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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Local rains in the west portion, snow of rain in the east portion tonight and probably Wednesday. Colder in the east portion tonight.

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CELEBRATES LOCATION OF NORMAL HERE

Rejoicing General in La Grande and Union County Communities

CONGRATULATIONS POUR INTO CITY

All That Remains Now Is to Select One of Six Sites and Appropriate Money.

When the Oregon normal school regents selected La Grande as the location for the Eastern Oregon institution authorized at the Nov. 2 election yesterday afternoon, the Associated Press wire into La Grande brought first news here...

Immediately after receiving the news, the Observer office, several telephone calls were placed, broadcasting the report. The strain at the city hall was brought into play and other noise-makers helped to celebrate.

A. H. Hunter "Cared." Senator-elect A. H. Hunter, who is recovering from an illness of several weeks standing, was probably as delighted as the news as any other person here.

Telephone calls by the scores were answered at the office of the Observer, the chamber of commerce, and other places in touch with the selection.

Within 10 minutes after the word was received here, congratulations began coming in.

Union Congratulations First. The mayor of Union, which community has supported along with other county towns...

Memorandum Sent Word. This morning Hill received a message from the mayor of Monmouth, as follows: "Congratulations on action of board of regents..."

Log W. Kitter, of Pendleton, wired "Congratulations on La Grande's victory" to F. E. Appleby, publisher of the Observer, as soon as he learned of the selection.

Congratulations were received at (Continued on Page Five)

MAN ACCUSED OF THEFT IN STORE JAILED

Charles Whitaker, charged with shoplifting, was placed under arrest yesterday by the police department and is being held in jail on \$5000 charge pending developments.

Whitaker is alleged to have stolen a sweater from the New York store about a week ago. The police report that they found the sweater when they arrested Whitaker.

Whether the case will be tried in police court or be turned over to the state for prosecution is as yet unknown.

THE OBSERVER IS REMEMBERED

In the midst of holiday shopping and festivities, the hundreds of Observer readers who have come to the valley might readily be too busy to think of their subscriptions.

Each day, there are a number of visitors from nearby communities who drop in, order the Observer for another year and extend the greetings of the season.

Collegians Are Welcomed Home For Holidays

Forty-Two Students Are Guests of Union County Chamber of Commerce at Luncheon.

The Union county chamber of commerce welcomed collegians of La Grande, Union, Imbler and other communities home for the Christmas holidays at noon today at a luncheon at the Sommer grill.

Eighty-four persons were in attendance, of which exactly half were students at institutions of higher learning scattered over the west.

Dr. W. F. Phly, president in the role of toastmaster, called upon each guest to introduce himself or herself and give the study in which he or she is majoring.

Students Speak. Eight students spoke on behalf of their college boys and girls at the luncheon.

Miss Layla Cleaver, of Ashland normal school, brought greetings from Southern Oregon and told of the improvements that are being made in Oregon's youngest college and of the increasing student body.

Helen Williams of the University of Oregon, mentioned the growing need for more buildings and commented on Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, now president. She declared that La Grande is generally recognized as one of the state's educational centers.

Frances Kelly of Monmouth normal school, brought greetings from the institution she is attending. She reported that 1,000 are enrolled and that when the La Grande normal is functioning, conditions at Monmouth will be relieved of over-crowding.

Deprecate Criticism. Bliss Anson, of the University, deplored the criticism that is being unjustly voiced against American colleges today. He declared that the students are as scrupulously minded in their quest of education as ever, adding that the present trend is to develop general education and not specialize merely on developing the intellect.

Freida Klepstein, of O. A. C., a member of the college chamber of commerce, exchanged greetings with the local chamber and pledged cooperation in every way possible.

Princess O. A. C. Floyd Smith, also of O. A. C., praised his institution, pointing to (Continued on Page Five)

Christmas Tree Is Feature of Grange Meeting

GIANGE HALL, Ore., Dec. 21 (Special).—A Christmas program, under the direction of Mrs. Robert Masterson, was carried out at Saturday's meeting of Blue Mountain Grange.

A Christmas tree laden with gifts for everyone present was a feature. Miss Edith Hogan acting as a representative from Santa Claus.

