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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Rain tonight and
Tuesday. Warmer tonight. South-
west becoming westerly gales on
the coast.

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LAYMEN TAKE
CHARGE OF
M.E. SERVICEThree Influences of
Church Life Discussed
by Men's ForumEVANGELISTS AT
NAZARENE CHURCHSenior Christian Endeavor
Society Organized
Sunday at Presbyterian
Church.Laymen addressed the clergy
at the First Methodist Episcopal
church last evening when the Men's
Forum presented the evening wor-
ship. The audience, listened to
three speakers and two vocalists.
Kernit Raglin and Raymond O.
Williams, furnishing appropriate
songs. Fifteen men led in the song
service.H. H. Taylor, president of the
Forum, presided. The Rev. H. W.
Parker, pastor of the church, oc-
cupied a seat in the auditorium.
Robert Clark led the prayers.

Three Speakers.

R. A. Willerson, principal of
Greenwood school, talked on the
first phase of the "Three Influences
in church life," namely, the child,
the youth and the adult. He told
how modern public school teach-
ing has found that all pupils do
not have the same capacity, and
has employed new methods of
teaching with improved results, and
Sunday schools must adopt the
same method. He contended that
children as a group are not better
or worse than the parents as a
group raise them to be.E. D. Towler, principal of the
high school, had the second phase,
"Business Men," and spoke of what
he felt a business man should be.
Formative periods have much to
do with it, he said, also that no
man has made a success of his
business even though he piled up
a fortune, if that man has no place
in his life for religion of some kind.
It is his duty to take some active
part in church life, just as he
should in civic life. More impor-
tant than this, a business man
should practice the fundamentals
of Christianity, as proof of good
character, and as an example to
others. He held that it was not
necessary to exploit creeds to do
this, but to emulate the philoso-
phies of Him who was born 1921

