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The Weather Portland, (AP)—Fair to night and Sunday. Warmer tonight.

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ZERO WEATHER TAKES 5 LIVES

TOBIN GIVEN UP; SEARCH TO BE MADE

La Grande Man Thought to Have Been Drowned in Umatilla River

WILL DRAG RIVER FOR BODY TODAY

Brother Posts a Reward for Recovery of Body; Well Known in Union.

PENDLETON. (By the Associated Press)—Relatives and friends of Roy Tobin, of La Grande, missed him since last Saturday morning, have given him up for dead. His brother, P. G. Tobin, has posted a reward for the recovery of his body.

Believing that Tobin drowned himself, the Umatilla river will be dragged in hopes of finding the body.

PENDLETON (Special)—A thorough search for the body of Roy Tobin, thought to have committed suicide last Saturday morning by drowning in the Umatilla river, is to be made today by the sheriff's office, states a Pendleton newspaper.

Grapping hooks have been secured and a boat will be used in searching the river. Tobin is said to have threatened to end his life and to have left the home of his brother, P. G. Tobin, 617 Cobble street last Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. No trace was thought about his threat to end his life at the time, but when he failed to return that night, a search was instituted. For several days a posse of men searched the river and land adjacent to

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A. E. GROENEWALD NAMED PRESIDENT

SALEM (AP)—A. E. Groenewald, of Medford, was elected president of the State Association of County School Superintendents at the annual convention here today.

FIRE DAMAGES U AVE. HOME

Blaze Early This Morning Burns Attic in the Home of W. T. Short, 1220 U Avenue.

Damage that is hard to estimate but that will probably run well over \$500, occurred this morning at the residence of W. T. Short, 1220 U avenue, due to fire. The alarm was turned in at 6:10 o'clock and the fire department was able to save the house although the attic of the building was badly damaged.

The fire is believed by Mr. and Mrs. Short to have been the result of smoking pipes although some of the firemen believe that it originated in the fire.

Wallowa County Went Ahead Steadily In '23

ENTERPRISE (Special)—That the past year has witnessed steady progress toward better times in Wallowa county and that the county is solving many problems and difficulties that have presented themselves during 1923, is stated in a review published in an Enterprise newspaper this week.

The newspaper states: The new year finds Wallowa county making haste slowly toward restoration of normal business conditions. Uninterrupted progress was made in 1923, and each day which passes brings better times that much nearer. The small, conservative farmer has had all the best of his big neighbor for a few years and still enjoys the advantage. If he is not burdened with debt and can do

Will Resist Changes In Mellon Plan

Coolidge Opposed to Attempts by Congress to Compromise.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Coolidge is opposed to any attempt by congress to alter the essential provisions of the administration tax bill. This announcement was made Friday at the White House as the house ways and means committee continued its consideration of the measure and Republican leaders of the house redoubled their efforts to postpone the action on the bill.

Terms comment on the situation at the White House was to the effect that any attempt by congress to compromise the principles embodied in the plan outlined by Secretary Mellon would meet with the president's opposition. Mr. Coolidge it was asserted, has confidence that congress can be depended upon to refuse compromises in principle and to translate into law the will of the people. The president, it was said, will make no effort to bring pressure upon individual members of congress in support of his views.

Amendment Rejected. Outstanding in the development of ways and means committee's consideration of the draft submitted by the treasury was the rejection of an amendment to make gains from stock dividends subject to the regular income taxes. Representative Rainey, Democrat, Illinois, proposed the amendment which was voted down, 12 to 11. He announced later he would bring up the question again.

If this bill is not amended in this respect, gains from the sale of stock dividends after two years will be taxed only to the maximum of 12 1/2 per cent, the regular normal and surtax rates prevailing within the two-year period. The committee pressed forward under its agreement to consider administrative features of the bill then to determine whether a bonus bill should be passed and finally

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MARSHFIELD MAN ROBBED IN SLEEP

MEDFORD, Or. (AP)—Russell Dunham, Marshfield grocer here visiting his sister, Miss Kathryn Dunham, local school teacher, reported to the police that he was robbed of between \$200 and \$400 while asleep in an apartment.

