

NELSON CONFESSES 14 FIRES

MUST SERVE 15 YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

Sentenced Passed on La Grande Volunteer Fireman Before Noon Today

ADMITTS SETTING FIRES AT L. H. S.

Investigations Made By District Attorney Carl Helm and Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay.

Less than ten hours after he signed a confession to setting 14 fires in La Grande this year, John Harold Nelson, 28, was sentenced to a maximum of 15 years in the state penitentiary. He pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles shortly after 11 o'clock.

The 15-year sentence means that Nelson, known as "Harry" Nelson, will not be eligible for parole until he has served seven and a half years in prison.

In passing sentence Judge Knowles pointed out that not only had the fires caused serious property damage, but that lives might have been lost if they had continued.

It is expected that Nelson will be taken to Salem early next week.

Nelson was arrested about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and began telling his story to officers after persistent questioning, about 9 o'clock last night. Cleared with the officers and finally telling his complete story, it was not until 1:45 a. m. today that he was finished and signed a confession.

MCETRIDGE, 17, TO BE PRESENT AT CONGRESS

SALEM, Nov. 5 (AP)—Kenneth Pettibone, 20-year-old Corvallis youth who is president of the fifth national congress of Future Farmers of America, will leave Portland tonight for Kansas City, Mo., to attend that group's national convention.

Wayne McEtridge, 17, of Enterprise and Harold Schand, 19, of Newberg, will also attend.

Young Schand and McEtridge are candidates for the American Farmer degree—the fourth and highest degree of the young farmers' order. They were selected as two of the outstanding Smith-Jughes agricultural students of 35 Oregon high schools during the Pacific International Livestock show, thereby qualifying for the trip. Pettibone received the American Farmer degree last year.

Pettibone and McEtridge are farming in partnership with their fathers, while Harold Schand is attending Oregon State college.

Local Democrats Plan 2 Meetings

One of the final activities of local Democrats on Monday will be a series of meetings which will be held in the valley, the first at Cove at 2 o'clock and the second at Pleasant Grove at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Measures and men to be considered in the election on Nov. 8, were discussed by the Democratic Women's club when they met yesterday at the Sackajawa Inn.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Sunday; rain in the west portion; cooler tonight; southerly gales offshore.

For the week: Unsettled weather and rain in Washington, Oregon and Northern Idaho and the northern part of Northern California; fair weather elsewhere; normal temperatures.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—40 above.
Minimum: 39 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 46, minimum 32 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain .04 of inch. Range: 14 degrees.

WEATHER NOV. 5, 1931
Maximum 69, minimum 35 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Range: 34 degrees.

Normal School Roll Call

INFERIOR STUDENTS(?)
Nov. 4, 1932.

The Editor,
La Grande Evening Observer,
La Grande, Oregon.

Dear Sir:
Prompted by oft-repeated accusations coming from the Zorn-Macpherson headquarters to the effect that the Eastern Oregon Normal school was attracting "inferior students," The La Grande chamber of commerce has investigated the records at the Normal school and found these facts:

The survey was devoted to the scholastic grades attained by every freshman now in the Normal, in his respective high school graduating class. We found that 52 per cent. came from the best fourth of their respective high schools. In other words the best students of these various high schools, contributed 52 per cent. of the present year's enrollment. These figures are based on the ratings given out by the various high school principals. Taking the second best quarter, we find 37 per cent. of such students enrolled. Dropping down to the third best group, we find only 19 per cent. represented and then going to the lowest quarter of all these high school graduates we find 1 per cent. Thus 89 per cent. of the present freshmen came from the better half of their respective high schools. Educators tell us that this is an extremely high percentage of "cream of the high school students."

We do not blame the Normal school. (Continued From Page Four)

Distribution Of Red Cross Flour Now Under Way

Flour distribution was begun by the local chapter of the Red Cross yesterday afternoon in the room formerly occupied by the Clearing House. Transfer Co. Depot street, and each Friday from 1 to 5 p. m. this distribution will be continued. This flour is milled from government wheat by the local mill, and is distributed to those in need of relief by the American Red Cross. Only those unemployed and in absolute need can receive the flour according to the act of congress which authorizes the distribution.

Distribution has been made by the county during the past six months of this flour, but Rev. Paul De F. Mortimore, chairman of the local Red Cross states that the new orders make it necessary for the Red Cross to handle the distribution directly so far as possible. County regulations will still be honored, but the work of distribution to new cases, and to those who are able to call for their flour will be handled by a local committee of volunteer workers.

