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THE WEATHER
Portland (AP)—Oregon:
Unsettled tonight and Thurs-
day. Probably rain in the
north.

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COOLIDGE, DAWES INAUGURATED

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL WORK FOR CITY'S IMPROVEMENT IN 1925

Newly Installed Officers Pledge Their Support to Projects

MARSHALL N. DANA SPEAKS AT DINNER

Portland Editor Declares That La Grande Is Not Growing as Rapidly as It Should.

What the Union County Chamber of Commerce will work for in 1925, as given by W. C. Perkins, president, in an installation address last evening:

- (1) An improved water system.
(2) Adequate tourist camps.
(3) Better street lighting for the city.
(4) Irrigation for the Grande Ronde valley.
(5) New industries for La Grande.

OPERA TO BE STAGED HERE

Reginald DeKoven's "Robin Hood," the best known and most loved of American comic operas will be presented at the Arcade theater here on the evening of March 10 by the Brandon Opera company.

The theme of the opera, Robin Hood's love for Maid Marion is one of the most beautiful romances known to the English speaking world and "Robin Hood" is said by critics to contain more real music and more lasting songs than any other opera ever written.

The Brandon Opera company is said to be especially fine. Beautiful Thora Peanington, singer the role of "Maid Marion" and Harry Pfeil plays opposite her in the title role.

Others in the cast are Carl Bunsch as "Little John," Jessie Evans as "Alan A Dale," George Olson as "Sir Guy of Gisborne," Ed Andrews the comedian of the company plays "The Sheriff of Nottingham," Ewitt Snyder, "Anabel and Irma Tice will be heard as "Dame Durrant."

Besides the principals the company carries a chorus of 20 voices. The settings, costumes and elaborate scenic and lighting effects with which the opera will be produced will enhance the merit of the production.

Mr. Perkins opened by expressing his appreciation of the trust reposed in him by the chamber of commerce in electing him president of the organization.

He told something of the duties and at the same time the pleasure of being president of the chamber of commerce, referring particularly to a recent instance when a number of motion picture people arrived in La Grande for the purpose of selecting locations for a new film. On this particular occasion, according to Mr. Perkins, the pleasure belonged almost entirely to Mr. Stoddard, who was then president of the organization.

To Support Improvements. In his address Mr. Perkins pledged the new administration of the chamber of commerce to support the movement for an improved water system for La Grande, adequate tourist accommodations to attract possible home builders, better street lighting, particularly on the main streets, irrigation on the main farms for the purpose of diversifying farming, and to bring new industries into La Grande.

One other thing which Mr. Perkins hopes to accomplish during his term of office, he stated in his address, is the selling of the chamber of commerce to the people of La Grande. He visions a civic organization with 500 active members working for the good of the community and hopes to see this accomplished.

Dana Speaks. That "community loyalty" does cost something was the keynote of Marshall Dana's address. Mr. Dana referred particularly to a card he saw on display in a local window which said, "Be loyal to your community. Loyalty costs you nothing and brings big returns." Mr. Dana said that loyalty

La Grande To Be Well Represented at Union

From present indications the greater share of the crowd that will attend the Union district basketball tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday will go there from La Grande. Baker, Union, the branch line and other nearby places will also furnish their quota but the fact that the Tigers are "in the race" and the newsboys of La Grande to Union are bound to mean more La Granderers at the tournament than will represent any other one town or city.

La Grande's first game will be played tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock against Enterprise, a team that has been beaten by the Blue and White quintet three times already this season. In each case,

however, the score was close enough to leave the final outcome in doubt, and a really stiff contest is anticipated. La Grande's second appearance will be the following afternoon or night, dependent upon the drawing that will follow the Thursday games.

It has been the custom of the Blue Dads to furnish transportation for the team and rooters whenever possible and Warren Gilbert has issued a call for cars to go to Union tomorrow night. The game will be called at 7:30 which means that the cars should leave here about 6:30 o'clock. "Anyone who can make the trip and take a few

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Older Homes Still Stand In La Grande

Photographs Taken in 1875, Showing Old La Grande, Creates Much Interest.

