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The Weather
Portland, (AP)—Oregon—
Cloudy tonight and Wednes-
day. Rain in the west.

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MANY DIE IN EARTHQUAKE

ARRESTS BY
POLICE IN
YEAR MANYTotal of 437 Men Arrested
by Police Department in 1923YEARLY REPORT
NOW PREPARED

Fines Paid in Cash Totaled \$7,922; Convictions Totaled 360; Liquor Cases Many.

Chief of Police Clint Haynes has now completed his yearly report, covering the period beginning January 1 and ending December 31, 1923, and will present same to the city commission tomorrow evening for approval.

The report shows that the police department arrested a total of 437 men during the 365 days, and of this number a total of 360 were convicted.

Liquor and traffic violations predominated. During the year a total of 194 were arrested for violating traffic laws and of this number practically all were convicted.

Many Liquor Arrests. One hundred and twenty-five drunks were taken into custody by the police, 47 were arrested for possession of liquor and two for selling liquor, making a total of 177 arrested on various liquor law violations.

Twenty were arrested by the police and turned over to the state of Oregon for prosecution on various charges. Six were arrested for gambling, three for peddling goods without proper license, and 24 for disorderly conduct.

According to figures compiled by Chief Haynes fines to the extent of \$11,258 were levied during 1923. Of this amount a total of \$7,922 was paid and turned over to the city treasurer. Many fined served out their sentences by paying fines in installments. At the end of the year prisoners were serving out fines aggregating \$755 and \$1471 had been paroled or suspended.

555 Days in Jail. Prisoners during the year served a total of 555 days in jail and at the end of the year eight men were still in the city jail. At the present time seven men are in jail serving out sentences from 39 to 155 days in length.

Only two cases were appealed to higher courts last year. Cash in bonds taken amounted to \$250 and cash in bonds returned was at the same figure. Pound fees totaled \$28.

15 Accidents. Traffic accidents in 1923 numbered 15 and of that number none proved fatal or none were extremely serious. Comparison with past yearly reports show that the report for 1923 showed more fines levied and a greater number of arrests made than in many past years.

EXAM PERIOD
IS THIS WEEK

High School Students to Take Mid-Year Exams; Second Semester Starts Monday.

This week, set aside for examinations of the mid-year type, is one of apprehension and anxiety work in the La Grande high school. Examinations were begun yesterday, coming in order of the classes, and will continue until Thursday afternoon. No examinations will be in order Friday but on that afternoon, at one o'clock, the report cards will be distributed to the students.

New students may register any time this week except the incoming freshmen from the grammar schools, who will be required to register Friday morning at the high school at ten o'clock. The second semester begins Monday morning, January 21.

High school authorities are expecting a large increase in registration after the examination week.

Examinations are also in progress in the grammar schools.

Hostilities Commence



Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler (left), on leave of absence from the Marine Corps, was sworn in as safety director of Philadelphia. He wore his uniform. The city's new mayor, W. Freeland Kendrick (right), administered the oath. Butler told the police to clean up the town in 48 hours or lose their jobs.

STAGE DRIVER
IS ON TRIAL

A. Hork, Jr., Facing a Charge of Failing to Comply with the Public Service Board Rulings.

A. Hork, Jr., Joseph stage driver, is being tried this afternoon in the justice court for failing to comply with the public service commission provisions. H. D. Wagner, Jr., of the public service commission of Oregon is here from Salem to give testimony at the trial and J. H. Gordon, state traffic officer is also here.

The trial began about one o'clock and is presided over by Judge Hugh E. Brady.

361 DELEGATES
ATTENDED MEET
AT EUGENE, OR.

EUGENE, (Special).—Clark Price, La Grande high school student body president and Vera Beaty, editor of the high school year book, were among the 361 delegates, sent from 30 high schools of the State to attend the annual high school conference held last week-end under the auspices of the Associated Students, the Women's League and the school of Journalism, of the University of Oregon.

High school student body presidents and secretaries were addressed by prominent educators of the state on the value of the student body and the necessity of well organized and adequately controlled student activities in the high school. Editors and managers of high school papers were told of the value of their publication in the high school and urged to produce better papers and annuals.

Friday evening all of the delegates attended "College Night," given under the auspices of the Associated Students, and gained a real insight into life at the University. Here they witness the distribution of sixteen sweaters to varsity football men.

LETTERS FROM GERMANY
COVERED WITH STAMPS

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia. (L.N.S.).—It required stamps to the amount of 5,225,500 marks for the postage on a registered letter that was sent from Volkach, Germany, to a manufacturing company here.

The letter is covered on both sides with stamps, leaving hardly enough room for the address. The stamps range in value from 1,000,000 to 500,000,000 marks each and before the war the value presented by the postage was \$1,721,375,990, according to figures by officials of a bank where the letter is being displayed.

