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NICHOLSONS  
ARE TAKEN  
BY POLICEFred Nicholson and Wife  
Facing Charge in the  
Municipal CourtSECOND OFFENCE  
WITHIN 3 DAYSArrested Saturday, Fined  
and Released Monday,  
Rearrested on Monday  
Evening.Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nicholson,  
charged with possession of liquor  
on their premises, will be tried in  
the police court tomorrow evening  
at 7:30 o'clock, according to an  
announcement by the police officers  
today.Nicholson was arrested Saturday  
evening for the same count  
with which he is now charged and  
was found guilty and fined Monday  
morning.But it was merely the old case  
of "in sign, out again, in again,"  
because Monday evening the officers  
once more raided his place  
and this time found two jugs, con-  
taining moonshine, one a two-gal-  
lon and one a one-gallon jug, so  
the officers state.Mrs. Nicholson was arrested  
with her husband on the second  
raid.Trial was to have been held this  
morning in the municipal court,  
but was postponed until tomorrow  
evening.CAR CRASHES  
NOT SERIOUSA few minor auto accidents oc-  
curred over the Christmas time,  
although no one was hurt and none  
of the cars were badly damaged.A Buick roadster, license num-  
ber 151339, belonging to Lester Ol-  
son, of Huntington, Oregon, was  
wrecked near La Grande yester-  
day, damaging the top of the car  
some but not seriously injuring the  
driver.A slight collision occurred here  
yesterday when two cars brushed  
each other. No one was injured  
and practically all of the damage  
done was crushing the door of one  
of the vehicles.No reports of accidents on the  
Old Oregon Trail over the Blue  
mountains, which is reported open,  
were received.

## J. M. Hayes Dies

ST. LOUIS (AP)—James M.  
Hayes, 62, widely known manu-  
facturer and capitalist of Jef-  
ferson City, died at a hospital here  
Tuesday night. Mr. Hayes had  
been critically ill for some time,  
suffering from an organic trouble.  
He was known as a traveler in  
South America and Europe. Of  
late years he operated a large  
grain business and developed ex-  
tensive lumber tracts along the  
Osage river.

## Shooting Affray Fatal

HAZARD, Ky. (AP)—Four men  
are dead, another is fatally wound-  
ed, while a sixth is in a serious con-  
dition in a hospital here as a re-  
sult of three shooting affrays near  
here Christmas eve and Tuesday.

## Educator Dies

ST. PAUL (AP)—The Rev. Law-  
rence M. Hays, professor of Eng-  
lish at St. Thomas' college here  
since 1911, died here Monday  
night. He was about 40 years old.Anna E. Henry Called  
To The Great BeyondMrs. Anna E. Henry, aged 82  
years, passed on in La Grande at  
1923 Christmas Eve. Her passing  
was a great loss to the com-  
munity. She had been a resident  
of La Grande for many years.  
Mrs. Henry was a native of In-  
diana and had been married to  
Mr. Henry for many years. She  
was a devoted mother and a  
kindly neighbor. Her death was  
sudden and unexpected. She was  
found lying on the floor of her  
home. The cause of death was  
not known. The funeral will be  
held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock  
at the Methodist Episcopal church  
at the corner of Fourth and Spring  
streets. The Eastern Star and Ro-  
beaux, of which she was a mem-  
ber, will be in charge of the fun-  
eral. The casket will be opened  
at the church. Her body is today  
in charge of the Snodgrass and  
Zinn funeral service par-Coolidges  
Have Quiet  
ChristmasWASHINGTON (AP)—The  
White House Tuesday had one of  
its most quiet Christmas days de-  
spite the presence within it of two  
boys—the first boys to call the  
White House their home since  
the days of Charlie Taft and the  
Roosevelts.The president and Mrs. Coolidge  
and their two sons, John and Cal-  
vin, Jr., who are home for the hol-  
idays, observed a typical New Eng-  
land Christmas. They, with their  
only guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank  
Stearns of Boston, assembled after  
breakfast around a small tree in  
the blue room and exchanged  
gifts in much the same manner as  
the average American family.  
Then the family attended a union  
Christmas service of the churches  
of the city at the First Congrega-  
tional church where the Coolidges  
worship.UNION XMAS  
ONE OF JOYUNION. (Special)—In spite of  
the deterring effect of a snowstorm  
just at the hour set for the com-  
munity Christmas celebration, a  
most nice, hundred children and  
grown-ups gathered at the gym  
Monday evening.Promptly at eight o'clock, Tony  
D. Smith, master of ceremonies an-  
nounced the first Christmas carol  
by the allied choirs, who were led  
by Mrs. Edith Phyl. Two well  
triumphed and lighted trees flanked  
the stage at the front of the room,  
and evergreen and crepe paper  
decorations gave the gym a Christ-  
mas appearance.Rev. Quinn of the Methodist  
church, gave the invocation and  
scripture reading, and the address  
of the evening was delivered by  
Rev. Goldie of the Episcopal  
church. The singing of the carols  
was only part of the program, sev-  
eral special numbers being given.  
Mrs. Phyl sang "The Birthday of  
the King," the L. D. S. choir sang  
two numbers and Tony Smith sang  
"The Wayide Cross," accompani-  
ed in the chorus by Roy Conklin,  
Will Baxter and Will Thompson.Santa Arrives.  
Several times during the latter  
part of the exercises Will Baxter  
came onto the stage and read  
telegram from Santa announcing  
his progress southward from the  
North Pole. Just at nine o'clock  
sleighbells were heard and Santa  
came down the chimney and en-  
tered in six brownies to add him  
in handing out the treats. This was  
quickly done and after all the chil-  
dren present had received their  
candy and nuts, there was plenty  
left to send to those who were un-  
able to attend. Although there  
were several hundred children  
present during the program the  
order was excellent. Every child  
had brought his or her best Christ-  
mas behavior and kept it working  
all during the evening.The first community Christmas  
affair passed off so successfully  
that no doubt this event will be-  
come a permanent one in In-  
diana. Although so many were present  
the gymnasium seating capacity  
will be adequate for about three  
hundred more, or about twelve  
hundred persons when the gallery  
is finished, thus affording ample  
room for any community gather-  
ings we may have in the future.Christmas was a quiet day in  
Union. Most of the stores were  
closed and many people were visit-  
ing out of town for the day. In  
the evening a dance was given in  
the gym under the auspices of the  
Commercial club.

