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PORTLAND (AP)—Fair
tonight and Christmas day.

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SLOTTED CLERK, ROBBED DEPARTMENT STORE OF \$1,000 IN BILLS, CHECKS

Daring Robbery Perpetrated at Hill's Store Sunday.
ARREST SUSPECT • BUT ALIBI GIVEN

Officers Seeking Man Today; H. E. Watkins Injured But Not Dangerously.

This department store, of La Grande, suffered a loss of \$965 in currency and checks for \$435 yesterday as the result of a daring and successful one-man robbery. The police arrested one suspect late yesterday but after grilling him he was released, as he established an alibi that left no doubt as to his innocence of the crime.

H. E. Watkins, clerk, who was in the store at the time, was slugged into unconsciousness but is not seriously hurt. He was struck on the head with some blunt instrument, possibly a billy-club or some other instrument, badly bruising his head. Mr. Watkins' forehead is also cut but it is believed this was due to hitting the counter with his forehead as he fell.

The robbery occurred yesterday afternoon somewhere between the hour of four and five o'clock. Mr. Watkins did not become conscious until about 5:15 o'clock.

According to Chief of Police Clint Haynes, nearby towns have been notified but no reports of the assailant and robber being apprehended have been forthcoming. The officers are combing La Grande today in efforts to find the man. He is described as a fairly young man, well built, and was wearing an overcoat at the time of the pilfering. The police have in their possession a complete description of the robber.

Mr. Watkins was at the store yesterday afternoon attending to some matters that required his attention. Upon preparing to leave

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**Sent to Prison by
Attorney, Offers
Blood to Lawyer**

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—A man named L. Rappelt, who said that Thomas Lee Woolwine, former district attorney of Los Angeles, had sent him to prison, called at the hotel where Woolwine is in and offered to give a pint of blood to the man who prosecuted him.

Rappelt's offer, however, was not accepted as the doctors had decided to take the blood from a little hotel maid who attends to the Woolwine family. She was one of several volunteers.

**Liquor Buyers Breathe
Easier; List Is Lost**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Washington's 2500 residents listed as purchasers on the books of an alleged boot syndicate, members of which were arrested here Friday and Saturday, breathed a little easier Sunday night. The whereabouts of the list has become involved in mystery.

Upon the arrest of 11 persons charged with being connected with the booting ring, police said the list of 2500 purchasers had been seized and Assistant District Attorney Prescott announced he would turn the names over to the grand jury for possible prosecution.

Cannot Locate List.

Sunday the location of the list could not be determined. Rimer, chief of special intelligence unit of the internal revenue bureau, said some of those arrested had told him there was such a list but that he did not have it. Commissioner Fister of the District of Columbia, under whose jurisdiction the police work, said he had seen a "partial list" but that he had ordered all the evidence taken by police in the raid turned over to the internal revenue bureau. The police added that all of the evidence had been

Will Run For Supreme Judge Seat



JUDGE J. W. KNOWLES, OF LA GRANDE, ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

N. W. REALTORS TO MEET HERE

Northwest Real Estate Association to Convene in La Grande January 12.

A conference of the Northwest Real Estate Association will be held in La Grande on Saturday, January 12th, according to announcements made today.

At that time speakers from Portland, Seattle and Spokane and other points will appear before the conference.

The meeting will open at ten o'clock in the morning and continue throughout the day ending with a banquet at six o'clock in the evening.

La Grande Promised a "White Christmas"

Unless old Sol brightens up enough to melt the inch of snow that fell last evening, La Grande and the Grande Ronde Valley will have a "white Christmas."

The snow began falling Sunday afternoon and ended before midnight.

According to this morning's report, six inches of snow fell at Neucham last night. The roads, according to the highway commission's local division, officers, are open and in good condition.

R. H. Bullock announced that while the road is open and will continue to be open, people using machines should put on their chains on the grade as there is quite a bit of ice in evidence. Several minor accidents have been caused by the slippery roads recently. Chains are necessary only on about 25 miles of the Old Oregon Trail over the Blue Mountains.

