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COAST STILL IN GRIP OF COLD SPELL

Snow Expected to Sweep North Pacific Coast Tonight.

WINTER WEATHER GENERAL ON COAST

Breaking Up of Spell Is Expected Tonight With Warmer Weather and Storms.

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Snow will sweep the north Pacific coast tonight, possibly turning into rain tomorrow, said a weather forecast today. Storm warnings have been put up.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Portland and vicinity were gripped yesterday in the coldest weather in two years, accompanied by a piercing east wind, bound from east of the Rocky mountains to the Pacific ocean, whistling through Portland and not checking its speed.

Beyond a few wires torn down and a few broken water pipes no damage was reported, but discomfort and inconvenience have been widespread, ranging from frozen milk on the front porch to the closing of several schools. Streets in all but the downtown sections of the city were coated yesterday with a glassy mixture of ice and packed snow which discouraged automobile traffic, while pedestrians had difficulty in keeping their feet on the sidewalks.

The temperature was 21 degrees above yesterday.

ASTORIA, Dec. 20.—The frigid weather of the last few days continued and this morning was the coldest of the season in the lower Columbia river district, the official thermometer recording 24 degrees above zero. In other sections of the city the mercury dropped four degrees lower.

TEACHERS TO CONVENE SOON

State Association Will Hold Its Annual Convention Next Week.

Superintendent Mary L. Fulkerson, president of the State Teachers' association, announces the annual convention of the association to be held in Portland December 27, 28, 29 and 30. The first day will be taken up with the meetings of the standing committee. The regular work of the convention will begin at nine o'clock Wednesday morning, December 28. All day Wednesday will be given up to the section of the representative council which transacts all the business for the association. General assemblies and department meetings will be held on Thursday and Friday. The association will meet in the Lincoln high school. The Portland hotel will be headquarters for the association.

The two leading speakers of the convention will be Dr. Charles H. Judd, director of the school of education of the University of Chicago, and Dr. Marion LeRoy Burton, president of the University of Michigan. Each appear twice on the program of the general sessions and each will speak in departments.

INTEREST RATE REDUCED

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—A reduction of the interest rate on all classes of paper from 5 1/2 per cent to 5 per cent was announced Monday by M. E. Wellborn, governor of the sixth federal reserve bank.

TWO DOZEN AT O. A. C. FROM LA GRANDE

Only Three Co-eds Attending from Here This Year; In Many Departments.

O. A. C., CORVALLIS, Dec. 20.—La Grande is represented by 24 of the 3400 regularly registered students. Enrollment at the close of the first term enrollment was 323 greater than that for the same period last year. Only three co-eds are from La Grande, Edna J. Allen is a sophomore in the school of home economics, and Grace L. Allen is a classmate but is registered in the school of commerce. They are members of the Delta Zeta sorority. Julia E. Hulce is studying pharmacy as a freshman. There are 1050 women and 2350 men regularly registered in the college.

Alford Thomas Owsley, a senior in the school of commerce, has recently been initiated into the honorary commerce fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi. George K. McDonald is a junior in the school of agriculture. Mr. McDonald is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and is house manager. He played center on the fraternity basketball team which won the school championship and permanent possession of the Brocky trophy cup. Waldo J. Stoddard and Arthur J. Thieser, who are pledged to the same fraternity and who played on the house team, are freshmen in the school of commerce. Leal H. Russell, who is majoring in business administration and is a junior, is a member of the same fraternity.

Jesse Andrews and Audmer Playle, juniors in the school of commerce, are members of the Omega Upsilon fraternity. J. Harry Snodgrass, registered in civil engineering as a freshman, plays in the college military band. He is a pledge of the same fraternity. Charles Ash and Elwood W. Lyman are sophomores in the school of commerce. Lyman is trying out for the varsity basketball team. Allyn R. Hunter, who is studying agriculture and Theodore E. George, a student of pharmacy, are members of the sophomore class.

Delbert Thomas Snider, a member of the Ares club, and John C. Wright, are freshmen in the school of engineering. Milo F. Blokland and Robert Ralph Clark are studying agriculture as freshmen.