Guests at the chamber of commerce banquet last evening evinced much interest in a photographic reproduction of the La Grande of 50 years ago.

Post card prints of an old picture owned by Charles Crandal of La Grande were placed at each table by the courtesy of Harley Richardson, of Richardson's Art and Gift shop. The original photo was displayed in the office of the La Grande Investment company yesterday.

The original picture is perhaps seven by five inches in size printed in the old sepia tone of pictures found in all the family albums.

The unknown photographer who took the picture stood about 100 yards east of the present site of the power house. In the foreground stands the old flour mill on the banks of what is now called Mill creek. The Crandall home and the Bean home on the hill directly east of the mill are apparently almost as they stand today.

The stage road can be seen coming from the west at the left side of the reproduction. It enters on what is now C avenue, the street at the end of the Fourth street pavement running east and west.

The L. H. Russell home which now stands at the corner of Cedar and B streets was the court house at that time. Toward the western part of town the old Episcopal church stands. This church was afterward moved to the corner of Fourth and O streets and was torn down last year for the erection of the new Episcopal church.

At the northern edge of the town isolated from the rest of the buildings can be seen the old Blue Mountain university on the site of what was called some years ago "the old white school," a two story frame building which stood up until some 10 or 12 years ago.

What is known as the Snodgrass house can be seen standing on the west side of what is now Fourth street almost as it does today.

LOWER RATES RECOMMENDED

A letter received by Jay H. Dobbin, at Joseph, from the Northwestern Livestock Shippers' Traffic league, reads as follows: "At the suggestion of Wm. Pollman, president of the league, I am writing you in reference to the specific reductions recommended for your section by Examiner C. I. Kephart of the interstate commerce commission in our westbound case. The report suggests to the commission representative reductions per car to Chicago approximately as follows:

Table with 2 columns: From, Rate. From Joseph \$72.25 \$22.09, From Wallawa 72.25 \$22.59, From La Grande 68.40 \$22.50

"Reductions to St. Paul, Omaha and other Missouri river markets range somewhat less than the above.

"We have not yet heard from the westbound rate cases involving rates to Portland, Seattle and Tacoma."

FORMER SEATTLE POLICEMAN IS TO SPEAK HERE

The community of La Grande will have the privilege of hearing Miss Mary E. Brown of Seattle, a prominent social welfare lecturer, tonight and also Thursday and Friday nights.

J. W. Hanson, present pastor of Nazarene church, has been able to secure her services for three nights only, commencing tonight at 7:30.

Miss Brown was president of the W. C. T. U. of the state of Washington for years and has served on the police force of Seattle, Wash. She speaks from personal experience and tells facts that will awaken us as a community.

Mr. Hanson states that her lectures are strictly on the moral question and all the people of the community should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear her.

These lectures are free, and everyone is invited.

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PRESIDENT DAWES TAKES OATH AT ONE P.M.

Vice President Sworn in at 12:14 O'clock This Afternoon

DAWES ADVOCATES SENATE REFORM

"Under Present Rules, the Rights of American People Are Overlooked," He Claims.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—President Coolidge took the oath of office at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Vice President Dawes took the oath at 12:14 o'clock.

As Taft concluded administering the oath and the president with upraised hand said, "I do," and kissed the Bible, the great throng, recognized with a cheer that another administration had been ushered in.

Coolidge began his speech immediately, speaking more rapidly than usual. Using frequent gestures, the president pictured the glory of America's growth. There was a roar of applause when he declared himself for an adequate military force.

Coolidge finished his speech at 1:42 o'clock and the presidential party started its return to the White House at 1:47 o'clock.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—"In form in the rules of the senate is demanded by American public opinion and by

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PIPE ORGAN IS READY TO USE

The new Kilgen pipe organ which has been installed in the First Presbyterian church of La Grande is the last word in organ construction. It has been built by the Geo. Kilgen & Sons Co., of St. Louis, Mo., a firm that has been building organs for seventy-one years, thereby establishing a reputation for workmanship and quality of tone that sells their instruments solely on merit. It has been

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MANY ATTEND POWER SCHOOL

Approximately fifty men of this vicinity are attending the Fordson tractor school being held at the garage of the Perkins Motor company today. The clinic is in charge of H. N. Kelly and O. E. Lapham, of the tractor department of the Ford Motor company of Portland.

