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The Weather PORTLAND (AP) — Rain in the west, rain or snow, with warmer weather in the east, portion tonight and Friday.

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GERMANY IS NEAR BANKRUPTCY

IMPORTANT BATTLE IS FORESEEN

Obregon Forces to Try to Halt Insurgent Move to Capital

REBELS' FORCES ARE GATHERED

Deciding Battle for Possession of Mexico City Is Expected Shortly.

VERA CRUZ (AP)—Newspaper correspondents accompanying the rebel armies in their advance on Mexico City telegraphed early today that the situation in the state of Puebla is unchanged, but that battle soon is apparently imminent. The main body of the insurgent forces have joined the advance guard.

VERA CRUZ (AP)—Obregon forces are concentrated at San Andres, 70 miles south of Orizaba. It is evidently the purpose of the Obregon army to prevent the rebel columns at Esperanza and Orizaba from meeting at San Marcos, where the Mexican and Inter-Oceanic railways cross.

"It is between these points that the deciding battle for the possession of Mexico City will be fought."

INSTITUTE IS ON SATURDAY

Teachers to Gather in La Grande; Supt. J. A. Churchill to Speak.

Preparations are practically completed now for the holding of a Local Teachers' Institute in the La Grande high school building on Saturday, December 15, the program opening at nine o'clock in the morning.

The public is invited to attend the meetings, which will be inquired.

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ALLEN CASE TO GO INTO JURY'S HANDS SHORTLY

Jury, presided over by Judge J. W. Knowles, of the appealed case of Earl Allen, La Grande taxi-driver, convicted in the justice court recently, continued this morning with indications pointing toward the decision being turned over to the jury early this afternoon.

Cochran and Eberhard are representing the state and E. S. Ivanhoe is counsel for the defendant.

A jury was selected yesterday morning and one witness took the chair yesterday afternoon.

A civil case, Ralph Butler vs. W. J. Townley, will be before circuit court's adjourned session following the completion of the Allen case.

Fraud Uncovered

CHICAGO (AP)—Promotion schemes involving nearly \$5,000,000, covering a ten year period, were disclosed by state's attorney today at a trial in the offices of Leo Kozak, attorney for whom an international search is being made. Friends and relatives told the prosecutor that Kozak induced them to invest millions in the Bayview Trust company, of Panama, which he learned to be a myth.

Giant Turkey Halts Traffic In Chicago

CHICAGO (AP)—Traffic in Michigan avenue was brought to a halt Tuesday when "cooper king" giant turkey who tips the scales at 33 pounds on the hoof, made his escape from the great midway poultry, and set stock exhibition in the coliseum and with snapping wings and angry squawks cut down an effigy crowned triumphantly in the middle of the boulevard.

Traffic piled up for blocks while the prize fowler darted and dodged between automobiles and

U.S. Weather Bureau Held To Be Asset

Forecasters Save Lives, Money, Crops, Chief's Report Shows.

By Harry Ward, International News Service Staff Correspondent. WASHINGTON.—The United States leads the world in the utility, practicality and extent of its weather service, and while it has certain "limitations," its prognostications have paid back to the nation in "economic benefit" many hundreds of dollars for each dollar expended on the maintenance of its work.

"A new significance is attached nowadays to the weather factor in all human conduct and operations," Marvin said. "For centuries in conversation and for other purposes, the present and prospective weather for a continent, almost for the whole world, is now spread before the public twice a day in all the newspapers, weather maps and a multitude of bulletins and advices."

Service Expected Now. Marvin called attention to the fact the general public takes the work of the Weather Bureau "more or less as a matter of course."

"In early years its forecasts and prognostications were not taken very seriously, and its popular sobriquet of 'Old Probabilities' was suggestive of the humorous estimate in which its work was generally held," said Marvin. "That was when the bureau was a very young institution, literally in its childhood. An historian telling the life story of the bureau can easily discern its progress into sober youth and manhood. With this came a period when the public view of its pretensions and accomplishments (or failures) with some seriousness. However, with small sympathy for the bureau's forecasters, and less understanding of the difficulties of their tasks, storms of complaints for failures prevailed throughout the land. These are written in the columns of the public press throughout the closing years of the last century."

Recognizing its limitations, "undiminished by the onslaught of its critics, confident of the wonderful possibilities of its useful public service and its ability to make it worth while to the nation, the bureau struggled on, bettering and extending its methods by little in many ways," Marvin added. "Every paper carries the message of present and prospective weather, and for those who need fuller details special bulletins convey everything known and sus-

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TO NOMINATE FORD ANYWAY

Ford-For-President Club Formed; to Boost Ford Whether He Wishes It or Not.