Preceding the program an interesting discussion followed a report of the legislative committee on the road and the irrigation bonds.

Women Defeat Men

The women won over the men in the membership contest started last June. The winners will be entertained by the losers in the near future.

During the dinner hour, Mrs. Edith Gekeler, Mrs. Victor Bergain and Mrs. Clarence Redhead had charge. The table decorations were in keeping with the holiday season.

Club Celebrates Normal Victory

The Washington club celebrated the location of the Eastern Oregon normal school in La Grande last night when the regular meeting was held at Honan hall.

NO HURRY TO BUILD SHIPS, CHIEF'S VIEW

President Does Not Believe Immediate Construction Necessary

NAVAL BILL HEAVY NOW, HIS BELIEF

Butler Measure, Appropriating \$105,000,000 for 10 Cruisers, Near Front in House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—President Coolidge "does not believe it is necessary to begin immediately the construction of the ten new light cruisers which would be authorized under the Butler bill, introduced in the house Saturday."

It was said at the White House that with the cruisers already under construction the U. S. has an ample building program for present. Building of airplane carriers and submarines, now being carried on, he believes, has given the nation a sufficiently heavy naval bill.

When the airplane carriers are completed, however, the president feels it will be possible to enter upon a program of building without appreciably increasing the yearly building of naval airplanes.

The president's views were made public coincident with a move in congress to obtain right of way for the Butler bill after the holidays. The measure which would authorize an appropriation of \$105,000,000, contained no time limitation as to when the vessels should be built.

Decision to ask for authorization of the ten cruisers was reached after the president had consulted with Secretary Willbur and the cabinet had come to the conclusion that such additions would round out the fleet as an efficient fighting unit.

SCHOOLS READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Programs Will Be Held Throughout City Thursday Before Vacation

La Grande schools are making ready for Christmas and the students are looking forward to the 10-day vacation, which in the public schools begins Thursday evening and continues until Monday morning, Jan. 2.

Vacation starts at the Sacred Heart academy tomorrow with a Christmas program at 1:30 o'clock to which all parents of the school children are invited. The Christmas tree is up and the auditorium decorated for the event.

Academy Program. The fifth and sixth grade pupils will begin the program with a song "Fairly Snowflakes." The other numbers on the program follow: Recitation, "Christmas Stockings," Marian Chausse; recitation, "Politeness," George Hill; "Sleepy Song," Dorothy Waldgriff; Marian Chausse; Mary Afton Daley; recitation, "A Visit from Santa Claus," Agnes Smith and Sophie Gellibauer; violin quartet number, "The Dancing Master," Alice Jeanette and Mabelbeth Cooper; Cletes Clark and Dorothy Wall, accompanied by Juunita Stutzinger; the planned recitation, "Buying Christmas Presents," Helen Toupin, and Patricia Leonard; "Lullaby," song, first and second grade pupils; recitation, "Santa Is Coming," Bobby Clark; recitation, "A Letter to Santa," Dorothy Toupin; song, "Ting-a-ling-ling," seventh and eighth grade.

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Regents Determined Eastern Oregon Normal School Should Serve State East of Cascades Before Vote

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—La Grande was the selection of the board of regents of Oregon normal schools yesterday for the new Eastern Oregon normal that was voted by the people at the general election of Nov. 2 last.

After the election had eliminated all other contenders the contest had narrowed to La Grande and Pendleton and in the final vote which was a viva voce vote, La Grande won five to four.

Those voting for La Grande were E. E. Braag, Governor Pierce, J. H. Fuller, R. R. Turner and F. J. Miller. Those voting for Pendleton were C. L. Starr, W. C. Bryant, George Hartman and Secretary of State Sam A. Kozier.

After the forenoon elimination of Arlington, Weston, Redmond and Elgin much time was consumed in the discussion of policy as related to the location. When this discussion was concluded Miller moved that all contenders be eliminated except La Grande, Pendleton and The Dalles. This carried without opposition.

Earlier in the day all members had manifested their desire to carry La Grande and Pendleton into the final vote and six indicated their desire. After the vote that all but the three be eliminated Starr moved, in order to narrow the contest further, that The Dalles be selected as the site. Those voting for The Dalles were Bryant, Fuller and Starr. The contest then went to the final vote on La Grande and Pendleton.

