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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair and colder tonight, Tuesday fair and continued cold. Moderate northerly winds.

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REGENTS IN BAKER, COME HERE TONIGHT

Two Sites for Normal School Inspected in Copper City

LA GRANDE PLANS HEARTY WELCOME

State Officials Will Visit Elgin and Joseph Tomorrow Morning—Here Rest of Day.

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 12. (AP)—Baker was showing its wares today, and making bids for 450 state institutions, the Eastern Oregon normal school and the state tuberculosis hospital which were approved by the people at the November election.

Two sites offered free for the state normal school were inspected by the board of regents of the state normal school. One of the sites, 20 acres, was offered by William Doherty. The other was offered by the Wright estate.

Surveying City. Baker industrial plants, schools and housing facilities were to be shown to the visitors, who are making a survey of all features of the proposed sites for the institutions.

This evening the regents and the members of the board of control—the latter making investigations for selection of a site for the tuberculosis hospital—will be guests at a dinner, at which Judge William Doherty, chairman of the state highway commission, will preside. The delegation will leave at 9:25 p. m. for La Grande. Other Eastern Oregon points on the itinerary are Pendleton, Millar-Freewater, Joseph, Elgin, Ontario, Vale and Arlington.

The board of control, due here this afternoon, visited Heppner yesterday, inspecting three sites there offered for the tuberculosis hospital.

La Grande Prepares Welcome. Final arrangements have been completed for an elaborate welcome to the Oregon normal school regents and the state board of control tomorrow. Although the two organizations will arrive here this evening, it will be too late to provide entertainment.

The board of control passed through here last night and is at Baker today, after visiting Heppner and Vale. Tomorrow morning Gov. Walter M. Pierce, Secretary of State Sam Koser and State Treasurer Thomas E. Roy, who make up the board, will visit Joseph and look over conditions there in reference to locating the state tuberculosis hospital.

The regents will be driven to Elgin tomorrow morning after attending a breakfast at the domestic science rooms of the high school. At noon they will be guests of the chamber of commerce and will then spend the afternoon inspecting the city and the preferred sites.

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JUNIOR CLASS PLAY SUCCESS: THANK DONORS

Playing to another capacity house in the high school auditorium, the junior play "Captain Applejack" now goes down in history as one of the most successful. The performance, as on the opening night, was such as to draw much praise from the audience.

A complete financial check has not been made but a good-sized sum was cleared.

The junior class wishes to thank all who permitted them to use properties, including the W. H. Hohenkamp company, the La Grande Electric company, the Oregon Hardware and Implement company and the Richardson Art store.

THE ANNUAL XMAS RUSH

Gift buying is the order of the day—Christmas preparations consume most of the time of most of the family. The annual rush is here.

How convenient it is, how saving in time and effort when both are at a premium to sit down in the evening and have the progressive merchants of La Grande tell you, through their Observer advertising messages, the many gifts from which you can choose! New things, the novel things, the practical things, the inexpensive things, "tacking your brain" for an idea on what to give is not necessary. A host of suggestions are made in the advertisements each day—read them. They'll help you get the job done quickly, efficiently. They'll save you time and money.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Lumbermen Meet Here As Guests of Mt. Emily Co.

Representatives of Firms of Two States Gather Here in Regular Conference.

Twenty-one lumbermen of this section, representing the Boise-Payette Lumber company, of Boise, Ida.; the Oregon Lumber company, of Baker; the Baker White Pine company; the Standard Lumber company, of Baker; the Grande Ronde Lumber company, of Prilly; the East Oregon Lumber company, of Enterprise; and the Mt. Emily Lumber company, of La Grande, attended the regular monthly lumbermen's meeting held at the Sommer hotel here Saturday afternoon with the Mt. Emily company as host. A. J. Stange, president of the company, presided.

