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The Weather
PORTLAND (AP)—Fair
tonight and Sunday, ex-
cepting probable rain in
the northwestern portion of
Oregon.

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FIVE ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY

EVACUATION
OF PUEBLA
REPORTEDRebels Give Up Mexican
City They Have Held
Several Days.TALK OF PEACE
IS UNCONFIRMEDIndefinite Reports Are
Afloat That Discussions
for Cessation of
Hostilities Are Under-
way.VERA CRUZ (By the Associated
Press)—The rebels have evacuated
the city of Puebla for reasons
of military expediency, their
headquarters announced here today.They had held the city for several
days.

(By the Associated Press)

Nothing has been forthcoming
to verify the accuracy of the in-
definite reports afloat that some
kind of discussion is going on in
Mexico having as its objective a
cessation of hostilities.Advices from Mexico City would
indicate, however, that there is
still fighting between the federal
forces and the rebels for possession
of the rebel-held town of
Puebla, which is in the immediate
vicinity of the sector in which the
two forces for several days have
been engaged in combats of arms
along the railways leading to Mex-
ico City.Confirmation has been received
by the Mexican embassy in Wash-
ington of the defeat at Villa Her-
mosa, state of Tabasco, of the re-
bels under command of General
Carlos Green, former governor of
the state.Direct advices from Mexico City
are to the effect that the federal
troops are forcing back the rebels
in the vicinity of Espozuza and
Oriental in the sector east or south
east of the capital. The situation
in the oil fields in the region of
Tampico is reported quiet. Little
news is coming through concern-
ing events in other parts of the re-
public.Numbers of men wounded in
the fighting around San Marcos
and Puebla are reported to have
arrived by train in Mexico City
and to have been taken to hospi-
tals. Their number, however, is
not given.SCHOOLS OUT
FOR HOLIDAYSHigh School and Gram-
mar Grades Dismissed
Yesterday for Eleven-
Day Vacation.Yesterday afternoon the La
Grande schools dismissed their
pupils until "next year." Christmas
holidays will last in the schools
from yesterday, December 21, until
January 2, giving both the high
school pupils and the grammar
school pupils a total of 11 days to
observe Christmas and New Year's
Day.The Christmas spirit has been
making the pupils, and the teach-
ers of all of the schools of La
Grande very jolly and busy
during the past week, preparing
for the Yuletide and getting their
pupils ready for the holidays.

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Churches To Observe
The Yuletide SeasonThe Yuletide season will be
observed generally in the churches
of La Grande during the next
three days. The greater num-
ber of the churches will hold
Christmas exercises tomorrow
morning or afternoon.The Presbyterian church will
hold their Christmas treat and
entertainment at 10:30 o'clock in
the morning at Bonan hall. The
Christian Endeavor program will
follow the study hour at 6 o'clock.In the Methodist church the
Christmas program will be held
at 7 o'clock in the afternoon.
No services are planned for
the evening. The Methodist
program will include solos, anti-Herb Mires Is
Fined \$250.00
Gets 10 DaysFound Guilty of Strik-
ing Officer and of Be-
ing Drunk.Herb Mires, accused of being
drunk and of striking an officer,
was tried last evening in the pe-
tition court and found guilty of both
charges. For the latter charge
Mires drew a fine of \$250 and a
sentence of 10 days in jail from
Judge R. J. Kitchen and on the
charge of drunkenness, Mires was
fined \$25.Mires will begin serving his
sentence Monday, the day before
Christmas. At present he is free
until that time.

