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OREGON: Rain in the west,
snow in the east portion tonight
and Thursday. Rising temperature.

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BIG GUNS IN
LA GRANDE'S
CASE FREDCity Now Awaiting Ac-
tion of Normal School
Regents Dec. 20STATE OFFICIALS
GUESTS AT DINNER"Capital of Eastern Oregon"
Host at Final Entertain-
ment Before
Their Departure.Every big gun in La Grande's
casualty designed to bring the
Eastern Oregon normal school here
has been fired, and the marksmen
are confident that each shot has
scored a bullseye.Now, with everything done that
can be done, the "capital of East-
ern Oregon" is eagerly awaiting
the scheduled meeting of the
board of regents to be held in
Salem, Dec. 20, when it is be-
lieved the school will be formally
located. Hopes are running high
here, due to the knowledge that
La Grande's case has been pre-
sented in an impressive, convinc-
ing way and that statements
proven to be facts, have been made
to the visiting officials showing
clearly that this city is the logical
place for the location of such an
institution.

Assets Pointed Out

Every asset that La Grande
boasts of was pointed out yesterday
to the regents. The six sites were
inspected and the visitors were
taken over the city, viewing the
municipal improvements, the
school system, the public library,
and the many other items of in-
terest and which might be con-
sidered in selecting a site.After the round of inspection
and the meeting in the Elks lodge
when all cards were laid upon the
table, the regents attended a ban-
quet in the M. E. church, being
served by the Methodist women.

Guests at Banquet

Dr. W. T. Phipps, president of the
chamber of commerce, was toast-
master and, after thanks had been
returned by Mayor Barker, the
Salvation Army, W. W. Niskaum
led the gathering in the singing of
"America" and other airs.Colon R. Eberhard, chairman of
the school board, was the first
speaker. In a short talk, he cited
school statistics, showing that La
Grande had doubled its students
in the last 10 years until now more
than 2,200 students and 75 teachers
make up the attendance. He pointed
to the support of the taxpayers
and the complete harmony that
exists between school and town.
In closing he pledged the whole-
hearted support of the school
board to the normal school if it
is located here.

Addresses of Welcome

H. E. Coolidge, representing the
chamber of commerce, gave a wel-
coming address, lauding the city of
La Grande and the surrounding
territory.E. E. Bragg, formerly of La
Grande and now a member of the
board of regents, introduced
before A. T. Hill, president of the
city commission, officially wel-
comed the regents. "Had Adam
known of the Grande Ronde val-
ley this would have been the Gar-
den of Eden," he declared.John H. Foster, of Ashland,
brought greetings from Southern
Oregon. "A new era of education
in Oregon is in the beginning," he
said, manifested in the greater at-
tention that is being given to the
training of teachers.Cooperation Praised
W. C. Bryant, of Moro, was next
introduced, and he, during his
short talk, praised the Eastern
Oregon spirit of cooperation and
friendly rivalry.Senator-elect Fred E. Kiddle,
speaking on behalf of the Eastern
Oregon legislators, pledged sup-
port.

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YOUR
SALES
RESISTANCEThe business firm with whom
you spend your money for
Christmas gifts or clothes or in-
surance or automobiles or what-
ever, has succeeded, in some way,
in breaking down your "sales
resistance"—in convincing you
that your money is well and profit-
ably spent.Your greatest sales resistance
is in cases where you do not
know the firm or merchandise in
question. You are naturally re-
sistant to buy from a stranger
from selling an unknown product
or service. So you do business
with these business houses who
have acquainted you with their
own reliability and with the re-
liability and excellence of their
product through advertising
messages in The Observer. Those
messages are both a guide and a
guarantee."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"Library Garbed
In Costume of
Holiday SeasonInstitution, After Most
Successful Month in
History, Prepares for
Christmas.The La Grande public library is
dressed up for the holiday season
and plans are complete for the
Christmas story hour, which will
be Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.
Mrs. Beatrice Young and Miss
Gertrude Wagoner will tell the
stories.A Christmas bulletin board has
been placed at the entrance at-
taching 75 Christmas greetings from the
library, to all who enter. In the
children's department a Christmas
scene has been arranged, mini-
ature house with a snow-covered
roof is a part of the scene. A peep
through the lighted window, shows
a decorated Christmas tree inside,
and several dolls seated around the
fireplace. A smaller doll and many
other toys are on the Christmas
tree.The yard is also covered with
snow, and more dolls, representing
children, are playing there. A
snow-man made of cotton is in
the yard, besides a dog and a
turkey. A cat is sitting on the
edge of the tiny porch.