DETROIT (AP)—Henry Ford will be nominated for president in 1924 whether he desires it or not, it was unanimously decided at a meeting here at which the National Ford for President club organized with a score of supporters present who came here regardless of the fact that a Ford-for-President meeting to which they were delegates had been called off.

LANSING (AP)—The Nomination petition to put Ford's name on the Democratic ballot by the presidential primaries was filed with the Secretary of State's office today.

SMITH TRIAL TO BE HELD TODAY

Trial of Leonard Smith, charged with possession and sale of intoxicating liquor, will be started this afternoon in the county court, with County Judge U. G. Couch presiding. Tex Brown, who pleaded guilty to sale of liquor, and who was jointly arrested with Smith, will be sentenced late this week, according to county officials.

Kansas Bonus Lay Upheld

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP)—The Kansas supreme court late Wednesday upheld the legislative date of payment by the state bonus vice in the World war. The court also decided that applicants were entitled to payment from the day they were inducted into service, regardless of whether or not they went to their homes to await further orders pending service.

Y. M. C. A. IS AGAIN AIDED BY STANGE

Prevents Foreclosure by Sheriff's Sale, Giving Association Period to Redeem Y.

There will be no sheriff's sale of the Y. M. C. A. property as has been advertised, for last evening the old and new boards of directors met with W. W. Dillon who insisted that time was what is needed for the association to get in shape. He said that the sheriff's sale for next Monday night would be so that the best that could be done would be to grab a loan and thus extend the time.

Mr. Dillon is the state representative of the Y. M. C. A. in Oregon and he has been giving a great deal of attention to re-opening the La Grande institution ever since it closed its doors. He presented at last night's meeting an offer from the Western Bond and Mortgage company of Portland to negotiate a loan of \$12,500 on the property with a charge of four per cent for making the loan. It developed that the indebtedness on the Y property here exceeds \$12,500 and is probably close to \$18,000. To get the Western Bond and Mortgage company loan it would be necessary for the board of directors to guarantee interest. This the old board flatly refused to do and the new board members present said they did not feel like taking on the burden when the old board had experienced such difficulty in raising finances for the institution.

All present reviewed every phase of the perplexing situation which seemed to be the end of the Y. M. C. A. in La Grande. August J. Stange, who has been a very substantial friend to the institution and has contributed heavily in the past, offered to assist those endeavoring to keep it afloat by paying all indebtedness of the Y, thus stopping the sheriff's sale Monday. The board of directors to give a deed to the property which also carries contract to repurchase by the board at the exact amount of indebtedness on or before March 1st, 1924.

This means that Mr. Stange will

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COVELL TRIAL STARTED LATE IN AFTERNOON

COQUILLE (AP)—The special defense counsel in the arguments declared that Arthur Covell had Alton absolutely in his power. The district attorney declared that the state would prove Alton and Arthur night after night plotted murder.

E. J. PHILLIPS CALLED BEYOND LAST EVENING

Edward James Phillips, a resident of La Grande for nine years, passed on late Wednesday evening at the close of a severe illness. His many friends are today, with relatives, mourning his demise.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Florence Phillips, three children, Bernice, Frances and Violet, and by a brother and sister in Michigan.

Funeral services will be held from the Snodgrass and Zimmerman funeral service parlors Sunday afternoon at two o'clock with Rev. G. W. Jones, of the Christian church, to deliver the funeral sermon.

WATKINS TRIAL CONTINUED UNTIL FRIDAY EVENING

A continuation of the trial of Al Watkins, colored, 1428 S. avenue, was held last evening in the city hall building, presided over by Judge E. J. Kitchen. A portion of the arguments were heard but court was adjourned before the trial was completed. Judge Kitchen announced today that the trial would be continued until Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the city hall building.

A fair sized attendance was noted last evening.

Passion Play Actors Are Now in America

NEW YORK (AP)—Eleven of the simple folk of Oberammergau in the Tyrol Alps, actors in the historic passion play given each decade in the Bavarian village, came to America Wednesday on the steamship Reliance to earn money for the salvation of their beloved peasant.

At their head was the gentle-

Parker Wins Over Woodfin; Card Snappy

Sarp and Loren Draw; Hollinger Kayos Schooler; Ford Winner.

