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The Weather

Portland. (AP)—Rain in the west tonight and Wednesday, snow in the east portion. Warmer tonight.

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BOARD CUTS TAX BUDGET OF COUNTY

Tax Supervising and Conservation Committee Reports

$18,315 CUT IS MADE BY BOARD

City and School District Budgets in County Escape Super - Board's Axe.

The total actual cut in the tax budget for 1924 of Union county as determined by the Union county supervising and conservation commission, composed of J. E. Reynolds, Henry McGoldrick and L. L. McKennon, amounted to $18,315, according to a report made by them today at the conclusion of their considerations of the tax budget of the County, cities and school districts in Union county. The budgets of the school districts in this county and of the cities of Cove, North Powder, Union, La Grande, Summerville, Elgin, Imbler and Island City were not cut but were allowed to remain as first prepared.

The cut in the county budget in reality amounted to $14,015 but the estimates were raised $4,300 thus making a total of $18,315.

The commission figured that the total amount from fines taken in during the ensuing year would be $4,000 instead of $700 and that the total amount from auto licenses would be $17,000 instead of $10,000.

Rental Cut Made.

Provisions made in the budget

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PAT M'ARTHUR PASSES AWAY

Former Senator From Oregon Ill But Short Period; Died in Portland.

PORTLAND,—(By the Associated Press)—Clifton N. McArthur, former member in congress from the third district of Oregon, died here from complications following an attack of meningitis, and the effect of an operation to relieve infection near the brain.

McArthur was 45 years old. He served from the third Oregon district as a member of the 64th, 65th and 67th and 68th congress. He was defeated last year for reelection by Elton Watkins, democrat. He had recently begun a vigorous campaign for the entrance as republican nomination for U. S. senator at the primaries to be held next May. Prior to his service in congress he was twice elected to the Oregon legislature and served two terms as Speaker of the house in that body.

Members of McArthur's family, with the exception of Mrs. McArthur, who is with her mother in New York city, were with him during the day. Lewis A. McArthur of Green Hill, a brother, and Mrs. Harriet McArthur, his mother, were both present.

McArthur, who is a member of the Oregon bar, is widely interested in the livestock industry and has devoted his time to the organization and management of a recently authorized land bank. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon with the class of 1901 and during the last Homecoming celebration at Eugene took active part as the chairman of the rally before the game.

Fred Kiddle Comments On Chief's Word

Commander of Oregon Legion Interviewed on Coolidge Message

Expressing his opinion concerning references to the soldiers' bonus and also to the welfare of the ex-service men in President Coolidge's address to Congress, Fred E. Kiddle, of Island City, stated that on the whole "the American Legion was very much pleased with that part of President Coolidge's message in which he expressed his concern over the welfare of our disabled veterans, but were disappointed when he declared himself against the bonus."

In an interview granted a reporter of the La Grande Evening Observer, Mr. Kiddle stated:

"It is unfortunate that the president used the term 'Bonus' in referring to this piece of legislation before Congress. The American Legion has never stood sponsor for a bonus but they do contend for and will continue to maintain the justice of adjusted compensation to relieve the financial disadvantages of all ex-service men and women incident to their military service. The adjusted compensation legislation, 'as it should rightfully be termed, will soon be placed before Congress and it should and will pass because of two reasons: it is emphatically sound and just; and the public will demand that this obligation be recognized."

In the concluding statements

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OFFICERS MAY HAVE 'CLUES' TO PILFERERS

Island City House Robberies Have Been Systematic and Regular of Late.

It is quite probable that there will be a scandal of no small dimensions out at Island City one of these days, for officers have a network of evidence which when a few more details are acquired will cause them to swoop down on the ones who have been robbing the homes of the suburban section.

The last known robbery was carried on in chapters, much like a continued story, while the family was away for several days. They returned on December 3rd to find their home completely ransacked and many of the winter edibles taken along with piece goods which had been purchased to be made up during the long winter days. A gold watch and chain was the chief piece of jewelry taken, and evidence of the pilferers was found in every room of the home. Burnt matches had been carefully laid on dressers or wherever

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FEDERAL MEN TO GUARD LOS ANGELES SOON

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An army of 300 federal prohibition agents, many of them borrowed for the occasion from other states will encamp in and around the various roadhouses and cafes here New Year's eve, ready to break up the festivities, if guests fail to leave their flasks at home, officials announced Monday.