WHITNEY BOYS' CHORUS ON WAY TO PORTLAND, OR.

SPOKANE (AP)—On their way home to Portland 20 members of the Whitney Boys chorus passed through here from Winnipeg. The boys appeared to have been well fed and were unworried.

M. W. OF A. LODGE INSTALL HEADS

The La Grande lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America held an installation of officers at the K. of P. hall recently. Officers for the coming year are: Ed. Brown, venerable consul; John Bennett, advisor; E. R. Rizzo, past consul; J. L. Munkall, banker; Jake Kosfock, clerk; J. E. Slick, watchman; H. C. Ball, sentry; and H. E. Dixon, installing officer. Following the installation a feed was enjoyed by the members present.

Woodfin Wins.

BAKER (Special)—One of the best boxing cards which have been staged in Baker in recent years was the benefit 24 round affair at the K. of P. hall last evening. The main event of the evening, between Battling Lubbes and Bull Dog Woodfin, both of Baker, ended in Woodfin's favor in the second round when Lubbes injured his hand and was unable to continue. Lubbes was better in the first round.

roof of his own work he more than makes ends meet, as he keeps his expenses low and sells his produce at prices higher than last year ago. On the other hand the large farmer, who has meant much to the county, is loaded with all the high prices of the outside industrial world without commensurate return for his produce. He does not profit by the strong market for butter fat and he sells no eggs. He finds the low wheat and hog prices underpriced and little sale for horses. Sheep have held up and flockmasters have hopes of getting on their feet in a year or so. Lumber prices slumped in the

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URGE BAKER PROJECT IN THE CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Oregon congressional delegation, accompanied by business men, urged Secretary Work today to begin a conference on the Baker reclamation project, already authorized by Congress, and to extend further relief to Oregon water users thru the building of an additional project in the state.

BULLETINS

Suspend Construction. SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Orders received here announcing the suspension temporarily of all naval construction on the Pacific coast, revealed that the United States contemplates the construction of a flotilla of light draught gunboats for the sole purpose of conducting private activities on the Yangtze River in China.

Fire Damages Hotel.

PORTLAND, (AP)—Lodgers in the St. Georges Hotel were routed from their beds this morning by fire believed started in the dressing room between the hotel and the Casino theater. The damage to the hotel was about \$1,500.

Miss Normand Appeals.

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—Mabel Normand, recuperating from an operation for appendicitis, awaited the effect of the appeal she addressed last night to the American public to "Withhold their judgment until all facts are known. I feel I am particularly unfortunate in resping most of the publicity in this terrible tragedy. It is unjust of censors or anyone else to condemn me before they have heard my story."

MEMBER, TOBI.

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Boy Is Hurt By Auto On 4th Street

Marten Winn, Aged Seven Years, Seriously Injured in Accident.

Marten Winn, aged seven years, was injured yesterday afternoon in an accident that is regrettable from every standpoint. He was struck by an automobile driven by Charles Goodnough, while going to the Central school building on Fourth street. Mr. Goodnough was driving the car at a slow rate of speed and according to reports from the police station, the little boy darted in front of the car and Mr. Goodnough was unable to stop his vehicle or avoid hitting the boy in time.

One wheel is said to have crossed his face and side, breaking his jaw-bone, nose and three ribs. The little boy is at his home, 907 C avenue and is in a serious condition, having been unconscious some of the time. It is not believed that the injuries will result fatally, however. Mr. Goodnough reported the matter to the police and is extremely sorry that the accident happened. The police place no blame on the driver as it is said he was driving within the speed limit and did everything possible to avoid striking the boy.

AGGIES WIN IN FRESNO 39-25

FRESNO, (By the Associated Press)—The Oregon Agricultural college basketball team last night defeated the State College of Fresno, 39 to 25.