## Commission Meeting

The regular meeting of the city  
commissioners will be held this  
evening at 7:30 o'clock in the city  
hall building.

## Came West in 1877

Anna E. Henry was born in Col-  
umbia county, Virginia, in 1842,  
and moved to South Bend, Indiana,  
when but eight years of age. She  
married J. C. Henry, who passed  
on August 7, 1921, July 5, 1879,  
and who and her husband came  
across the plains to the Grande  
Ronde valley seven years later, in  
the year 1877.  
Since that time she has made her  
home in La Grande, where she  
taught school for a while in the  
earlier days.  
She leaves to mourn her deces-  
sion, a niece, Mrs. John Allen, of this  
city. Her only daughter, Bessie  
Henry, died at the age of 27 years  
in 1909.INSANE MAN  
BURNED IN  
JAIL CELLOtto Crawford Cremated  
in Portland With Fire  
of Own MakingCOPS OVERLOOKED  
MATCH IN SEARCHCrawford, Arrested Yester-  
day by Relative, Ig-  
nited Blaze That End-  
ed His Life.PORTLAND. (By the Associated  
Press)—Otto W. Crawford, 27, a  
logger, was burned to death early  
today in a padded cell in the police  
station, which he had set afire.  
He was brought to the station  
yesterday by a relative on the ac-  
count of insanity said manifest.Crawford was violent throughout  
the night. With one match, over-  
looked when he was searched, he  
ignited the blaze that ended in his  
death.Governor Pierce  
Expected in La  
Grande ThursdayGovernor Walter M. Pierce will  
arrive in La Grande tomorrow  
morning to spend a few days in  
La Grande before returning to Sa-  
lem after the holidays. Accord-  
ing to announcements he will  
come to La Grande on Train No.  
24.