The meeting started with luncheon at noon and during the afternoon various details of lumbering were discussed. The subjects were prepared by committees appointed at the last meeting and after a talk on each topic there was a general discussion. The principal subjects brought up were: "Lumber Costs," "Formation of the Pine Logging Congress," "Forms of Lumber Grading," and "Uniform Cost Accounting." To simplify the discussion tentative forms were presented to each one present.

The Hunting Tractor company showed a three-roll motion picture of logging and road building, bringing out the various uses of a tractor, which was appreciated by the lumbermen present. The meeting adjourned at about 5:30 o'clock after plans had been made for the next meeting, which will be held at Baker in January. The purpose of the lumbermen's meeting is to get the various companies working on a uniform basis and to spread the good ideas in managing a company from one firm to another.

LOCAL FAN GETS BERLIN, GERMANY

Ralph Teeters Listens in on AFP for 45 Minutes Sunday Morning

Every now and then when conditions are right, some far western radio fans get a thrill of a lifetime when he tunes in on some far-distant station. Such was the case here yesterday when, at 5:15 a. m., Ralph Teeters picked up APE, Berlin, Germany, from his home at 901 O avenue.

Berlin was broadcasting an all-American program for American and Canadian listeners from the German American Radio club, Berlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Teeters listened in on the program for 45 minutes when they signed off at 17 o'clock Berlin time (Berlin, like many other foreign nations, count their time hours up to 24).

"The station came through with remarkable clearness and volume," Teeters said today. "A violin solo was played—'Minuet in G'—and among the many songs was 'Mother's Answer' and the 'World is Waiting for the Sunrise'."

Teeters has written Berlin asking for confirmation.

Prospects Bright For Union Sawmill

UNION, Ore., Dec. 12. (Special)—Negotiations leading up to the building a sawmill at Union early next spring are progressing satisfactorily, according to one of the promoters, Ellis Hess. It is believed that part of the work, especially the mill pond, will be started this winter and the mill, and probably a planer will be erected next spring on one of two sites that have been selected.

Rotarians Plan Boys' Health Work

Dr. Itay Murphy, at the meeting of the Rotary club today in the Foley hotel diningroom, outlined tentative plans of the boys' work committee for physical and dental examinations of school children to promote better health and better educational results. He said that he is confident that he can secure the cooperation of various physicians and dentists to give some of their time to the work.

The Rev. Oliver Riley was introduced as a new member, taking the place left vacant when the Rev. W. C. Rosa went to Boise.

Williams Crowe, brother of Dean Crowe, who is here from Manassette, Mich., was a guest.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 12. (AP)—Harry Jacobs, Portland youth who has brought here for questioning in the case of the disappearance of Anna Bowers, 16-year-old high school girl, has established an alibi that he left Eugene a week prior to the girl's disappearance and has been released.

2 RELIGIOUS CONFERENCES HERE SUNDAY

Quarterly Meeting of L. D. S. Convened in the Mormon Tabernacle

ENDEAVORERS OF DISTRICT GATHER

Bishop W. P. Remington Speaks to Large Crowd in Episcopal Church—Revivals Attract Many

Two religious conferences were held in La Grande over the week end with people from Union and Baker counties attending. The regular executive committee meeting of the Grande Ronde Christian Endeavor Union was held in the First Presbyterian church yesterday, and the regular quarterly conference of the Latter Day Saints church was conducted at the tabernacle Saturday and Sunday.

Dallas Rice, field secretary of the Oregon Christian Endeavor union, of Portland, was here for the C. E. meeting, which started at noon in the church basement with a luncheon. The business meeting followed, presided over by Arva Butler, of Baker, president.

Plan Convention. During the business session Mrs. John Rubberg was appointed Oregon City convention booster for this union. Plans were discussed for the annual spring convention of the Union, which will be early in June.