Xmas Tree Planned

A large Christmas tree will be a
background for the scene, and will
be up by Saturday morning.
A poetry club has just been or-
ganized under the leadership of
Mrs. Beatrice Young, a teacher at
Willow school. The meeting of the
poetry club and the regular story
hour will be held on alternate Sat-
urday mornings at the library. Mrs.
Young reads poems to the children
and then listeners are given a
chance to recite poems they know.At the next meeting of the club,
which will be after the holidays,
each child will bring a name for the
club and the one furnishing the
best name will be given a prize.The library had the largest cir-
culation in its history last month,
when 2,400 books went out. Not
more than 8,000 books were ever
circulated before the month of No-
vember.E. O. L. & P. Safety
Society ElectsThirteen members of the safety
first organization of the Grande
Ronde division of the Eastern
Oregon Light and Power company,
met at the La Grande office yester-
day and elected the following officers
for the year 1927: W. H.
Trevey, chairman; H. E. Lantz,
secretary and C. O. Williams safety
scout.Recommendations were made
concerning safety equipment and
safety methods employed.Roarks Escape
Death in SnowMr. and Mrs. W. R. Roark nar-
rowly escaped being frozen to
death Monday night when the
stage which he was driving broke
down not far from Kamela. It is
reported here today.The two were caught in the
severe cold and blizzard and had
it not been that Roark was able
to halt a freight train, which
brought them to La Grande, they
might have lost their lives.Ross Installed
In Boise ChurchThe Rev. W. C. Ross, formerly
pastor of the First Presbyterian
church, was installed in the pulpit
of the First Presbyterian church in
Boise, Ida., Sunday by the Boise
presbytery committee.Dr. D. H. Hare, Dr. J. H. Barton
and Dr. F. E. Springer officiated at
the service. Mr. Ross, at the morn-
ing service preceding the evening
installation, delivered a sermon on
"God's Preparation."The La Grande minister accepted a
formal call from the Gem State
church last Wednesday before the
presbytery of Boise.Cabin Boy Accused
Of Poisoning ManASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—
Held in irons, a Chinese cabin boy
is on the Danish steamer Parana,
due in Astoria tomorrow, pending
an investigation of the death
aboard the vessel of H. A. Ander-
son, ship's steward. A radio mes-
sage today said Anderson died af-
ter a quarrel with the boy and
ship's officers suspected that he
had been poisoned.Rail Warfare in
Klamath UnearthedKLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 15
(AP)—Evidence of the under-sur-
face warfare being waged by com-
peting rail lines in this section
came to light here today when it
became known the Oregon Trunk
had yesterday secured an option
on a 2.4 acre tract on the west side
of Lake Ewauna, near the city
limits.

TALKS WAR

More trouble is in the making for
Mexico, if statements credited to
Adolfo de la Huerta, the repub-
lic's one-time provisional presi-
dent, are to be believed. Visiting
California and Arizona, Huerta
said he was waiting for the right
moment to assume leadership
of a revolt against the adminis-
tration of President Calles.WHEAT ESCAPES.
FARMERS BELIEVEFall-Sown Grain is Not
Hurt by Sub-Zero
WeatherIt is not believed that the severe
freeze here Monday night and Tues-
day morning damaged the fall-
sown grains, although it is too early
to tell definitely. County Agent H.
G. Avery says. No reports of dam-
age to grain fields has been received
at his office so far.The light snow which covered
the ground over most of the valley,
and the fact that the ground was
wet at the time of the freeze pro-
tected the grain from any serious
damage.The freeze in December, 1924,
which killed much of the grain in
Grande Ronde valley, came when
the ground was dry and unpro-
tected.Wheat fields are usually killed
out by the dry freeze, such as the
one two years ago, or smothered,
which is caused by standing water
on the field freezing, causing a lay-
er of ice over the entire field not
allowing the air to get to it.Highways Open in
Spite of DriftsAlthough the snow was drifting
fast on the highways and streets
of here this morning, the roads
were reported open to traffic from
the highway offices here. Snow
plows were working on the road at-
tempting to keep it as free of snow
as possible, but with the wind blow-
ing the snow piles up again soon
after the plow passes.Anyone driving over the hill be-
tween here and Pendleton is ad-
vised to have chains.

