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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Friday, probably rain in the west.

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Hunt's Daily Letter

(By Harry B. Hunt)
WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—All talk of General John J. Pershing as secretary of war to succeed Secretary Weeks may safely be discounted.
This suggestion, which has been current in Washington off and on ever since Pershing's retirement September 12, has bobbed up again. Without being in "Cautious Cal's" confidence, one would be safe in giving long odds that such an appointment never will be made.
Certainly it would not be in keeping with Coolidge caution to break over the precedent that the head of the War Department must be a civilian, not a professional military man, however high the regard in which the military man might be held.
Both the president and General Pershing would have much to lose and nothing to gain by shattering this precedent.
General Pershing's opinions on military matters are and will continue to be available to the president whenever desired. They will likewise have the full weight with Congress.
Nothing would be added to their influence or importance by giving him the title of secretary of war.
The change in established policy

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CHAOTIC L. A. HIT HIGH PAGE

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)—Automobile accidents, collisions, fights, flying glasses, fires, stray bullets and various noise making accessories contributed their quota of victims in a total of 25 persons treated on arriving at hospitals as the result of New Year's Eve celebrating here.
George Mahoney, secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union, police say, either fell or jumped from the fourth story of the window of the Los Angeles Athletic club, suffering a fractured skull and other injuries. His condition is critical.
Carolina Gugman, 12, and Lulu Klingenberg, 13, were struck by stray bullets and were seriously injured.
The police encountered difficulty in answering ambulance calls because of the dense crowd. They had to clear a path through a solid mass of struggling humanity before they were able to reach the victims. Shouts were raised for their shrills were drowned out by the noise of the celebrants.
A number of plate glass windows were broken in the financial district by waves of concussions caused by the backfire of hundreds of automobiles.

REVEALER KILLED

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The body of a late reveler, allegedly murdered, was found on a sidewalk in the residential district today. John Olson, iron worker, was killed by a speeding automobile that failed to stop. Miss Ruth Raymond, 26, has a fractured skull and is not expected to live as the result of an automobile hitting a taxi carrying her.

INSTALLATION TO BE HELD BY W. O. W. MONDAY

Installation of officers of La Grande Camp Number 1057 W. O. W. will be held at Monday evening. T. G. Herce, council commander, B. Underwood, advisory lieutenant and Art Huff, banker, are the new officers to be installed.
An interesting program will be on tap including some musical features by Bud Lynch's orchestra and others. Luncheon will be served toward the latter part of the evening.
The work done by the lodge during the past year will also be reviewed. The Woodmen of the World point with pride among other things to the \$7000 in beneficiaries paid out to La Grande members during the past three months.

Wishing And Getting

Of all the good friends that wish you a Prosperous New Year today, your own wish for that very thing is probably the most sincere.
If you are in business in the La Grande territory, advertising in The Observer can play an important part in providing that prosperity. We are always glad to be of assistance in solving your advertising problems.
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WILD YEAR PREDICTED BY MADAME

Noted Astrologist Sees Restless 1925 for the United States

GREAT LEADER TO RISE FROM STRIFE

Foresees Quarrel with Canada and Mexico That May Be Augmented into Wars.

(By LARRY BOARDMAN)
WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—A year of treachery, sickness, death, restlessness, war and labor troubles—

A year in which the people of America will demand their rights, though their fate will lie in the hands of others.

This cheerful prognostication for 1925 is made by Madame Marcia, Washington astrologist, famous for her predictions of important events, including the death of President Harding.

Madame Marcia explains that the country will start its new year under the zodiac sign Libra.

"Libra stands for justice and a balancing of accounts," she explains. "It is the sign of the United States and is sometimes called the Eagle."

"Under this sign the hands of the people will point to the old colonial days and they will demand a reformation of taxes such as the income tax, and a repeal of the law bringing on personal liberty, such as the prohibition law."

"But there are still in the hands of our government, military and foreign agents, who try to dictate our policies as in the case of the sinking of the battleship Washington."

Libra also stands for will, gambling and Madame Marcia predicts that millions will be lost and won on the stock exchange.

Mercury to breed Restlessness and Trickery.

"The moon will be afflicted by seven planets," she declares. "Venus, Mercury, Mars, Uranus, Jupiter, Neptune and Saturn, which is a particularly bad omen."

"The influence of Venus will make America a country of...

