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The Weather

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MOVIE STARS IN SHOOTING SCRAPE NEW YEARS NIGHT

GREECE HAS REPUBLICAN RULE NOW

Shouts of "Down with the King" Mark Proclaiming of Republic

ASSEMBLY NAMED, TAKES CONTROL

Revolutionary Government Is Turned Over to Grecian Powers That Be.

ATHENS (AP).—Amid shouts of "Long Live the Republic; Down with the King" the Greek revolutionary government today was turned over to the newly elected national assembly.

ED STAPLES IS DEAD IN BAKER

Funeral to Be Thursday; Life Linked with History of Grande Ronde Valley.

Death claimed Ed Staples, a prominent Eastern Oregon resident and pioneer, yesterday morning at five o'clock at the home of Mrs. Brimham, near Baker. Mr. Staples was 67 years of age and survived by his wife and an adopted son. His death came as a blank of deep sorrow over his many friends here.

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LA GRANDE TO INVADE UNION

The Blue and White basketball team, coached by Lester MacFay, will play their first intercollegiate contest of the season at Union Saturday evening, January 5, when they meet the Union high school quintette in the Union gymnasium. Union is reported as having a strong aggregation and a hard fought, thrilling season-opener is expected.

The local squad, since their defeat at the hands of the alumni team, 24 to 27 points, in an over time contest last week, have been undergoing heavy practice, strengthening team work. A tentative lineup has not been issued yet but will probably be given later this week.

Girl Dares Icy Storms To Stake Mining Claim

LARAMIE, Wyo. (U.S.S.)—A story rivaling in drama the fiction of the frozen northland was revealed here in the announcement that Rose Christman, a pretty school teacher in the little rural school at Centennial, 25 miles west of here, had "staked out a claim" near Platinum Fork, where a vein of valuable platinum was recently reported discovered.

Excitement here over the platinum discovery and tales of the prospective wealth to follow fired the imagination of the pretty school teacher, formerly of Okanogan, Okla., and she set out alone on a trip that hardened prospectors in-

Made Money



It is reported that Lieutenant Osborne Cutler Wood, son of General Leonard Wood, governor-general of the Philippines, will resign his commission soon. He is reported to have made nearly a million dollars in Wall Street speculations, and is about to enter the diplomatic service.

STORY TOLD UNCONFIRMED

Reports Received Here That Boy Frozen to Death at Baker; Probably False.

A story, circulating in La Grande this morning to the effect that an unidentified boy, aged about 18 years, had been taken from Train No. 19 at Baker and died from exposure half an hour later, could not be confirmed by Baker newspapermen. The Evening Observer telephoned the Baker Herald at Baker at one o'clock this afternoon but absolutely no confirmation of the supposed "death" was received.

Either the story is the far fetched result of imaginative powers on the part of the teller, who claimed to be a companion of the boy frozen, or else the teller got his names badly twisted or his dates or something.

The story was that the boy had been riding the bluffs on 19 and had been taken from the train shortly after the Queen City, death following shortly. The narrator said the boy was dressed lightly, having no overcoat or gloves, and that two of the boy's fingers, frozen to a steel rail, pulled loose from his hand when he was taken from the "bluffs."

But, with no confirmation coming from the city where the "tragedy" was supposed to have occurred, it appears that Ananias has been reborn again or else old Baron Munchausen himself has been reincarnated.

Consider Immigration.

WASHINGTON (AP).—Italy has made representations through the state department opposing the immigration quota revision now under consideration by the House immigration committee. The Senate and House committees began consideration of the new immigration bill on the basis of proposals submitted by Secretary Davis of the Labor department.

Market Steady.

PORTLAND (AP).—Eggs and butter were firm on today's market with livestock steady.

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N. Y. CHIEF FOR WINE AND BEER

Governor Al Smith Asks State Legislature to Adopt Memorial

VOLSTEAD ACT IS CALLED "NARROW"

Smith Urges That Congress Modify the Present Definition of Intoxicating Liquor.

ALBANY, N. Y. (By the Associated Press).—Further efforts for the modification of the Volstead act were suggested in Governor Al Smith's message to the New York legislature today.

Smith urged that New York's representatives be asked to lay before Congress a memorial adopted by the last legislature.