The total registration of the college, including short course students and summer school students in the last year has reached 4425.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Wheat was \$1.02 to \$1.09 today.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Christmas pardons to be issued by the president will include a number of persons imprisoned for violation of war laws.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Livestock was steady today, eggs were two cents higher, the buying price being 44 to 45 and butter was steady.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Court action to close three Louisville, Kentucky breweries on the ground that they are distributing a beverage containing more than the legal amount of alcohol, will be sought, federal prohibition headquarters announced today.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Efforts of Chicago stockyard leaders to prevent the enforcement of the new livestock trading act failed today when federal Judges Landis, Evans and Fitzhugh dismissed the application for an injunction restraining Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and District Attorney Clyne from enforcing the law.

Three Couples Are Separated By Decree

The Union county divorce mill has made the separation of three couples legal during the past few days. The decrees were granted in the following cases: B. L. Leavitt vs. Anna M. Leavitt; Gladys Frasier vs. Bird Frasier; and Melly Porter vs. Cassel.

TROOPS WILL REMAIN IN IRELAND NOW

Order Issued Stopping Removal Until Treaty is Ratified.

RATIFICATION MAY BE HELD UP MORE

Proposal Made to Allow People to Pass on Treaty; DeValera Favors Referendum.

(By Associated Press)
QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 20.—The removal of Irish troops from Ireland has been suspended and troops will not be withdrawn unless the treaty is ratified.

(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Dec. 20.—Deputy Milroy, speaking in the Dail Eireann in support of the Anglo-Irish treaty, demanded and received a promise from DeValera and other treaty opponents to submit the question of ratification to a vote of the Irish people.

(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—When the Dail Eireann adjourned Monday night after two lengthy public sessions devoted to debate, nothing tangible had developed to indicate how members would vote on ratifying the treaty setting up the Irish free state. The uncertainty of even prominent leaders regarding the result was reflected on the one side in Michael Collins' declaration that he might never again address the Dail, and on the other by Charles Burgess' pointed statement that he was "still in office."

A feature was the attempt by the treaty delegates to deprive Mr. DeValera of his claim of adherence to the republican principle by demanding publication of his plan for alternative settlement, which it was revealed had been submitted at last week's private sessions.

FIGHT AGAINST SUBMARINES BY BRITAIN

Plenary Session of Conference Asked by Delegates to Consider Anti-Sub Ideas.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The British delegates formally asked for a plenary session of the arms conference tomorrow or Thursday to present the British case for the abolition of the submarines. The British indicated that unless an agreement is reached on the submarines all accomplished toward naval limitation will be upset.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—France's modified naval ratio proposals were presented to the naval sub-committee of 14 today by Albert Sarraut, head of the French delegation. They proposed a proportion to give France, a navy devoted largely to defensive purposes.

JOSEPH WINS AT BASKETBALL

(Special to The Observer)
JOSEPH, Dec. 20.—Joseph basketball team went to Flora Friday, where they played the first basketball game that Flora boys have ever had with a basketball team from another town. Joseph boys won the game but report that the Flora boys are a fine bunch who are apt to develop a game in the future that will make all valley towns sit up and take notice. A return game will be played in Joseph soon. Joseph baseball girls were defeated in Enterprise by a score of 31 to 22 the same evening.

KNOWLES AFFIRMED

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Dec. 20.—The supreme court today affirmed Judge J. W. Knowles in the case of J. W. Hooper vs. S. A. Penick, in the appeal from Union county. The action was to enforce a lease.

Mounting Taxes Call for Probe in Interest of State's Taxpayers

PIONEER OF JOSEPH HAS PASSED AWAY

(Special to The Observer)
JOSEPH, Dec. 20.—Dr. J. W. Barnard, pioneer physician and druggist of Joseph, died in Enterprise, Wednesday, December 14, at the home of W. A. Wrenn. There is no more familiar figure in the annals of Joseph history than Dr. Barnard, who as long as his health would permit, traveled to the far reaches of the county whenever and wherever called. After establishing his drug business he practically gave up the practice of medicine and devoted his entire time to his business. Always pleasant and cheerful, ready to oblige, he had a host of warm friends. Each year for many years he made a trip to Smoke river for hunting and fishing and other recreations, where he stayed with a friend and many were the anecdotes he would relate. When about four years ago he sold his drug business it was with genuine regret that his friends saw him leave his place behind the counter. Dr. Barnard continued to live in Joseph the greater part of the time until a few months ago he became too feeble to care for himself and went to live in Enterprise with his daughter.

Jerome William Barnard was born in Peterboro, Canada, on June 19, 1842, and died at the home of his daughter in Enterprise December 14, 1921, aged 79 years, 6 months, 4 days. He was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Yerkins in the state of Michigan in 1872. To this union four children were born. The eldest daughter died in infancy. The only son, a young lad was drowned in the Innahua river more than 20 years ago.