All roadhouse entrances will be blocked, and no one will be permitted to enter whose hip pocket bulges. Machines of guests who motor to the festivities with liquor will be confiscated, according to Field Agent H. H. Dolley.

CHIEF ASKS BUDGET CUT NEXT YEAR

Coolidge Seeks Reduction on $275,000,000 for 1924

GOOD ROADS GET $5,000,000 MORE

Will Ask $20,000,000 for Additional Coast Guard Vessels; Prohi Estimates Up.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A reduction of $275,000,000 in the operating expenses of the federal government during the next fiscal year is proposed in the annual budget transmitted to congress Tuesday by President Coolidge. Total expenditures are estimated at $3,298,080,444, and receipts at $3,093,762,078, leaving a surplus of $395,681,634.

These estimates are on the basis of existing revenue laws, however, and should congress reduce taxes by the more than $300,000,000 recommended by the administration, much of the projected balance would be wiped out.

Appropriations requested for the year beginning next July 1, aggregate $3,018,069,946, or $360,365,922 less than those for the current fiscal year. President Coolidge said this reduction was in response to executive instructions in the preparation of estimates by the various departments and federal agencies.

This was essential to a continuation of the policy of strict and drastic economy," he said. "That is the administration's undebatable policy. It has been adhered to unswervingly in the past, and we shall hew to the line in the future."

The cost of national defense next year is placed at $546,531,238 a reduction of $35,000,000 as compared with this year. Military pensions, retirement pay, World war allowances and the like, will take $656,206,606 out of the treasury, as against $702,111,578 this year.

Debt Charges Slashed.

Fixed charges on account of the public debt are places at $1,272,277,975, which includes $850,000,000 of interest and $482,277,-

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BULLETINS

Favor U. S. Participation.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The government would view with favor participation of American experts in the reparation commission inquiry committees now under consideration, the White House announced today. It was emphasized that American economic experts must participate in a private capacity as the government could not appoint official representatives. The recent action of France in modifying her stand regarding the scope of the inquiry has made American participation possible.

Eggs Two Cents Lower.

PORTLAND, (AP) — Livestock was steady and butter firm on today's market. Eggs were two cents lower and weak. Eggs now 36 to 41 cents.

20,000,000 Would Starve.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Twenty million Germans of the middle class and urban population face famine this winter, Secretary Hoover informed Representative Fish, New York, in a letter today, declaring that the "creation of a foreign commercial credit for food supplies offered the most constructive solution." Fish, a member of the house of foreign affairs committees, said he favored a private loan, to the German government, in this country.

Population Center In State Is Near Marquam, Oregon

WASHINGTON (AP)—The approximate location of the center of population in Oregon is 21.6 miles southeast of Marquam, Clackamas county, the census board announced.

NOMINATED FOR POSTMASTERSHIP

WASHINGTON — Among Oregon men and women nominated for postmasterships late yesterday by President Coolidge were: Hot Lake, William T. Pay; Milton, Elmer Hopkins; Athena, Henry A. Sollinger; Haines, Frank W. Casler and Ontario, Pauline W. Platt.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Among postmasters nominated in Oregon was Duncan E. Douglas, Marshfield.

La Grande Weather Is Not So Bad

December Precipitation .88 Inches; 17 Degrees Above Was Coldest

Eastern Oregon and especially the Grande Ronde Valley continues to enjoy ideal winter weather clear mostly, cold but with little snow and little sloppyness. While portions of the Pacific Coast are being swept with fierce gales that leave more or less destruction in their paths, La Grande has had at the worst, only a strong wind that did little damage.

Last evening proved to be one of the most rigorous of the season although lower temperatures were reached during this month. A brisk wind coupled with a mercurial drop that reached 25 above zero made it seem colder than it really was.