"The last session of the legislature," said the message, "authorized Congress by a resolution to change the present narrow, senseless definition of what constitutes intoxicating beverages as named in the Volstead act, to the end that there may be permitted the manufacturing of light wines and beer under careful restrictions in the legislative enactment of 19-23, which legalized 2.75 per cent beer."

Chorus to Return.

WINNIEP (AP).—The Whitney Boyd chorus is to start home this afternoon.

KELS TALKS TO FAMILY; PARDON HELD UNLIKELY

SACRAMENTO (By the Associated Press).—Alex A. Kels, sentenced to be hanged Friday carried on an animated conversation with his family at the prison today.

No statement has been issued by Governor Richardson.

It is believed that he will let Kels hang.

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Scott High of Toledo Defeats Corvallis High; Aggies Succumb to Defeat.

HONOLULU (By the Associated Press).—The University of Hawaii yesterday defeated the Oregon Agricultural College football team. The final score was 7 to 0 in favor of the Hawaiians.

PORTLAND Ore. (AP).—Scott high school football team of Toledo, O., claimants to the interscholastic football title of the United States, defeated Columbia university's preparatory school eleven here Tuesday, 20 to 17.

The game was replete with thrills, with the Toledo champions furnishing a majority of them by their remarkable exhibition of forward passing. Although outweighed by the western boys 15 pounds to the man, the middlewesterners overcame this apparent handicap by their wizardry in hurrying the ball for long gains.

During the contest they attempted 27 forward passes and completed 12 for a total gain of 159 yards. By rushing, the Toledo boys gained 223 yards to 231 yards for their opponents. Scott made 22 first downs to Columbia's 12.

Grim and Albers were the outstanding stars for Toledo, while Collins, Hicks and Smith shone for Columbia.

MERCURY DROPS TO 5 DEGREES BELOW ZERO

The coldest weather experienced in the Grande Ronde valley occurred last evening and this morning when the mercury dropped to five degrees below zero.

The weather did not seem quite as cold as the night before when zero weather was touched but this was due largely to the fact that the brisk wind, that has been in evidence for the past few days, is abated.

The cold wave seems to be general in the western portion of the country. Below zero weather is reported from Pendleton and Baker. At Imbler reports state that the thermometer dropped to eight degrees below zero last night.

Some relief is expected tomorrow in Oregon. The weather bureau predicts warmer weather tonight and Thursday.

GOOD HUNTIN'!

Ray Williams will be installed this evening as post commander succeeding Ralph Huron, 1923 commander, who will be installed as a member of the 1924 executive committee. Other officers to be installed were: Arthur Van Fleet, vice commander; Otto Palmer, adjutant; Chester Thompson, financial officer; Walter Bush, chairman. In addition to Mr. Huron, new members of the executive committee are: Lynn Bohlenkamp, Harry Williams, Jerome Foley and Jesse Andrews.

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EASTERN OREGON HIGHWAY OPEN

The state highway in Eastern Oregon is open to auto traffic today, according to reports to the local division of the State Highway department.

The highway was closed for several days because of heavy snow and ice.

Many Unemployed Seeking Work in City; Jobs Scarce

The cold weather, lately descended upon La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley, resulted in many people here being caught out of work at a critical time.

Many unemployed men, both married and single, are living in La Grande at the present time fruitlessly seeking positions.

But at last a ray of hope comes to them from the Union Employment Agency, who today announced that they had several positions to offer.

A Ghastly Christmas



On Christmas morning citizens of Whitfield, Me., dug up the body of John Snow, shown here with his wife, and burned it. Snow killed his wife, his wife's mother, her aunt, and the latter's son. Then he killed himself.

R. H. Coker Is Relieved From Federal Position

La Grande Man Out of Job at Washington, D. C., States Report.

Following reports of his activities in interviewing members of congress concerning high salaries and other conditions paid by the farm loan board, R. H. Coker, formerly a La Grande, Oregon minister has been relieved from service as an examiner of the farm loan board, states a dispatch to a Portland newspaper from Washington, D. C.

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Legion Will Start Drive

Membership Campaign to Be Begun; Installation of Officers Tonight.

Discussion of plans for the 1924 membership drive and installation of officers will occur this evening at the January meeting of the La Grande American Legion post No. 42. The Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion will also install officers tonight.

