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MERCURY HITS SLIDE; RECORD SET IN PLACES

LAST NIGHT COLDEST IN LA GRANDE IN THREE YEARS JUST PAST.

TWENTY-FOUR BELOW AT ENTERPRISE DURING NIGHT

Remarkable Drop in Temperature Occurs in Short Period of Time—Summerville Coldest Place in Union County with North Powder Close Second—Large Area Affected.

LAST NIGHT'S THERMOMETER MARKS.

La Grande, 3 below.
Summerville, 18 below.
Sleighting excellent.
Union, 8 below. Sleighting good.
Cove, 10 below. Sleighting fair.
Elgin, 12 below. Plenty of snow.
Imbler, 6 below.
Meacham, 32 below.
Baker, 14 below.
North Powder, 18 below.
Enterprise, 24 below.
Wallowa, 18 below.
Perry, 14 below at 6 a. m.
Beaver Creek intake, 8 below at 8:30 a. m.

Mercury during the past 34 hours tumbled to low-mark records in several towns—that is, low records for the past two or three years. The cold snap which began to bite in Union county yesterday morning, continued to be precipitated until last night the coldest weather in nearby towns in several years was registered. La Grande itself attained a mark of three below zero, which is the coldest in three winters. The previous mark this winter was five above.

Summerville Coldest.
While North Powder is generally deemed the nearest to the North pole in this county, Summerville grabbed her thunder last night and set a mark of 18 below while North Powder contented itself with 16 below. Meacham on the western slope of the Blue Mountains, set the high water mark for Eastern Oregon by sending mercury to 32 below.

Water Pipes Saved.
While some difficulty arose over water pipes in La Grande, the city as a whole fared well last night. This is attributed to the abundance of snow. Last winter with far less severe cold snaps the city was practically without an adequate water supply due to frozen pipes for a time. This was because there was no such blanket of snow as covers the city this week.

California Is White.
San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 30.—Two inches of snow covered the ground of the entire southern section of California today. The orange crop is not damaged in any way.

PHARMACY BONDS FILED.
Majority of Drug Stores Apply for Right to Sell Alcohol.

Practically every town in the county is represented in the list of druggists that have applied to County Clerk Ed Wright for rights to sell alcohol when the dry law becomes effective. In some instances the applications were short 50 cents of the required amount. The first cost is \$2.00 for approval of the bond of \$250 that must be filed by each. Then each druggist must buy two books of affidavit blanks. In some instances funds were sent for only one blank book. Two are required.

All common carriers must pay 75 cents for each book for affidavits by consignees. The carriers in turn have the right to charge 5 cents for each affidavit taken by those to whom liquor is shipped. While these affidavit copies are in the hands of the druggists or common carriers, they are public property and remain so after being filed with the county clerk the 10th of each month.

These affidavits are the ones which must be filled out by persons receiving liquor shipments and furnish the key to the amount of liquor each person receives in a given month.

GOV. HAMMON DEAD.
Minnesota Executive's End Comes Suddenly While in the South.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—Governor Hammond, of Minnesota, dropped dead this morning at Clinton, La., while inspecting land. He had been troubled with indigestion.

\$12,000,000,000 WERE GARY-ROOSVELT GUESTS



YUAN'S GUARD DESERTS RANKS

SITUATION IN CHINA BECOMES VERY BAD

Revolutionists Say Imperial Government Hasn't a Move Left.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The flower of Yuan Shi Kai's troops have openly rebelled against the attacking revolutionary army, cablegrams have asserted. Troops of the imperial guard are reported deserting and flocking to the standard of Yuannan province.

The French consul in Yuannan has refused to permit movement of government troops through Anam. The Chinese Republic has enthusiastically declared that the emperor is left without a move to check the revolution with.

WATCH NIGHT ARRANGED.

Social and Religious Services Booked for Friday

A Watchnight social and service will be held at the Lutheran parsonage, 806 Main street, tomorrow night. A short congregational meeting will be held in the beginning of the evening which will be followed by a social. At 11:30 a service will commence which will extend into the new year. The service will be composed of song, prayer and a New Year story by the pastor. All are invited to this service. No offering or collection will be taken up. These Watchnight meetings are a regular institution in the Lutheran church of this city and are always marked by an expression of a fraternal spirit and good cheer.