BROADCAST ALL LEGION PROGRAM

An all American Legion Christmas program will be broadcast from the Oregonian station tonight at 8:30 o'clock, according to announcement here by Legion officers.

Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon league, also asked for publication of the list and for prosecution of those named on charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws.

Police and internal revenue investigators the case which already has brought about a record number of arrests for a single bootleg firm here. A foreign legation has been mentioned in connection with the case and officials admitted they were investigating this angle with a view to presenting the facts to the state department.



LA GRANDE MAN SEEKS STATE SEAT

Judge J. W. Knowles Is Candidate for Oregon Supreme Court

CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR 15 YEARS

Will Enter Primaries on the Republican Ticket; Strenuous Campaign Not Anticipated.

Friends of Judge J. W. Knowles all over Oregon will be delighted to know that he has decided to enter the race for Supreme Judge. He has had the matter under contemplation for several days and many of his supporters have urged him so strongly to make the campaign for this high office that the judge has finally decided to enter.

He will be a candidate in the primaries for the Republican nomination, and while he probably will not make an extensive campaign, he does expect to get over the state and visit many of the counties.

Judge J. W. Knowles was born in Circleville, Ohio, May 18th, 1867. At the tender age of six years his parents removed to Southern Kansas, where he grew to manhood amidst the hardships and pleasures of that new state which was then in the process of developing. It has often been said that a man who went through the ordeals of life in Kansas in an early day was fitted to combat any emergency in life and make good at the undertaking. In a large measure the statement has proven true, and Judge Knowles possesses the qualifications for successful endeavor which were developed not through the silver spoon but through hardships of the frontier country.

He graduated from the high school at Eldorado, Kansas, in 1884 and then attended Baker university, a Methodist denomination college at Baldwin, Kansas. He was admitted to the bar in Kansas in 1888 and practiced law with his brother until he came to Oregon and located in La Grande where he has since resided. For eight years Judge Knowles was city attorney and he also was deputy district attorney under Hon. John L. Rand, now associate justice of the Supreme court, when this district comprised several counties.

Judge Knowles was elected to the present office—judge of the Tenth judicial district—consisting of Union and Walla Walla counties—in June, 1908, and has held this position ever since.

Judge and Mrs. Knowles have two children. The longing for more outdoor life prompted the Judge to purchase a farm in the Grande Ronde valley and he and his wife made their home there, so in fact he is a dirt farmer of the first degree. As a sportsman he is a recognized authority on many points of natural law as well as the statistics created by man, and his contributions to sporting magazines on the wild life of Oregon have been read with great interest.

PLEAS GUILTY OF POSSESSION

Fred Nicholson Is Fined \$300 in Police Court This Morning on Liquor Charge.

Fred Nicholson, of La Grande, this morning at nine o'clock in the police court before Judge H. J. Kitchen, pleaded guilty to having liquor in his possession and was fined \$300.

Nicholson was arrested by police officers Saturday evening at his home. A keg and a quart jar, both containing moonshine, were found. The officers state that Nicholson poured out some of the liquor before they could halt him.

Princeton Expert Foresees Winter Of Not Much Rigor

PRINCETON, N. J. (AP)—This winter in all probability will be mild, according to William B. Scott, professor of geology at Princeton University and authority on climate and weather. He pointed out that severe winters usually start earlier in the season giving this as one reason for his prediction.

The cyclonic center which determines how the trade winds blow and therefore determine the character of the weather is now farther north than usual, Professor Scott declares, adding that this fact has been the cause of the unusually mild December.

AUTO CRASH IS FATAL TO TWO

CAMPBELL, Wyo. (AP)—Floyd B. Evans of Silverton, La. and H. C. Bridges of Parkerton, Wyo., were killed and J. J. Speck of Casper was seriously injured when an automobile was driving through a bridge over a river Sunday night.

SNATCHERS WILL RETURN ASHES TO POLICE OFFICIALS

TOKYO (By the Associated Press)—The ashes of the late Bakay, a noted socialist leader, which were stolen from the room in which the urn was kept, in state before the funeral services December 16, will return to the police tomorrow, snatchers have informed the authorities.

The theft of the ashes precipitated a situation considered critical for a time.