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Payments Of Bonus Starts At Midnight

Six Hundred Thousand Adjusted Certificates Representing \$750,000,000 in Mail.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Approximately six hundred thousand adjusted service certificates representing \$750,000,000 as part of the bonus voted for World war veterans, by congress were placed in the mail at midnight last night by the veterans' bureau. Promptly as the new year began more than 250 sacks of mail were moved from the bureau to the railroad station. Under the law the certificates were not to be issued before January 1.

Thirty thousand checks for amounts of \$50 or less representing the cash payment for soldiers who served only a short period, have been prepared at the bureau but these under the law are not to be mailed out until March 1.

In mailing the insurance certificates the only preference was made to those veterans who have died since applying for the bonus. These total not more than 100 and beneficiaries of these soldiers may receive payment immediately. The certificate, properly indorsed, together with proof of death of the soldier must be returned to the veterans' bureau before payment is made. Payments on any other certificates are not to be made before March 1.

Send Out 20,000 Daily.

Director Hines estimated that from now on about 20,000 certificates will be mailed daily.

To date the war department has received 700 million applications for adjusted service certificates, with an average of 12,000 arriving daily. More than four hundred thousand applications were returned.

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QUIET SESSION ENDS REGIME

The last commission meeting of the year held last evening in the city hall brought forth a very quiet session. H. S. Brewton, president of the city and Commissioners C. J. Black and Sherwood Williams were all present. Commissioner-elect Charles Plaisie and R. P. Landis, "bat in" on the meeting and gathered a few more pointers on city government before their time to take up the reins next Friday evening.

A new improvement district, number 155 calling for paving of Monroe street from Greenwood to Henlock was created by a unanimous vote of the commission. The date for the final hearing on the district was set on January 28, 1925.

An ordinance calling for the vacation of Alder street was read for the first and second time. The third reading as required by law will take place next Wednesday at the regular meeting.

A request for a rooming house license for the building at 9 and 10 Depot street was referred to the city manager and the chief of police for investigation.

In appreciation of service rendered...

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Here Cherry Blossoms Grow Into Profits Of Size Growers Welcome

NEW YEAR USHERED IN IN TIME HONORED WAY
Arrival of 1925 was welcomed here at midnight with watch parties, ringing of bells and to screaming of whistles. Probably a large portion of the city's population remained up until the old year was ushered out.

Today is an old-fashioned New Year's day with a fresh snowfall of about three or four inches depth and the mercury hovering near freezing point. And La Grande is satisfied if the really cheerful "Happy New Year's" handed about today are to be taken as a criterion.

BRITISH NOTE TO UNITED STATES IS NOT BITTER

LONDON (By Associated Press)—The British government has forwarded through Ambassador Kellogg a long note replying to a recent communication from the United States government concerning participation by America in reparations to meet American's war damage claims.

The note is understood to discuss the subject in a most cordial tone.

TO RECOGNIZE OTHERS

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The board of control of the Oregon High School Athletic association was empowered, under an amendment adopted yesterday at the association meeting, to recognize sectarian and independent schools that have similar educational standards.

The high schools and colleges of the state are to be eligible for the association. Officers elected included: J. O. McLoughlin, of Corvallis, secretary; G. A. Austin, of Ashland, was re-elected president.

AGGIES WIN

Reports received here are that the O. A. C. basketball team won from the University of California, Southern branch, squad in Los Angeles Tuesday night. The final score was 20 to 15. The branch led at half time 9 to 4. Stoddard of La Grande was one of the chief point getters for the Aggies.

Off With The Old, On With The New

1924 NOW SIGNING OFF GOODNIGHT, EVERYBODY, GOODNIGHT



DEMOCRACY IS MARKED AT CAPITAL

Rich and Poor, High and Low Received by the President and Wife

RECEPTION GIVEN AT WHITE HOUSE

Annual Custom, Inaugurated Many Years Ago, Observed from 11 a. m. Until 2:30 p. m.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The White House doors were thrown open today for the customary New Year's reception.

Three and one-half hours, 11 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. were given over to the custom under which high...

XTRA YEAR PROSPEROUS

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The year just closed has been a period of achievement, and the new year opens with promises of prosperity in the opinion of representative Portland bankers. Optimism prevailed among business men generally.

SUPPORT SHOTS WOMAN
DENVER (AP)—Carlos Bedner, injured sailor, shot and killed Mrs. Mary McNulty, wounded Antonio Gjonovick and then slashed his own throat in Mrs. McNulty's apartment here last night. Bedner has but a slight chance for recovery.