## Irish Parliament Will Pay Loans

DUBLIN. (AP)—The Free State  
Parliament considers itself the leg-  
itimate successor to all the previous  
Dails which functioned as Irish  
Parliaments in opposition to the  
British, and is preparing to as-  
sume their financial obligations.  
Chief of these are the Republic-  
an loans floated in Ireland and the  
United States.A formal bill has been submit-  
ted to parliament by the govern-  
ment authorizing the paying of  
with interest of those loans. To  
the first loan Ireland subscribed  
\$75,000 pounds and America \$5,  
000,000. To the second Ireland  
contributed 35 pounds and America  
\$500,000. All these bonds are now  
to be paid in full. This intention  
was foreshadowed in the speech of  
the governor general at the open-  
ing of the present session, and the  
government bill, which probably  
will pass without opposition, is  
thus certain to receive the assent  
of the governor general as repre-  
senting the king.Bill Martin  
Fined, Given  
30 day TermFound Guilty in Police  
Court of Drunkenness  
and Possession.Bill Martin, arrested on Wash-  
ington avenue over the Christmas  
eve, was found guilty in the municipal  
court this morning before Judge R.  
J. Kitchen of being drunk and also  
having in his possession intoxicat-  
ing liquor.Martin was fined \$100 and sen-  
tenced to 30 days in the city jail  
on the possession count and was  
fined \$15 for being drunk.When Martin was arrested he  
said to have had two bottles of  
liquor on his person besides having  
imbibed rather heavily.POST OFFICE  
RUSH IS OVER"Whew, what a relief!"  
That statement seems to be the  
general feeling at the local post-  
office for today, the force is  
"trawling" out from under the tre-  
mendous numbers of packages and  
carriage that deluged the office dur-  
ing Christmas time.This year's Christmas rush was  
the greatest ever in the local post-  
office and today the clerks are  
cleaning up the final vestiges of  
the late package arrivals.  
Extra clerks assisted the regular  
force to handle the influx of gifts  
that passed through the great  
outlet of Santa Claus—the U. S. mail  
service—and the efficient service  
rendered this year, despite the  
great amount of mail handled, re-  
sulted in many compliments.Wealthy Japanese Women To  
Abandon Silks For Chas-TOKYO. (AP)—The wealthier  
women of Japan have decided not  
to wear any elaborate and expen-  
sive kimonos this winter, and to  
devote the money thus saved to  
relieving the needy. The idea was  
initiated by the Thursday club,  
an organization of English-speaking  
Japanese women who for some  
years have met every Thursday to  
aid in helping their less fortunate  
sisters.A special object of the club's at-  
tention has been a creche estab-  
lished as a memorial to Madame  
Sakuragi, daughter of Prince Sai-  
onji.  
The Thursday club members  
have gone a step farther than  
some of those who have joined  
their movement, and are selling  
portions of their own elaborate  
wardrobes to raise funds for pur-  
chasing clothing for those needing  
relief. As the kimonos sold are  
only once or twice, they are much  
sought after by foreign women  
residents here.