A tractor was disassembled this morning and a talk given upon the construction and care of the machine, explaining the materials from which it is made and how to care for it to get the best service. This afternoon this subject will be continued and a talk given on power farming.

STOLEN JEWELRY STILL HELD AT POLICE STATION

Several unidentified articles of jewelry, stolen during the December house robbery, are still held at the police station for lack of identification, according to Chief of Police Haynes. Owners may have same by calling at the station and identifying them.

Included in the articles are: a string of gold beads, two lavender, a watch chain, three rings and two or three pins.

REDUCTION OF TAXES CHIEF AIM

Coolidge, in Inaugural Address, Outlines Two Main Objects

PEACE PROMOTION TO BE CONTINUED

"Our Country Represents Nothing But Peaceful Intentions Toward All the Earth," He Says.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Clothed with a direct mandate from the people, Calvin Coolidge today dedicated himself and his administration to the lightening of the tax burden at home and to the promotion of peace through mutual understandings with the nations of the world.

These two purposes were outlined in high relief by Mr. Coolidge in his inaugural address, delivered from a simply-decorated stand at the east entrance of the Capitol just after he had taken his second oath of office as President of the United States.

Dividing his attention almost equally between affairs at home and problems abroad, and between things accomplished and achievements hoped for, Mr. Coolidge spoke with assurance as to the future, declaring that because of action already taken, an era of cordiality lay ahead and a firmer courage and a higher hope inspired the heart of all humanity.

"We have been, and propose to be, more and more American," he declared. "If we have any heritage, it has been that. If we have any destiny, we have found it in that direction."

Accord with this purpose, he asserted, demands the conduct of government along certain definite lines.

These lines in the field of domestic affairs "point, first, to the exercise of greater economy in government, and second, to reduction of taxation, he continued. The recent election, he said, had demonstrated that "the policy that stands out

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BAKER HERALD CONTROL SOLD

Al. Can Dahl, of Baker, has purchased the Baker Herald interests held by John T. Beauchamp, formerly business manager of the newspaper, according to announcement in the evening paper yesterday.

"There will be few changes in the personnel of the Baker Herald," Mr. Van Dahl's statement announced. "H. E. Hendryx, one of the owners of the company, will retain his position as editor and owner of the Baker Herald, and will have charge of the city and telegraph news desk, and George L. Jett, heretofore news man, will be out meeting the advertising patrons of the Herald."

Keeping In Touch With You

When a business man has been away for a long time and has accumulated a good following and made lots of acquaintances, he possesses something of great value.

But it's a "something" that is lost much more rapidly than it is gained. Advertising helps retain that following and keep those valuable business acquaintances. A good business firm keeps in daily contact with you through The Observer.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

President in His Own Right



Calvin Coolidge, who became president when President Harding passed on, today was inaugurated president of the United States in his own right.

Sixty-Eighth Congress Breathes Last Breath

Many Important Matters Handled by Congress During Its Recent Session

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The sixty-eighth congress died today amid a peaceful calm in striking contrast to the throes of bitterness and strife which have tortured it during most of its tenure in power. As against the sensational character of some of its sittings, with many investigations, charges and counter charges, a benign atmosphere prevailed in both houses, with the wild legislative joust which usually accompanies the closing session lacking.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Preparing itself quickly for the inauguration ceremonies, the senate met at 10 o'clock this morning and passed the second deficiency appropriation bill, the last major measure in controversy. Then came a flood of private bills with dozens of senators clamoring for recognition and with only a limited time to go. The house occupied itself with minor measures, and adjourned at 11:52 o'clock. As finally passed the deficiency bill was stripped of public buildings provisions.