GOULD TO FIGHT BACK

PORTLAND, Maine, Dec. 15
(AP)—The whole question of the
senate jurisdiction in the seating
of members will be raised by
counsel for Arthur R. Gould, Un-
ited States Senator-elect from
Maine, before a court against
Gould go to a hearing on Jan. 4.
This announcement was made
today by Frederick W. Hinckley,
state senator and counsel for
Gould, on his return from Wash-
ington. The case might be carried
to the supreme court, he added,
before it is concluded.Successful Cure For Drug Addicts
Announced by New York JournalNEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—A
new treatment for narcotic addic-
tion successful in seven months
tests in the municipal correction
hospital, is described today in the
New York Medical Journal and
Record.Narcosis, discovered by A. S.
Horowitz, a Hungarian immigrant
bio-chemist, is said to eliminate the
usual craving for drugs during the
treatment and to restore a patient
to pre-narcotic conditions within
three weeks.The article describing the treat-
ment is signed by Dr. Alexander
Lambert, attending physician at
Bellevue hospital and former pre-
sident of the American Neurological
association.

Cautious Use As Yet.

The American Medical associa-
tion through its official journal,
cautions against the use of the re-
medy until it has received a thorough
trial under "controlled conditions,"
and until the product shall have
been considered by the council.The New York investigations,
says the journal, while apparently
the Royal university of Budapest,
the medicaments used are char-
acterized by the council of phar-SMOOT LINES
UP IN FAVOR
OF DEBT CUTIncome Tax Relief Would
Only Help Rich Men,
Senator DeclaresFAILS TO MENTION
COOLIDGE'S PLANJoins House Republican
Leaders in Opposing
Any Reduction of
Taxes at This Session.WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—
Chairman Smoot, of the senate
finance committee, joined some
house republican leaders today in
opposing any tax relief legislation
at this session after senate de-
mands had urged the administra-
tion to put through a bill.Without mentioning the propos-
al of President Coolidge for a flat
credit of 15 per cent in next year's
income tax Senator Smoot declared
"pending proposals" would only
grant relief for the "big corpora-
tions and men who pay large in-
come taxes." He endorsed the
principle of applying the prospec-
tive surplus to debt retirement.HOUSE PASSES BILL
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—
Carrying a total of \$29,400,000,
the annual interior department ap-
propriation bill was passed by the
house today and sent to the sen-
ate.Dr. C. B. Cauthorn
Sells Practice
And Will RetireAfter being a dentist for 34 years,
22 years of which has been spent
in La Grande, Dr. C. B. Cauthorn
is retiring from the profession, hav-
ing sold his practice here to Dr.
G. M. Bowles, of St. Louis, Mo.Dr. Bowles began work in Dr.
Cauthorn's former location, room 7,
in the West-Jacobson building, the
first of this week. He has been in
Oregon for about six weeks, visit-
ing Portland, where he took the
state board examination, and West-
ern Oregon cities.Dr. Bowles is a graduate of the
Washington university in St. Louis
and has practiced dentistry in that
city. During the past summer he
was associated with a St. Louis spe-
cialist on denture construction.Dr. Cauthorn has no plans for
the future, except he intends to
take a rest. He will continue to
make La Grande his home and may
go into something else here later.Derailment Halts
Branchline TrainThe branchline passenger train
was delayed last night on its re-
turn trip to La Grande by the de-
railing of two cars of logs be-
tween Milam and Wade.The train, which is scheduled to
arrive here at six o'clock in the eve-
ning arrived at 2:15 this morning.
Members of the state board of
control, who were returning to La
Grande from Joseph on the train,
and other passengers were trans-
ferred to automobiles and brought
the remainder of the trip.

HOLDUP SHOTS CASHIER

MODALE, Iowa, Dec. 15 (AP)—
Robert Sussman, cashier of the
Modale Savings bank, and Tony
Jackson, who was passing near the
bank, were shot and wounded dur-
ing a holdup of the bank by two
or more men today. A posse be-
gan a pursuit of the robbers, who
took \$3,000.Oregon Slipping
From Cold Grip
Of Zero WeatherSnow General Over State
—South Wind Expect-
ed; East Oregon Tem-
perature Higher.PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—
Finely sifted snow, soft enough
to stick on the windshields of autos,
was falling here today, following a
heavier precipitation during the
night which had added about an
inch to the snow blanket left by
Sunday night's storm. Light snow
was reported throughout Oregon,
except in the southwestern part and
along the coast, where rain was
falling this morning. Rain followed
snow at Astoria. Rain was report-
ed at Marshfield.That barometric conditions indi-
cate a south wind will replace the
chilly east wind was asserted by
the weather bureau today in sup-
port of its forecast of warmer
weather and probable rain. The
south wind may already be blow-
ing at a high altitude it was be-
lieved by the weather experts here.
Portland had a minimum of 22
above zero last night. Baker's
minimum last night was 8 above.
Southern Oregon and the coast dis-
trict had temperatures in the neigh-
borhood of freezing.Snow was falling in Washington
and British Columbia, with mod-
eration in temperatures.
By noon the thin snow had
turned to light rain. Snow on the
downtown streets was turning to
slush.

