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FIRES CAUSE HEAVY LOSS OVER VALLEY

Flames Destroy Two Valuable Barns and Contents at Dobbin Farm.

DEPARTMENT HERE COMBATS FLAMES

Two-Story Home of Mrs. Louisa Burwell at Union is Burned Late Yesterday.

Two fires that occurred in Union county yesterday and during the night caused an estimated loss of from \$20,000 to \$22,000, a small part of which is said to have been protected by insurance.

The larger fire of the two occurred after midnight at the Jim Dobbin farm about a mile west of Moss Chapel school, where two large, modern barns, filled with hay, were destroyed. Mr. Dobbin had just completed filling the barns and yesterday put some chopped alfalfa in one of them, it is reported.

The La Grande fire department, using its pumper truck, went to the assistance of the men fighting the fire at the Dobbin farm, leaving here shortly before 3 a. m. and returned to La Grande about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, according to Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay. Firemen said today that the loss would be around \$15,000 to \$18,000 of which it is understood that about one-fourth was protected by insurance. Some other contents of the barns were burned, although it is reported that a few articles were rescued.

Spontaneous combustion is blamed for the fire by the local fire chief. A year ago last winter, Mr. Dobbin built a large extension onto the sheep barn, which was one of the two destroyed.

UNION HOME BURNS

By Mrs. L. Z. Torral (Observer Correspondent) UNION, Ore., Oct. 25 (Special)—Fire that started about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon destroyed the home of Louisa Burwell near Goodland lake, in South Union. Her son, Adrian Goodland, had been burning grass and rubbish when a stiff breeze carried the fire out of control, attacking a woodshed. The fire alarm was turned in but before the crew could reach the spot, the wind had carried the flames to the house. Furniture and bedding were removed from the first floor but nothing could be saved from the second story rooms.

The building was one of the fine old landmarks of Union and had recently been redecorated and into comfortable apartments for renting purposes.

Mrs. Burwell was at a party when the fire started and there was no one in the house.

It is understood that there is insurance that will partly cover the loss.

The wind and low water prevented the fire from spreading.

SPORTSMEN TO HAVE BANQUET AT ENTERPRISE

ENTERPRISE, Oct. 25—Every thing is in readiness for the big Sportsmen's banquet which has been scheduled to take place at the E. O. O. F. hall here Saturday evening at 8:20. L. E. Snyder completed arrangements for the meat course when he bagged a fine two year old black bear north of the Chequamegon Sunday.

An excellent program is being arranged and some surprises are in store for everybody this year. Jack Clemons, well known Seattle, inspector, will be here with his imitable stunts and songs and the committee feels that there will be no question about everybody getting their money's worth both in eats and entertainment. Following is the menu, an interpretation of which may be had on the night of the banquet by fishing any of the fishermen present:

- Oysters Pickles Grilled Veggies Cold Chicken, Crispy Fried Chicken, Bear's a Snyder, Sauté de Veau, Sauté de Dinde, Parfait de Gousses, Pressed Hisses, Sauté de Boeuf à la Bernaise, Sauté de Legumes—Chèvre, Pommes, Tarte aux pommes, Pommes Frites, Café Noir

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—25 above. Minimum: 21 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 71, minimum 29 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER OCT. 25, 1929

Maximum 67, minimum 25 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

Bar Landreth Of Pendleton From Athletic Board

Baker High School Objects to Chairman—Milton-Freewater man to Act for Him.

CRAWFORD REMOVED

BAKER, Ore., Oct. 25 (AP)—Superintendent Hugh Coleman today expressed himself as satisfied with Harold G. Crawford as third judge in the eligibility protest.

He also announced that Clayton Crawford, one of the five Baker football players protested, had been removed voluntarily from the team on receipt of word from Corvallis that Crawford failed in two subjects his last semester there.

With the hearing on the La Grande High school protest against Baker High school on the eligibility of certain football players to be held in Portland tomorrow morning, beginning at 10 a. m., the complexion of the state athletic association board of control will be somewhat changed, due to a counter protest by Baker.

