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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Generally cloudy and
unsettled tonight and Thursday.
Temperatures below normal. Mod-
erate north-westerly winds.

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CITY ENTERS
FINAL SPURT
BEFORE XMASShoppers Make Last-Minute
Purchases, Postal
Clerks LaboringCHURCH MEMBERS
PLAN PROGRAMSEvery House of Worship
in La Grande Preparing
for Christmas Services
for Week End.

With every church in La Grande preparing to celebrate Christmas with programs and Yuletide church parties either Friday or Saturday and but two days left in which to complete arrangements, the scores of religious workers in charge are now going through one of the busiest and most enjoyable periods of the year.

Not only the church members, however, but the city as a whole is making its final preparations. Shoppers are swarming into the stores for last-minute purchases, the post office is almost swamped with the deluge of packages and cards, both outgoing and incoming, the B. P. O. Elks lodge is getting its 2,000 Christmas gift packages ready besides preparing to supply needy families with provisions, the Salvation Army kettles are doling out the food, and all La Grande is in the midst of the annual Christmas hustle and bustle that leaves little time for anything else.

Salvation Army Assists
The Elks' tree for the kiddies will divulge its gifts at 11 a. m. Christmas day after the children have attended a show free of charge at the Star theater given by Meyers and Bowen, proprietors. The Salvation Army is co-operating with the Elks in reference to provisions for needy families, and will give a Christmas dinner Saturday at noon in the army hall, for both men and women who are unemployed and unable to go home for the day. Plates will be laid at two tables, Christmas night a special tree will be held for poor children of La Grande, under the auspices of the Sunday school.

Short of Funds
"We are short of funds this year," Envoys Barker said today. "Last year our boxes had been due about \$150 at this time but to date only about \$50 has been given."

"The Salvation Army kettle who rings a bell beside the kettle is not begging," he continued, "she is serving—serving all of God's children. Her bell tinkles the message that the army will do for the needy what we all really want to do ourselves—but haven't the time." The Salvation Army receives its blessing through giving service and the money from the kettles is one of the ways this is accomplished.

Schools are to be dismissed tomorrow afternoon until Jan. 3, following programs in the various grades. No program will be held in the high school.

Academy Program Today
The Sacred Heart academy held its program this afternoon, beginning at 1:20 o'clock.

The chief service at the Catholic church will be midnight mass, an annual event which is one of the most elaborate affairs of the holiday season. The public is invited to attend. On Christmas day services will be held at 8 and 8:30 a. m., followed by the benediction. The L. D. S. church had a Sunday school with a cantata Friday evening at 7 o'clock in the tabernacle with Mrs. Elmer McManus in charge. A prologue will present the religious side of the church in the form of a tableau, which will be followed by an overture "Entertaining Santa Claus". St. Nicholas will be introduced and will present gifts to all from the Christmas tree.

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THE
OBSERVER IS
REMEMBERED

In the midst of holiday shopping and festivities, the hundreds of Observer readers out over the valley might readily be too busy to think of their subscriptions. Such is not the case, for today 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.

From Summerville, from Elgin, from Union and Cove, from Imbler and Alsea, from North Powder and Telocuset, from Island City and Perry, and from up in Walla Walla county they have come to remember The Observer at Christmas time. There are over 1200 families in and near those communities who are regular, loyal Observer readers.

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Fair Campaign
For Funds Will
Begin January 15Directors, in Imbler
Meeting Last Night,
Agree to Start Drive to
Finance Event.

A campaign for funds to carry on the Union county fair will begin Jan. 15. It was decided last evening when the Union county fair board met at Imbler. Several members of the board were unable to attend, due to weather conditions.

The two weeks from Jan. 15 to Feb. 1 will be used to raise \$13,000 of the fund and from there the campaign will be carried to the communities.

To Meet Again
Another meeting of the fair board was set for Jan. 7, at Elgin. This will be the fourth of a series of monthly meetings of the board to boost and plan for next year's fair. The first meeting was held at Elgin, the second in La Grande and the third at Imbler last night.

