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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair tonight and
Tuesday. Not much change in
temperature. Gentle northerly
winds.

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a Large ScaleSHOPPERS BUSY
IN THE STORESEvergreen Decorations
Being Raised Along
Streets in the Business
Section.

With Christmas less than three weeks away post office employees here begin to urge that people do their Christmas mailing early, one reason being that post office employees all over the United States will enjoy a two-day holiday, Christmas day and the following Sunday, with the exception of one Christmas morning delivery.

The post office will close promptly at noon and the employees will not work, so what mail and packages that is not delivered by that time will be held over until Monday. There will be no rural carrier service either day.

Annual Rush News
Although the approaching holiday season has not been largely felt in the increase in mails here so far the rush that always comes at this time of the year will probably begin the last of this week, it is estimated, said this morning. A few packages are coming in now, but not enough to make any difference in the work at the post office.

The business section of La Grande is being dressed up for the holidays and if present plans work out will be finished by Wednesday night. The work is being done by the Oregon Holly and Evergreen company, through the cooperation of the local merchants.

Evergreen trees are now being set up and Christmas lights and other decorations will be as good as they arrive.
That Christmas is near has also been felt in the various stores of the city. Saturday was the first of the busy pre-Christmas days, which will probably continue until Friday, Dec. 24.

EAST OREGON
LUMBER HEADS
TO MEET HERE

Eastern Oregon lumbermen will hold their monthly meeting in La Grande next Saturday with the Mount Emily company as host. A. J. Stange will provide over the discussion which will include topics of interest and benefit to the lumbermen. These schools have proved very successful since their introduction a few months ago. They are devoted entirely to the technical questions of logging and lumbering. The meetings are held in rotation with the lumbermen of Eastern Oregon and Central Idaho acting in turn as hosts.

Toy Young Fined
\$20; Will Appeal

Toy Young, accused of operating a pool hall without a city license, was found guilty in municipal court Saturday night and fined \$10, which was later reduced to \$20 in order to permit Young to appeal to the circuit court.

The police arrested Young last week after the city commission had refused his application for a transfer of a license. Police Chief Clint Haynes said that the pool hall is not in operation today.

FORGETTING
ABOUT
YOU

Once in a while you find a business man who depends on the old gag, "Everybody knows me." I've been in business here "ten years," for all the business he gets. He thinks advertising is unnecessary for that reason. But he forgets about you, or forgets that you are the fellow next door who has only lived here a month or a year. He forgets that you don't know every business man or where to find him. He forgets that "ten years ago La Grande" was a town of less than five thousand people—that as many new people have come here since then. He forgets that population changes—that people die, that babies are born, that children grow up. He forgets that you can easily forget him if he fails to keep contact with you by regular advertising messages in The Observer.
"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Second Snow Of
Season Covers
La Grande AreaMercury, However, Re-
mains in Comfortable
Position—Eugene Cli-
mate Chilly.

While the eastern states are digging out from the heaviest early snowfall in history, and shivering with the mercury as low as 20 below zero in some places, Oregon is experiencing its second touch of winter.

La Grande people awakened today to view about half an inch of snow with delight. A white covering before freezing weather sets in is earnestly welcomed. The winter wheat, assure a white Christmas, and pile up in the mountains thus insuring plenty of water next year. Walla Walla county reports more snow in the higher altitudes than existed at the end of last winter. No really cold weather has occurred in La Grande yet this season, with the mercury dropping but a few degrees below the freezing point.

EUGENE CHILLY

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Through the minimum temperature last night was 35 degrees, Eugene shivered all day yesterday when the mercury failed to get above the 32 degree mark. It was the coldest maximum since last January, when the temperature at one time negotiated no more than the 37 degree mark during the day.

The wind is still in the north, and the cold bears every indication of staying.
Four inches of snow blankets the vicinity of Cascade Summit, a railway station on the Southern Pacific Cascade line, according to word sent down this morning. Two inches of snow fell last night, with the temperature close to zero.

CHURCH GROUP
GIVES PAGEANTMissionary Society Is in
Charge of Evening Pro-
gram—Bleakney Talks

The women of the missionary society had charge of the evening services at the Central Church of Christ last evening at which time they presented a missionary pageant.

Mrs. C. V. Dunn was in charge of the opening services in the place of Mr. Dunn, which was followed by the pageant. Miss Edith Ebbell and Miss Florence Nelson represented Sunday school workers, who were visited by the Spirit of Christmas. Mrs. John H. Spitzberg, who presented living pictures of people in various parts of the Christian church and in the Christian church orphanage and old people's home.