Officers present for the meeting besides Rice and Butler, were Roy Anderson, transportation superintendent, and Pearl McDowell, secretary, both of Baker; Mrs. J. C. Bower, vice president; Miss Gertrude Wagoner, junior superintendent; Miss Myrtle Wilcox, inter-

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School Budget Adopted; Voters' Support 57 to 7

A total of 44 votes, 57 favoring the school budget proposed, and adopted by the school board and seven against it, were cast Saturday afternoon when a special school election was held in the Central school building from 2 o'clock until 7 o'clock.

The school budget for this year calls for \$115,680.12, an increase of more than 6 per cent over the budget last year.

The increase in the budget was necessary because of larger teachers' salary scale and the expense of installing and equipping additional rooms in grades and high school.

Dismiss Charges Against English

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (AP)—The impeachment charges against former Federal Judge, English, of Illinois, were dismissed today by the senate.

Acting in its capacity as an impeachment court, the senate adopted a resolution previously approved by the house, providing that the jurist should not be brought to trial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (AP)—The senate today sent back to the foreign relations committee the Geneva protocol to outlaw poison gas as a means of war.

Depot Mail Boxes Over Crowded; Postal Authorities Seek Let-Up

The mail boxes at the O-W R. and N. depot here are for the use of those who are unable to get to the post office until after the mail has been taken to the train, and post office officials here make a request that the people of La Grande observe this ruling, especially during the holiday season, when the mails are unusually heavy.

The large amount of letters taken from the depot boxes under normal conditions is a burden to the train clerks, the mail cars not being equipped to handle the mail as the local post office is. On the train each letter is stamped separately by hand and it requires hours to stamp a large number, where they could be handled in a few minutes by the electric stamping machine if taken to the post office.

Defeating Own Purpose. People are defeating their own purpose by crowding the station boxes, as they are more certain of correct and prompt dispatch of mail if it is taken to the post office, according to R. R. Huron, postmaster.

The reason for this is that the mail cars are small and not equipped to handle large quantities of mail collected from the boxes as the train goes through. Mail sacks must be prepared to drop off at

COLD BLASTS OVER WEST; 6 DIE IN STORM

Oregon Covered with a Snow Blanket—Portland Gets 2 Inches

MERCURY DROPS TO NINE ABOVE HERE

La Grande Experiences Coldest Weather Since Winter of 1924-25—No Relief Seen.

Six deaths due to western cold wave. Portland—2.2 inches snow. Wilder, Mont.—31 degrees below zero. Saskatchewan—Severest weather since 1907. La Grande—Nearly 3 inches snow, 9 above zero. Pendleton—Three inches snow. Snowfall general over all Oregon.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12. (AP)—The Pacific northwest and western Canada today were in the clutches of winter, with six deaths attributed to snow and blizzards which swept down from Alaska.

On the coasts of Oregon and Washington the season's first snow fell yesterday while the mercury dropped below the freezing point. Two and two-tenths inches of snow were recorded in a few hours here.

In the interior of the two coast states and in Montana and Idaho sub-zero temperatures prevailed with even colder weather forecast. Wilder, Mont., reported 31 degrees below zero.

Near Tacoma, Wash., two persons were killed in an automobile which skidded on newly fallen snow and in Kilsno county, west of Seattle, a man and his wife were crushed to death by a tree which fell before the winter wind and smashed through the top of their car. A woman and her two young daughters perished in the blizzard on their way near Hinton, Alberta, when they set out to hunt for another child who had gone to the barn to do the evening chores.

Canada Hard Hit. Transportation was crippled in Saskatchewan and Alberta, with the severest weather since 1907. A forty mile wind drifted snow 10 to 20 feet high. Alaska was concerned over the safety of persons on the Aleutian islands and the adjacent mainland, when radio stations continued silent after a three-day storm.

The first snow storm which visited Portland since 1924 deposited a blanket of 2.2 inches on the ground late yesterday and last night.

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Watch Like Queen Has Is On Display

A platinum wrist watch, set with diamonds, and valued at \$1,000, is on display at the J. H. Price & Son jewelry store today. The watch, less than the size of a dime, is a duplicate of watches given to Queen Marie of Rumania and the winner of the 1926 Atlantic beauty contest. It keeps perfect time despite its small size.