Former Citizen
Saves Boy's Life
At Milport, Ohio

Ralph Smith, of Milport, Ohio, formerly of La Grande, is being hailed as a hero by his fellow citizens, the result of the rescue of a little boy, 5, from drowning after the lad's mother had faintly attempted to save him, her efforts resulting in death for herself.

Smith, who risked his life to save the boy, was unable to save the woman's life, although he took her body from the icy waters. Smith, a neighbor, heard the woman scream and dashed from his nearby confectionery to the Ohio canal where the tragedy occurred, arriving after the mother had plunged in.

Smith, a brother of H. W. Smith, proprietor of the Oregon Trail Silver Fox farm here, lived in this city from November, 1916, until June, 1921. He was employed most of the time as deliveryman for Julius Roese's brewery.

Legion Preparing
For Tuesday Dance

As Christmas draws nearer plans for probably one of the most attractive of the holiday dances are nearly complete. The dance is to be given Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, by the La Grande post of the American Legion at Zuber hall, and will be known as the first annual "Silver Thaw" dance. Proceeds from the dance will be added to the American Legion convention fund.

Toy Currey is chairman of the committee in charge, and assisting him on the committee are Ray Williams, Otis Palmer, L. I. Busby and Chester Thompson. Members of the American Legion drum corps make up the decorating committee.

The decorations are to be the principal feature of the dance, depicting a silver thaw, many unique lighting effects being used. The hall will be decorated Monday night. Good music has been promised.

Girl Seriously
Burned in Salem

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—Miss Alice Sanders, an employee of the secretary of state office, is in the Salem hospital with serious burns about the body resulting from the accidental ignition of her clothing while she was starting a fire in the heater at her home this morning. The fire had just been started and Miss Sanders was standing with her back toward the stove when the flames drew her clothing into the flames. Her clothing was almost entirely consumed. Physicians were hastily called and as soon as possible she was taken to the hospital where the first examination failed to indicate how serious the burns will prove to be. The burn is most severe on the back and left arm.

Bank Robbed and
One Robber Shot

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 22 (AP)—The branch of the Mercantile Trust company of San Francisco at Campbell, three miles from here, was held up and robbed of approximately \$4,000 today, but one of the robbers was shot by Leon Miller, a grocer, and later captured.

Emperor's Grip on
Life Still Feeble

TOKYO, Dec. 22 (AP)—Emperor Yoshihito, whose hold upon life has been feeble for two weeks, continued in that condition late tonight. An official bulletin said that he was not regarded as in immediate danger.

There is some optimism among the monarch's attendants, but the physicians decline to predict the outcome of pneumonia from which the sovereign is suffering.

LEGISLATIVE
REFORM MOVE
IS UNDER WAYJohn H. Carlin, Slated to
Become Oregon House
Speaker, Takes LeadQUESTIONNAIRES
SENT TO SOLONSMost of House Members'
Replies Favor New
Rules Proposed by the
Medford Lawmaker.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—Tackling the problem of needed reform in the methods of procedure of the Oregon legislature, admitted by past sessions but never before seriously attacked, John H. Carlin, of Medford, whose election as speaker of the house when it convenes here Jan. 10 lacks only the formal casting of ballots, is shown in a movement for a revision of house rules which if carried out will materially reduce the item of legislative expense for clerical hire, reduce the number of committees and enlarge the membership of those remaining, and facilitate the labors of the legislators by clipping much of the red tape from around the machinery through which legislative proposals pass to enactment or rejection, says the Capital Journal.

Questionnaire Sent
In a questionnaire addressed to all members of the 1927 house, Mr. Carlin suggests:

- 1.—That all bills be printed immediately upon introduction, and that the technical work of amending and correcting them be placed in the hands of the staff of three or four experienced proofreaders.
- 2.—Adoption of a rule whereby all bills must be introduced during the first week or 10 days of the session.
- 3.—Elimination of several of the less important committees on which no one desires to serve, delegating their work to other committees, and an increase in the size of the major committees.
- 4.—That the practice of supplying each member with a stenographer be abolished in favor of a system which would provide individual stenographers for committees, to do the work of the committee and its members, and a separate stenographer force of

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COMMISSIONERS
HEAR TOLL PLEAPortland Group Urges
Highway Board to Re-
move Bridge Charges

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—Removal of tolls charged for the use of the interstate bridge across the Columbia river between Portland and Vancouver, was urged at a meeting of the Oregon state highway commission today by a delegation from the Portland chamber of commerce. Highway Commissioner H. B. Van Duzer said that before this could be done an enabling act must be passed by the state legislature. District Attorney Stanley Myers of Multnomah county said that an act by the Washington state legislature also would be needed.