Six Men Added to Prison

SALISBURY, Ore.—Six convicts were added to the population of the state prison. They were: H. D. Caswell, four years, receiving stolen property; Edward Brook, 18 months, receiving stolen property; William Strand, 10 years, assault and robbery; Ray Lania, 10 years, assault and robbery; Ralph Pielow, 12 years, assault with intent to commit rape; Edward Schultz, two years, assault with intent to rob. Caswell and Brook were sent up from Umatilla county. The others came from Multnomah county.

DEMOCRATS
HEAR BIDS
OF CITIES

Four Cities Striving for Democratic National Convention

NEW YORK AND FRISCO FAVORED

Chicago and St. Louis Likely to Lose Out; National Committee in Session in Washington.

WASHINGTON (Press-time Wire From Associated Press).—New York gets the Democratic national convention.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—New York and San Francisco apparently took the lead in a contest for the Democratic convention as the party's national committee convened today to select a city for the meet.

The leaders said that bids from these cities appeared to meet with the greatest favor.

San Francisco offered \$200,000 cash and free use of the auditorium and New York offered \$150,000 and free use of Madison Square Garden, decorated and equipped.

Chicago offered \$125,000, St. Louis \$100,000 and free use of the auditorium.

England Has New Stamp Printer. LONDON, (AP).—The British government has changed its stamp printer, the fourth change since 1828, and Great Britain's postage stamps will now be turned out in the reel as they are in the United States.

The new firm has installed up-to-date machinery for the supply of 5,000,000,000 stamps which will be required during 1924.

Escaped Cattle Become Wild.

BREMEN, (AP).—Hunters recently rounded up some cattle which escaped several years ago from farmers near Jumbetten. The cattle, having roamed the forests with deer and other animals, had become so wild that the hunters did not dare approach them on foot.

Debut



Miss Elizabeth Taylor Adams, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Adams, will make her bow to Washington society this season. Her dad is chairman of the Republican National Committee.

F. O. E. FAVOR
PENSION PLAN

La Grande Aerie of Fraternal Order of Eagles Recommends the Old Age Pension System.

At a recent meeting of the La Grande Aerie No. 259, Fraternal Order of Eagles, its members passed the following resolution, recommending the old age pension system:

Resolved: That the members of this Aerie as voters of the State of Oregon, do highly recommend the Old Age Pension System, as adopted by the Grand Aerie at its meeting held in Newark N. J. in August, 1921, and since passed as a State Law in the State of Pennsylvania, Nevada, Montana and the territory of Alaska.

Resolved: That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Walter M. Pierce, Governor of the State of Oregon; a copy to Frank E. Hering, Chairman of the Old Age Pension Commission of the Grand Aerie; a copy to the La Grande Evening Observer and a copy to all Aeries of the F. O. E. throughout the State of Oregon urging that action be taken.

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BALDWIN'S
SWAN SONG
ISSOUNDED

King George Delivers His Speech to Parliament From the Throne

LABOR AID GIVEN PROMINENT PLACE

Speech Regarded As Effort by Baldwin Administration to Spike Guns of Laborites.

LONDON. (By the Associated Press).—The King's speech from the throne, read by King George at the formal opening of the parliament in the House of Lords today, referred to the recent rejection of protection by the country, and indicated that the government had abandoned such a policy.

At the same time the speech, which was regarded as the "swan song" of the Baldwin ministry, made a shrewd attempt to spike the guns of the Labor party by discussing bills which the Baldwin government would submit to benefit the working classes.

The Labor party today decided to bring up the question of confidence in the Baldwin government during a debate on a reply to the speech from the throne.

The King's speech included proposals for the settlement of the industrial conditions, providing for unemployed and a readjustment of old age pensions.

In fact the Labor party itself could hardly have issued a more striking pronouncement.

It was not that the Conservatives felt that such a program would defer the day of the government downfall, but rather that it would put them in a position of saying later the "Conservatives would have given the people all that labor now proposes."

BULLETINS

Pioneer is Dead. PENDLETON, (AP).—P. W. Case, Umatilla county pioneer, who crossed the plains 50 years ago, died today at the age of 92 years, from old age infirmities. He is a brother of J. L. Case, manufacturer of farm machinery.

Man Will Recover. PORTLAND, (AP).—Physicians who yesterday grafted skin from seven persons upon Mike C. Holstad, Astoria lumber burner several months ago, said today he would recover.

S. P. Files Brief.

WASHINGTON, (AP).—The Southern Pacific today filed a brief in the Supreme Court opposing a motion by Clarence H. Ventura, stockholder, to have received the Utah federal court decision approving action of the Interstate Commerce Commission permitting the Southern Pacific to retain control of the Central Pacific. The company asserted that the time in which the decision of the lower court should be reviewed has elapsed and that there could be no question as to the commission's right to act in the matter.

To Start Campaign.

SALISBURY, (AP).—J. E. Patterson, candidate's Oregon campaign manager, will start Sunday a tour of the state to test the Coolidge sentiment and will appoint a chairman in each county. He will go to Astoria Sunday, leave there Monday going first to southern and then to Eastern Oregon. He will establish headquarters in Portland about the first of February.

French Taxes Increased.