GRIPPE GRIPS BELGIUM

BRUSSELS (AP)—An epidemic of grippe believed due to the recent rapid fluctuation in temperature, has spread to all parts of Belgium, causing a large number of deaths. Queen Elizabeth is the latest sufferer from the disease.

234 MEMBERS OF COMMERCE CLUB START NEW YEAR

In a circular letter mailed by Earl Reynolds, secretary of the chamber of commerce to the members of the organization yesterday it was definitely announced that the financial campaign begun last August had been almost a complete success.

According to the letter the membership of the chamber of commerce has now reached a total of 234, and is greater than at any previous time.

The letter closes with the good wishes of the chamber of commerce for the New Year.

Main Events Of Old Year In U.S. Given

Resume of Occurrences That Startled Nation During 1924 Are Compiled.

Jan. 7—President Coolidge signs proclamation declaring an embargo on shipment of arms and war material to the revolutionists in Mexico.

Feb. 3—Widrow Wilson, twenty-eighth president of the United States, dies at home in Washington.

Feb. 4—Forty-two miners killed at Millford iron mine near Crosby, Minn.

Feb. 27—Sergeant C. E. Conrad breaks world's record for altitude parachute jumping by dropping 21,500 feet from plane over Kelly Field, Texas.

March 15—Secretary of Navy Edwin Denby resigns.

March 17—Three army biplanes start from Clover Field, Santa Monica, Calif., for 30,000 mile flight around the world.

March 24—Archbishop Hayes of New York and Archbishop Mundelein of Chicago are created cardinals at Rome by Pope Pius XI.

March 28—Attorney General Henry M. Daugherty resigns.

May 15—President Coolidge vetoes soldiers' bonus bill.

May 17—Soldier bonus bill passed over president's veto in House, 313 to 78.

May 19—By vote of 59 to 26 Senate passes soldier's bonus bill.

KAY SUCCEEDS MYERS MONDAY

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Changes in the heads of state, county, district and municipal offices resulting from the November election will take place Monday.

The most important state office change is that of treasurer where T. B. Kay, Republican, replaces Treasurer Jefferson Myers.

The change means the transfer of the state from the Democratic to the Republican control, inasmuch as the treasurer, governor and secretary of state form the board of control.

Kay's election leaves Governor Pierce the only Democrat on the board.

FIND BODY OF FLOOD VICTIM

EUGENE, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The body of Charles Adler, of Seattle, the first flood victim of the winter here, was found early today near where his car was found yesterday. Heering his car in the middle of the road, it was assumed, he stepped into the water from the car, at the edge of a steep grade.

INHERITANCE TAX NETS STATE \$414,947 IN 1924

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—A report issued yesterday by State Treasurer Jefferson Myers said that in the inheritance tax department during 1924 a total of \$414,947.71 was received and turned over to the state general fund.

Business Outlook For 1925 Quite Favorable

At the beginning of the new year the business outlook on the whole is distinctly favorable, states the current issue of the "Guaranty Survey," which has just been issued by the Guaranty Trust company of New York. "At no other time since the war has there been so marked a predominance of encouraging factors, the 'Survey' continues. "The essential bases for sustained and well rounded prosperity have been materially strengthened; and in large part this improvement was effected in 1924.

The Year's Progress
The outstanding events of the year 1924 were:
1. The adoption of the Dawes plan, quickening economic recovery in Europe.
2. The readjustment between agricultural and industrial prices.

"The success of conservative political issues in both European and American elections.
"Responding in part to the influence of these important factors, and partly to the reaction inevitable from a long period of reduced production and loosened activity, substantial business recovery occurred in the closing months of the year, and seems well under way for 1925. So far, this recovery has been marked by no over-production or excessive borrowing, and it has not attained the proportions of a boom or inflationary movement; in fact, solid and substantial progress, based upon clearly defined conditions, is its characteristic feature."
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\$448,102.00 IS BUILDING TOTAL HERE

Nearly Half Million Spent in Erection of Business Houses and Homes

343 PERMITS WERE ISSUED IN 1924

Largest Single Amount Was \$30,000 for New Episcopal Church; Most Costly Home \$11,000.

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Church \$30,000

The largest amount on a permit this year was for \$30,000, being the estimated cost of the new Episcopal church located on the corner of Fourth and O avenues which was recently opened. Most of the building took place during the first six months of the year. Other large contracts let during this period were for the Perkins Garage, 10,000, the Bouvy-Foley building on the corner of Depot and Adams avenue, \$18,000, the Snodgrass and Zimmerman's chancel which was erected at a cost of...

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