COOLIDGE SIGNS BILL. WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—President Coolidge today signed the legislative appropriation bill carrying increased salaries for members of congress, the cabinet and vice-president.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Despite the turmoil and strife that marked its days, the sixty-eighth congress was not entirely lacking in legislative capacity.

Foremost among its accomplishments was the enactment of the new tax reduction measure, which materially eases the burden on those in moderate circumstances and which will find its full reflection in the tax returns that go forth.

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Presbyterian Club in Meeting Last Evening

The weekly meeting of the Men's club of the Presbyterian church will be held tomorrow evening at the J. C. Macpherson home at the end of Fourth street.

Carl Helm, district attorney, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Helm is at present in Portland and has not announced the nature of his talk but it will undoubtedly be of interest. The meeting is called for 7:30.

CEREMONIES MOST SIMPLE IN CENTURY

Chief Justice Taft Hears President Renew His Oath of Office

CONGRESS WINDS UP ITS SESSION

Pennsylvania Avenue Packed with People When Coolidge, with Escort, Passed Along.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—President Coolidge was inaugurated president in his own right today by overwhelming mandate of the people. For the first time in 10 months, the country has a vice president.

Standing at an historic spot where a long line of predecessors have taken the sacred oath, President Coolidge bent and kissed a Bible in the hands of Chief Justice Taft, then delivering his inaugural address. Despite the president's stand against an expensive display, which reduced the ceremony to the last degree of simplicity, it still was a marked contrast from the midnight moment 10 months ago, when, roused from sleep by word of Harding's death, he took the oath by the glow of an oil lamp in his father's Vermont home.

The president's father, Colonel Coolidge, died near him. Gifted near also were Mrs. Coolidge, her mother, Mrs. Goodhue, members of the cabinet, the supreme court, ranking army and navy officials, members of the diplomatic corps and the congressional inauguration committee. Address Broadcast.

When the president gave his inaugural address he had the ear of the greatest audience ever addressed by one man in the history of time. Throughout the country millions heard the address, the marine band music and the entire ceremony by means of a great radio hook-up covering all sections of the country. The inaugural crowd was the smallest within the memory of old-time observers. The simple program reduced the attraction of the

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PERSHING IS ILL IN CUBA

HAVANA (By Associated Press).—General Pershing, taken ill yesterday, after his arrival from Santiago de Cuba, spent a quiet night, it was announced today.

HAVANA (AP).—The American embassy in a statement issued Tuesday announced Gen. John J. Pershing is ill in his hotel here. All his engagements for Tuesday night and Wednesday have been cancelled.

"Owing to the indisposition of General Pershing, whose physician has advised him to remain in bed, all engagements for Tuesday night and March 4 have been canceled."

RICH STRIKE REPORTED. HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Joe Lenz and Wallace Moody, upper valley prospectors, created excitement when they exhibited rich gold-bearing quartz declared to have been found in a ledge on Cat creek, a tributary of the west fork of Hood river on the west base of Mount Hood. The men filed on a claim, which they said they would develop as soon as weather conditions permit the packing of supplies.

WASHINGTON (SNEA Special).—Since inauguration and receiving have been declared as the quietest inauguration, historically minded folk have been searching the records to discover just how simple or how ostentatious preceding inaugurations have been.

From the facts disclosed by these quests it seems that the peak of popular acclaim, jubilation and celebration was reached at the inaugurations of George Washington and Theodore Roosevelt.

Washington's first inauguration was on April 30, 1789, in New York. His whole progress from Mt. Vernon to New York, made by carriage and not on horseback, was a colorful pageant, lasting through an entire week.

He was accompanied on the successive stages of the journey by relays of colonial dignitaries, as well as by a civil and military escort, and his arrival at each relay point was accompanied by illuminations, music, banquets and much speaking.

The trip is said to have cost Washington personally about \$2,000.

In color and hilarity the Roosevelt inauguration, with its delegations of Rough Riders, Indians, soldiers and shouting citizens, never has been matched.

Estimates placed the number of visitors who saw the Roosevelt inauguration at about 100,000.

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Washington, Roosevelt Inauguration Lavish

(By Harry B. Hunt)

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