Miss Berle Jones introduced each living picture with a reading. Mrs. Dallas Green at the piano and Mrs. Audmer Playle, violinist, accompanied. Other music was also furnished during the evening, a double quart singing several selections, and two solo numbers and two duets.

Bleakney Speaks
At the morning service of the First Presbyterian church the Rev. W. H. Bleakney, D. D., of Walla Walla, Wash., where he is head of the Greek department at Whitman college, delivered the sermon to a fairly large sized audience, reviewing the lives of the Bible characters and comparing them with the lives of people today. A service was held at the Presbyterian church in the evening.

The Rev. H. S. Shangle, presiding elder of the Portland district of the Methodist Episcopal church south, started a series of revival meetings at the South M. E. church yesterday, which was attended by a large crowd. Mr. Shangle will continue his meetings all this week at the church, beginning each evening at 7:30 o'clock. A number of interesting subjects have been listed.

At the First Baptist church the Rev. G. A. Polard gave the first of a series of discussions on the theme, "People Who Come to Jesus and Why," using "The Rich Young Ruler" for his first subject.

Dance to Benefit
Convention Fund

The social committee of the R. P. O. Elks lodge announced today that a benefit dance for the American Legion convention fund will be held next Monday night in the Elks temple. Dancing will begin at nine o'clock. Tickets will be on sale for one dollar.

This is another of a series of benefit affairs sponsored by local civic and fraternal organizations. Recently the chamber of commerce gave a dance in this connection.

PRISONER IN
EUGENE HELD
'STRANGLER'Police Chief Arrests Sus-
pect—Rush Finger-
prints to PortlandDESCRIPTION SAID
TO BE LIKE SLAYERSeattle Authorities An-
nounce Adrian Harris
Not Slayer of 12 Coast
Women.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—A report from Seattle this afternoon that the stranger suspect held here had been released was branded as erroneous by local police. The suspect, who first gave his name as Harris, and then changed it to Morris Yoffe, is still being held, according to police officials.

SEATTLE, Dec. 6 (AP)—Release of Adrian Harris, arrested in Eugene, Ore., last night in the investigation of the deaths of Mrs. Florence Ethel Monks, Seattle, and Mrs. Blanche Myers, Portland, was announced here today. He failed to answer a description assembled from many sources as that of the slayer of 12 women on the Pacific coast.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—A man who gave his name as Harris, but later changed it to Morris Yoffe, was arrested here yesterday by Chief of Police W. G. Jenkins, on suspicion of being the stranger wanted in Portland and Seattle.

The man has not been accused but is held on an open charge. He was taken in a rooming house at 291 Lawrence street, where he had secreted himself since Dec. 1, and where his actions aroused the suspicions of Mrs. C. L. Menke, owner of the rooming house.

Yoffe was fingerprinted this morning and the prints rushed to Portland on the 11:05 a. m. train. The man talks with all descriptions received here, even to the suitcase he kept in his room, unpacked. He claims to be a disabled veteran under total disability compensation. Former service is claimed with the Thirty-third infantry at the Panama Canal zone.

Not Working.
Yoffe said he had not been working. He carried a seaman's identification card dated July 28, 1924, which was a duplicate of a similar paper dated in New York April 1, 1922.

According to Mrs. Menke, the man applied for a room on Dec. 1, and asked her to keep the other rooms in the house for friends whom he expected shortly from Portland.

Mrs. Menke said that when anyone approached the house, Yoffe would go to his room and remain in seclusion until the person departed.

Education Group
In Charge of
Rotary Program

With the education committee in charge of the program, the La Grande Rotary club met today at noon at the Foley grill in the regular weekly luncheon.

Frank McKenney spoke on the subject of rotary, emphasizing in an interesting way on the six objects as adopted by the Rotary international. G. L. Dutton, chairman of the education committee, emphasized the possibilities of service by adherence to the Rotary code of ethics in both personal and business life.

Dr. N. T. Piny reported on the survey made by the boys' work committee of the local high school boys and Elmer Stoddard and Mr. Huston were called on for a few remarks.

Elks Pay Tribute to Members of
Lodge Who Have Passed to Beyond

A large crowd gathered at the Elks temple here yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock to pay tribute to the absent members of the lodge at the annual memorial service of the order.