The coldest evening La Grande has experienced this fall, according to the standard thermometer at the fire department station, was on the night of December 1, when the mercury dropped to 17 degrees above zero. Sunday evening and Monday morning the temperature registered 21 degrees above. The coldest night in November was on the evening of November 10th, when the thermometer touched 23 degrees above.

During the month of December up to today, the precipitation in La Grande has been put .88 inches. The worst rain occurred a few days ago when .50 inches fell. Snowfall during this month is registered at .50 inches.

PORTLAND, (AP) — Weather forecast for tonight and Wednes-

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ARREST TWO FOR 'SALE, POSSESSION'

Tex Brown and Leonard Smith in County Jail Charged With Violating Liquor Laws.

Leonard Smith and Tex Brown, who live north of La Grande beyond Riverside Park, were arrested by the sheriff's officers last evening and are being held in the county jail today awaiting arraignment on charges of possession and sale of intoxicating liquors. Five pints of liquor was confiscated from the two men, the sheriff stated.

Smith was arrested in 1922 and convicted of a liquor charge, being fined $250 which he paid.

Arraignment will probably be held sometime this afternoon, according to Sheriff Lee Warnick.

WILL ATTEMPT TO REVIVE 'Y'

A final attempt to save the Y. M. C. A. for La Grande will be made tomorrow at a meeting to be held at the city hall building here at five o'clock in the afternoon. W. W. Dillon, state secretary, has written a letter to Y authorities here to the effect that he has a plan for the financing of the local Y and desires to meet both the prospective members and the new board to lay the matter before them.

It was formerly arranged to hold the meeting in the Sommer Hotel at six o'clock but the change was found necessary.

REVEREND HOLL IS HERE TO TAKE OVER PASTORATE

The Reverend William F. Holl, late of Everett, Wash., and who has been called to be the pastor of the Zion English Evangelical Lutheran church of La Grande to succeed the pastorate of the Reverend Bogstad, is now on the field and will preach next Sunday in the church.

Reverend Holl recently completed the building of Trinity English Lutheran church in Everett, pronounced to be one of the most beautiful churches in the Pacific Synod and hopes "to be of service in this community in the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom" he states

REVOLUTION IN LISBON IS DEAD

LISBON, (By the Associated Press)—A revolutionary movement broke out in Lisbon last night. It was promptly suppressed.

The energetic action of the government obliged the rebellion elements to surrender. Order was restored without bloodshed. The conditions are normal today.

HOLDERS OF STOCK GET HUGE SLICE

American Industrial and Railroad Corporations Cut "Xmas Pie"

TOTAL DIVIDENDS FOR YEAR HEAVY

Railroad Corporations Paid Nearly Half Billion Dollars Dividends This Year.

NEW YORK, (AP) — Holiday disbursements to stockholders of the American industrial and railroad corporations of extra, increased or resumed dividends, exclusive of regular quarterly payments declared during December, will total $50,000,000.

Total dividend disbursements in December by such corporations, which include practically all those having a wide stock distribution, is expected to exceed $150,000,000, while the year's dividends probably will exceed $1,000,000,000, as compared with $876,000,000 in 1922.

Interest payments to bond holders, including disbursements of this character on government obligations, average approximately $200,000,000 each month, or $2,400,000,000 for the year.

Accurate statistics for the first eleven months in 1923 disclosed dividend payments by industrial corporations of $488,710,500 and by railroads of $345,050,000, compared with $474,820,300 and $336,598,490 respectively, for corresponding period of last year.

More than 50 corporations voted extra or increased dividends or authorized the resumption of payments to stock holders after a lapse in such payments during December.

DEATH CALLS W. PINKERTON

Owner of National Detective Agency Passes in Los Angeles Today.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—William Pinkerton, one of the owners of the Pinkerton National detective agency, died here today at a hotel.

One of the first noted American criminologists to advocate and practice humanitarian methods in dealing with felons, William Allan Pinkerton, head of the Pinkertos National Detective Agency, was credited with having reformed more safe blowers and bank thieves than any other man in the country.

Primarily a thief-taker, Mr. Pinkerton spent more than 50 years of his life running down criminals of all classes, yet he always stood ready to proffer a helping hand to the unfortunate malefactor whose repentence was genuine and whose desire to reform was sincere.