Fast and snappy, from the first preliminary to the final event, was last night's boxing card held in the Star Theater under the auspices of the La Grande boxing commission. Fairly well attended, the card elicited much praise on the whole from the fans who gathered to witness that ancient pastime of war personified by the modern method of leather-pushing.

"The surprise of the evening came in the first preliminary in the second canto when Knock Out Hollinger caused the birds to sing to a ten-count in favor of the younger form of his opposing mittman, Kid Schooler. This is one of the first knockouts La Grande has witnessed for many a moon in the preliminary class—but a husky sward to the vicinity of Schooler's solar plexus resulted in him imprinting a long, ten-second kiss on the canvas. In the first round of the opener, both boys looked fairly well, mixing it so-so. The second round opened with fists flying in

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WALLOWA CO. WINTER IS ON

Crews Are Rushing Road Work in Effort to Beat Settling of Cold Winter Weather.

WALLOWA (Special)—With the abrupt change in the weather conditions of the past few days it would seem that Old Man Winter has at last taken a firm hold on the athletic and football undertakings of the school, the other features such as the essay, the debators and domestic science girls were not overlooked by any means.

George Glass Sr. presented the fundamental principles of the Hi Dad organization telling of the desire of the twenty-five fathers present to be with the boys in

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Wheat Quoted Higher On Portland Market

PORTLAND (AP)—Wheat on yesterday's market showed a gain of two cents. Quotations were: Hard white B. S. hard, December \$1.02; January, \$1.02; western white, December, \$1.02; January, \$1.02; hard winter, December \$0.98; January, \$0.98; northern spring, December, \$0.98; January, \$0.98; red, December, \$0.98; January, \$0.98.

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HI DADS AND SCHOOL BOYS BANQUETTED

One of Greatest Events in La Grande School History Was That of Last Evening.

With "Granddad" A. T. Hill in the chair as toastmaster blowing a football whistle instead of using a gavel, the first social event of the Hi Dads and the High school boys was held in the Domestic Science hall of the high school which was an elegant banquet served by the Miss Marjorie Barrett, domestic science teacher, and her class of young ladies.

The hall decorations were very pleasing. Lights were shaded with pink, while the table decorations carried the holly and snowball in festive effect.

Granddad Hill was in his glory, for if there is a friend to the young man and an ardent football voter it is the said Granddad. After the first course of the banquet Coach L. C. MacTavish asked the football men to adjourn to another room and elect the captain for next year. It took a short minute for them to do this little task and came back with unanimous choice of Cecil Sherwood.

Following the elegant dinner, which started with oyster cocktails and carried on through courses of fine salads, roast turkey and all the good things that go with a one hundred per cent Grande Ronde dinner, the program of the evening was taken up by Granddad Hill.

Among those who spoke at command of the whistles were Superintendent A. C. Hampton, Coach MacTavish, Charles Reynolds, W. K. Gilbert, Hal Bohnenkamp, Bob Garity, "Bull Montana" Kerr, "Sooty" Dutton, George Glass, Sr., Bernard Hummel, Rev. W. C. Ross and Captain Eugene Metcalf.

While the talks mostly told of the athletic and football undertakings of the school, the other features such as the essay, the debators and domestic science girls were not overlooked by any means.

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MYSTERY HOVERS OVER DEATH OF PERRYVILLE MAN

SALEM (AP)—Frank Brobst was found dead on his farm yesterday near Perryville, shot thru the breast, and with a shotgun across his feet. Mystery surrounds the case.

SINNOTT NAMED ON HOUSE BOARD

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Representative Sinnott of Oregon, was definitely named a member of the house steering committee, which puts its stamp of approval on all legislation to be considered by the house. There are seven members of the committee.

BUTTER MAKERS MET IN ANNUAL SESSION TODAY

PORTLAND (AP)—The fourteenth annual convention of the Oregon Butter-Makers association was opened here today.

P. C. Berckbach, of Salem, replied to a welcoming address, M. M. Honney, of Eugene, gave the president's report.

James Sorenson, secretary of the Minnesota Creamery Operators' association, told of the defects found in Oregon butter.

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Oldest and Youngest



The oldest and youngest members of the 88th Congress and the only woman member are shown above. Left to right General Isaac Sherwood of Ohio, age 89; Mrs. May E. Nolan, only woman member, and Lister Hill of Alabama, age 25.

Everett Testified in Trial of Philip Fox

ATLANTA (AP)—A. W. Jones, manager of the building in which Coburn had his office said that he asked Fox why he had shot Coburn. "I had to do it" the witness said Fox replied.