## THE FUN IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

LA GRANDE  
OBSERVED  
XMAS DAYEveryone Enjoyed the  
Yuletide Spirit That  
Swept CityELKS GLADDEN  
MANY CHILDRENGifts Are Presented 1600  
Children During Day;  
Many Turkey Dinners  
and Santa Claus VisitsIndividually and collectively, the  
residents of the city of La Grande  
yesterday enjoyed the Christmas  
Day to the fullest. Close observ-  
ers believe that December 25, 1923,  
was one of the happiest Yuletides  
that La Grande has witnessed for  
many years.Christmas Eve Santa Claus crept  
down many a chimney and de-  
posited gifts for father and mother  
and daughter and son and on the  
following morning, at the Christ-  
mas tree, glorified with their  
presents and beautiful decorations,  
the joyful task of opening the  
gifts was begun. And in the houses  
where chimneys were not, Santa  
came just the same, even though  
he used a skeleton key or some  
other method of ingress.Elks Present Gifts.  
The La Grande B. P. O. E. lodge  
No. 423 report that there were ap-  
proximately 1500 children present  
at the Christmas tree yesterday  
morning, which breaks all previous  
attendance records. And every  
child there went away with a gift  
or a bag full of goodies.In addition to giving the kiddies  
the annual Christmas treat, the  
Elks presented 45 La Grande fam-  
ilies with Christmas dinners and  
useful provisions.In the afternoon the free mat-  
inee for the children at the Star  
(Continued on page 5)NO TRACE FOUND  
OF ROBBER WHO  
LOOTED STORENo further trace has been found  
of the person responsible for the  
robbing of Hills Department store  
Sunday afternoon. The officers  
have been conducting a persistent  
search but no concrete results have  
come to light.H. E. Watkins, who was sand-  
bagged by the criminal, is down  
town today and is practically re-  
covered from the effects of the  
blow.The robbery Sunday was the  
largest one La Grande has had for  
quite a period of time.Six Lost In  
Tempest On  
The PacificTug and Steamer Sunk,  
and Many Small Craft  
Are Wrecked Tuesday.SEATTLE (AP)—Six lives were  
taken and damages roughly esti-  
mated Tuesday night at \$200,000  
done by a tempest that accompa-  
nied Christmas day to the north Pa-  
cific ocean and the parts of Wash-  
ington and British Columbia ad-  
jacent to Puget sound and Gray's  
harbor.A tug and steamer figured in the  
marine loss while two ocean go-  
ing craft were in peril from which  
one escaped and from which the  
other seemed Tuesday night to be  
gaining its way. Many small boats  
were blown about and wrecked.The wind reached 50 miles an  
hour on Gray's harbor; 45 miles  
at Port Angeles on the south side  
of the strait of Juan de Fuca; 40  
miles at Tacoma and 65 miles at  
Seattle. At Seattle and Tacoma  
these velocities broke the records  
kept by the United States govern-  
ment. The dead:Gus Quarnstrom, Aberdeen,  
Wash., killed by current from na-  
tion electric power wire.  
Michael Gramoff, 13, electrocu-  
ted near home, fallen electric pow-  
er wire.Four unnamed members of the  
crew of the Canadian tug Tye  
which was swept upon the rocks at  
Piedler bay, near Victoria, B. C.,  
near the north side of the  
strait.Vessel Sinks at Dock.  
The other vessel wrecked was the  
steamer Dawn which was  
pounded to pieces and sunk at her  
dock on Lake Washington here.When her crew appeared to take  
her on the passenger trip to the  
east side of the lake that had been  
her daily task for 10 years they  
saw nothing but a little floating  
wreckage.Telephone communication over  
western Washington was interrup-  
ted but was generally restored dur-  
ing the day.From many cities came reports  
of plate glass windows shattered,  
signs blown down and electric  
wires broken. Fearing such a  
tragedy as that at Aberdeen the  
Seattle authorities when flashes  
like lightning were seen all over  
the city turned off the street lights  
in the dark hours just before dawn.The storm on Gray's harbor was  
accompanied by lightning declared  
almost unprecedented in that re-  
gion.  
From Tacoma it was reported  
that owing to breakage in power  
lines the Chicago Milwaukee & St.  
Paul railway was forced to sus-  
pend its electric locomotives with  
steam engines to keep traffic mov-  
ing. Two houses were wrecked at  
Stellacoom, near Tacoma, by fall-  
ing trees but no one was hurt.  
Driftwood driven by waves smashed  
into houses on the beach in this  
city. The home of one family was  
unroofed and its steady scurrying  
to safety one person was hurt by  
a falling rafter, lightning set the  
building afire.SEATTLE. (By the Associated  
Press)—The coast guard cutter  
Schoonmaker, from Port Angeles and  
Columbia, from Eureka, have been  
sent to the aid of eight coast  
guardsmen barboomed off Newport.  
Captain, Dodge, district command-  
er here announced today.NEWPORT, Ore. (By the Asso-  
ciated Press)—The tug Go-Gotter,  
captained by H. M. Brown, crossed  
out over the bar this morning with  
barrels for the coast guard crew  
of eight men in a launch who have  
been exposed to the storm since  
Monday evening.Unable to return to Newport af-  
ter going in an attempt to rescue  
a crabfisher, Victor Webb, the  
coast guard crew was caught in a  
storm returning from Waldport,  
and spent Christmas day and last  
night exposed to the storm with  
little food and only a tarpaulin for  
protection.The bar is very rough today. No  
attempt to come in is expected  
until high water this evening.

## BULLETINS

Wife Kills Self.  
ORLANDO, Florida. (AP)—Mrs.  
Joe Tinker, wife of the famous  
Chicago Katharine's shortstop of  
former years, killed herself yes-  
terday while temporarily deranged.

## Johnson Headquarters

CHICAGO (AP)—National head-  
quarters for Senator Hiram John-  
son, candidate for the Republican  
presidential nomination, were  
ready today for the official open-  
ing when Frank Hittchcock, nation-  
al campaign manager, arrived here  
the first of the year.DRUNK FINED \$50  
CHRISTMAS EVEDan Christensen, a foreigner, was  
arrested the day before Christmas  
and on Christmas Eve was found  
guilty of being drunk and having  
liquor in his possession. Judge R.  
J. Kitchen fined him \$50. Christen-  
sen paid his fine.