STATES 'BAR' MISS NORMAND

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Hoover Urges 2-Party Plan

Secretary Believes Epidemic of Dictators Due to Break-Up.

EMERSON, Mass. (AP)—The epidemic of dictators that seems to have infected many European democracies, in the opinion of J. Edgar Hoover, is due to a break up of political party organizations and the United States, in his belief, has in congress now a

DEATH LIST WILL BE HIGH IN PEKIN BLAST EXPLOSION

PEKIN, PE (AP)—Friday it was believed that the death toll of the Coit Products Refining plant explosion Thursday would reach 25 or more. Five are known dead. Thirty are still missing.

LARGE CROWD OF LA GRANDE FANS WILL SEE GAMES

A large attendance of La Grande basketball fans and members of the high school student body is expected to be present at Union this evening when the Union and La Grande high school first and second teams and the La Grande girls' team meet in the Union gymnasium.

Special round trip rates are being arranged for the students and present indications point to plenty of blue and white pep in the gym at the home of the Maroon and White basketball tonight.

Coach MacTachell will take a dozen players and Miss Mina Mordchev, coach of the girls' team, will take eleven members of her squad.

"NUMBER-R-R PLEASE!"



Telephone girls might always have called their Rs, but they didn't always dress the way they now do. The picture above explains itself. Officials of the telephone company at New York prepared the pictures to show the difference in styles between 1877 and 1924.

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GOLD WAVE IN CHICAGO RECORD ONE

Two Frozen in Chicago, Two in St. Louis and One in St. Paul

PORTLAND HAS BITING WINDS

Cold Weather Records for a Decade Broken in Chicago; Mercury Is 16 Degrees Below.

CHICAGO. (By the Associated Press)—Two men were frozen to death and a woman and another man partly frozen early today. George Simton was found with a frozen hand and foot. One woman, struck by an automobile, was frozen when left lying in the street for half an hour before she was found. The temperature here was 16 degrees below zero.

ST. PAUL, (AP)—The northwest today experienced the coldest weather of the winter. Charles Peterson, watchman, was found frozen to death here.

PORTLAND, (AP)—A howling, biting wind, 22 miles per hour, hit this city last evening. The minimum temperature was 22 degrees above zero.

ST. LOUIS, (AP)—It is nine degrees below here today. Two persons are dead and four are suffering from exposure. The dead are Patrick Donnelly, 67, and Peter Duvin, 35 years of age.

Records Broken. Cold weather records for a decade were broken in Chicago today. Below zero temperatures were

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ARMS SOLD TO THE FEDERALS

U. S. Government Supplies Oregon with Rifles, Ammunition and Eight Airplanes.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The United States government has sold 5,000 rifles and 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition and eight airplanes to the Oregon government.

Secretary Weeks said Friday that the terms covering the sale called

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BY GOLLY! THIS IS GETTING EXCITING



Late News Flashes

BORAH SPEAKS. NEW YORK.—Declaring himself in favor of tax reduction and opposed to the soldiers' bonus, Senator Borah, of Idaho, in an address today before the National Republican club of New York, said this issue could not be avoided or sidestepped. "One is either for tax reduction or he is against it," he said. "One has a right to be for this bonus or he has a right to be for tax reduction. But he cannot be for both."

REBELS DEFEATED. BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (AP).—A report received at Matamoros today stated that an attempt by rebel forces under Governor Lopez De Lara to make an attack on Tampico had been defeated. The report stated that the rebels had been disposed and are fleeing northward toward the border.

PARIS HOPEFUL. PARIS (AP).—A cold wave starting yesterday caused hope that an end to the flood near the suburbs, occupied by workers, had suffered the greatest damage. The retaining wall at the entrance of the Invalides Railroad station collapsed for a distance of 100 feet today, allowing water from the Seine to enter. With the exception of the disaster of 1910, the flood is worse than the capital has experienced since 1658.