Knowing criminals and their methods, their weaknesses and their human side as perhaps, no other man of his time had known them, Pinkerton never sympathized with the theorist and the sentimentalist who sought to reform desperate, hunted men by kind words, but he did know that a little help and a little encourage-

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ORGANIZATION IS CONTINUING

Practically All of Union County Now Organized for Christmas Seal Sale.

Organization of the Annual Christmas Red Cross seal sale, the proceeds to be used for use in curing tuberculosis victims, continues. Island City, Union, Elgin, Cove, Telocaset, Imbler, Summerville and the Dry Creek school were organized yesterday. Hot Lake and La Grande were organized a few days ago which leaves only a few districts not working yet.

Mrs. Merton Kiddle is in charge at Island City; Mrs. Charles Perry Holly at Union; Mrs. Denham at Elgin; Mrs. Ray Duncan, at Cove; Mrs. Katim at Telocaset; Portia Westenskow and Inez Woodell, at Imbler; Merle Frizell and Ula Ott at the Summerville Pleasant Grove school and Clifford Sisco

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Never Too Late!

Mrs. Henry Clay Wright of Austin, Tex., is 80 years old and has always wanted to go on the concert stage. Now for the first time she will realize her ambition, being scheduled to make her debut in New York on December 15.

Annual "Clam Feed" Very Well Attended

With approximately six-score members of the organization present, the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club of Union county last evening staged their annual clam feed in the basement of the First Methodist church of La Grande. In addition to the members of the club present from La Grande, members were present from nearly every point in Union county. The state game warden, A. E. Burghduff, and members of the state game commission, were unable to attend due to a commissioner's meeting held last evening in western Oregon. Governor Pierce, a member of the club, was also unable to attend.

Following the banquet, which consisted of about 400 pounds of baked clams in the shell, clam bouillon, coffee, hot rolls, jelly, pumpkin pie, potatoes, salad, etc., President Al Andrews, toastmaster, called upon Bruce Dennis to explain the "Bird Refuge" bill, now before congress, following several opening remarks.

Mr. Dennis told of the measure that would provide a reserve for game birds in Oregon and introduced a resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the club. The resolution follows:

Whereas, Mistaken judgment on the part of well meaning people relative to forcing civilization and land cultivation to the last degree in sections which Providence evidently intended for a permanent home for the wild life of Oregon, and

Whereas, It is not the will, desire or intention of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club of La Grande, Oregon, to stand in the way of progress and development, but is the intent to urge that proper judgment be used before governmental permission is given to obliterate game and bird reserves in the west; therefore be it

Resolved, That this organization in convention assembled on this 10th day of December, 1923, does memorialize congress to pass the bird refuge bill which is now pending and to so act in other ways that will render a safe retreat for the wild life; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be mailed to each member of the Oregon delegation in congress.

Secretary H. K. O'Brien then read a telegram from A. E. Burrels

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT HERE

Governor Walter M. Pierce will visit La Grande this month, according to announcements from the Chamber of Commerce offices today. The governor will arrive on the morning of December 27th to spend a day or two with his son, Lloyd, during which time he will arrange for a definite date in January to appear at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

REBELS WIN FIGHT WITH LOYALISTS

March to Mexico City by Huerta Forces Is Continuing

MEX REBELLION IS UNABATED

Colonel Hernandez, with Detachment, to Cover Advance of Insurgents

VERA CRUZ, (AP)—The forces of Dela Huerta and General Sanchez, advancing toward Mexico City, met a detachment of federal troops yesterday near Hoca Del Monte on the Puebla-Vera Cruz border but the Obregon soldiers retreated, according to reports, after a brief skirmish with the rebel detachment commanded by Colonel Hernandez, who then started for Tehuacan, Puebla, to cover the advance of troops which are to go forward today.

VERA CRUZ (AP)—The column of revolutionists proceeding by way of the Interoceanic railway for Mexico City is taking with it four batteries of machine guns, in addition to sufficient ammunition for both categories. The column was able to increase its gun power from pieces obtained from the San Juan de Ulua castle and from the warships in the harbor here.