R. H. McNaughton, spokesman for the delegation, declared there was a demand by business and tourist interests that the bridge be made free of tolls.

Bids were opened today on grading the last unimproved section of the Redwood highway in Oregon. This is a 16.7 mile stretch in Josephine county from Hayes hill to Shattuck corner, four miles south of Grants Pass.

The low bid was \$119,750, submitted by Washburn and Hall, Portland.

High School Welcomes Collegians

Home For the Christmas Holidays

About 50 college students, who are here for the Christmas holidays, attended the "welcome home" assembly at the high school this morning. Various Oregon, Washington, California and Utah colleges were represented among the students, although most were from Oregon Agricultural college and the University of Oregon.

The purpose of the assembly was to welcome the graduates of La Grande high and renew former acquaintances. Irvin Zundel, president of the high school student body, presided.

Collegians Speak.
He called upon several of the visiting collegians for short talks, including Floyd Smith and Ray Lynch, both from the Oregon Agricultural college, who told of college life as a dachsel spirit and at-

Germans Roiled
At Acquittal of
French OfficerRelations Between Two
Powerful European
Nations Menaced by
Act of Court.

BERLIN, Dec. 22 (AP)—The German foreign office today instructed Ambassador von Hoesch at Paris to make representations to the French government protesting against acquittal by a French court martial of the French Lieutenant Roucier on manslaughter charges growing out of the killing of one German civilian and the wounding of two others at Germersheim in September.

The instructions direct the ambassador to demand that the case be reopened on the contention that Lieut. Roucier's acquittal and the conviction of the wounded men on charges of striking at Roucier are a serious menace to furtherance of the friendly relations between Germany and France.

Convey Indignation
The foreign office instructed Baron Langworth von Simmer, German commissioner for the Rhineland at Coblenz, to convey to the inter-allied Rhineland commission the indignation with which the German government and the people have received the verdict. Dr. Stresemann, foreign minister in the Marx cabinet, who recently was overthrown, is worried by the turn of events in the Roucier case and has cancelled a contemplated six weeks vacation in Egypt. His act is against the orders of his physicians who insist that he must rest.

It is expected that Dr. Stresemann will take a shorter vacation nearer home, probably in Italy, beginning next week.

Johannes Bell, minister of justice in the Marx ministry which is carrying on until after the holidays, today issued a fervent appeal to all Germans to unite "in regaining freedom of our peoples along the Rhine and full sovereignty for the German states in those areas." Dr. Bell, who also held the ministry of the occupied zone, was one of the signers of the treaty of Versailles. He declared that Franco-German reconciliation will be possible only when elementary justice is assured.

"The acquittal of Lieut. Roucier is a mockery of justice and against the policy of reconciliation," he asserted. Dr. Bell also criticized the fact that one of the convicted Germans who still is secretly held from Roucier's shot, has been given a two-year sentence for his part in the affair.

Accuses Mellon
of Giving Huge
Sum to Campaign

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—The story that Secretary Mellon advanced \$50,000 to the Republican national committee for the Harding campaign of 1920 was repeated on the senate floor today by Senator Hiram Bland, democrat, Alabama, who told his colleagues that "Secretary Mellon has not denied the truthfulness" of the charge.

"He simply waved his hand, looked uneasy and said it was a delusion," Senator Hiram continued.

Senate Orders
Concession Quiz

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—An extensive inquiry into the relation of the concession quiz to the Lausanne conference part in the Lausanne conference which resulted in general recognition of the Turkish republic was ordered by the senate on motion of Senator King, democrat, of Utah.

King asked for information as to what if any action was taken by the state department in procuring or protecting the concession quiz, and what agreement or understanding existed between said "cheater group and the Standard Oil company," or "between the state department and the Standard Oil company."