WAS MRS. SLATER'S SISTER

Death of Mrs. Unger, an Oregon Pioneer, at Salem.

Mrs. Nellie Unger, an Oregon Pioneer of 1852, died at the home of her nephew Judge W. T. Slater in Salem Tuesday. Mr. Unger was 72 years of age. Death was due to heart disease. She was the daughter of the late Robert D. Gray, a pioneer Baptist minister, and crossed the plains in 1852, the family settling in Benton county. She is survived by two sons, Wilfred and Ney Unger, of Lafayette, two brothers, Joseph Gray, of Philomath, and George Gray, of Cove, and a sister, Mrs. E. E. Slater, of La Grande.

AUSTRIAN ANSWER READY

Washington, Dec. 30.—The Austrian reply to American Ancona demands was delivered to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna today. The Ambassador reported the note is 3000 words long. Coding and sending will require some time and probably arrive here tomorrow afternoon.

Here are some of the millionaires and representatives of enormous wealth who were present at the dinner Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the steel trust, gave to Theodore Roosevelt the other night. The fortunes of those shown here have been estimated as follows:

George F. Baker	\$400,000,000
August Belmont	10,000,000
George B. Cortelyou	1,000,000
Elbert H. Gary	50,000,000
Daniel Guggenheim	80,000,000
Clarence H. Mackay	50,000,000
George W. Perkins	20,000,000
Jacob H. Schiff	100,000,000
Cornelius Vanderbilt	3,000,000
Frank A. Vanderlip	20,000,000

HOT LAKE FORECLOSURE FOR \$250,000 STARTED

A foreclosure suit, involving \$250,000 and representing the outstanding bonds of the Hot Lake company was filed in the office of the county clerk today. Messrs. Crawford and Eakin are the attorneys for F. L. Meyers, trustee for the bondholders. The suit is brought for the reason that there has been default in the payment of interest on the bonds outstanding.

Mr. Meyers, W. M. Pierce and a third man were selected as bondholders' representatives to bring foreclosure proceedings by gaining full title the bondholders will then proceed with shaping the future policy of the institution. The step taken today is carrying out these instructions, and fulfills the statement in the Observer recently that such a step would be taken.

That Dr. Tate will continue to operate the Hot Lake sanatorium as it now is for the next three months is not generally understood. The place

COUNTRYSIDE SEARCHING FOR BRIDE'S ASSAILANT

Portland, Dec. 30.—More than one hundred armed men are scouring the vicinity of Portland for Evan B. Kemp, the identified assailant of Mrs. Mabel Myers, of Gresham. Photographs and descriptions have been sent broad cast.

Mrs. Myers' condition is serious. The bullet in her right lung is causing trouble and she is suffering from terrible exposure from lying naked

PROHIBITION PARTY WON'T NAME LEADER

RESERVATION MADE, BY COMMITTEE TO DO SO IF CAUSE IS SPURNED.

BRYAN ADMITTED TO HAVE LOST STRENGTH

If Any Other Candidate Can Be Made to Espouse the Prohibition Cause the National Committee Will Name No Candidate—Indiana Republicans Name Fairbanks.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The Prohibition National committee has decided to name no presidential candidate if any other party will espouse prohibition, according to Former Chairman Stewart.

"Anyone advocating our principle will be supported. If no party does this, we will name our own candidate."

He declared Bryan has lost prohibition strength because he does not favor an immediate national dry amendment.

Republicans Name Fairbanks.
Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—Ex-vice President Chas. W. Fairbanks has been named Republican presidential candidate by the Indiana Republicans. Edward Morrow of Kentucky pledged that state's support to Fairbanks. Many Bull Moosers attended the meeting.