WARMER IN LA GRANDE

Although the mercury hung
around 10 below for several hours
yesterday, it began to climb and
late in the day registered 18 degrees
above zero—up 20 points since 7:30
a. m. Tuesday. At 7:30 o'clock this
morning it was at 15 degrees above
with indications that no more se-
vere cold would come during the
day.With a rise in temperature snow
began to fall and a stiff wind whip-
ped the flakes into a miniature
blizzard this morning. Probably
an inch had fallen by 10 o'clock,
although it was difficult to measure
the depth.ENTERPRISE, Ore., Dec. 15
(Special)—The thermometer dropped
to 26 below zero during Mon-
day night. At noon Tuesday the
mercury was at 10 below.Normal Regents
Inspect Milton
And PendletonPENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 15
(AP)—The board of regents of
the Oregon normal schools arrive
in Pendleton this afternoon from
Milton-Freewater, where they in-
spected sites proposed for the in-
stitution. The regent body will be
shown five sites available in
Pendleton for the school, these
totaling about 200 acres.Besides the sites, the regents
will survey Pendleton's school
plants, housing conditions, church
systems and other institutions nec-
essary for a normal school loca-
tion.In the evening the regents will
be guests at a banquet under the
auspices of the commercial asso-
ciation at which time the local
people will present their argument
for the school.The regents arrived here last
night from La Grande, where they
heard the La Grande case, pro-
ceeding to Milton-Freewater this
morning. Monday and Tuesday
morning were spent in visiting
Baker and Elgin, cities bidding for
the normal.Japanese Ruler
In Better HealthTOKYO, Dec. 15 (AP)—The
household department issued a
bulletin this afternoon reporting
improvement in the condition of
Emperor Yoshihito, who is criti-
cally ill of pneumonia at Hayama.
The bulletin said the emperor's
temperature was 97.5, pulse 98 and
respiration 18. His temperature
previously had been running above
100.The household department an-
nounced Ambassador MacVough
made a formal call on Emperor
Sadako yesterday and presented a
personal message from President
Coolidge expressing regret at the
illness of the emperor, extending
sincere sympathy and hoping for
his speedy recovery.Premier Wakatsuki and the en-
tire royal family are remaining
over night at Hayama. Sixty in-
perial guards have arrived there
and are guarding the royal village.

INSTANTLY KILLED

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 15
(AP)—R. Chambers, 39, was in-
stantly killed today at the Hauser
Construction quarry on Coos river
when struck by falling rock. He
had worked only a few weeks,
coming from Saskatchewan Can-
ada.SECOND FARM
RELIEF BILL
IS PREPAREDSenator Harrison, Miss-
issippi, Urges Exten-
sion of CreditCONTENDER WITH
McNARY MEASURESoutherner Denounces
Oregon Legislator's
Bill as Savaging of Pro-
tective Tariff.WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—
A contender with the McNary
measure for the farm relief hon-
ors in the senate appeared today
in the form of a bill prepared by
Senator Harrison, democrat, Mis-
sissippi, proposing to relieve agri-
culture by permitting the federal
intermediate credit banks to lend
farmers \$1,200,000,000.Denouncing the McNary bill as
an espousal of the principle of the
protective tariff the Mississippi
senator declared the real way to
relieve agriculture was by liber-
alizing the intermediate credit sys-
tem to permit any farmer to bor-
row money at low interest to hold
his crop for better prices.The McNary bill, revision of the
McNary-Haugen equalization fee
measure and designed to gain
widespread support while retain-
ing the fundamental elements of
that proposal, was introduced yester-
day in the senate but was held
out of the house pending an agree-
ment among proponents of a name
for it and on certain of its pro-
visions. Representative Purnell,
republican, Indiana, and Fulmer,
democrat, South Carolina, who
were selected to give their names
to it in the house to indicate the
board applicability of its pro-
visions, were not quite ready to pro-
ceed without further consideration,
although both were in favor of the
plan.Agriculture committees on
both houses are expected to begin
hearings on the measure next
month.Under the Harrison bill, the
capital stock of the 12 intermediate
credit banks would be increased
from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 each
with authority for each to make
loans up to ten times its capital
stock.The interest rate would be fixed
at four per cent and loans could
be made on 85 per cent of the
market value of the product. The
present law requiring the inter-
mediate banks to lend only to co-
operative organizations would be
broadened to permit the banks to
make loans to individuals, firms
and corporations with warehouse
receipts or shipping documents as
security.All agricultural products are in-
cluded in the bill with particu-
lar provision for cotton authoriz-
ing loans on all grades, including
low grades that are now barred
from loans.A great emergency now exists
and every reasonable credit should
be extended by the government to
aid and assist," Senator Harrison
declared in a statement."I am against the McNary-Hau-
gen bill because it seeks to per-
petuate the protective tariff prin-
ciple upon the country. There can
be no doubt that agriculture to-