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STUDENTS OF
TEN COLLEGES
TO BE GUESTSWith about 10 institutions of
higher learning represented, col-
lege students—who are home for
the Christmas holidays—will be
guests of honor at the regular
chamber of commerce forum lun-
cheon tomorrow noon at the Sum-
mer hotel.University of Oregon and Oregon
Agricultural college students will
probably be the largest in num-
ber, although students from nor-
mal schools, Willamette university,
Whitman college, the University of
Washington, Washington State col-
lege, Stanford university and others
will be there.The chamber of commerce pres-
ident, Dr. W. H. Poy, will preside
over the meeting and will call up
on several of the students for short
talks.YOU
ARE THE
JURYA business man's claim on
your trade and his assertion that
he can satisfy you in service and
quality and price constitutes his
case "before the bar." You are
the jury—and if he succeeds in
convincing you of the excellence,
value, and desirability of what
he has to sell, he wins the case—
you vote his way—and you
vote in the form of dollars and
cents spent with him.The only logical way in which
he can keep the "evidence" in
his case constantly before you,
the "jury," is by advertising
messages in The Observer. By
this means he can maintain daily
contact with you—he can tell
his story, present his "witnesses"
in every possible light. And,
fortunately, the cost per "jury-
man" is by far the lowest of any
method available to him, and is
a real service to you."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"Likens Rotary
Service Plan
To Xmas SpiritLa Grande Club, in Last
Meeting Before Holi-
days, Listens to Episco-
pal Pastor.Members of the La Grande Ro-
tary club, meeting in their last
Monday noon luncheon before
Christmas, listened to a talk by the
Rev. Oliver Riley, of St. Peter's
Episcopal church, in the Foley
hall today.Mr. Riley, using "Christmas
From a Religious Standpoint" as
his subject, explained the meaning
of the Yuletide season. He in-
cidentally remarked that had it not
been for Christmas the Rotary idea
of service would have been unlik-
ely, as the Rotary spirit and the
Christmas spirit run side by side
in principle and application.The Rotary quartet, composed
of G. S. Bland, Sherwood Williams,
J. T. Lonsdale and G. L. Dut-
ton, sang several numbers and the
entire group sang Christmas songs,
as W. W. Nussbaum presided at the
piano.R. E. Westenhaver was intro-
duced as a new member of the or-
ganization. Ray Lynch, O. A. C.
student, was a guest.Washington Club
To Meet TonightThe regular meeting of the
Washington club will be held this
evening at 8:15 o'clock at Hagan
hall. Dr. Arthur F. Marr is pro-
gram chairman for the evening.
Memorial services for the late Ed
Wright will be a part of the pro-
gram, with George T. Cochran in
charge.Plans for the meeting Feb. 22,
Washington's birthday, will be dis-
cussed. The directors of the club
will arrange the program for that
time.Princess Tsianina
Not Coming HereCharles Wakefield Cadman, who
will appear in concert here on
Jan. 19 in the L. D. S. tabernacle
under the auspices of the La
Grande Neighborhood club, will not
be accompanied by Princess Tsianina,
American Indian prima donna.
It was learned today. The ob-
server, which announced his and
the princess' coming concert in a
story Saturday, was misinformed.
Cadman will appear here jointly
with Mrs. A. L. Richardson, mem-
bers of the club reported.Hughes Appointed
To This TerritoryH. S. Hughes, formerly pastor
of the Presbyterian church at Un-
ion and Camilla but more re-
cently employed in the commissary de-
partment of the state hospital in
Pendleton, has been appointed
manager of the Bankers' Life com-
pany for Union and Wallawa coun-
ties.He arrived here yesterday from
Pendleton and is a guest of his
daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and
Mrs. Claude Nash. Hughes' ap-
pointment takes effect the first of
the year.Army Deserter In
Hands of PoliceJoseph Brady, deserter from the
United States army, who gave him-
self up to the local police Satur-
day, will be taken to Vancouver
Barracks later this week.
Brady had the following explana-
tion to make of his desertion, ac-
cording to the officers: "I had
served a three-year term and re-
enlisted. Then I applied for a fur-
lough, which I believed I was en-
titled to. They didn't grant me the
furlough so I took it anyhow. Now
I'm ready to go back."PORTLAND MAN
SHOTS WIFE
AND HIMSELFPORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—
Two dead, and one wounded
with shots in the lungs was the re-
sult of an outburst of anger on the
part of Lewis A. Mugler, 46, who
early today shot his wife, Mary T.
Mugler, 62, to death, wounded his
daughter Nellie, 24, and ended his
own life. The daughter is expected
to live unless complications set
in.Meeting his daughter as she re-
turned from a show with Dr. Wil-
liam R. Vetter, dentist, shortly af-
ter midnight, Mugler, with an
oath, fired his revolver at Dr. Vet-
ter and the girl. The shots missed
the dentist as he fled, but two
struck the girl.MURDER HINT
IS VOICED IN
SENATE QUIZHeflin, Alabama, Believes
That Jess Smith Was
Slayer's VictimBRIBE PAYMENTS
ARE INDICATEDCourt Records From Mo-
bile Read Before Com-
mittee—Sensation-
al Testimony Denied.WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—
The record of a Mobile court pro-
ceeding was quoted in the senate
today by Senator Heflin, dem-
ocrat, Alabama, as bearing on his
charges that Jess Smith, intimate
of former Attorney General
Daugherty, sought, during the
Harding administration to collect
funds from bootleggers.The Alabama senator quoted the
court record as it was read before
a secret meeting of the senate ju-
diciary committee last April. Ac-
cording to this record, Aubrey
Boyles, then United States district
attorney for Southern Alabama,
told the court that a friend of his
named Boyles told him that Smith
was seeking to raise \$2,000,000 to
pay off a republican national com-
mittee debt and told him he plan-
ned to have the "men in the liquor
business and breweries contribute."
Boyles himself was on the stand

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NEARLY 2-Score
DROWN IN HUDSONSixty Men, Singing at
Prospects of Jobs, Im-
mersed in WatersNEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—
Singing at the prospect of employ-
ment, 30 men answering the help
advertisement of a New Jersey
manufacturing plant rode to their
death in the icy waters of the Hud-
son river today when ice floes
brought the launch, transporting them.The death list was expected to
be increased to almost 40 when
the work of divers had been
completed. Besides the known
drowned and the missing, 24 men were
confined in hospitals suffering
from submersion.