BULLETINS

Eggs Weak. Livestock
and poultry were steady on today's
market. Eggs are weak.400 Released.
BELFAST (AP)—Four hun-
dred prisoners were released from
the Free State detention camp at
Newbridge today and a large num-
ber from Curragh camp. Further
releases of Free State are ex-
pected Monday.M'CULLY CALLED
TO CONDON, ORE.JOSEPH J. D. McCully, pion-
eer merchant and banker of Con-
don, received word Tuesday of his
appointment as receiver of the
First National Bank of Condon.
Mr. McCully leaves Joseph today
for Condon to enter upon his new
duties.The Condon bank closed its
doors about three weeks ago.HORNSBY GIVES
TREES TO POORST. LOUIS (AP)—Rogers Horns-
by, star batter of the National
league, who several weeks ago
flooded the local market with
Christmas trees, forcing the whole
sale price down from \$2 to \$1.25
a bundle, went a step further Fri-
day when he announced he would
give away 1,000 trees to the poor.
"Despite the fact that I forced
down the price, I made enough to
give these trees away, and then
still have a substantial profit," he
said.Idaho Falls Bank,
Defunct, Pays 7 1/2
Percent DividendIDAHO FALLS, Ida. (AP)—De-
positors in the State bank here,
which closed its doors on Novem-
ber 21, 1921, were made happy
Friday morning by the receipt of a
7 1/2 per cent dividend on their
deposits. Approximately \$30,000
was paid out, which was doubly
welcome just before Christmas
and with tax paying time at hand.AD STONE BEATS
SHADE IN N. Y.NEW YORK (AP)—Ad Stone,
the fighting marine of Philadel-
phia, outboxed and outpointed
Bill Shade of California, in the 12-
round final at Madison Square
Garden Friday night and was
awarded the decision. Stone had
the better of every round and only
Shade's ability to take punishment
and still remain on his feet pre-
vented a knockout.Berlin Churches Seek Busy Men
BERLIN (AP)—In an effort to
attract business men to religion,
several Berlin churches are hold-
ing services every morning and eve-
ning. The Lord's Supper is ad-
ministered every Saturday night,
because of the tendency of the city
population to spend Sundays in the
country.

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HIGH COURT
CONSIDERING
TAX BOARDS
IN OREGONTax Supervising, Conser-
vation Boards Under
Magnifying GlassSTATE ATTORNEY
SAYS LAW "VALID"Klamath Unable to File
Briefs; Yamhill and
Umatilla Leading in
the Constitutionality
Attack.SALEM (By the Associated
Press)—The supreme court today
had under consideration argu-
ments made yesterday afternoon
attacking the constitutionality law
creating at county tax supervising
and conservation commission.
Yamhill and Umatilla counties
were represented by their attor-
neys and Tillamook and Polk coun-
ties participated in the case as
"friends of the court."The attorney general argued
that the law was valid.
Klamath county went word at
the last minute that her attorneys
had not been able to prepare the
required briefs in time.
These briefs may be filed later.EDITOR OF NEW
YORK WORLD DIESNEW YORK (INS)—Frank
Cobb, veteran editor of the New
York World, died Friday after-
noon.N. Y. Commission Opens
Warfare on GamblingNEW YORK (AP)—The New
York athletic commission's war-
fare upon gambling took definite
form Friday when the ring solons
received a new rule providing that
persons caught betting or recog-
nized as professional gamblers be
barred from all boxing matches in
this state.MASCOT WINNER
IN ROSE CITY
BOXING CARDPORTLAND (AP)—Billy Mascot
won a ten-round decision over
Waldo Wine here last night.
Waldo Wine won a ten-round de-
cision over Mike De Pinto.ACREAGE IN
WHEAT SAME
IN OREGONWinter Wheat Seeded in
State Practically the
Same as Last YearDECEMBER CROP
REVISIONS GIVENFigures for Oregon and
United States Show
Actual Conditions in
Agriculture.PORTLAND (AP)—The acreage
seeded to winter wheat in the state
of Oregon this fall is computed by
the Washington D. C. office of the
Bureau of Agricultural Economics
at 100 per cent of the acreage seed-
ed last fall, the revised figure for
which is 596,000 acres, says F. L.
Kent, statistician, United States De-
partment of Agriculture.While the acreage seeded this
fall appears to be about the same
as that of a year ago, the condition
of the growing wheat is placed at
87.0 per cent of normal as com-
pared with 91.9 per cent a year
ago, and the ten year average of
92.6 per cent. The present vigor-
ous condition of the crop, taken in
connection with present weather

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FRED KIDDLE IS
ELECTED MASONIC
HEAD LAST NIGHTFred E. Kiddle was elected wor-
shipful master of the La Grande
Masonic lodge last evening at a
regular meeting. Joseph L. Ingles
was named senior warden, Samuel
S. Anderson, junior warden, C.
M. Humphreys, treasurer, and L.
B. Kingle, secretary.George Glass was in France
during the war, secured a piece
of timber from a building that
was erected by the Masons in the
year 1920 and from it constructed
a gavel, which he presented to the
local lodge last evening.In the initiation ceremony last
evening they also used the trowel
given to George Cochran, grand
master of Oregon, at Alexandria,
Va., that was used in the laying
of the cornerstone of the George
Washington National Memorial.Both Mr. Cochran and Mr. Glass
gave an interesting talk.