Another column, under the personal command of Gen. Guadalupe Sanchez, is being formed, and will go toward the capital by way of the Mexican railway, to aid the columns already advancing.

Advices from the port of Frontera are that Colonel Vivanco is carrying out the orders sent him by revolutionary headquarters, to march on Villa Hermosa, capital of the state of Tobasco, against Governor Garrido, a follower of President Obregon.

Wireless communication between headquarters in Vera Cruz and the headquarters of Gen. Enrique Estrada, commander of the western forces, are being freely carried out.

Among the new prisoners who

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PROGRAM WILL BE EXCELLENT

Municipal Band to Render Several Numbers at Monday Evening's Concert.

Added to the splendid numbers of Mrs. A. L. Richardson, vocalist, and Mrs. Cornelia Barker Carse, violinist, the Municipal band will be an important part of the concert program next Monday evening at the L. D. S. tabernacle.

Rehearsals for this superb musical event are now being held and the public is to enjoy one of the very finest programs ever presented to an Eastern Oregon audience.

While the general public has not been solicited in any manner whatsoever by the Presbyterian congregation for the new church the proceeds of this concert will go toward purchasing a piano for the new building.

Insurgents Cause Tieup

Opponents of Transport Act Results in Deadlock in Senate.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate deadlock over the election of a chairman of the interstate commerce commission continued today. The Senate adjourned after three ballots with Cummins still four votes short of a majority.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Republican insurgents who favor sharp amendments of the transportation act brought about a deadlock Monday in the senate over the election of a chairman of the interstate commerce committee, which handles railroad legislation. Three

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LEWIS TRIAL TO GO TO THE JURY THIS AFTERNOON

Attorneys in the circuit court trial of Charles Raymond Lewis, La Grande taxi-driver, charged with transporting liquor in his vehicle, had reached the arguments in the case late this morning and the case is expected to go to the jury this afternoon.

Trial of Ezra Allen, appealed from the justice court where Allen was convicted of a charge of transporting liquor in his taxi, will be started when the Lewis case goes to the jury.

Hoover Makes Annual Report To President

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Legislation for the revision of the navigation laws, for control of traffic in the air, and for stabilization of radio service were among the recommendations made by Secretary Hoover in the annual report of the Commerce Department. The rapid growth of aircraft and radio transmission alike, he said, had created a need for administration development, while the navigation laws, long under scrutiny, required adjustment to the increased commercial expansion.

Within the department itself, Mr. Hoover recommended that Congress follow the general reorganization plan prepared under the Harding administration, and make three administrative groupings to deal with industry, trade, and navigation. He likewise urged congressional affirmation for the acts by which President Harding created Alaskan fisheries reserves and suggested relief from federal taxation for American residents abroad and engaged in furthering American commerce.

Much of the report dealt with the special enterprise, in which the Commerce Department has engaged during the year, designed to standardize commodity and material specifications, to collect facts about world agricultural production, and to determine the character of organizations abroad by which it has been charged that American consumers have been threatened with unduly high prices.

In this connection, likewise, the report dealt with the foreign trade situation, and the studies un-

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Late News Flashes

Rush Destroyers to Hongkong

MANILA (AP).—Five American destroyers left today for Hongkong as the result of the Chinese suituation at Canton.

Will Recommend Replacement.

SEATTLE (AP).—Replacement of ordnance of defenses of Puget Sound, Forts Plager, Casey and Warden by equipment that will outrange guns of the present English and Japanese ships, will be recommended by Brigadier General Todd, chief of the coast artillery, Ninth Corps area, said a message today from Port Townsend. After an inspection of the Sound forts, Todd will inspect Forts Factions, Grays Harbor, Willapa Bay and Columbia River.

Unity Is Aim of League of Nations.

PARIS (AP).—The business of the league of nations is to make it possible for the governments to act in unity in accomplishing things, not to take governmental machinery in its own hands, Lord Robert Cecil told the league council today in warning that an investigation of slavery which still exists in many territories must be conducted with the greatest caution.