60 Men On Boat

They were said to have been 60
men in the boat. The fact that
applicants had been singing in the
piper before entering launch was
believed to have contributed to the
seriousness of rescue work. Persons
on shore who heard the screaming
of the drowning men paid no at-
tention, thinking that the sounds
were merely continued singing.The charged King, the launch,
was in charge of John Rohweder,
of Jersey City, N. J. His name did
not appear on lists given out by
police of survivors taken to hospi-
tals.Several survivors reported that
before they came to their assist-
ance, an oil tanker passed within
200 feet of them, going down-
stream, and paid no attention to
their cries.Bodies of Coolies
Taken to KalganPEKING, Dec. 20 (AP)—Bodies
of 300 coolies who were impressed
into the Manchurian military
forces and frozen en route to the
Suiyuan district have been return-
ed to Kalgan, says a dispatch to a
foreign consular representative.Elks' Christmas Tree For Kiddies
Set Up At Depot and WashingtonEverything is ready for Christ-
mas for the kiddies of La Grande.
The large Christmas tree, spon-
sored by the Elks lodge here each
year, especially for the children of
the city, was put up in the regular
place, at the intersection of Wash-
ington avenue and Depot street
yesterday and decorated with col-
ored lights which were turned on
last night.Bags of candy, enough for 2,000
children, have been filled and 2,000
toys are ready for distribution at
11 a. m. Dec. 25. Word has been
sent to Santa Claus by the mem-
bers of the Elks committee to be sure
and be here on that day to greet
the children and hand out their
gifts.KING WOULD
GIVE CAROL
HIS THRONEFerdinand Eager to Ab-
dicate in Favor of For-
mer Crown PrinceSON WILLING IF
DEMANDS GRANTEDQueen Marie, Wife of
Ruler, Not in Agree-
ment with Ferdinand's
Wishes, Report.PARIS, Dec. 20 (AP)—King
Ferdinand, of Rumania, wishes to
abdicate the throne and restore
former Crown Prince Carol to the
rights he renounced on Jan. 4 last.
The king made this known to
his ministers at a secret council
held in Bucharest last week. It is
learned from a high Rumanian po-
litical source in Paris.As a result of the king's "ulti-
matum," to his ministers, General
Conda was sent to Paris and al-
ready has advised Ferdinand he is
willing to comply with his father's
wishes, but under certain con-
ditions.

Carol's Demands.

These are first, that King Fer-
dinand must acquiesce to Carol's de-
manding Princess Helen—that if
possible she must leave the coun-
try before his return—and second,
that before he ascends the throne
the present government must be
thrown out and a democratic cabi-
net headed by Professor Jorga and
comprising the leaders of the na-
tional peasant party must be
given power."I am a sick old man," King
Ferdinand is reported as having
told his ministers. "I want to re-
tire entirely from public life."The secret council at which the
king made his wish known was at-
tended by Queen Marie, Premier
Averescu, Jean Bratiano, who is
sometimes called "the upstart
king of Rumania," General Conda
and several other leading political
figures.Carol, 39, "poisoned" against his
father to live, and I understand the
learned professors differ on that
question, the king is reported to
have said. "I wish to devote to the
care of my health, and perhaps
make the prophecies of the experts
go wrong."

Sharp Quarrel.

He then continued with an ex-
position of his views in a most de-
cided manner for a man who a few
days ago was reported to be with-
in the shadow of death.

At the present time there is a

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Weather Colder
In Grande RondeThe weather in La Grande turned
slightly colder last night when
the mercury dropped to 24 degrees
above zero, the lowest point reach-
ed since early in the week just af-
ter the 12-below night.More than an inch of snow fell
during the past three days, of
which some has melted during day-
light, when the thermometer regis-
tered above-freezing weather.A brisk wind today kept the
mercury lower than it would have
otherwise been.

EUGENE CHILLY

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—
Eugene again shivered through a
cool night last night, and this
morning witnessed an extension of
the cooler weather. A light east
wind was blowing, bringing the cool-
ing atmosphere from the Cascades.At Cascade Summit a town at
the peak of the Cascades on the
new Cascade line of the Southern
Pacific railroad, a temperature of
13 degrees was reported this morn-
ing, with 15 inches of snow on the
ground.The children will be twice en-
tertained on Christmas day. Pre-
ceding the Christmas tree a motion
picture will be shown at the Star
theater, to which every child in the
city is invited without charge. A
special picture has been arranged
for, which the children are sure to
like. An "Our Gang" comedy con-
titled "One Terrible Night," will
be shown first, followed by a two-
reel Indian picture "The White
Man Who Turned Indian." After
this a sport-light reel will be
shown.The motion picture will begin
at 8:15 o'clock and will continue
one hour, allowing the children
ample time to walk over to the
Elks tree.