Application for this flour may be made any time at the chamber of commerce rooms, and these applications will be passed upon by a local committee which will supervise the distribution each Friday. Application should be made as early in the week as possible to insure the applications having been passed upon by distribution day. Harold Boone and Lester Bramwell were in charge of the distribution of cloth and clothing on the same basis was begun at 1:30 this afternoon on the up-

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W. F. Jackson Will Be Here On Nov. 22

W. F. Jackson, of Nebraska, grand sire of the I. O. O. F., will be welcomed to La Grande on Nov. 22 when the local lodge will entertain those from Malheur, Baker, Union, Wallowa, Umatilla, Morrow and Grant counties. Mr. Jackson is coming here primarily to visit his relative, Mrs. Herr.

Committees were appointed last night to make arrangements for the entertainment. The floor committee consists of Martin Boren, Jake Rostock, Elmer McClure, Albert Lake and Frank Lake. H. E. Coolidge, Chester Bidwell and Jake Rostock form the entertainment committee. The lodge wishes as many members as possible next Friday night to help make final arrangements for the program. Committees will be appointed from the encampment and cautions to assist with the program.

Belle Bennett Is Dead in Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Nov. 5 (AP)—A nervous breakdown suffered two years ago led to the death last night of Belle Bennett, a comparatively young actress who gained fame as the portray of mother roles on the screen. She was 39 years of age, but appeared much younger in real life.

Dr. Leon Tiber, who attended the actress, said death was caused by general carcinoma. At her bedside when she died was her son, Theodore Mary. Her husband, Fred Windermere, film director, had left the room shortly before death occurred.

Miss Bennett had climbed to stardom in the films from a girlhood career under "the big top." She was born in Milada, Minn., the daughter of Billie Bennett, circus owner. She first appeared before the public at the age of 13 as a trapeze performer.

HIGH SCHOOL SETTLEMENT \$59,873.33

Chairman Colon R. Eberhard Announces Agreement Reached on Loss.

TO CALL FOR BIDS WITHIN 20 DAYS

Compromise Accepted by Board of Education and Fire Adjusters Late Friday Afternoon.

A definite settlement was reached by the school board and the insurance adjusters yesterday afternoon setting the compensation on the La Grande High school building, damaged by fire early in September, at \$48,085.92 and that on the equipment at \$11,787.71. The agreement was signed last night by Chairman C. R. Eberhard after the board met with Earl S. Young, of Boise, and J. S. Lloyd, of Portland.

The settlement was reached after dividing the difference between the board's lowest offer, \$51,253.42, and the insurance company's highest figure \$44,917.82. The company agreed to pay one-half of the difference in addition to their highest offer, \$31,078.80, making a total of \$48,085.92.

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NORMAL SCHOOL DEFEATS SPOKANE

Mountaineers Win Friday Afternoon 31 to 9—Play Lewiston Here Nov. 11

Although details of the game were lacking today, the Eastern Oregon Normal school football team decisively trounced Spokane university in Spokane yesterday afternoon 31 to 9. It was the second victory for the Mountaineers over the university, the E. O. N. eleven winning here last year 2 to 0, and it was the third victory of the season.

Coach Bob Quinn and the 20 players he took into Washington were en route home today by automobile, but were not expected to arrive in La Grande before late this afternoon.

The Normal school's record for the season follows:
E. O. N. 27, Baker Independents 0.
E. O. N. 6, College of Idaho 22.
E. O. N. 0, Columbia university 19.
E. O. N. 39, Albion Normal college 0.
E. O. N. 0, Ashland Normal school 31.
E. O. N. 31, Spokane U. 9.
Totals: E. O. N. 109, opponents 72.
On Armistice day the Mountaineer eleven will close its fall season in La Grande, playing the Lewiston Normal school team of Lewiston, Ida.

RAILROAD PAYS \$54,000 TODAY TO THE COUNTY

Joe Kenney, who paid the county \$54,000 today representing the last half of the 9, 1931 taxes due from the Union Pacific railroad, said this morning on his way to the court house, that during the last week, the railroad here has cashed pay checks from its employees amounting to a total of \$22,000. This sum represents a part of the payroll for the last two weeks of October.

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F. R. AND AL GIVE TALKS IN NEW YORK

Gov. Roosevelt Criticizes President Hoover's "Campaign of Fear."

MENTIONS FOUR D'S IN SPEECH

Democratic Candidate Declares Republican Nominee Misrepresented and Misquoted Him.