The watch arrived today and will be on display for about a week. Some of the pieces used in making the watch are so small that it would take \$8,000 to fill an ordinary tinbox.

Man Badly Hurt Near Baker, Ore.

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 12. (AP)—Edward Anson, of Carson, is in a critical condition in a local hospital, as a result of injuries suffered when his touring car went over the Sage Hill grade on the Baker-Cornucopia highway 50 miles east of here Sunday afternoon. The car rolled 200 feet down the hill. Anson, who was alone, was found about half way down the hill. He had not recovered consciousness early today.

Boy, 6, Killed by Unknown Motorist

MEDEORD, Ore., Dec. 12. (AP)—Jackie Sevon, aged 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sevon, of this city, was run down on his way to Sunday school yesterday morning by an unknown automobile driver and died last night. The boy, according to Mrs. Bert Theriot, an eye witness of the tragedy, stepped out from behind his father's car and was struck. The driver helped carry the injured boy into the Christian Scientist church and in the excitement, left without anyone getting his name or license number. No report of the accident was made by the driver to the authorities.

ATTIC FOR MA?



Ivy of Texas legislators was aroused when this bust of "Ma" Ferguson was placed in the capitol at Austin alongside a statue of Woodrow Wilson.

Representative George C. Kemble, of Fort Worth, threatened a bill to require removal of the bust to the attic until after the retiring woman governor's death.

POMONA GRANGE ELECTS OFFICERS

J. A. Nice Again Made Master at Meeting at Telocaset Saturday

Representatives from nine subordinate granges in Union county and three in Baker county attended the regular meeting of the Union county Pomona grange at Telocaset Saturday, the feature of which was annual election of officers.

J. A. Nice was re-elected master, G. V. Wilkinson, overseer; W. H. Gekeler, lecturer; W. O. Sherwood, steward; Emil Miller, assistant steward; Mrs. R. A. Masterson, chaplain; Bert Hug, gatekeeper; E. B. Johnson, treasurer; James Gekeler, secretary; Alice Hug, cores; Mrs. J. G. Anson, pomona; Edith Gekeler, flora; and Mrs. L. J. Chadwick, woman assistant steward.

John Wells, J. A. Nice, James Gekeler, Harold Hug and W. H. Gekeler were elected on the executive committee.

Resolution Adopted. In the business meeting resolutions were adopted as follows: Favoring the adoption of an income tax by the legislature.

Recommending the passage of an amendment preventing paid solicitors from referring measures to the people under the referendum law.

Recommending national legislation to protect the consumer as well as the manufacturer who are receiving protection from high tariff.

Opposing any change in the automobile license unless it be on used cars.

Opposing any change in the state marketing department, as a state department.

Favoring the economic conference and instructing the agricultural committee to cooperate with the agricultural committee of the chamber of commerce in arranging for the 1927 conference.

Several Addresses. Addresses were given in the afternoon.

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TWO RULERS DRAW NEARER TO OBLIVION

Emperor Yoshihito, of Japan, Is Critically Ill of Pneumonia

SUBJECTS PRAY FOR A RECOVERY

King Ferdinand, of Rumania, Is Expected to last Only a Few More Weeks, Latest Reports.

TOKYO, Dec. 12. (AP)—Indications that the Japanese people believe death is approaching the royal villa at Hayama, where Emperor Yoshihito lies critically ill of pneumonia appeared in Tokyo tonight.

Hundreds are praying in front of the royal palace. More than one hundred newspapermen are awaiting news from the sick room.

Although it was officially stated late tonight that Yoshihito is about the same, Premier Wakatsuki declined to comment on the ruler's condition. Members of the cabinet who went to Hayama have returned here.

The entire royal family, with the exception of Prince Chichibu, who is in England, is at the emperor's bedside.