Yesterday the Baker school authorities filed an objection to Austin Landreth, of Pendleton, chairman of the board of control, because of hot athletic rivalry between Pendleton and Baker. Customarily, such objections are adopted, and as a result the chairman will not participate in the hearing. In his place will be Harold G. Henson, of Milton-Freewater, who is said to be acceptable to those concerned.

Although the Pendleton superintendent will not appear at the meeting as a board member, it is

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Wallowa County Wins Verdict In Civil Suit Here

A civil case that has attracted a great deal of attention in Union county for the last week came to a close in circuit court at 9:30 o'clock last night when the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defense.

The suit was that of J. E. Ingalls against Wallowa county, involving a road contract and a sum of money amounting to approximately \$40,000. The jury took the case at 8:20 and returned the verdict at three hours later, with half of the time out for dinner.

The case started in circuit court here Monday with Judge J. V. Knowles presiding and was the final case on the October circuit court calendar.

Acquisition Of Local Building, Loan Completed

Completion of the acquisition of the La Grande Building and Loan association has been completed by the Guardian Building and Loan association of Portland, and the La Grande branch office has been reorganized so as to give better service, according to Jacob Dobbin, field organizer. Books have been audited and transfer of accounts will start on Nov. 1.

COOS SHERIFF DIES

MAIRSHFIELD, Ore., Oct. 25 (AP)—Sheriff W. W. Gage, 79, Coos county, for 29 years a peace officer and a native of Oregon, died at his Coosville home yesterday.

BUILDING AND LOAN OFFICE HERE



This is the La Grande office of the Guardian Building and Loan association under the management of H. M. Gay. The interior has recently been remodelled and rearranged to accommodate the future growth of the business.

EAST OREGON GRANGERS TO GATHER HERE

About 300 Will Attend District Convention in La Grande.

BUSINESS MEN TO AID WITH DINNER

Degree Work to Occupy Much of Day—Welcoming Addresses to be in Afternoon.

La Grande, for the first time in many years, will be host tomorrow to Eastern Oregon members of the Oregon State grange, when they gather here in one of two conventions to be held over the state. The other is at Tigard the same day, for Western Oregon grangers.

Meetings during the day will be largely taken up with explanation of degrees, etc., but in the evening the grangers and business men will join in a cafeteria supper to begin at 6 o'clock in the Odd Fellows temple. The supper is being jointly sponsored by the grangers and by the chamber of commerce. There will be no program, the meeting being for the sole purpose of good fellowship. H. E. Brady is in charge of the club, her committee that is arranging for attendance of business men.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock, at one of the convention meetings, former Governor Walter M. Pierce will be one of the speakers. It is held here November 11 have been begun by the committee of the American Legion in charge consisting of Raymond O. Williams, Harley Richardson, Chet Thompson, and Jesse Andrews.

An unusual treat for La Grande will be the presence of four drum corps here that day. Other than the local corps, there will be one from Baker, one from Enterprise, and one from Pendleton. At present they expect to have a parade about 10 o'clock in the morning.

In the afternoon there will be a football game between La Grande and Pendleton high schools. A luncheon for all executive men will be given at noon.

A dinner will be held in the evening at the Zeller hotel.

More detailed plans will be announced later.

C. M. HUMPHREYS APPOINTED TODAY

Will Succeed Colon R. Eberhard, Resigned as U. S. Commissioner Here

C. M. Humphreys, of La Grande, was today appointed United States commissioner for this city by Federal Judge Bean. He succeeds Colon R. Eberhard, resigned.

Mr. Humphreys is present city judge.

Mr. Eberhard resigned after several years service because he wished to retire from this position. His resignation was made out about two weeks ago, to become effective immediately.

The United States commissioner, although he at one time took a good many honest proofs, is faced mostly with the duties of acting as a committing magistrate in federal cases at present.

His position is similar to the justice of peace, with one acting as criminal and the other in state cases, where the case has to go to a grand jury. There is very little of taking of honest proofs, etc., at present.

The commissioner also has the right to fix bonds, etc., but all cases go to the federal court in Portland for final action.