By Walter T. Brown
NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (AP)—The political team of "Frank" and "Al" Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt and former Governor Alfred E. Smith—reformed at the state convention a month ago, returned to New York City last night for a two-day presentation of their arguments for the election of a Democratic president and a state ticket.

The team began their metropolitan attack upon Republican candidates at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Tonight they will appear at a party rally in Madison Square Garden.

Both Roosevelt and Smith criticized President Hoover and the Republican party for conducting a "campaign of fear."

"When I think of the many people I have seen in this campaign," said Roosevelt "patient, steadfast, though bitterly hurt in the collapse of our economic life, I feel that to take advantage of their deprivation to spread among them the gospel of fear is about the most reprehensible act of a campaign that has yielded many examples of unscrupulous appeals for votes."

"When this campaign opened," Smith said, "word came from Washington that the president was too busy to make a campaign and therefore he could make only two speeches. But the latest report is 14 speeches a day with a hurried trip across the continent to the palatial palace at Palo Alto. He feels the ground slipping under him. He feels the force and compact of the Democratic campaign based upon honesty, sincerity, fact and record."

"President Hoover wouldn't have to make 14 speeches a day if in the beginning of his term he talked a

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

FRIDAY'S SCORES
High School
Hood River 0, The Dalles 0, tie.
Enterprise 26, Cove 0 (Thursday).
Nampa, Ida. 27, Baker, Ore. 0.
College

Eastern Oregon Normal 31, Spokane university 9.
Oregon Frosh 0, O. S. C. Frosh 0, tie.
Willamette 26, Linfield 0.
Oregon Normal 19, Pacific Lutheran 0.
Florida 13, North Carolina 18.
Pacific University 18, Albany 7.
TODAY'S SCORES
(For Pacific coast finals call the Observer about 5 o'clock.)
Valley Forge Military Academy 0, Navy Fleets 63.
Yale Freshmen 0, Princeton Freshmen 3.

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Meier Supports Mr. Hoover

Two More Days And Electorate Will Act; Observer Plans Election Extra

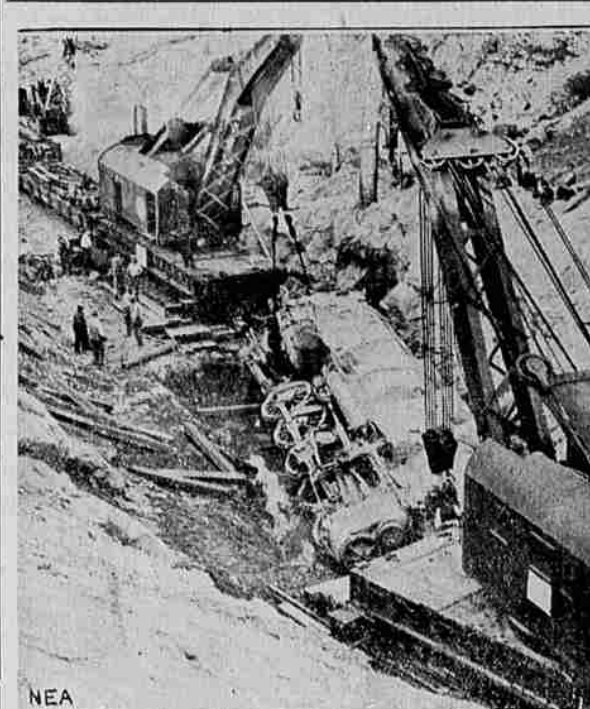
Two more days and the electorate of the nation will go to the polls to settle the weighty problems of Roosevelt or Hoover, Democratic or Republican administration, and from the present outlook, all indications point to the greatest vote in the history of the United States.

The presidential election and its intensity will be felt in every town and city, county and state in the union, and political observers in Union county and La Grande predict that the local vote also will be the largest in history.

With only a little less than 8000 registered voters, it is generally believed that the vote in this county will approximate 7000, of course, providing that local weather conditions on election day do not lower this figure. Polls Open 12 Hours

The 37 precincts in Union county will be open to voters from 8 a. m.

BURIED LOCOMOTIVE RAISED



Here's the final act in the recovery of a giant locomotive swept 150 feet off its tracks and buried beneath tons of silt in the recent cloudburst near Tehachapi, Cal. Santa Fe wrecking crews are shown about to raise the uncovered engine.