## BANDITS MAKE \$30,000 HAUL

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—Two unmasked  
bandits held up the Goldberg Loan company here today and forced  
William Goldberg and R. D. Hanawalt, the only per-  
sons in the office, to open the vault. The bandits es-  
caped with about \$30,000 in cash and diamonds, ac-  
cording to the report.

## WALKS!

Mlle. Abingette—owner of the \$1,000,000 pair of extend-  
able—takes them for a walk in  
Central Park, New York City.  
The French actress, it can be  
said candidly, attracts a great  
deal of attention on her morn-  
ing walks.WILL RETIRE  
PUBLIC DEBTU. S. Debt of \$22,000-  
000,000 Will Be Prac-  
tically Wiped Out in 30  
Years.By H. K. Reynolds,  
International News Service Staff  
Correspondent.WASHINGTON—About the best  
news the American taxpayer has  
received from the Federal Govern-  
ment recently was the an-  
nouncement of Gerrard B. Win-  
ston, Assistant Secretary of the  
Treasury, that in less than thirty  
years most of the public debt of  
the United States—now running  
well over \$22,000,000,000—would  
be substantially retired.Winston's announcement takes on  
added significance when it is  
pointed out that approximately  
one-third of the money collected  
by the Government in taxes each  
year goes to pay the interest on  
that big debt. If the Treasury's  
calculations are correct, and they  
have been made under the direc-  
tion of Secretary Mellon himself,  
the public debt of this country in  
1953 will be very small in com-  
parison to the present figures; and  
the way will be definitely opened  
for a considerable reduction in Fed-  
eral taxation.  
Before the World War the pub-  
lic debt was only \$1,000,000,000.  
(Continued on page 2)POSTOFFICE IS  
UP AT MAXVILLEAccording to reports from W.  
H. Peterson, completion of the  
new postoffice building at Max-  
ville, in Wallawa county, has been  
announced by J. M. Dowers and  
J. H. Puckett.  
Snow 14 inches in depth is re-  
ported at Maxville.

## Late News Flashes

## LIQUOR AND CHRISTMAS TRAGEDIES

SPOKANE (AP)—Fred E. Misselhorn died in the  
hospital here as the result of shooting himself after  
watching his family open Christmas presents. He was  
worried over his business.An unidentified man shot himself to death in front  
of a hospital here and another unidentified man threw  
himself beneath a locomotive.NEW YORK (AP)—Three persons, two of them  
women over 60 years of age, are dead and two are  
in a critical condition and over a score of others are  
in hospitals as the result of poisonous Christmas liquor.Despondent because Christmas held no cheer, two  
men committed suicide and four others made unsuc-  
cessful attempts.

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cording to the report.WOOD'S SON  
SPECULATOR,  
SAYS TIMESLieut. Osborne Wood,  
Son of Gov. General  
Wood, Made FortuneWAR DEPARTMENT  
PROBE WAS HELDAdvised to Cease His  
Speculations; Investi-  
gation Found Nothing  
Shady About Transac-  
tion.NEW YORK (By the Asso-  
ciated Press)—Lieutenant  
C. Wood, 26 years of age, the son  
of Governor General Leonard  
Wood, of the Philippines, has ad-  
mitted making between \$700,000  
and \$1,000,000 in speculation in  
Wall Street securities, conducted  
by cable from Manila, where he  
is aide to his father, says a copy-  
righted dispatch to the New York  
Times today.NEW YORK. (AP)—Lieutenant  
Wood's financial operations were  
made the subject of a war depart-  
ment investigation, said the New  
York Times."It has been learned, also, on the  
best authority," continued the  
Times story, "that the department  
found nothing whatever in the  
transactions of the young army of-  
ficer to call for censure, but that  
the department did strongly advise  
him to stop speculating at once  
and that a communication of the  
subject had passed between the  
subject and the department."  
(Continued on page 5)REDUCTION OF  
RATES GIVENReceived by William Pollman, of  
Baker, regarding the reduction of  
rates secured by the Oregon Cattle  
and Horse Raisers' association  
and the Northwest Shippers' Traf-  
fic League, a letter from A. E. Ed-  
monds of the Union Pacific Sys-  
tem tells of the reductions made.  
The letter follows:"Replying to your letter of No-  
vember 20th, regarding matter of  
establishing of through rates on  
livestock from points on our line  
in eastern Oregon to California,  
with feeding in transit privileges:  
"We have had several confer-  
ences in regard to this matter  
with the Southern Pacific people,  
and are prepared to proceed with  
publication of rates shown below  
under the column headed 'Pro-  
posed.'"  
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