"GIX" BOOSTS PACIFIC GOLF

Due to the fact that George Von Elm of Los Angeles won the
recent amateur title this year from Bobby Jones, the powers
that be in the U. S. G. A. are planning on scheduling the 1928 or
1929 national amateur tourney at California for the first time
in history. Von Elm, blond, smiling and shy, has been very much
in the public eye since his victory. Reporters have uncovered
his nickname. It is "Gix."Southern Flight
Postponed Until
9 a.m. TomorrowDUNCAN FIELD, San Antonio,
Tex., Dec. 20 (AP)—Postponement
of the Pan-American goodwill
flight until 9 o'clock, Tuesday
morning was announced this after-
noon by Major H. A. Dargue, flight
commander.The planes will be towed from
Duncan to Kelly field where they
will be cleaned up and made ready
for tomorrow's flight, Major Dar-
gue said.Introduce Farm
Relief Measure
In House TodayWASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—
A companion for Senator McNary's
farm relief bill was drafted today
by Chairman Hagen, of the House
agriculture committee, making it
possible to once more attach the
title "McNary-Haugen" to the pro-
posed legislation.The McNary bill already has
been introduced in the house by
Representative Palmer, democrat,
South Carolina, but he changed it
so as to postpone for two years
the application of an equalization
fee on cotton. As it was written
the measure would have authorized
such fees on basis crops to be used
to handle the surplus problem.Haugen said the closest his bill
came to bringing up the tariff issue
was a clause that there shall be
"equality between agricultural
commodities and other products."There had been talk of a dis-
agreement between senate farm
leaders and Hagen over the tar-
iff as it related to agricultural re-
lief, but the belief was expressed
today by those leaders that a way
would be found to concentrate on
one of the farm measures.Railroad Tangle
In Hands of I. C. C.SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20 (AP)—
The Oregon Trunk railway has
refused the offer of the Southern
Pacific company of full use of the
Southern Pacific lines from Pan-
ama to Klamath Falls, Ore.The Southern Pacific announced
today that as a result of the refusal
by Oregon Trunk, the interstate
commerce commission has been
asked to take charge again of the
railroad situation centering around
Klamath Falls.Mother and Two
Children Found
Dead by FatherLos Angeles Police At-
tempting to Solve What
They Class as "Most
Puzzling" Case.LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20 (AP)—
The coroner this afternoon said
Mrs. Lorraine Haines killed her
two children and herself with
quick-acting poison.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20 (AP)