The government cabinet, with the exception of one member, who is ill himself, is proceeding to Hayama, where Emperor Yoshihito is critically ill.

FERDINAND'S TIME SHORT

PARIS, Dec. 12. (AP)—The death of King Ferdinand of Rumania is now a matter of weeks—a few months at best—in the opinion of most reliably informed travelers reaching Paris from Bucharest.

These travelers affirm that the recent series of operations performed upon the sick monarch were only temporary expedients and that the cancerous growth in the intestines, which is the real seat of the trouble, has not been touched.

Jury Will Take Oil Fraud Case In Next 2 Days

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (AP)—The jury will say whether Albert B. Fall and Edward L. Doheny are guilty of conspiracy to defraud the United States government in the naval oil lease negotiations listened to closing argument of attorneys today with prospects that it would be able to retire to consider a verdict tomorrow or Wednesday.

Before the arguments were begun, Justice Hoehling, before whom the case is being tried, denied the customary defense motion that the jury be instructed to bring in a verdict of not guilty. The court also began consideration of tenders by both sides of instructions for the jury. The government presented suggested instructions on 25 points of law and evidences, and the defense 45.

Gould Quiz Held Over Until Jan. 4

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (AP)—The senate committee appointed to investigate the business affairs of Senator Gould, republican, Maine, today decided to defer further consideration of the case until Jan. 4. The charges relate to stories of a payment by Gould of \$100,000 to Canadian officials in connection with a railroad contract. Consideration was deferred at the request of Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, whose resolution started the investigation and who wished time to gather official information.

Pope Pius Scores Modern Fashions

ROME, Dec. 12. (AP)—Modern fashions for women were characterized as "barbaric and every sense against human and Christian dignity" by Pope Pius today in addressing 1,000 representatives of the Federation of Catholic Men.

Emphasizing his displeasure over the present modes, the pontiff urged fathers to check their daughters and wives' irreverence and corruption as expressed in immodest clothing.

Shovel King Asks For Another Trial

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12. (AP)—John W. Hubbard, Pittsburg shovel manufacturer, through his counsel today filed a motion for a new trial in the case of Mrs. Annie Caldwell, New York state girl, who was awarded \$50,000 damages in her breach of promise suit against the wealthy Pittsburger last week.

98 Arrested in New Jersey For Sunday Actions

Blue Law, 72 Years Old, Used in Crusade of Vengeance by Moving Picture Interests.

IRVINGTON, N. J., Dec. 12. (AP)—The Iron band of New Jersey's 72-year-old blue laws, passed as a safeguard to Sunday morals, today had within its grip 98 citizens, arrested in a crusade sponsored by movie theater owners whose theaters had been closed previously by ministerial protest.

Their fate rested with a police judge before whom they each had passed \$2 bail to appear in answer to charges of pursuing "worldly" occupation on a day when the "vice and immorality" law permits only traveling in and from church and the sale of milk and newspapers. The penalty for violation of the law is a \$2 fine, for habitual offenders, 10 days in jail. Even operation of railroad trains is prohibited by the law, although an amendment allowed operation of one passenger train a day.

Four in Jail Awaited. The offenders, arrested yesterday, represented almost every occupation but those specifically exempted by the law. The group contained 10 groups of representatives who had some trouble convincing the police they were working filling station proprietors, street car conductors, motor men, druggists, barbers, bootblacks and others. Three of the representatives and a woman refused to give bail and were accordingly placed in a cell. Later their "imagination" cooled, however, and they gained their freedom through \$2 bills.

Police cooperated fully with the theater men, one detective being assigned to each with his pockets filled with complaint blanks.

Humorous Aspects. Many arrested merchants placed signs on the doors explaining they had been arrested but would return tonight. One restaurant owner telephoned police early in the morning requesting that he be arrested early as he was too busy around noon. He was accommodated.

The operator of a gas filling station opposite was arrested so many times that finally, after each sale, he trudged his way across the street to post his bail.