Traffic Officer Speaker at Club

The Presbyterian Men's club held a regular session last night at the home of Joel Richardson, with the main talk of the evening being delivered by Walter Lamm, state traffic officer stationed at Baker. Mr. Lamm gave much information on road laws and kindred subjects. Dick Robertson, local state traffic officer, was a guest.

Mrs. Richardson served refreshments at the conclusion of the program.

Observer Will Be Dinner Host Monday Evening

Business Men Asked—Will be Followed by Advertising, Merchandising Round Table.

A dinner for the business men of La Grande who are interested in merchandising and advertising, will be given by the Evening Observer Monday evening, Oct. 28, preceding the round-table advertising meeting which is sponsored by the Extension division of the University of Oregon for that day.

Frank Jenkins, publisher of the Eugene Register, president of the Eugene chamber of commerce and recognized as an expert on advertising and merchandising throughout the state, will be the guest of honor.

Mr. Jenkins is sent to La Grande by the university to conduct this advertising round table and the Observer is asking business men to be its guests for the dinner beforehand. The dinner will be held in the Scaevaya Inn promptly at 8:45 o'clock and the round table meeting, to which the general public is invited if interested, will probably get under way at 7:45 p. m.

The event is being staged jointly by the chamber of commerce and the Oregon State Editorial association, whose executive secretary Arne Raab, will be present.

American Legion Planning Nov. 11 Celebration Here

Arrangements for the annual Armistice day celebration to be held here November 11 have been begun by the committee of the American Legion in charge consisting of Raymond O. Williams, Harley Richardson, Chet Thompson, and Jesse Andrews.

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Court of Honor Will Be Tonight

Many interested in Boy Scouts and scouting are expected to attend the court of honor to be held this evening at 7:20 in the high school auditorium, when medals will be taken and merit badges awarded. Five boys will receive first class scout badges, and three, tenderfoot badges.

Two star scout badges will be awarded, and one single badge; also one gold and one bronze pair. There will be eight first class merit badges, and one second class merit badge awarded.

This is the first court of honor that has been held since summer camp. E. Russell Scott, local scout executive is expected to make his last public appearance in La Grande at the event this evening.

Eagles Initiate Four New Members

Four new members were initiated into the Eagles lodge last evening. They were: Dell Brown, T. O. Cruder, Walter Lead and Dean Berry.

Members of the Baker organization were guests of the local lodge last evening.

A social session followed the regular meeting, with a program and refreshments. The hall was decorated with Halloween colors. The program consisted of musical numbers and readings.

PLUMBERY DIES

LA GRANDE, Ore., Oct. 25 (AP)—A. A. Dunham was burned to death today in a fire which destroyed his cabin.

BODIES MARK PLACE WHERE 54 PERISHED

Story of Sinking of Lake Michigan Steamer Remains Unknown.

INVESTIGATION OF TRAGEDY ORDERED

Half Dozen Boats Steaming to Scene of Wreck to Complete the Work of Salvage.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 25 (AP)—A dozen bodies marked the resting place of Lake Michigan steamer and revealed the fate of her crew at 51.

Each enclosed in a life belt, they floated among wreckage from their ill-fated ship, the grand trunk car ferry Milwaukee on the lake 16 miles southeast of Kenosha, Wis.

A half dozen boats were detailed to steam to the scene and complete the work of salvage today. Last night, searchers recovered seven bodies and bits of wreckage which told how the Milwaukee plunged to the bottom during Tuesday night's storm.

The story of the actual events leading up to the sinking seemed destined to remain locked in the bosom of Lake Michigan.

Marine men here, discussing the cause of the disaster, believed that the freight cars carried in the hold were torn from their moorings by the buffeting of the storm.

The United States steamboat inspection service, through Capt. William A. Collins of Milwaukee, wanted to know if the sinking of the vessel was due to negligence of those who ordered the ship to clear port in the face of storm warnings or if the manner of handling the ship was contributory to

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Mrs. Mellinger Passes Away At Her Home Here

Mrs. Daisy B. Mellinger, who died at her home at 112 Second street yesterday afternoon at the conclusion of a short illness, will be laid to rest here tomorrow afternoon in the family plot in the Masonic cemetery, following funeral services at 2 p. m. in the Anderson and Zimmerman mortuary.