NEW SCANDAL IN BASEBALL IS UNEARTHED

Commissioner Landis Links Cobb, Speaker in Investigation

DUTCH LEONARD TIPS OFF HEADS

Case Appears as Startling on Surface as the Famous Crooked World Series of 1919.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker, baseball heroes of the American league, today had their names linked with scandal in baseball, the third crooked to explode in the major leagues within six years.

These famous stars, managers of the Detroit and Cleveland clubs of the American league, entered the close of the 1925 season, were named in the startling investigation conducted by Commissioner Landis and involved the wagering on an alleged fixed game between Detroit and Cleveland on Sept. 25, 1919.

The charges were made by Hubert "Dutch" Leonard, a one-time pitcher with the Tigers, who alleged that Cobb, Speaker, "Smoky" Joe Wood, former American league pitching star, and Fred O. West of Detroit, had agreed with him to bet on the game after Speaker manager of the Cleveland club has assured Detroit of a victory.

Dr. Goddard of Chicago, one of the main speakers, emphasized careful diet, regular exercise, and periodical, thorough physical examinations for well people as the most important thing in increasing the average length of human life. Osteopaths throughout the country are urging "A thorough physical examination on your birthday."

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These bridges make a total of seven spanning the river.

Odd Fellow Master Visits This County

UNION, Ore., Dec. 21 (Special)—Grand Master C. V. Jackson, of Coosburg, was in Union Friday and in the evening he officially visited the Odd Fellows lodge here and addressed the members. Saturday he went to Cove to visit the lodge there and a delegation of Union lodge members also made the trip to visit Cove lodge. Following the lodge session here the grand master and several other visitors besides the members, enjoyed a stag lunch in the lodge kitchen.

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ARMY FLYERS TO GIRDLE SOUTH AMERICA



Above are the 10 U. S. army aviators who hop off from San Antonio on a trip that will carry them nearly all the way around South America. From left to right they are (standing), Lieut. Bernard S. Thompson, Phillips Field, Aberdeen, Md.; Lieut. Muir S. Fairchild, Douglas Field, Ga.; Lieut. Leonard air corps, Washington; Lieut. Charles Mck. Robinson, Fort Crockett, Tex.; (seated) Capt. Ira C. Eaker, of Washington, office chief of the air corps; Lieut. Ennis Whitehead, Wright Field, O.; Capt. Arthur B. McDaniel, Kelly Field, Tex.; Capt. Clinton F. Woolsey, McCook Field, O.; and Lieut. John W. Benton, Crissy Field, Cal.

Ingle Re-elected By Osteopaths In Pendleton

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SMITH ACCEPTS POST IN SENATE

Illinois Man Will Leave for Washington with Credentials Soon

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Chicago Daily Journal in a copy-righted news story today reported the acceptance of Colonel Frank L. Smith of the appointment by Governor Len Small to the unpaid term of William B. McKinley, in the United States senate.

Colonel Smith will leave for Washington to present his credentials after the first of the year, the Journal said.

The announcement was made on the authority of Governor Small, who was quoted as saying Colonel Smith accepted by telegram Sunday night after receiving the certificate of appointment at his home in Dwight.

Oregon Couple Slain When Car Dives Off Bank

REDDING, Cal., Dec. 21 (AP).—The bodies of a Mr. and Mrs. West, believed to be from Falls City, Ore., were found last night in the Sacramento river near Castella. Their auto had plunged from the bank into the river.

FALLS CITY, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP).—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. West, formerly of Falls City, left here about six months ago to go to California. West had been bookkeeper for a year and a half for the Falls City Lumber company. He had been employed recently at Burney, Cal., friends here reported. Mrs. West went to visit relatives near Los Angeles when her husband took up his new work at Burney.

Several persons were injured, none seriously, yesterday afternoon when two autos crashed near the Lone Pine school, seven miles north of Eugene, on the Pacific highway. One car contained Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Skipworthy, two sons and a daughter, of Tulare, Cal. They were headed southward, on their way home. The other machine was driven by a fiddler, of North Bend. His sister, Mrs. A. Martin, and her little son, were also in the car.