May Represent America

It was announced in Washington that Owen D.
Young, chairman of the board of the General Electric
company (left) and Charles G. Dawes, financial ex-
pert, will be named American "observers" on the re-
parations commission.Phillip Fox Guilty;
Life Term Given HimXmas Gordon
Gin Is TakenPolice Raid Steve Hiatt
Home; Hiatt Is Fined
\$250 for Possession.Two bottles of Gordon Gin,
bottled that were meant for
"Christmas use," were confiscated
by the police officers last evening
in a raid on the home of Steve
Hiatt, at 1424 Monroe avenue. In
addition to the gin (two bottles,
partly filled with moonshine, and
several empty bottles were found,
according to the officers.Hiatt was tried in the police
court this morning on a charge of
possession of intoxicating liquor
and pleaded guilty to the charge.
He was fined \$250.The Gordon Gin, one bottle of
500 and one of 100 gin, accord-
ing to the story Hiatt told the of-
ficers the gin was found by him
some time ago near Perry where
he says, stated the officers, that
he saw someone cache something
and then found it to be four bot-
tles of gin. Hiatt is said to have
told the police that he used two

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Jury Recommends Mercy
When Bringing in
Their VerdictATLANTA (By the Associated
Press)—An appeal is expected to
be asked for Phillip Fox, convicted
of murder last night.ATLANTA, Ga. (By the Associated
Press)—"Guilty of murder,
with recommendation for mercy,"
was the verdict returned Friday
night against Phillip E. Fox, for-
mer Ku Klux Klan editor, who
killed William S. Coburn, a Klan
attorney, in Atlanta on Novem-
ber 3.The verdict, under Georgia laws
provides a life imprisonment and
fine. After hearing evidence and
arguments for more than a week
the jury received the case late
Thursday night. At the request
of the defense the jury was polled.
It was unanimous.Fox stood up. He shook his
head in the negative when the
judge asked if he desired to say
anything."You shall spend the balance of
your natural life in the peniten-
tiary of this state," the judge said.
Fox trembled and his head
dropped heavily on his chest.Judge Howard directed the de-
fendant to sit down. Two bailiffs
stepped the trembling man as he
sank into his chair. The court
then cautioned all spectators to
remain seated. Twenty or more
police men headed by Chief of Po-
lice Heavers and the bailiffs sur-
rounded Fox and he was escorted
from the court house.Sethor Mrs. Fox, now her 5-year-
old son was present when the ver-
dict was read. Mrs. Coburn, wid-
ow of the slain man, and her
daughter, Zoe Coburn, also were
present.