The number of names on the roll of absent members reached 22 at the end of 1926. During 1926 six more names were added, and to these men special tribute was paid yesterday. Included in the names added this year are: Nels Schumacher, J. H. Striker, J. C. Gulling, A. W. Perley, R. T. Rettig and Ed Wright.

BELOW ZERO
WEATHER IN
EAST STATESNew York Digging Out
from Heaviest Early
Snow on RecordSEVERAL DEATHS
CAUSED BY COLDShips and Cargo Worth
Nearly a Billion Dollars
Tied up at Sault Ste.
Marie.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (AP)—Sunshine and rising temperatures today came to the rescue of the northeastern states after the heaviest snowfall and coldest weather of the season. Eleven deaths were caused, railroad and motor traffic was crippled and coastwise and inland shipping hampered.

New England was covered by a snowfall ranging from seven to 15 inches, with a death toll of seven. New York state reported three deaths, all in Buffalo. There was one death in New Jersey.

High winds from the northern Atlantic lashed many coast sections. At Bangor, Maine, and at Malone, N. Y., the temperature dropped to 20 degrees below zero.

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Dec. 6 (AP)—"Out of the trenches by Christmas," is still only a hope of the 121 big lake freighters which, with every passing hour of below zero weather are becoming encumbered more tightly in the ice-bound lower regions of St. Marys river. Value of the fleet is estimated at nearly a billion dollars including its cargoes of almost 15,000,000 bushels of grain and hundreds of thousands of tons of coal.

There is coal coal everywhere in the up-bound fleet, but none for use of the rapidly depleting bunkers of the great grain ships, some of which with less than five tons on board and with days of blockade ahead of them have frantically appealed for assistance from this city—assistance which cannot be given because local coal docks have been emptied of all but sufficient amount to run domestic furnaces and stores of Sault Ste. Marie citizens over winter.

It is regarded as probable that lake carriers association will divert the up-bound coal ships, when one shall be released, and cause its cargo to be emptied on a dock here. Thus they probably will be asked to break their way if possible to the ships without coal and give them a small supply.

Report of the drowning of two sailors who left their vessel at West Neeshish cut Sunday and fell into a hole in the ice has reached this city, 20 miles distant.

The ice breaking crew, Sainte Marie, has transferred its activities to the down-bound channel today, having reversed its course and jammed its way down-bound in the up-bound channel through which it came Saturday, and is now attempting to do for the steamer Conkey head of the down-bound fleet, what two tugs were unable to do in three days of united effort.

Commerce Chamber
Meets Tomorrow

The chamber of commerce entertainment committee will report in regard to the entertainment planned for the state board of regents, who will be here Tuesday of next week, tomorrow at the regular noon-day luncheon at the Southern hotel.

Julius Roensch and his son, Marcus, will be guests of the chamber, and Marcus will tell something of their trip around the world, from which they have just returned.

Five Killed When
Powder Is Ignited

PENNS GROVE, N. J., Dec. 6 (AP)—Five workmen were killed and nine injured in an explosion today of 2500 pounds of powder stored at the Dupont Powder plant at Carnegie Point, N. J., today.

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Among the killed were William M. Touden and John Kelley, employees. Three men were said to have been injured. Company officials at Wilmington, Del., say they had not yet learned how many men were at work when the explosion occurred.

Senator McKinley
Growing Weaker

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 6 (AP)—Senator William B. McKinley, of Indiana, who is seriously ill at a sanitarium here, was growing weaker today, stated Dr. H. Egbert his attending physician.

SHE'S COMING TO SEE US



Delectable? Exactly! She is Miss Mabel Jean, English beauty who with scores of other specimens of British picketade will come to the U. S. soon to compete for the honor of appearing in an American movie.

Rear Admiral Is
Heard Again in
Oil Fraud Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—Navy testimony in defense of the oil leasing policy of 1922, was put on the dissecting table today by government counsel in the Fall-Doherty conspiracy trial.

The witness chair was occupied by Rear Admiral J. K. Robbison, who spoke for the navy department in the negotiations which resulted in award of several oil contracts to Edward L. Doherty, while Albert R. Fall was secretary of the interior. Owen J. Roberts, of government counsel, conducted a cross examination that brought the admiral under a storm of questions of vital features of his previous testimony. The witness conceded that he had made a mistake in saying in the Los Angeles civil trial for conclusion of the leases that he had not mentioned the matter to Doherty during talks they had in New York. He also permitted Roberts to correct for the official record a statement he had made about who took place at a leasing conference at the navy department, and identified a draft of a letter in which Fall had inserted "or otherwise" after a stipulation that the leases were to be awarded by competitive bidding.

