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## THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and Friday, no change in temperature. Gentle variable winds.

HARVESTING  
OF CROPS IS  
NEARING END

Farmers and Fruit Growers of County Have a Fairly Good Year.

GROWERS HOLDING  
HALF OF WHEAT

Fifty Per Cent Sold at an Average Price of \$1.06—Apple Picking Near Completion.

The annual harvest of crops is practically completed in Union county at present, with reports from Imbler and Elgin that most of the apple picking is completed. The weather this fall has been ideal for harvesting operations, and work in the fields and orchards has not been delayed for more than a day or two during the autumn season by rains. Very little wheat has been lost because of frost.

A large crop of apples, in good condition, but smaller than usual, was on the trees in the Imbler and Elgin sections, and the harvesting work not already completed, is expected to be finished within the next week or 10 days. Most attention is being turned to the packing houses.

The prime crops have been harvested for several days and practically all of the other work in connection with the yield has been completed.

Farmers and fruit men in general have experienced a good year, with generally good crops and fairly good prices in most cases. Seeding of fall grain was completed some time ago and the rain last weekend is expected to prove of great benefit to the winter wheat. The acreage in Union county in winter wheat this year is less than last year, due to the dry weather, and as a result, a larger acreage of spring wheat is expected next year.

The wheat crop this fall was about 50,000 bushels, under the best of conditions, and of this amount, about 50 per cent has been sold, it is estimated today. The average price received for the wheat sold has been about \$1.06, according to the Pioneer Flouring mills. Yesterday's price was \$1.03.

The dehydrating plant, built in La Grande by the Pioneer Packing company, has opened a new market for many of the apple growers who have disposed and are disposing of their crops at 25 a ton. The plant expects to continue operations until January or February.

QUESTION OF  
ANNEXATION TO  
BE DISCUSSED

At a short meeting of the city commission last night, a delegation of men from districts just outside of the city limits, and announced that another meeting will be held at Willow school after the city commissioners post notices for an election. The delegation extended an invitation to the commissioners, the chamber of commerce, and residents of La Grande to attend.

This call for an election will not be made until petitions bearing signatures of 20 per cent of the local voters who cast ballots at the last election, are presented to the city commission. When this is done an election will be necessary, as the commission will have no choice in the matter.

The delegation expressed confidence that the annexation measure would be beaten at the polls, but also said that they want the matter to come to a vote.

An ordinance, declaring the costs in sidewalk district 193, was passed at the meeting last night.

Normal School  
To Present Play

George Bernard Shaw's play, "Arms and the Man," has been chosen as the production which the Dramatic club of the Eastern Oregon Normal school will present December 11. This organization will give a play each quarter, under the supervision of Miss Lena Foley.

Early next week reports will be held for parts in the play. This club will make its own scenery and costumes, and work in these departments will be begun immediately.

**WEATHER TODAY**  
7:30 a. m.—32 above.  
Minimum—31 above.  
Conditions—clear.  
**WEATHER YESTERDAY**  
Maximum—32, minimum—29 above.  
Condition—clear.  
**WEATHER OCT. 31, 1929**  
Maximum—32, minimum—25 above.  
Condition—cloudy, rain 12 of inch.

Hallowe'en To  
Be Celebrated  
In La Grande

Hallowe'en, the one night of the year when children—and grown-ups, too—can play practical jokes on their neighbors without expecting a load of criticism, will be here in a few hours. And, as usual, it will be thoroughly celebrated in La Grande.

There will be bands of youngsters parading the streets, soap-suds, using ticklers, attempting to frighten passersby, etc. In the homes, there will be many social affairs—bridge parties, regular Hallowe'en parties, and dances.

Everyone, in fact, will be out to enjoy themselves, with the possible exception of the police, whose duty it is to see that pranks are pranks and not wanton destruction of property.

Police Chief Haynes admits that it is the right of any youngster to have his Hallowe'en fun, provided that he doesn't destroy property and provided that he obeys the curfew law, which demands that all youngsters be at home by 10 o'clock unless accompanied by their parents.

But Police Chief Haynes also suspects, from past experience, that some of the youngsters will

fail to confine themselves to harmless jokes. Therefore, he has an increased squad of policemen on duty tonight, and the town is to be thoroughly patrolled.