In connection with the drive for membership—paid up memberships, it is interesting to compare other Oregon posts with the La Grande post along this line. Salem has over 200 paid up members. Roseburg has over 200 members and Baker has over 150 paid up members. The La Grande post has a total of 61 paid up members.

One object of the meeting tonight will be to "rep" the local Legionnaires up with the view of swelling the roll call to the number it should stand at.

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COURTLAND S. DINES IS SHOT BY CHAUFFEUR OF MABEL NORMAND, STAR

BULLETINS

Cold Wave Passing.

PORTLAND (AP).—Definite assurance of the passing of the cold wave was given by the weather bureau forecast of warmer weather tomorrow, following snow or rain tonight. The mercury was at a minimum here last night but is rising. Points throughout the state reported rising temperatures. Some reported snowfall. It started snowing here just before noon.

Bandits Captured.

TACOMA (AP).—Captured after a running fight between three gunmen and police here today, Roy Trombley, 22, is in jail. A second bandit was wounded in the battle which followed the police surprising the men while robbing the safe of the Hattie theater. Trombley is said to be an ex-convict in this state and is wanted at Aberdeen and Everett. The other two men are thought gone to Seattle. A search has been started there.

ANDREW LONEY TO PLAY WITH SOUSA'S BAND

Only once in a lifetime comes such an invitation, but it came to Andrew Loney, Jr., of La Grande and was accepted. Coming from Frank Lucas, member of the Scherling-Lucas Music company of Portland, and H. M. Stoudermeyer, director of the Al Kader Shrine Band of Portland, was an invitation to the director of the La Grande Municipal Band to play with Sousa's band this evening in the Rose City.

Mr. Loney, who has been very prominent in musical circles in La Grande and Oregon for many years, left yesterday on No. 17 for Portland to "net in" with the world's greatest musical organization of its kind.

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MURDER HELD DEATH CAUSE

PORTLAND (By the Associated Press).—The body of J. J. Enola, Japanese, was found today near the bunkhouse of the Clark and Wilson Lumber company, at Linton, under conditions leading the police to believe that he was killed by a blow with a club and possibly thrown from the second story of the bunkhouse.

Defectives are unable to gain any information as to a quarrel in the bunkhouse.

Late News Flashes

CALL K. K. K. CONGRESS.

ATLANTA (AP).—E. Y. Clarke, imperial Giant, today issued a call for a national congress of the Ku Klux Klan in Atlanta February 26 to "gather together and prayerfully consider methods to eliminate existing evils or have the courage to disband."

DILLARD ELKINS GETS POST.

SALEM (AP).—Dillard A. Elkins, Eugene, was today elected chairman of the state industrial accident commission to serve two years.

The governor today reappointed Whitney L. Boise, of Portland, a member of the state land settlement commission. R. Alexander of Pendleton, was appointed two days ago to succeed L. M. Graham, Forest Grove. Other members of the Commission are G. S. Baker, Bend, and Charles Hall, Marshfield. One vacancy on the commission was left when the term of W. F. Stranborg, of Portland, expired a year ago.

Elkins, of Eugene, is a Democrat, and appointed by Pierce, succeeds W. A. Marshall, as chairman. Marshall was recently reappointed a member of the board.

Joe Kelley, Alias H. A. Greer, Freely Admits Shooting of Dines

DINES EXPECTED TO RECOVER NOW

Chauffeur Broke Up a Party in Dines' Apartment with Gun; Edna Purviance Was at Affair.

LOS ANGELES (AP).—

The infatuation of the chauffeur for Mabel Normand and his jealousy of her wealthy Denver acquaintance, according to the police, were the motives that prompted Joe Kelley, alias H. A. Greer, to shoot Courtland S. Dines last night. The officers made this statement as they left for Miss Normand's residence to question Miss Ruth Burns, her companion, who it is declared, sent Greer to bring the actress home from Dines' apartment.

Dines today reiterated that Greer's, alias Joe Kelley's story was false. He denies making any threatening move.

Dines also reiterated his denial of his engagement to Miss Purviance.

He remarked that "Miss Purviance and I are simply close friends."

Greer, alias Kelley, has been in

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FORM BUILDING AND LOAN CO.

La Grande Building and Loan Association announced today by Secretary.

The La Grande Building and Loan Association is announced as formed today by Earl C. Reynolds

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