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ORMISTON

Fugitive warrant was issued today
by Judge Leroy Fairbank in munici-
pal court for Kenneth Ormiston,
radio man sought in California in
connection with the Alvin Karpis
McPherson case, but police said
they probably would not serve it
until Ormiston surrenders himself.The warrant was based on one
received yesterday from California
by airmail accusing the former
broadcaster of subordination of
jurisdiction and conspiracy to obstruct
justice.Ormiston's attorney had planned
to surrender him today but
this procedure was deemed likely
to wait another day or two, pend-
ing the radio man's recovery from
a cold. Ormiston has been here
since his discovery in Hazard, Ark.,
last week by newspaper repre-
sentatives and city detectives but
he is not yet in custody.Chief of Police Morgan Collins
said that no unusual effort would
be made to serve the fugitive war-
rant but that Ormiston would be
arrested on it when the police find
him, probably when he appears to
begin his fight against extradition
to California.Wet Bloc May Be
Formed in SenateWASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—
Organization of senate "wet"
for the first time since the passage
of the prohibition act was under-
taken today by Senator Edge, re-
publican, of New Jersey, with an
invitation to 20 members to attend
a conference.This is K. G. Ormiston as he
looked at the time of his re-
turner at Harrisburg, Pa.California Tax
Plan Doesn't Win
Fisher's ApprovalOregon Officials Conduct
Investigation — Tax
Commissioner Sees No
Immediate Relief.SALEM, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—
That adoption in Oregon of the
California scheme of taxing in-
tangibles and the general fran-
chise tax on corporate excesses
would not immediately afford any
immediate reduction in taxes in
this state is the opinion of Earl
Fisher, state tax commissioner, af-
ter an investigation in California
with other members of the special
state tax investigating committee.
Fisher made it plain however, that
he was not speaking for the com-
mittee. The committee returned
to Oregon from California yester-
day and will meet next week in
Salem, probably on Wednesday, to
prepare its recommendations to the
legislature relative to a revision of
the Oregon tax code.After 8 previous personal in-
vestigations in California Mr. Fisher
says he found that the per capita
tax in California is \$85.61 per cap-
ita, while in Oregon it is only
\$57.41, both figures based on the
1920 census.The investigation covered various
schemes of taxation that the com-
mittee is considering submitting to
the legislature this winter in the
form of bills that would revise the
Oregon tax system.ISSUES WARRANT
FOR ORMISTONPaper Will Be Served on
Radio Operator With-
in Next Few DaysCHICAGO, Dec. 15 (AP)—A
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a conference.Blossoms Persist
Despite FreezeEUGENE, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—
Despite freezing weather of the
past few days, a bunch of rasp-
berry twigs bearing blossoms,
green berries, half-ripe berries and
a few ripe ones, was shown here
yesterday by J. H. Bell, who farms
four miles northwest of Eugene in
the Willamette river bottom.The twigs were taken from a
raspberry patch 200 feet long."Nice-looking bushes have
blossoms," Bell said.Medford Supports
Harbor ProposalsMEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—
A special telegram to the Mail
 Tribune from C. E. Gates, Jack-
son county representative in hear-
ings before the army board of en-
gineers, in Washington, D. C., for
approval of funds for harbor de-
velopments at Crescent City, Cal.,
this afternoon, says:"Board of army engineers un-
favorable to the project but open
to conviction and have granted us
a hearing for two o'clock Wednes-
day afternoon. Congressmen from
California and Oregon and chair-
man of the rivers and harbors
committee, army officials and oth-
ers will appear in our behalf and
believe we will succeed."The harbor development is
linked with the construction of a
crescent city, according to Stewart
Clarke, recently granted franchise
for that purpose by Crescent City
trustees.