Brakes were applied and the cars skidded, according to the story told here.

Crampton Blocks Bill in The House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Consideration of a bill proposing that the federal government pay for municipal improvements on western reclamation projects has been blocked for the time being in the house by Chairman Crampton, of the appropriations subcommittee, which passes upon funds for the interior department. He said the measure was too far reaching to be considered without more debate.

More Winter Wheat Sown During Fall

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Winter wheat was sown this fall on 41,897,999 acres which is five per cent more than the revised estimate of 39,799,999 acres sown in the fall of 1925, and the condition of the crops on Dec. 1 was 81.8 per cent of a normal, compared with 82.6 last year and 84.4 the 10 year average, the department of agriculture announced today.

Slugged With Pipe

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—St. Mexakawa, 39, was in a hospital today, in serious condition, the result of being strangled with gas pipe by robbers who followed him from a card room. The thugs took \$50 and a gold watch from Mexakawa, who was found unconscious on a downtown street.

Rogue River White

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—The Rogue river valley was covered with snow this morning for the first time in two years. For several hours this morning the snow fell heavily but melted off as soon as the clouds cleared a little. The mountains surrounding the valley received a heavy fall of snow last night.

BIRDMEN HOP OF ON TRIP OF GOODWILL

Army's Pan-American Flight Started from San Antonio Today

FIVE PLANES TO VISIT 80 CITIES

Departure, First Scheduled for Yesterday, Held Up by Muddy Condition of Field.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 21 (AP)—The Pan-American flyers landed at Point Isabel, Tex., commencing the first leg of their flight at 1:35 p. m.

KELLY FIELD, SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 21 (AP)—Killed by wives, mothers and carrying the benediction of the nation, pilots of the army's Pan-American air array departed today from Kelly Field to blast a trail of friendship into the hearts of 80 nationalities.

Major Herbert A. Dargue, flight commander, piloting the New York took the air at 10:53 a. m., followed by the other four planes at one-minute intervals. The first mile of the many thousand mile journey, the path of which laid over tortuous mountains, arid desert wastes and over boundless seas, was perhaps an augury of smooth and happy sailing to the journey's end.

A Gleeful Adieu. The great yellow-winged birds, like flying balloons skinned along the mile stretch of the field concrete runway with what officers called "sweet speed" their glitening bodies giving something of a gleeful adieu to the Texas mud which yesterday held them fast in their earth-bound tracks.

The bank-like prows of the ships carrying the nation's five American cities to at least 80 major cities of the southern continent, and the planes quivering sides are emblazoned with the American eagle, whose spreading wings bear the republic's colors and emblem to the republics of the south, heading the two halves of this western hemisphere in the Christmas spirit of good will, peace to men.

Newspaperman Unhurt. In the New York with Major Dargue, commander, was Lieutenant F. C. Whitehead. The San Antonio was second to take off with Captain A. B. McDaniel at the wheel, and Lieutenant C. Mck. Robinson in the cockpit with him. The San Antonio skidded off the runway slightly and rose just above the heads of men taking pictures. One of the men had to duck to save himself from being hit.

Then followed the other machines at minute intervals, the San Francisco with Captain Ira C. Eaker and Lieutenant Muir S. Fairchild; the Detroit with Captain John F. Woolsey and Lieutenant John W. Benton, and the St. Louis with Lieutenant A. B. Thompson and L. D. Weddington.

The ships circled about the field, each awaiting until the one following had caught up. When they were all bunched they spread out in V formation and headed toward San Antonio.

They skirted the Alamo city and then off to the south for the Mexican border, which they expected to reach before 2 p. m.

The route of the flight which will consume more than four months and include more than 20 nations and 80 cities, lies to Brownsville, as the first stop.

The west coast of South America will form the landmark for the flyers until they reach France field in the canal zone. From that field they will cross the continental divide to visit Carigena on Colombia's Atlantic coast. They will retrace their flight from that point to France field, and again fly south to Valdivia which is in about the center, north and south of Chile.

Next, Argentina, almost directly east of Valdivia, across the (Continued on Page Five)

3 Shopping Days Till Christmas



A lot of toys the kids will get just as a Christmas token. And when two weeks have drifted by they'll all be badly broken.