Recalling Doherty's statement before the senate oil committee that he expected to make \$100,000,000 out of the Elk Hills contract, Roberts pressed the admiral to estimate the value of the Elk Hills reserve. The witness replied that he valued the entire tract at a half a million.

The governments oil counsel won another point in their long legal battle today when the supreme court refused to grant Harry E. Sinclair and Albert R. Fall any relief from the criminal conspiracy proceedings pending against them.

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HARBORS, RIVERS
ASK \$65,477,365Columbia and Willamette
Rivers Below Portland
Seeking \$400,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—The nation's seacoast and inland harbors and the waterways and rivers will require \$65,477,365 during the year beginning next July 1 to keep them in shape to transport the vast volume of traffic which last year amounted to \$23,946,000,000 in commerce and \$27,100,734 in passenger carrying.

Mal, Gen. Edgar Jadwin, chief of engineers of the army, in whose care these river and harbor projects is placed, in his fiscal report submitted to congress today with the government's 1928 fiscal year estimates, placed the amount necessary for general river and harbor work at \$54,459,365. In addition \$11,018,000 will be required for flood control work, surveys, and other specific purposes.

Since congress began spending money on the country's rivers and harbors in 1924 a total of more than \$1,500,000,000 has been devoted to that work, including about \$43,000,000 for the Muscle Shoals hydroelectric project in Alabama, which has been completed and for which only \$200,000 is asked for the coming year for maintenance of the plant.

Expenditures in the fiscal year of 1926 amounted to \$63,463,785 and for the current fiscal year of 1927 congress made a lump sum appropriation of \$50,000,000, of which \$45,520,150 has been allotted to various projects. More than 200 harbors are under improvement, 292 rivers, and 47 canals and waterways.

Mississippi Asks Much

The lion's share of the money will go to the Mississippi river for which \$17,670,000 is asked. New York harbor and vicinity waters require \$6,405,000, the Ohio river \$5,500,000, Philadelphia and the Delaware river \$5,421,000, the Missouri river \$2,550,000, the Hudson river in the vicinity of Albany and Troy \$2,000,000, the Louisiana-Texas Intracoastal waterway between New Orleans and Galveston \$2,000,000, the Sabine-Neches waterway \$1,000,000, the Allegheny river \$1,500,000 and the Sacramento river \$1,000,000.

Harbors for which large appropriations are asked include:

Portland District:
First Portland, Ore., district: Coquille river \$25,000; Coos Bay \$150,000; Coos river \$3,000; Siuslaw river \$40,000; Tillamook bay.

King Ferdinand
Goes Under Knife

BUCAREST, Rumania, Dec. 6 (AP)—King Ferdinand underwent an operation shortly after the return of Queen Marie from her tour of the U. S. His physicians announced that the operation was most successful.
The king for some time, has been suffering from what has been diagnosed as a recto-sigmoid affection.
The operation for hemorrhoids was not a dangerous one. His physicians say that the king will be able to leave his bed within a few days.

Percentage of
Deaths Less in
Oregon in 1925Health Conditions of the
State Improves as Pop-
ulation Increases An-
nually.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—The department of commerce announced that the 1925 death rate for Oregon was 1,116 per 100,000 population as compared with 1,330 in 1924. This decrease in 1925 is more than accounted for by decreases in the death rates from measles (from 11 to 0.1 per 100,000 population), pneumonia, all forms (from 74 to 67), tuberculosis, all forms (from 71 to 65), and diabetes mellitus (from 21 to 17).

Increases in 1925 are shown in the rates from diseases of the heart (from 174 in 1924 to 184 per 100,000 population), influenza (from 16 to 24), and whooping cough (from 2 to 7).

The total number of deaths in Oregon in 1925 was 9,629 compared with 5,506 in 1924. Diseases of the heart lead all other causes, and are held responsible for 1,588 deaths. Cancer and other malignant tumors come next with a total of 949 and cerebral hemorrhage and softening is third with 863.

T. B. Fatal to 560

Tuberculosis of all forms caused 560 deaths and influenza caused 560 deaths and influenza caused 560 deaths. Accidental and unspecified external causes totalled 771, of which accidental falls were responsible for 115. Mine accidents were fatal to only three persons in Oregon.