Budget Reduced \$300,000 By The Board of Control

SALEM, Nov. 5 (AP)—A reduction of nearly \$300,000 in the budgets for the 11 state institutions under the total approved by the state board of control several weeks ago will be presented for passage by the state legislature. The state budget department took off the additional amount after the board itself had reduced the estimates about \$1,000,000 under the appropriations made two years ago.

The appropriations awarded these institutions by the last legislature totaled \$4,106,611. The board of control approved a budget this year of \$3,125,316, and presented it to Henry M. Hansen, budget director. Of the total reductions made by the budget department, \$83,893 representing cuts made in salaries and operating expenses in operating and capital outlays. The reductions made by the budget director are in accordance with the recommendations of Governor Julius L. Meier in connection with his economy and retrenchment program, it was announced.

NETWORK CAMPAIGN BROADCASTS
(Time is eastern standard)
Tonight (Saturday)
WEAP, NBC (WABC, CBS on at 9:15), 9:00: New York Democratic rally, Gov. Roosevelt and Alfred E. Smith (1 1/2 hours).
WABC, NBC, 7:35: Democratic, Senator Hattie Caraway.
WJZ, NBC, 8:30: Republican Radio League, questions and answers.
KGW, 6:15 (Pacific coast time): Col. Clark, Republican.
Sunday
WJZ, NBC, 7 p. m.: Democratic, Sen. Bronson Cutting.
Monday
WABC, CBS, 12:15 p. m.: (Midwest repeat 1:15): Republican farm program, Charles W. Burkett.

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Re-election Of President Urged In Radio Speech

Voice New Charge Against Glassford

PORTLAND, Nov. 5 (AP)—Urging re-election of President Hoover, Governor Julius L. Meier last night declared that "I verily believe that no single thing can do as much for our financial stabilization as the return of the present administration and the renewed confidence it will bring to business throughout our country and the nations of the world."

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Fordham Scores In First Period To Lead Gaels

St. Mary's of California, in Red, White and Blue Uniforms, Play in Polo Grounds Today.

POLO GROUNDS, New York, Nov. 5 (AP)—Fordham's powerful football team, snatching under two upset defeats came back today to completely outplay the unbeaten St. Mary's Gaels from California and win 14-0 evening the 20-12 setback they received from the Gaels in 1930. The Rams pushed over touchdowns on forward pass plays in the first and final quarters.

POLO GROUNDS, New York, Nov. 5 (AP)—Brilliantly attired in red, white and blue uniforms, the galloping Gaels of St. Mary's of California today invaded the Polo Grounds to meet Fordham in an intercollegiate football game before 45,000 persons. St. Mary's won the only previous game played, in 1930, 20-12.

The St. Mary's lineemen wore red pants, the quarterback white and the other backs blue, the most outstanding combination to greet the eyes of metropolitan fans this season.

Fordham struck with startling suddenness soon after the kickoff. Sarasky, intercepting a pass from Beasley on the Ram 15-yard line, ran it back to the 45 to start a march which ended with a touchdown, Cowbig taking a 15-yard loss from Danowski to go 30 yards for the score on the fourth play. Danowski placed the extra point and Fordham led 7-0. All the play of the period was in St. Mary's territory.

Fordham played a defensive game through the second quarter and except for one St. Mary's drive which carried to the Ram 25-yard line held the visitors back in their own territory. Danowski's quick kicks completely befuddled the Gaels safety on St. Mary's one threat. Stepanovich recovered a Fordham fumble in mid-field and a pass Beasley to Pennino, sub end, carried to the 25. A 15-yard penalty stopped the attack and St. Mary's had to fight the rest of the quarter in its own back yard, and Fordham led 7-0 at the half.

Fordham made one touchdown threat near the start of the quarter, Sarasky breaking through St. Mary's line to run 33 yards to the Gaels' 28, but four plays gained only eight yards and St. Mary's took the ball on downs. The rest of the quarter was a punting duel with Danowski outbouncing Brovelli and Beasley, Gaels quarterback. Fordham held the ball on St. Mary's 41 yard line as the quarter ended with the Ram still ahead 7-0.

O. McCumber, 88, Burns to Death in Roseburg Home

ROSEBURG, Ore., Nov. 5 (AP)—Orange McCumber, 88, invalided Civil war veteran, was burned to death and his wife, 82, was seriously injured when their cottage near the Oregon state soldiers' home, west of the city limits of Roseburg, was destroyed by fire last night.

McCumber, it was learned, while trying to kindle a fire with newspaper, in some manner set fire to a set of curtains. Enfeebled to almost feebleness, he called to his wife, who was burned about the face and arms in a futile attempt to extinguish the flames.