Incidentally, any youngster taken to the police station for his too-ambitious Hallowe'en activities, will have to stay there until his parents come after him, Police Chief Haynes says.

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Recently Mr. Mackey desired to improve it, but the city commission denied the granting of a permit and later a petition was received from property owners asking that it be condemned and torn down, claiming it was hazardous. After an architect had made a report on the building, the city commission took no further action but Mr. Mackey is now voluntarily removing the building.

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High School To  
Play Whitman's  
Supervarsity

Football Game Arranged for Saturday Afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in This City.

Arrangements were completed late this morning by La Grande High school and Whitman college authorities for the playing of a football game here Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock between the Whitman supervarsity eleven and the Tigers.

The Oregon State High School Athletic association's board of control has granted La Grande permission to play the supervarsity. Principal E. D. Towler announced in connection with the announcement of the scheduling of the game.

This will be the first appearance of La Grande High against any team representing a college in many years. The supervarsity eleven is expected to be as strong or stronger than a high school team in Walla Walla's class, and is also expected to be heavier in weight than the Tiger squad.

Jimmy Rosenbaum will officiate at the contest, which will be the last game for the Tigers until Armistice Day, when Pendleton will come to La Grande.

While the supervarsity is playing in La Grande, the Eastern Oregon Normal school squad will be facing the Whitman first stringers in Walla Walla.

PARIS ROUTS VOGUE OF "WHOOPEE" VILLS

PARIS (AP)—The vogue of "whoopee" villas, commonly called "whoopee" villas, was brief. Over here the half-vill is already a fashion left-over. Faces are not only uncovered but uncovered as much as possible. The newest hats turn abruptly off the face, catching the wind from the edge of the hair. Millinery lines are clean cut, without softening veils, or draped, also without veils.

MANY STUDENTS MARRIED

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)—Of nearly 4,000 students at the University of Missouri, 184 are married—122 men and 62 women.

GIRL LAWYER CARRIES CASE

LAWRENCE, Kas. (AP)—Elizabeth Arnold, the only woman in the senior class of the University of Kansas law school, carries a case given her by men in the class.

NEW THEATER TO  
BE THE 'GRANADA'

Expect to Open Sound Picture House About November 10th.

La Grande's newest theater, now being completed on the site formerly occupied by the Star, will be known as the Granada theater. It was announced today by the La Grande Theaters, Inc.

The Granada will be ready for opening on Nov. 19, unless poor weather or some other unforeseen condition causes postponement. The workmen are rushing construction as rapidly as possible and a crew started the decorating of the interior today. It is expected that the decorating of the outside will begin as soon as the sidewalk is completed. Seats will be rearranged inside shortly.

Western Electric sound equipment, exactly the same as is now in use in the Arcade, will be installed, and a survey is being made to assure patrons of the best acoustics. All new projection equipment will be installed. Some of the best sound pictures the managers are able to secure will be shown at the Granada, which will be on par with the Arcade in quality of programs.

BALL TO PORTLAIN PROGRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The development of the western continent will be portrayed at the seventh annual Ball Bohème of the Arts club of Washington January 27. Decorations will range from tropical forests to snowy peaks of Alaska.

President Hoover Wants Action On  
Tariff Bill Within Next Two Weeks

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP)—A statement was issued at the White House today explaining that President Hoover in a conference with senate leaders last night urged the expedition and early completion of the schedules in tariff bill so the revenue measure could be sent to a conference with the house within two weeks.

The announcement said the president had told the leaders that the wide difference of opinion and the length of discussions in the senate "were themselves ample demonstration of the desirability of a real flexible clause in order that justice in rates could be promptly corrected by scientific and impartial investigation and put in action without such delays as the present discussions give proof."

Senator Watson of Indiana, the

CROSS-STATE  
LINE UP TO  
COMMISSION

I. C. C. Takes the Matter Under Consideration After Meeting.

RAILROADS JOIN  
IN OPPOSITION

U. P., O.-W., O. S. L., S. P. and C. P. Contend Board Has No Jurisdiction.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 31 (AP)—The contention that northern western railroads should be required to build an extension westward from Crane, Ore., to a connection with the Southern Pacific near Crescent lake, was laid before the interstate commerce commission here in a meeting yesterday by the Oregon public service commission. The interstate commerce commission took the matter under consideration. It now has before it, in addition to pleas of opposing attorneys, a report of Commissioner Frank McNamany, sitting as examiner recommending that construction be ordered.

