robber forced the assistant cashier, one customer and two children in the bank vault. He snatched up all the currency in sight and fled in the Froelke automobile.

Bridge Quarrel Ends In Killing; Wife Is Accused

Calls Husband 'Bum Player' When He Fails to Make Contract—Words Lead to Shooting.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 1 (AP)—The bridge game which caused the fatal shooting here yesterday of John G. Bennett by his wife was for but one-third of a cent a point and the particular hand which evoked the fatal quarrel made the Bennetts losers by 20 cents over a period of three hours of play.

Bennett was shot after an argument which began when his wife angrily termed him "a bum bridge player." Retaliatory words were followed by mounting anger and finally Bennett, western sales manager for a New York perfume company, struck his wife. Sobbing, she rushed to her mother's bedroom and obtained a gun with which she shot her husband twice.

Attempting to reconstruct the circumstances which led to the tragedy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Hofman, with whom the Bennetts were playing, said they did not remember all the cards of the hand which caused the quarrel but agreed that the hand on which Bennett went set, after his wife had raised his one-Spade bid to four Spades with an intervening bid of two Diamonds, was "wonderful."

Held Without Bond Mrs. Hofman refused to name the cards in an affidavit but informally said she believed Bennett had six trump cards, including two honors, and that the dummy hand on which his wife raised his bid contained the other three honors. Mrs. Bennett, a girl in appearance although her husband was 35, was held without bond on a charge of first degree murder. Her attorneys indicated the defense will plead self defense and temporary insanity.

Rich Timber In Hoquiam District In Flames Today

HOQUIAM, Wash., Oct. 1 (AP)—Transforming the rich virgin timber of the upper north river valley into an inferno of leaping flames and dense smoke, the worst fire of the Grays Harbor section in many years last night was cutting into green timber and drying a forest of more than 400 fire fighters directed by District Fire Warden Frank Wedekind.

Camp No. 5 of the Sagnaw timber company was wiped out except for three small buildings in the 24-hour sweep of the flames over three sections since late Sunday afternoon when the fire started near Moss creek in a recent slashing. Camp No. 2 was moved out just ahead of the flames this morning and other camps were being moved as rapidly as possible.

The little town of Brooklyn, headquarters camp for the company and base of operations by the fire fighters reported hurriedly last night that it was impossible to estimate the number of acres already devastated, smoke being so thick the entire valley is in darkness.

The fire had traveled so close that flames were visible from the streets of the town, itself almost in pitch darkness due to the heavy smoke.

VETERANS OF WORLD WAR MARCH AGAIN

Thirty Thousand Men Who Were "The Boss" of 1918 Parade Today.

MILES OF SMILES IN KENTUCKY CITY

Procession Feature of National Legion Convention—Side Tracks Business Session.

By Stanley G. Thompson (Associated Press Staff Writer)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 1 (AP)—Men who dragged blistered feet over shell-torn roads in France today blithely kept step with a thousand applauding onlookers.

Shoulders which eleven years ago drooped dejectedly under cruel mock attacks were held in positions of military squareness as more than 30,000 men who were "the boys" of 1918 passed the reviewing stand in the parade of the eleventh national American Legion convention.

It was a six-hour parade for those who took part in the exhibition, for every delegation was ordered to be at its allotted place at 10 a. m., and the official closing time was 4 p. m. The line as formed extended from the Memorial auditorium, a few blocks from the downtown district, three miles out Third street to the campus of the University of Louisville.

To put on this big show the men who went through history's greatest war, whether on the battlefield or in the tense atmosphere of the homeland, waited for hours at their stations along the line of formation.

In the line of march were approximately 100 drum and bugle corps and almost half as many full dressed bands, coming literally from the four corners of the nation and representing every one of the 48 states. The members of these organizations, men whose hair already is graying or growing thin, wore uniforms at once spectacular and uncomfortable. Some sported fur slinkies, but for the most part the bearing consisted of "the hat," polished to mirror-like brightness.

The rank and file of the marchers wore that masterpiece of discomfort—the American overseas cap, which has been adopted by the American Legion as its only official uniform. It is a hat whose only virtue is that it covers a part of the head, without keeping out the sunlight or affording protection against the elements.

A Parade of Smiles But the 30,000 men who marched under these conditions walked on the hard asphalt with smiles and snipped to attention and eyes bright with the vigor of active fighting men as they passed the reviewing stand where national commander officers, and the distinguished guests returned the salutes of the passing delegations.

Brigadier General Elmer Carter, of Louisville, as grand marshal of the parade, led the marching thousands, and next came Edward E. Spafford, immediate past national commander. Then came bands and floats representing several states, among them California, with a float representing a relief map of the state which claims mountains, beaches and other objects lessons in physical geography. Wyoming cowboys followed, preparing the way, as it were, for the cowboys and cow girls of Texas.

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TWO NATIONS TO EXCHANGE AMBASSADORS

LEWIS, England, Oct. 1 (AP)—Great Britain and Russia today agreed to an exchange of ambassadors, thus paving the way for full resumption of trade and commercial relations between the two countries. The agreement, which is subject to parliamentary approval in England, was reached in a secret meeting here between Foreign Secretary Arthur Henderson of Great Britain and Russian ambassador Valerian Douglavsky who came from his Paris post.

TODAY'S BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago..... R. H. E.
Cincinnati..... 3 7 1
Baltimore, Bush and Gonzales; Lucas and Gorch.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Washington at Philadelphia, 2 games postponed; wet grounds.

MILL SALE ANNOUNCED

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 1 (AP)—Sale of the Portland vegetable oil mills to the Glidden company of Cleveland, Ohio, was announced yesterday by A. D. Joyce, president of the Glidden company for which