Collisions between street cars and automobiles killed 13 and automobile accidents of other nature caused 144 deaths. Fifty-three persons died of unknown or ill-defined causes.

Students Sweep
Through Chinese
City; Slay Many

FOOCHOW, Dec. 6 (AP)—Fochow students who had sympathized with the Cantonese, swept through the city unopposed after the southerners had routed the defending northern armies and took advantage of the change in regime to wreck vengeance on their enemies. Several detectives who aided in convicting them of radical activities have been killed.

An outstanding victim was Chang Kuo-Hua, a Christian police official who had been instrumental during the past year in the arrest of many leaders of the "blood and iron band" a radical student organization.

A mob of students surrounded Chang Kuo-Hua in the offices of the Osaka shosen Kaisha, Japanese steamship company whether he fled, hoping to escape to Formosa.

An all-night battle ensued. The students set upon him with bombs, grenades and pistols but he defended himself valiantly until his ammunition was exhausted. Then he was captured and killed.

Throughout the following day the students paraded the body through the streets. The foreign colony was incensed at this and made an official protest.

The steamship company's offices were damaged in the battle.

Eugene School
Teachers Ousted

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Albert Bouck, secretary to Principal John G. Swan, of the Eugene high school, and R. G. Brown, athletic coach, whose resignations were requested following an investigation by the school board of recent high school disturbances appeared as usual this morning at the high school. They were met by City Superintendent David John Jones who asked them to leave the building. They complied with the request.

Four of the high school boys who were suspended by the action of the board also appeared. They were also asked to leave, and also complied with the request of the superintendent.

A statement was made by some of the boys that an attorney was to be hired, to protest the action of the board.

Patterson Will
Move to Salem

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Governor Elmer L. Patterson will this week move his office from his home at Eola to the state house, and will occupy the latter until his inauguration in January. The great amount of mail that must be answered and many conferences that will precede his inauguration are the main reasons for the move. The governor has been announced that after his inauguration his home will continue to be at the Eola farm.

CONGRESS IS
CONVENED IN
WASHINGTONCoolidge Scheduled to De-
liver His Annual Mes-
sage TomorrowBILLS PILING UP;
MORE THAN 12,000Legislation Congestion
Unavoidable—Major
Measures Will Have
Right of Way.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—Congress began a new session today faced with a mass of incomplete and new legislation impossible of enactment in the three months before adjournment in March.

Sharply at noon, Vice President Dawes and Speaker Longworth rapped the senate and house to order and notified the membership that the business of legislating was under way.

The holiday-like assemblage which usually attends the convening of congress crowded the galleries and the house covered capital plaza and grounds gave a Christmas tone to the ceremonies.

Committees Appointed
As is the custom, the only major action in order during the brief session of the opening day, was appointment of committees to formally notify the president that congress was in session and ready to receive his recommendations. The executives annual message will be read tomorrow and then will begin the real work of the session with appropriation bills holding the right of way.

The procedure in the two houses today was virtually identical. The opening prayer was followed by a roll call and by the swearing in of new members. Then came the designation of titular leaders of both parties to go to the white house at 3 p. m. and inform the president congress was in session. Adjournment for the day was out of respect for the late senators Cummins, of Iowa and Fernald, of Maine, and "Uncle Joe" Cannon, former speaker of the house.

LEGISLATIVE CONGESTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—With the crack of the gavel at noon today formally starting its first session and a ten-day Christmas recess impending the sixty-ninth congress is confronted with the usual legislative congestion which piles up as each succeeding congress approaches its constitutional expiration every second March 4.

More than 12,000 bills are already on the senate and house calendars, where they were left without action when the last session ended in July, and an untold number have been conceived during the recess. Most of the bills, of course, have only local or sectional significance or are perennial.

GERMANY PAYS
INSTALLMENT
TO AMERICA

BERLIN, Dec. 6 (AP)—From her own resources Germany has punctually met her second annual payment in conformity with the Dawes reparation plan. Seymour Parker Gilbert Jr., agent general for reparation payments, in his annual report says the execution of the Dawes plan has been proceeding by during the second year and that payments totalling in exact terms 1,166,904,574 gold marks were received from Germany during the period from Sept. 1, 1925 to Aug. 31, 1926.

Distribution to the creditor powers was carried out regularly and without difficulty. The share of the U. S. amounted to 33,949,000 gold marks. This included an accumulated balance carried over from the first year, amounting to 15,308,000 gold marks.

Shopping
Days Till
Christmas