The bodies of Mrs. Lorraine
Haines, 38, and her two children,
Larner Louise, 8 years, and Rol-
bert Leon, 11 months, were found
in their home here today under
circumstances which police declare
form one of the most puzzling
homicide mysteries of recent years.The babies had been garroted
with silk stockings found tightly
drawn about their necks. The
manner in which the mother met
death mystified the police. The
coroner took over the woman's
body for an examination. When
police arrived on the scene of the
tragedy they found the mother
and her two children lying
on a bed. Mrs. Haines and her
11 months old son were found
lifeless, but a spark of life re-
mained in the tiny body of the
baby girl. Rushing her to a phy-
sician an attempt was made to
revive her but to no avail.Three rooms in the house were
found by the police in disorder.
In the bedroom where the bod-
ies were found clothing was strewn
about. The drawers of a bureau
in a front room also had been
ransacked.The officers were met by the
husband and father, H. G. Haines,
employee of a refrigerating com-
pany, who declared he returned
to his home at 1 o'clock this
morning to find his family slain.
He said the doors of the house
were open and the rooms were in
disorder.Man Confesses
Slaying Boy, 6,
With a HammerCHICAGO, Dec. 20 (AP)—Har-
old Croarkin today confessed he
slew six-year-old Walter Schmitt
in a north side barn loft in a pun-
ch of frenzy after he had attempted
to mistreat the boy, fearing his vic-
tim would tell of his actions. The
admissions of motive came at the
end of long questioning following
the youth's voluntary surrender
Sunday."If this is not a hanging case
you might as well abolish the pen-
itentiary," States Attorney Crowe
said today after he and his aides had
gone over the entire act of the
tragedy with the 25-year-old son
of a wealthy flour dealer."In the murder of a six-year-old
boy there can be no extenuating
circumstances."Croarkin said he went into the
barn with Walter, seized a ham-
mer, struck the boy and left him
to die.Police said that Croarkin con-
fessed having taken liberties with
approximately a dozen children in
three months. As officials were
leaving the criminal court building
today with Croarkin he was con-
fronted by C. H. Feeley, whose
daughter was murdered recently.Asked if Croarkin was the man
who attempted to harm his little
"Whatever months or years I may
at him and I will save the state the
expense of hanging him."Aviator's Wife
Attempts SuicidePORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—
Mrs. Oakley G. Kelly, wife of
Lieutenant Kelly, commander of
Pearson Flying Field, Vancouver
Barracks, attempted suicide by
drinking poison at the home of the
couple here early Sunday morn-
ing, according to a police report.Antidotes were administered and
she was out of danger within two
hours. Police gave out no infor-
mation concerning the cause of the
act, and Lieutenant Kelly refused
to discuss the matter.Lieutenant Kelly and his wife,
formerly Mrs. Jerry Newman, were
married at Pendleton last Sept.,
after Lieutenant Kelly flew there
with other aviators for the bound-
up. The wedding came as a sur-
prise to friends.Senator Borah to
Ask InvestigationWASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—
Declaring that Comptroller Gen-
eral McCall's report of the admin-
istration of alien property had dis-
closed the "worst system of loot-
ing this country has ever known,"
Senator Borah, republican, Idaho,
predicted today an investigation
would be ordered by the senate af-
ter the Christmas holidays.'CAPITAL' OF
EAST OREGON
IS SELECTEDWeston, Elgin, Arlington
and Redmond Cast Out
in First BallotADJOURN AT NOON
WITHOUT DECISIONDiscussion of Policies
That Should Be Fol-
lowed Occupies Offi-
cials Before Selection.SALEM, Ore., Dec. 20.
(AP)—The state board of
of normal school regents
meeting here this after-
noon named La Grande as
its choice of a site for the
new Eastern Oregon state
normal school which was
authorized by the voters
at the general election of
November. The vote was
five for La Grande and
four for Pendleton. The
division of the vote was
as follows:La Grande—Bragg,
Pierce, Turner, Fuller and
Miller.Pendleton—Bryant,
Hartman, Koser and Star.Upon a subsequent mo-
tion by Hartman the vote
of the board for La
Grande was made unani-
mous.SALEM, Ore., Dec. 20. (AP)—
Beyond eliminating from con-
sideration four of the contenders for
the location of the Eastern Ore-
gon normal school the normal
school board of regents which met
here today to select the location
had made no progress when the
board adjourned at noon. It will
meet again at 1:30 o'clock.In an elimination ballot each
member wrote the names of four
cities he was willing to consider,
those not written by any member
being eliminated. Those elimi-
nated were Arlington, Weston, Red-
mond and Elgin. All nine mem-
bers of the board wrote the names
of Pendleton and La Grande, ex-
cept The Dalles and all other
contenders were written twice each.Policy Discussion.
The board then launched into
a discussion of policy, the main
consideration in which was whether
the new school should be lo-
cated as solely to serve Eastern
Oregon or whether a phase to be
taken strongly into consideration
should be that of locating the
school so as to relieve the conges-
tion in Western Oregon schools. Al-
so there was the question whether
the location should in effect es-
tablish a policy of the board as
favoring additional schools in the
future or not.Some members were of the op-
inion that the vote in favor of the
new school was in effect a man-
date of the people for the estab-
lishment of an institution to serve
Eastern Oregon. Others could not
quite agree to this. Some stated
that their vote would be influenced
by the determination of the board
as to whether it was establishing
the school to meet all needs for a
long period of years or for only a
short period.4 SHOPPING
DAYS TILL
CHRISTMASThe turkey now get torn and maul
And good things by the peck.
And, after they are fattened, they
Will get it in the neck.