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All State Institutions and Schools Will Have Their Expenditures Put Under Public Gaze if Resolution Introduced by Senator Dennis Passes; Investigating Committee to be Representative of State's Citizens; Several Tax Schemes Embodied in Bills Presented Today.

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Dec. 20.—Embodying the declaration that the tax-payers of Oregon are able to pay their taxes only with the greatest difficulty and that they are unable to receive any adequate or satisfactory information about the expenditure of state funds, a concurrent resolution was introduced today by Senator Bruce Dennis, joint senator for Union and Walla Walla counties, calling for a complete audit of all state accounts. It would apply not only to all state departments but to all institutions and schools. The resolution calls for a committee of five members from the senate, two from the house, and one citizen from the state at large. They would be charged to report to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house at the earliest possible moment and to save all data and have it ready to present it to the regular session of 1923. The expenses of the committee would be handled through state channels in the regular manner and expenditures not to exceed \$10,000 would be allowed the committee for the work. The resolution was referred to the ways and means committee.

COUNTY WILL GIVE WORK TO MORE IDLE MEN

The weekly meeting of the La Grande Ad Club held today in the Foley hotel was very successful in every respect. Walter Reuter served as toastmaster.

The meeting opened with a song, after which grace was said, followed by another song. Preliminary to the business discussions of the day, Santa Claus, with W. S. Allison behind the mask, made the rounds presenting cigars and candy and enlivening things with his historic Indian war dance. Then the toastmaster introduced Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Murphy's talented boy, Ray, who gave a recitation, "The Night Before Christmas." This was one of the cleverest recitations of the day.

The first speaker on the program was County Judge U. G. Couch, who announced that the county's bid on the Island City-Elgin section of the La Grande-Joseph highway was the lowest bid presented, being \$127 below the rest on a \$67,000 project. Judge Couch announced that one of the features in taking over the work would be to employ men and team that are now in idleness owing to the absence of work. By the middle of February it is hoped to commence grading on the Sand Ridge section, he declared.

Sherwood Williams gave answer to Judge Couch's announcement, taking the stand that a commercial bidder could do the work more efficiently and at the same time employ practically the same amount of men. F. L. Meyers agreed with Mr. Williams.

This closed the discussion on the road work, after which Norman Freese, purchasing agent of the Palmer Lumber company, gave a five-minute talk on Union county pay rolls and industries. This will be a feature of each meeting of the Ad club in the future.

With the closing talk given by Rev. Leitch of Island City and a motion to send Mrs. Leitch a Christmas present from the Ad Club, which was unanimously passed, the meeting came to a close.

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Dec. 20.—The legislature today is considering the problem of funds for the "Oregon 1925 Exposition" as the proposed fair is designated in a bill introduced by Representative Kubi of Multnomah county. Two tax measures, one providing a property tax, introduced by Kubi, and the other by Speaker Bean proposing a three-year income tax with the same terms and exemptions as federal income tax, are before the legislature.

Property Tax Opposed.
The majority of the house members have signed an agreement against a property tax. The highway traffic legislation is being considered by the joint house and senate roads committee. Only three "emergency measures" have so far been approved by the joint ways and means committee.

Leaders in the senate and house said at noon that some plan for financing the fair is expected to be worked out before night. Kay of Marion said the majority of the house is opposing the income tax. Kay and Gordon, of Multnomah, said that the extra cent tax on gasoline is being favorably considered. Secretary of State Koser offered a plan to take from various appropriations and impose a poll tax and appropriate \$600,000 annually. Numerous bills are being introduced on various subjects. A large number of vetoes bills from the last session were reported to the senate today by Koser. They were referred to committee.

Two Hundred To Be Made Happy By The Salvation Army

Tuesday after Christmas the Salvation Army will hold a Christmas for the kiddies of La Grande. About two hundred children will be provided with toys and candy. The tree will be in the Salvation Army headquarters and a program, including singing, instrumental music and the like, will be a feature of the Christmas plans. Capt. Buchanan says that the preparations are being made to furnish about seventy-five packages of toys in La Grande with packages of boxes containing groceries and other necessities.

Weather

Tonight and Wednesday rain or snow with fresh to strong northeast wind.

LOOKS LIKE HE IS GOING TO RETURN WITH LIGHT BAGGAGE