PARIS, (AP).—The French cabinet acting today in a financial crisis caused by the fall of the franc, decided to increase all taxes, direct and indirect, 20 per cent. They also decided to reduce the recoverable budget in 1924 to five billion francs, which will be met by new taxation.

Recital By
Symphony Is
Pleasurable

Kansas City Little Symphony Orchestra Delights La Grande Audience.

(By a Staff Writer) Rarely does a program composed of classical and near classical selections receive such an ovation as was given that rendered in the Arcade Theater last evening by the Kansas City Little Symphony orchestra, and rarely does a program meet with such general enthusiastic approval as did that offered to the La Grande public by the Little Symphony.

With the theater well filled including musicians and lovers of music, lengthy applause greeted N. De Roberts, conductor, as he raised his baton and the strains of "Thoumas" Overture to "Mignon" greeted the audience. From the first measure until the final bar, attention was manifest and at the conclusion of the opening overture, the Little Symphony received acclamation by the audience that was of the sincerest appreciation.

Many encores were demanded.

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Market Slow. PORTLAND, (AP).—Cattle slow and weak on today's markets. Hogs nominally steady, talking lower. Sheep steady. Eggs weak. Butter steady.

AMERICAN WHEAT
ACREAGE LOWER

WASHINGTON. (Special).—Wheat estimates by the Department of Agriculture, revised for 1923 and 1922, show a reduction in both acreage and production for 1923 over the two preceding years, although per acre production of winter wheat was improved.

Winter wheat production in 1923 amounted to 572,340,000 bushels from an acreage of 33,522,000, an average of 14.5 bushels per acre. This compares to 585,875,000 bushels, 42,355,000 acres and an average per acre of 13.8 bushels in 1922 and 600,316,000 bushels, 43,414,000 acres or 13.8 bushels per acre in 1921.

Spring wheat production was 213,401,000 bushels from 18,785,000 acres, an average of 11.4 bushels per acre in 1923 as against 280,955,000 acres, or 14.1 bushels per acre in 1922 and 214,589,000 bushels, 20,282,000 acres and 10.6 bushels per acre in 1921.

All wheat production amounted to 785,741,000 bushels from 52,307,000 acres or 13.5 bushels per acre in 1923. This compared to 867,830,000 bushels, 62,606,000 acres and 13.5 bushels per acre in 1922 and 814,905,000 bushels, 63,696,000 acres and 12.5 bushels per acre in 1921.

Winter wheat area planted for the 1924 harvest is announced as 40,100,000, a reduction of 6,759,000 acres or 12.6 per cent, from the revised acreage planted last year.

TRYING SCHOOL LAW.

PORTLAND, (AP).—The federal court was crowded today when three judges, sitting en banc, heard arguments of the state's motion for the dismissal of injunction suits against the compulsory public school law of Oregon.

Attorney McCamant, representing Governor Pierce and other defendants, based the motion for the dismissal of the injunction suits on the contention that as a law it would not be effective until September 1, 1926, and that the suits are premature.

The Hill military academy answered this by asserting that the law is already injuring the school by deterring parents from sending their boys to its primary department, and that the academy is entitled to know whether the law is to be put in force so it can make necessary financial preparations.

FIRES DAMAGE \$10,000

ASTORIA, (AP).—An investigation of a fire which caused \$10,000 damage here last night in the new Masonic hall is being conducted. Authorities have been informed that two men were seen running from the building half an hour before the alarm.

WOOL OFFERED FOR SALE.

PORTLAND, (AP).—Wool buyers flocked into Portland today. A total of 1,250,000 pounds of Idaho wool is to be offered for sale at sealed bids.

JAPAN ONCE
AGAIN HIT
BY TEMBLOR

First Reports State 50 Lives Lost Due to Latest Earthquake

SHOCK CONTINUED FOR 12 MINUTES

Center of Quake Believed Near Tanzawa Mountain in Sagami Province; No Foreigners Killed.

TOKIO, (AP).—Fifty persons are believed killed in Tokio, Yokohama and outside districts in Monday's earthquake. Many are said to be injured, although no casualties among foreigners have been reported.

The center of the tremor is believed to be near Tanzawa Mountain in the Sagami province. The quake lasted approximately 12 minutes and showed one half the intensity of that one of last September.

Rail Service Halted.

The earthquake derailed part of a freight train near Yokohama and threw an engine off the track in a suburb of Tokio. All railway service was suspended for a time but was later restored.

Broken water mains caused floods in some sections.

The modern buildings which suffered damage in the September catastrophe were further damaged in the new quake.

Odawara Suffers.

Odawara, 75 miles southwest of Tokio, suffered the greatest damage in the tremor as it did in the one last September. One report said that 600 houses were demolished in Yokohama.

The Japanese cabinet went into

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M'NARY BACKS
VET AID PLAN

PENDLETON, (AP).—Senator McNary wired the local American Legion post here that he favors adjusted compensation for World war veterans and that he will vote for it at the present session and also vote for it if the president vetoes the bill.

NOW JUST WHAT IS THIS THING STUFFED WITH?



Late News Flashes

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