Mrs. Mellinger is a native daughter of Oregon, being born in Washington county Mar. 24, 1876. She was 53 years and seven months old at the time of death. She was married July 28, 1894 at Vernonia, Ore., and moved to La Grande in 1916.

She leaves her husband, U. S. Mellinger, and one son, of La Grande, four sisters and one brother, Nancy Armstrong, of Grants Pass; Ivy Woods, of Vernonia; Ida Kugel, of Astoria; Verma Chamberlain, of Portland; and E. W. Sholey, of Vernonia.

Junior Eleven Wins Title In Class Contest

The junior class won the championship of the high school interscholastic football contests that have been held during the past month, yesterday afternoon scoring 6 points in the last ten seconds of play, when they advanced from their 20-yard line two minutes before the close of the game.

This team has remained undefeated throughout the series.

Points will be awarded to the various classes for the pep contest, five points given to the winners.

The sophomores are second in this series with two wins and one loss. With one win and two losses the freshmen are in third place. The seniors are last with no wins.

Elks Hear Report On Benefit Show

Reports of the recent '29 show given by the Elks lodge were made last night at their meeting presided over by Claude Berry, exalted ruler, with a large attendance. The show which was successful in every way, had one of the best reports ever made on this annual entertainment. An appreciation was expressed to the people of La Grande for assisting in making this a success.

The district committee for the winter series of dances announced a dance for Tuesday evening, November 5, at the Elks temple.

Elks memorial services will be held the first Sunday in December.

SENATOR BURTON VERY ILL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP)—Senator Theodore F. Burton of Ohio, has suffered a serious relapse in his illness and his family today expressed apprehension over his condition.

Urban F. Diteman, Atlantic Flier, Given Up For Lost by His Mother



Urban F. Diteman, flying Montana-Oregon gentleman, was given up for lost this morning by his mother and by the world at large. This NEA telephoto was rushed to La Grande from San Francisco.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25 (AP)—The name of Urban F. Diteman Jr. was generally believed today to have been added to the roll of those who tried to fly across the Atlantic and failed.

Unnoticed and unheard of since he headed his midjet monoplane, Golden Hind, out to sea from Harbor Grace, N. E., on Tuesday, all but the most hopeful were convinced that his adventurousome project had ended with a forced landing in a stormy sea.

Those who cling to the belief that the Montana aviator-entrepreneur had escaped pointed out the possibility that he may have headed northward and landed in some isolated island or been picked up at sea by a ship without wireless.

One of those who refused to give up hope was his wife who yesterday at her home in Billings, Mont., received a letter he had mailed from Harbor Grace before his takeoff.

But his 70-year-old mother at Portland, Oregon, has become resigned to the belief that her son is dead. His father also, prior to leaving for Billings to comfort his daughter-in-law and her two children, said he was convinced his son was lost.

Oregon College Denies Charges In Grid Report

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 25 (AP)—"Interscholastic athletics at Oregon State college form but one phase of a larger program of physical education for all, and an athlete in given the same treatment as students who participate in other activities," Dr. W. K. Kerr, president of the college, declared in commenting on the Carnegie foundation report.

"Oregon State college is in hearty accord with the work of the Carnegie foundation in its attempt to improve conditions in intercollegiate athletics and to place it in its proper relation to the entire scheme of higher education," Dr. Kerr said.

"The report," Dr. Kerr continued, "said that fraternities at certain institutions, including Oregon State college, provide some athletes with board or room or both at a low figure. This, I am

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Install Officers At Realty Meeting

The La Grande Realty board installed officers and heard an excellent talk by Frank Bridges, of Los Angeles, at its weekly luncheon in the La Grande hotel today.

B. A. Benham was installed as president and George H. Cursey as vice president. The election occurred a week ago.

Mr. Bridges' talk dealt with the conditions of the Pacific Northwest and how the industries are seeking the Northwest.