Would Pave New District

Improvement District Is Created by Commissioners Last Night.

Convening in the city recorder's office, due to the fact that a public court trial occupied the regular city hall room ordinarily used for this purpose, the city commissioners last evening passed resolutions creating Improvement District No. 136, which calls for the paving of M. avenue from Eighth street to Washington avenue and Ninth street from M to N avenues. Hearing of objections grievances or other recommendations against the improvement of this district will be held in the city hall building at 7:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening, January 9, 1924.

Another matter discussed at length by the commissioners was the parking of autos, used as storage, on Adams avenue, that made it difficult for traffic to pass its way along the street with out interference. The commissioners expressed the opinion that if an ordinance did not already cover this matter, one should be passed at an early session to prevent auto stages parking on Adams avenue.

The monthly report of the treasurer and the weekly report of the city manager were read and approved and bills for the month were submitted and allowed. All three commissioners, President Sherwood Williams, and Commissioners H. S. Brown and C. J. Black were present.

THY AND IRADERN DRAW

PORTLAND (AP)—Ted Thye, Portland mailman, and Ira Dern, of Salt Lake City, wrestled to a draw here last night. Each man got one fall but neither were able to get the deciding fall.

BAKER (Special)—Ira Dern will meet Max Glover here Friday evening. Glover is hailed as a strong opponent for Dern.

LIGHT WINES AND BEER FAVORED BY CHICAGO COUNSEL

CHICAGO (AP)—Light wines and beer and modification of the Volstead act to make the sale and manufacture of same permissible was endorsed by the Chicago city council today.

WATKINS GIVEN IMPORTANT POST

WASHINGTON—Representative Edwin Watkins, the new Democratic member of congress from Oregon, was Wednesday assigned to the committee on immigration and expenditures of the war department.

Church is Dedicated. ROSEBURG, Ore.—The new Christian science church building in Roseburg was dedicated recently. The building is an artistic edifice and was completed at a cost of about \$12,000.

BERLIN MAY APPEAL TO THE LEAGUE

Outside Help Is Deemed Necessary to Tide Germany Over

FINANCES OF COUNTRY LOW

Taxation May Be Drastic in Last Effort to Solve Financial Difficulties.

BERLIN (By the Associated Press)—An appeal by the German government to foreign countries to help it out of its financial difficulties is expected within a short time. The appeal may face the form of a request to the league of nations to take control of Germany's finances.

Setting for financial help is regarded as a leviable for without it, the German government will be unable to pay officials and will have to announce bankruptcy.

The forecast is that as a last desperate effort to postpone national bankruptcy, drastic taxation measures will be initiated under an emergency powers law, necessitating tax passes to dispose of some of their property to meet the new taxes.

Taxes due in January for the Rhine-Ruhr refer are being collected now in advance, but the revenue from them will be sufficient only for a limited period.

PROGRAM TO DELIGHT ALL

Various Selections Combine to Make Concert Delightful Event for City.

Those who have seen the program arranged for the concert to be given in the J. D. S. tabernacle by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, soprano and Mrs. Cornelia Baker (alto), violinist, assisted by La Grande's Municipal band are delighted with the excellent selections for the program is one that will be of intense interest to everyone.

"Romance" by Heineberger, a number which Mrs. Richardson

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Late News Flashes

Bonus Bill Again Introduced. WASHINGTON (AP)—The soldier bonus bill which passed congress last year and was vetoed by Harding, was reintroduced today by Representative McKenzie, Republican, of Illinois, at the request of the Republican veterans in the house. The measure carries only minor changes from the text of the original bill.

Indians See "Gay Paree." PARIS (AP)—A delegation of 16 Arapahoe Indians from Wyoming, clad in full regalia, arrived here yesterday. Their presence caused such a commotion in the northern railroad terminal that traffic was held up some time. Chief Old Eagle told interviewers that the deputation intended to ask the league of nations to intervene with the United States government so that the Indians might have the same rights and privileges as do other Americans.

Storm Raging. SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A storm reaching from the Aleutian Islands to the heart of the temperate zone is being thrust toward the Pacific Coast by high off-shore winds today. It should hit the coast early tonight.

Suggests Friendly Suit. OREGON CITY (AP)—City Attorney Stone, who yesterday ruled that the city election set December 18 was invalid, today advised the council to take the matter to court after the election on quo warranto proceedings and advised the present council to launch a friendly suit after January 2, by refusing to vacate offices, and forcing new commissioners to seek legal aid in securing control.