SEATTLE BREWERY FILES ACTION FOR INJUNCTION

Tacoma, Dec. 30.—The Seattle Brewing and Malting company has filed application for a restraining order against Attorney General Tanner to prevent enforcement of the prohibition law. They allege Tanner threatened to prosecute liquor manufacturers and destroy all goods made prior to January 1. The complaint declares \$50,000 worth of beer is stored which they cannot ship from state or

HEROINE OF LOOS WHO KILLED FIVE GERMANS.



Mile. Emilienne Moreau.

Mile. Emilienne Moreau has been decorated with the Croix de Guerre for the heroine of Loos. During the German attack on that city she killed three Germans with hand grenades and two more with a pistol she wrangled from a British officer.

RUSSIANS ON OFFENSIVE IN GALICIA ZONE

BERLIN ADMITS MOVES PORTEND INVASION OF EASTERN FRONTIER.

BITTER WINTER HAS NOT HALTED THE CAMPAIGN

Fighting of Sanguinary Sort Proceeding with Austria Inflicting Heavy Damage but Not Stopping Advances—Austrian Ships Sunk by Allied Warships Is Report.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Russian troops are concentrating in Southeastern Galicia and Bukovina frontiers. This is believed to portend an invasion. The Russian attack against Czarnowitz is increasingly violent. For five days the Austrians on the mainland positions have inflicted heavy losses, but the Muscovite offensive is spreading along the Dniester river. Russians are constantly arriving at Tarnopol, and troops operate despite the extremely bitter weather.

Sea Engagement Reported.
Paris, Dec. 30.—Two Austrian destroyers were sunk by Allied warships it is officially announced. An Austrian squadron left Cattaro to bomb Durazzo and encountered the Allied ships. The destroyers Litba and Triglav were sunk and the others fled.

ORCHARDS PULLED UP—Market Found for Trees Pulled Up—Several Orchards Gone

A very large amount of apple tree pulling has been going on the past few weeks in the district north of the river. At some of the places it is largely the very old trees that are being taken up, but at the same time there will be several patches in Fruitdale that will be denuded of the younger trees. Of the very old orchards those on the Stoddard place are the most notable. This was formerly the Oldenburg place. It was set out partially by Jacob Nessly, the pioneer fruit man of this valley, in the early sixties. Some of the trees were old when Oldenburg took the place more than twenty-five years ago. On this place there will be at least thirty acres cleared of apple trees young and old.

Ike Bonsell has taken out all the trees, with the exception of a few near the house on the place formerly owned by S. J. White. There are about ten acres already cleared.

Dan Phillips expects to pull up all the trees on what has been known as the Lambert place, and containing fifteen acres of orchard. Lee Wright will take out about a hundred trees, which will be but a small fractional part of his orchard. Mr. Patton, who bought two acres and a half of the Carbine place, will take out all the trees. Others will remove a part of their orchards so as to have room for other products besides apples.

In this instance Pat Foley is the orchardist's friend as he buys all the apple wood delivered at the price of \$4 per cord. He uses the wood for the furnace at the hotel. By this means the cost of clearing is more than off-set by the sale of the wood. Mr. Foley has contracted for all the wood from several of the orchards that are being or are to be pulled out.

LODGEMEN ON TRIP.

Two Dozen Lady Maccabees Visit Baker in a Body Today.

Lady Maccabees to the number of about two dozen, went to Baker today where they will put on initiation exercises for a large class. The meeting today is a sort of a preliminary gathering for the big meeting in Walla Walla soon. The La Grande degree team is much in demand among Lady Maccabee lodges of Eastern Oregon.

SUCCESS IS ATTAINED

Former Seeker After Gold Disposes of Property at Fancy Premium
Joseph Krauss of Oatman, Ariz., arrived here yesterday. Mr. Krauss is visiting the Dutli and Klapfenstein families for a few days. He is now a retired mining man after following mining for many years. A great boom is on in that part of Arizona owing to the fact that very rich veins of gold were struck there not long ago. Mr. Krauss' properties have been taken over by capitalists at a valuation that puts him into the leisure class for the rest of his days. The present cold spell is something new to Mr. Krauss as he has been in no snowstorm for fifteen years.

Kaiser Has Boils.
Amsterdam, Dec. 30.—Berlin reports say the Kaiser's illness is the result of boils.