Counsel for the railroads opposed the 180-mile project on the grounds that necessities of the region do not justify the expenditure. It was estimated the Eastern West line would cost \$2,900,000.

The defendant railroads include the Southern Pacific, Central Pacific, Union Pacific, Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., and the Oregon Short Line. Counsel for these lines contended the interstate commerce commission is without jurisdiction to order construction.

The argument was made that if any part of the commerce act be construed as conferring authority to the line, the provisions are unconstitutional in that they would operate to deprive the rail

roads of their property.

Parole Violator,  
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ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 31 (AP)—E. L. Blair, 24, Portland, parole violator from the Walla Walla prison and Mabel "Babe" Larson, 15, Portland waitress, were arrested here today charged with holding up a taxicab driver and theft of an automobile at Eugene, Ore.

The couple was captured by Chief of Police Vaughn and city officer Ray Hirsch after a high speed chase through the main street of Roseburg.

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"The average church," he said, "needs pep and a certain amount of restrained whoopee, under proper supervision, to make it attractive to the young people."

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TENNESSEE, N. J., Oct. 31 (AP)—How to be a happy wife, by Harold Wells of Hackettstown, a former judge, "Smile and keep your husband, or smile and get one. Grouches are filling our divorce courts and the female grouch is more deadly than the male," Mr. Wells spoke at a meeting of business women.

Budget Committee  
Named By Board

The school board of district No. 1, embracing La Grande, last night appointed a committee of five citizens to meet with the board next Monday night for the purpose of adopting a budget for the coming year.

Members of the budget committee will be: Julius Roach, Ralph Williams, Mrs. H. C. Alexander, Mrs. E. P. McPherson and George Leland.

In addition to this action, the board members also were occupied with the usual routine business matters.

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It was reported here at 1:45 p. m. that the steamer Thomas Walters had picked up three men believed survivors of the Senator.

FIVE RESCUED

CLEVELAND, Oct. 31 (AP)—Five members of the crew of the freighter Senator, which sank in Lake Michigan today, in a collision with the Marquette, are on board the Marquette which is making for port at Milwaukee, officials of the Cleveland Clift Iron company, owners of the boat said, this afternoon.

Cover Shortage Of  
\$700,000 In Bank

PLINT, Mich., Oct. 31 (AP)—Directors of the Union Industrial bank here have covered with \$700,000 in cash a shortage involving seven employees of the institution. It was announced by bank officials today. Names of the individuals concerned and what disposition was made of the funds were not disclosed.

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## ORPHANED

Here are Jackie, 7, and Eddie Dittman, 4, sons of Urban E. Dittman, rancher-flyer of Billings, Mont., and Portland, Ore., who disappeared while attempting a non-stop flight from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, across the Atlantic ocean to England.

Two Men Kill Express  
Company Clerk and  
Escape With Loot.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 31 (AP)—Two men who escaped from a prison here today, killed an express company clerk in his cage, bound a clerk and stole \$1,000, today apparently had eluded police in a clean getaway.

After having slipped down the stairs after the pair that killed John M. Weaver, bound W. J. Johnson and looted the cash register of the railway express company at closing time last night, detectives said there was nothing on which they could promise an early arrest.

The trail left by the daring pair was faint—a terrorized clerk's description of the men, a package addressed to a fictitious person, two 45 caliber pistol shells and two bullets, a shoe string used to tie up the clerk and a set of fingerprints made by the man who scooped up the currency. The fingerprints taken by Wesley Turner, chief of the police department, identified the men as being the most substantial elopement, but were held to be of little value unless their maker had another set on file. The men were believed to have jumped into an old touring car as they dashed from the office.

The men entered the office five minutes before closing time, just as Weaver, the cashier, was checking over the day's money receipts and Johnson, a clerk was putting his books away. One of them tossed a package on the counter and the other, seeing a pistol on the counter beside Weaver's desk, pointed it at the clerk and a set of fingerprints made by the man who scooped up the currency. The fingerprints taken by Wesley Turner, chief of the police department, identified the men as being the most substantial elopement, but were held to be of little value unless their maker had another set on file. The men were believed to have jumped into an old touring car as they dashed from the office.

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