BUSINESS SOUND, HOOVER SAY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP)—President Hoover said today the fundamental business structure of the country is in a very sound line.

ALBERT FALL HELD GUILTY BY JURORS

First Victory for Government in Senate Oil Investigation Trials.

ENDS EIGHT YEARS OF COURT ACTION

Defense Counsel Serves Notice of Motion for New Trial—Fourth Ballot Decides.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (AP)—Albert B. Fall was found guilty today of accepting a \$100,000 bribe from Edward L. Doheny for this lease of the Elk Hills, Cal., naval oil reserve.

The jury recommended to the court that the former interior secretary be shown mercy.

Eight men and four women composed the jury which convicted the sixty-eight-year-old man, now broken in health, of guilt in this connection while serving as secretary of the interior, in the Harding cabinet.

The verdict was handed down nearly eight years after Fall received the money from Doheny, a friend of prospecting days when they and the west were young.

The case was the first criminal action won by the government in those growing out of the celebrated senate oil investigations. The government has recovered the leases but Fall, once branded by the supreme court as a "faithless public servant," is the first person convicted with the leases to be convicted.

During the trial Fall has appeared most of the time in a wheelchair and on one occasion a recess had to be taken because of his condition.

Ask For Mercy. The four women and eight men on the jury stood as they announced their verdict individually.

One by one they were polled each replied: "Guilty, with mercy of the court."

As the jury which had been out almost 24 hours walked to the place there was not another sound in the courtroom.

"Ladies and Gentlemen," asked the court, "have you reached a verdict?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"What is your verdict?" asked the court.

"Guilty," replied Foreman Thomas J. Norris.

As the verdict was rendered Fall slumped back in his big leather chair.

Mrs. Fall and her daughters, Mrs. C. C. Chase and Mrs. Joetta Elliott, leaned forward in their seats and wept.

She slowly raised her head. Her husband sat next to Fall with little apparent emotion. He clasped his hand over his ear as the court reviewed the case.

To Seek New Trial. The courtroom was crowded to its capacity.

Defense counsel served no ice of a motion for a new trial.

It was the third criminal charge Fall has faced as a result of his oil leasing policies. One charge, that of conspiring with Harry E. Sinclair, now in jail on contempt of the court and sentence, still awaits trial.

The Sinclair-Fall charge was that of conspiracy to defraud government of the the Teapot Dome naval oil reserves. It was on trial in 1927 but resulted in a mistrial when Burns detectives hired by Sinclair were found shadowing the jury.

Subsequently Sinclair stood trial alone and was acquitted and because of this it has been expected the charge against Fall would be dismissed.

The other charge against Fall was that of conspiracy with Doheny to defraud in the Elk Hills lease. Both were acquitted.

Defense counsel also announced an effort for arrest of judgment.

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W. C. T. U. WILL SUPPORT HOOVER

Oregon Convention Ends at Pendleton With Passing of Resolutions.

PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 25 (AP)—Confidence in the personal and official attitude of President Hoover toward prohibition and law enforcement was expressed by the members of the Oregon W. C. T. U. in their resolutions passed at their closing sessions yesterday afternoon.

Among other resolutions was one pledging continued assistance in obtaining signatures for the youth's roll call and recognition of the Jones-Stockton law. An appeal to the patriotism of the people of the United States to support the 13th amendment, as a part of the constitution, is made in the resolutions, which denounce dry propaganda and which state that they will support only dry candidates for office.

"The youth of Oregon may continue to be informed upon the truth, that the truth may make them free, we pledge our renewed zeal in the attending of scientific temperance instruction in every school during the coming year," one resolution reads.

The United States senate is urged.

Union Pacific Bus Line Extended To Chicago Via Omaha, Salt Lake

The Pacific Northwest today was linked with the midwest and the east by a new transportation link—efficient motor stage trucks.

These motor stages, extending from Portland to Chicago via Salt Lake City and Omaha, parallel the main rail line of the Union Pacific for most of the distance.

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