Unable to assist her husband from the house, Mrs. McCumber hurried to neighbors for aid, but by the time help was secured the entire cottage was a mass of flames, preventing rescue.

McCumber was admitted to the soldiers' home from La Grande in 1913. Following his marriage eight years ago, he removed to the cottage which he had bought and in which he met his tragic death. During the Civil war he served as a corporal in company K, 8th New York cavalry.

Maniac Killed By State Troopers

HIGHLAND MILLS, N. Y., Nov. 5 (AP)—State troopers who crawled through a subterranean passage, killed a maniac who had slain an employee of Jesus and Mary convent near here today and had barricaded himself in the basement with a rifle and ammunition.

Lieutenant Hagerman, who led a detail of state police from the Monroe post, had not established the name of the dead man at noon.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (AP)—William M. McGrath, president of the District of Columbia Police association, today issued a sworn statement, quoting former Police Superintendent Pehlmann D. Glassford as saying with reference to the bonus marchers that he was "going to pursue the situation along and that at the proper time he would dump the whole matter into the lap of the administration."

McGrath said General Glassford made this remark to him "On or about the 14th day of June, 1932," and at the same time "Informed me that there was going to be serious trouble after congress adjourned."

The bonus riots occurred July 28.

HOOVER AT MADISON, WIS. ON CAMPAIGN

Declares There "Should Be No Interruption in Policies" Now in Force

DANGERS AVERTED, PRESIDENT STATES

"Men Are Returning to Work at the Rate of Half a Million a Month," He Tells Listeners.

By Nathan Robertson
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN FIELD HOUSE, Madison, Wis., Nov. 5 (AP)—Carrying his campaign into the heart of Wisconsin, home of the progressive Republicans, President Hoover told a crowd that jammed this big arena today that with the economic advances now in evidence "there should be no interruption in the policies that have brought this about."

Long before the president arrived in the state capital from a morning of campaigning through Illinois and Wisconsin, this college town was crowded with excited football fans on hand for the Wisconsin home-coming game this afternoon against the University of Illinois.

Dangers Averted, He Says
Describing the world economic crisis, Hoover said administration measures had averted dangers that would have meant tragedy for generations.

"The record shows that men are returning to work at the rate of half a million a month," the president said, in asserting that Republican measures were winning out.

GREYS CLOWD
ROCKFORD, Ill., Nov. 5 (AP)—President Hoover exchanged greetings with a crowd that swarmed about the rear of his special train as it stopped for ten minutes this morning at 8:45 o'clock (C. S. T.).

The presidential special was traveling 10 minutes behind its schedule, and the half here was abbreviated. Republican leaders estimated that 15,000 persons gathered to cheer the president. Mr. Hoover made a short address assuring his hearers that the turn of the tide of employment was bringing a half million men back to work each month.

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INQUIRY INTO McMINNVILLE CASE BEGINS

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Nov. 5 (AP)—An official, perfunctory examination into the slaying of Mrs. Effie Palm, 48, and the suicide of her husband, Alex Palm, 57, was undertaken by Yamhill county officers here today.

Palm died several hours after he had shot a bullet through his forehead following the slaying of his wife. The woman was shot to death at Palm pursued her on a residential street, shooting wildly and cursing, terrorizing the neighborhood. Seven or eight shots were fired by Palm. One of several bullets struck the woman in the base of the skull, killing her instantly.

The two had been separated for some time. Acquaintances believe Palm became maniacally enraged over a property settlement controversy.

Nez Perce Indians In Political Meet

LAPWAI, Ida., Nov. 5 (AP)—An unprecedented political event occurred here last night—a Democratic pow-wow by Nez Perce Indians.

About 150 tribesmen gathered at the agency town to hear an address by James McConville, a tribal chieftain, who spoke in the Nez Perce language in support of Governor Roosevelt.

Old-timers said it was the first time the Indians ever emulated their pale-face brothers in a political rally.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Nov. 5 (AP)—Tumbles in Canadian exchange rates to about the lowest point since August had an unsettling effect on Chicago wheat prices today, and largely counterbalanced the influence here of upturns in wheat values at Winnipeg.

An apparent halt in export demand for Canadian wheat was an additional disturbing factor. Corn clearances from the United States were officially reported as totaling 1,750,000 bushels in the last week, the largest clearances this season.

Wheat closed irregular at 14c lower to 14c higher compared with yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to 14c advance. Oats 1 1/2c up and provisions unchanged to a rise of 25c.