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HENRY W. NIBLEY
WAS A RESIDENT
HERE 2 DECADESThe funeral service over the re-
mains of Henry W. Nibley will be
held tomorrow afternoon at two
o'clock from the L. D. S. taber-
nacle here. The body will lie in
state at the Nibley home on Cove
avenue from ten o'clock in the
morning until 1:30 o'clock in the
afternoon Sunday. The body will
be forwarded Wednesday to Log-
an, Utah, for interment.HENRY NIBLEY, aged 72 years
five months and 12 days, who passed
away yesterday, was a resident of
this city for 20 years prior to his
sudden demise, which came as a
great shock to his many friends.
He leaves to mourn his death a
widow and five children, Henry
Nibley, Jr., of Pocatello, Idaho;
Mrs. David B. Stoddard, of La
Grande; Mrs. W. M. Wate and
James W. Nibley, of Salt Lake
City; and Mrs. Elmo Clegg, of La
Grande.The funeral arrangements were
being prepared this morning. The
body is at the Bohlenkamp chapel.1600 Bags Of
Goodies For
The KiddiesElks Also to Distribute
Xmas Baskets to the
Needy.Sixteen-hundred bags of goodies!
That is the amount that the La
Grande Elks Santa Claus will dis-
tribute Christmas morning at
eleven o'clock to the kiddies under
12 years of age in this community.
And "this community" does not
apply strictly to La Grande but
includes from outlying districts as
just as welcome as the others and
are invited cordially to gather
around the Elks Christmas tree
Christmas morning.The tree will likely be erected
tomorrow. Members are procur-
ing one today and unless mishaps
develop, the tree should be up at
the intersection of Washington
and Depot streets tomorrow.
In addition to the 1600 bags of
goodies, consisting of candies, or-
anges and nuts, the Elks will dis-
tribute baskets to the needy. This
distribution will occur Monday
morning about nine o'clock.BRYAN SCORES
FORD ACTIONSays That Support of
Coolidge Hurt Rather
Than Helped the Pres-
ident's Campaign.MIAMI, Fla. (By the Associated
Press)—William Jennings Bryan,
candidate for a delegate's seat in
the national Democratic conven-
tion from Florida, in a statement
today asserted that Ford's en-
dorsement of Coolidge would cause
a reaction hurting Coolidge in-
stead of helping him."Ford as a millionaire champion
of the poor of the country would
make an inspiring spectacle, but
Ford loses his prominence when
he joins with the rest of the big
business men in the support of a
reactionary candidate," said Bry-
an."Ford will not carry with him
any of the pluckers because they
are already supporting Coolidge,"
went on Bryan's statement."The president's opposition to
the excess profits tax made sure
of their support; but Ford's de-
sertion will become more pro-
nounced as the campaign ap-
proaches."Men who have difficulty in
keeping their household expendi-
tures within their incomes—the
men who as a rule buy Ford cars
—will resent the abandonment of
their cause by one of the richest
men in the country whom they re-
garded—mistakenly it now seems
—as their friend.

Late News Flashes

FORMER LA GRANDE MAN FOUND DEAD

PORTLAND (AP)—Jonas M. Berry, aged 78,
who left his apartments here yesterday to gather
Christmas greens near MacLeary Park, was found dead
in the woods today after an all night search by friends
and boy scouts aided by police dogs. Berry was a
resident here fourteen years and was previously a dry
goods merchant in La Grande. Berry is reported to
have dropped dead from natural causes.According to a brief dispatch received today just
before noon by L. L. McKennon, J. M. Berry was found
dead in Portland this morning. The message stated
that he had wandered into one of the Portland parks
where he passed on some time last night.J. M. Berry was a well known citizen of La Grande
at one time and conducted a merchandizing establish-
ment here on a large scale as things went in La Grande
in those days. He and his wife were very popular
with the people, and the news of his death will be
received today with great sadness by his many friends
here.

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ROBBERS OF
BANK TAKEN
IN PORTLANDLane County State &
Savings Bank Pilfer-
ers Behind Bars.BANK FUNDS OF
\$1,426 RECOVEREDTommy Murray, Leader
of Band, Confesses;
Woman Had Money
Police Recovered.PORTLAND (AP)—Murray and
Walker were taken to Eugene to-
day after being partially identified
here by Jack Herring, one of the
Lane county ranchers under ar-
rest charged with harboring the
fugitives in their flight from Flor-
ence. Herring was brought here
from Eugene by Lane County De-
puty Sheriff.Well, one of the five taken into
custody here last night, was charged
today with having kept \$1500
of the bank loot for Murray but
not with participation in the hold
up. He was taken to Eugene with
Murray and Walker.Mike Dennis and Floyd Metcalf,
also taken into custody last night,
were cleared today by the police
and Metcalf was released. The police
said that Dennis probably will be
freed later today.First Fight Results
When Herring Confronted him
at the police station Murray began
cursing the farmer, who retaliated
by punching upon Murray and giv-
ing him a beating. The police sep-
arated them. Herring positively
identified Murray but was not posi-
tive in the identification of
Walker. Walker persisted in his

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LEVIATHAN IS
IN HARBOR NOWNEW YORK (AP)—The Levi-
athan is resting at Hoboken pier
today, having been pulled off of
the mud banks where she was
struck seven hours yesterday.NEW YORK (AP)—The Levi-
athan, pride of the American
merchant marine, that Friday morn-
ing struck a mud bank off Staten
Island, and remained there for
seven hours, was refloated at 5:15
o'clock after most of her passen-
gers had been landed by ferry-
boats and tugs. She proceeded at
dusk to her pier with the remain-
der of her passengers.