WHY NOT ALWAYS?

Christmas is easily the finest, most enjoyable day in the year, because of the gifts and feasting, and because on Christmas the best and finest of human emotions and ethics come to the surface.

Charity, tolerance, gentleness, brotherhood, kindness—are so in evidence at Christmas that they seem to be in the very air we breathe. And the reason is that all these are Christian qualities, and that Christmas is the only day when these finer qualities are so generally present that they are a natural part of daily life.

Humanity is struggling for a goal unknown. We wonder if that goal is not the happy time when the spirit of Christmas will, instead of being confined to a day or a season, spread out to include all days of the year.

ROBINSON NAMED AS THIRD MAN

Los Angeles Man Selected on Expert Reparation Board

HAS EXPERIENCE OF WIDE NATURE

Served on the Economic Council at Peace Conference in Paris in 1919

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Henry M. Robinson, Los Angeles lawyer and banker, has been selected as the third American to serve on the expert committee which will investigate Germany's finances under the auspices of the reparations commission.

Robinson is president of the First National Bank of Los Angeles and was a member of the supreme economic council in Paris at the peace conference in 1919. He also represented the United States at the first international labor council.

Charles G. Dawes and Owen D. Young are the other American members.

BULLETINS

STAPLED TO TODAY.

PORTLAND (By the Associated Press)—Cattle is slow on today's market. Hogs are 15 to 25 cents higher, medium to choice (160 to 200 pounds) \$7.25 to \$7.75. Sheep sharply higher, medium to choice lambs \$10.50 to \$11.50.

Girl Is Acquitted.

PARIS (AP)—Germaine Berthoin, girl anarchist, was acquitted today of the charge of killing Marius Plateau, reporter of the royalist newspaper "L'Action Francaise" last January.

LAST TRIBUTE IS PAID TO EDITOR

NEW YORK (AP)—More than 500 persons of prominence Sunday attended the funeral of Frank Irving Cobb, until his death last Friday editor of the World, at St. George's Protestant Episcopal church. The Rev. Dr. Karl Heltand, the rector, officiated. There was no eulogy.

The body will be taken Monday to Westport, Conn., for burial.

ALL IS READY FOR YULETIDE

La Grande Xmas Spirit Is Joyful; Organizations Observing Day.

All is in readiness for the night before Christmas, this evening, in La Grande. Every family has made their preparations for the Yuletide, every religious, fraternal and civic organization have completed their arrangements and in fact, the entire city is merely awaiting Santa Claus' arrival.

Yesterday a greater portion of the churches in La Grande held Christmas exercises, which were all well attended. Some services are to be held today and tomorrow. The business section, open today, will be closed this evening and tomorrow evening and the Evening Observer will not issue a newspaper tomorrow.

The Elks' Christmas tree is erected and the Elks are all ready to

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Late News Flashes

ST. JOSEPH'S PASTOR SUCCUMBS.

NOME, Alaska (AP)—An Eskimo rushed 75 miles in two days to tell Nome today that Rev. F. J. Rupert, pastor of the St. Joseph's church of this city, yielded his life to the cold while trying to atke oranges, apples and Christmas greeting cards to the Hot Spring's orphanage, near Pilgrim river north of here. Over Rupert's body, when found 8 days ago on the bank of a river north of here, four miles from the orphanage, stood Mink, leader of his dog team, who ferociously repelled those who came to carry his dead master to the orphanage and had to be captured first. It is believed that reindeer frightened his dog team and caused the dogs to scatter. Indications are that Rupert's attempts to continue along the road when the dogs broke apart caused him to weary, lay down and then froze to death.

"DINTY" MOORE PASSES ON.

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP). — James F. (Dinty) Moore, mail pilot whose plane crashed to earth near Burns, Wyo., this morning, died in Burns at the hospital a few minutes after a plane sent from here carrying a doctor, reached Burns.

NO INSANITY PRESENT.

SACRAMENTO (AP)—The first of three laboratory reports on tests of the spinal fluid of Alex A. Kels, Lohi murderer, taken last week, were received today from the Stanford Medical School, and showed no insanity taint.