Managers of five movie theaters in the town of 50,000 were the prime movers in the campaign. Ministers whose protest caused the closing of theaters and the resultant crusade yesterday declined to comment.

AMERICAN JEWS ROILED AT FORD

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (AP)—American Jews were in arms today against new charges in Henry Ford's weekly, the Dearborn Independent.

Samuel Untermyer, New York lawyer, characterized the Ford charges as " rubbish" and "the ravings of a madman." He challenges the auto manufacturer to enter the jurisdiction of the federal court of this district and submit to service in a libel suit based upon previous similar charges.

The independent declines a challenge of Nathan Straus, philanthropist, that Ford select eight out of a committee of 10 leading publicists and clergymen of New York to weigh his allegations against the Jews.

The Ford article says that such a jury might not know if a Jewish question exists "and would not dare to say, 'it doth'." It declares that the "international Jew" controls the financial centers of government, including the federal reserve system, owns or controls the press, is chiefly responsible for making war, and is its chief profiteer.

Untermyer says that the federal reserve system, of which Benjamin Strong is governor, "has 95 per cent of its managers and directors non-Jews and has no connection with the Jews of the country."

Lita May Appeal To Holy Tribunal

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12. (AP)—Lita Grey Chaplin may appeal to the Roman Catholic holy tribunal of Rota at Rome for an annulment of her marriage to Charles Chaplin, wealthy film comedian.

The possibility that she may follow the lead of "Constance Vanderbilt," the former duchess of Marlborough, and Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor, was expressed by Mrs. Chaplin last night.

DEMOCRATIC TAX BILL MAY REACH HOUSE

Minority Group to Circulate Petition to Bring Measure to Vote

NEED 30 SIGNERS OUTSIDE OF PARTY

Creation of Two Bureaus Recommended in Agricultural Department Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (AP)—The controversial specter of farm relief, prohibition and taxation glared at congress today as it entered the second week of its final short session. At the same time, masses of less spectacular work piled up on desks in committees and in the background.

As matters of immediate concern the senate faced the proposal for extension of the maternity act for one year, the Muscle Shoals question, the possibility of a veto depending, the poison gas treaty being to the foreign relations committee and receipt as a court of impeachment of the resolution adopted by the house for dismissal of proceedings against Federal Judge George W. English, of Illinois, resigned.

In the house, the \$200,000,000 interior department bill had the right of way, with another supply bill, providing for the agriculture department, lodged in the office; democratic strategists were considering plans to outwit the republicans in the tax revision fight, and the measure for adjustment of alien property claims was listed for consideration Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (AP)—Democratic leaders are planning to circulate a petition among house members in an effort to bring the \$325,000,000 democratic tax reduction bill to the house floor.

They decided on this report today as the only method of bringing their bill out of the ways and means committee whose republican majority voted Saturday to pigeon-hole it.

The decision was reached at a consultation between Representative Garrett of Tennessee, the minority leader, and Representative Garnor, of Texas, ranking democrat on the ways and means committee.

Need 218 Signers

Under the rules the bill would come before the house for consideration regardless of the committee if the petition in its favor received the signatures of a majority of the total house membership, of 318 members. This is about 30 more signatures than the democrats can muster from their own party.

AGRICULTURE BILL IN WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (AP)—Creation of two substitute bureaus to separate research and regulatory activities of the chemistry and soil divisions of the department of agriculture was provided for in the department's appropriation bill, carried over from last year.

SIGNS MEASURE ELEVATING PAY OF U. S. JUDGES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (AP)—President Coolidge today signed the bill raising salaries of federal judges, approved last week by congress.

The measure makes substantial increases in the pay of the entire federal judiciary, including the supreme court. Its enactment was advocated by leaders of the bar and by numerous organizations, on the ground that the living expenses had risen to a point where they were out of all proportion to the salaries. It was also argued that higher pay would attract to the bench more gifted members of the bar.

SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

SHOP EARLY STORE HOURS 8 AM TO 5 PM