Airmail Pilot in
Wreck But Unhurt

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 22 (AP)—While flying from Boise to Salt Lake City in a Varsity airmail contract machine last night, Paul P. Scott, pilot, ran into a fog bank near Centerville, 10 miles north of here and piloted his machine to the earth. He escaped unscathed but the machine was damaged.

Because of weather conditions no plane left Paeo, Wash., for this city today.

PRE-HOLIDAY
RAIDERS HIT
AT BROADWAYBuckner's Agents Close
Up String of New York
Night ClubsPADLOCKS EXTEND
ALONG 58 DOORSPersonal Injunctions Also
Served—Blow Meant to
Prevent Christmas Li-
quor Parties.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—Having fallen for a "big butter and egg man," Broadway was a bit drier today. A string of padlocks is to be extended from the Roaring Forties to Greenwich Village decorating the front doors of 58 of New York's most popular night clubs and restaurants as a result of sweeping federal prohibition raids.

Bills of complaint and temporary personal injunctions were served on the club owners today by seven raiding parties from the office of Federal Attorney Emory R. Buckner, who started out at midnight.

Among the places closed were some of the most glittering centers of New York night life including Texas Gulian's 300 club; Helen Atorquay's Fifty-fourth street club; the Cafe De Paris, Dinty Moore's club; Club Anatole, Club Richmond and a score or more of others equally well known. Guests were scrutinized carefully before being admitted to the merriment behind barred doors and drawn shades. Introductions were necessary.

Liquor Confiscated.
The raids were carried out on the quiet and caused no disturbance to guests. Federal authorities said the raids were designed to forestall plans of the club owners for wet parties during coming holidays. Confiscated liquor half filled a police station.

Evidence against the establishments was obtained by agents who "have lived a life on Broadway from midnight until dawn for the past fortnight."

"Some posed as idle sons of wealthy London widows, others as bit cotton brokers from the south, as exiled noblemen of the late empire, bodyguard and still others as wealthy real estate promoters from Florida. They were introduced into the clubs by prominent Broadwayites and popular actresses who took the agents' word that they really were what they pre-

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Colonel Green
Is Acquitted of
Liquor Charges

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Colonel Ned M. Green, acquitted in San Francisco yesterday of charges of embezzling liquor, was ordered reinstated today as prohibition administrator in that city.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22 (AP)—Sixteen minutes after the fate of Colonel Ned M. Green, deposed prohibition administrator, had been put into the hands of a jury, he was set free, acquitted of a charge of embezzling 11 bottles of confiscated liquor for use at riotous parties.

Thus did "twelve good men and true" yesterday dispose of the accusations against the distinguished soldier and dry law worker who admitted he was "no dry," who confessed to taking an occasional drink, and who told them he would have gone so far as to steal liquor for his sick friends as he thought they needed it.

Judge Disagrees
In finding Colonel Green the jury took a view directly opposite that of United States Judge A. F. St. Sure, before whom the case was tried. Earlier in the trial Judge St. Sure, commenting on arguments of counsel in the absence of the jurors declared he considered the evidence sufficient to convict.

A few minutes after the acquittal defense attorneys wrote a telegram to the assistant secretary of the treasury, Lincoln C. Andrews, requesting the reinstatement of Colonel Green as prohibition administrator for Northern California and Nevada.

The last speaker was Wesley Brownson, last year's student body president of the La Grande high school, who is now attending the University of Washington at Seattle.

Each Introduces Self.
Before the assembly closed the visitors went to the stage and each one introduced himself to the high school students, by telling his name, what college he is attending and what subject he is majoring in. Besides the college students several parents were also present for the assembly.

THE CHAPLIN FAMILY

INTERVIEW LITA
ON SEPARATIONCharles Chaplin's Wife
Tells Her Own Story
of Love, Marriage

By Dan Thomas
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 22. (NEA Special)—The story of a 16-year-old girl who was "scared of Charlie at first, as any young girl might be—"

Of a proposal while they were on their way home from the theater one night—
Of a secret marriage in Mexico—
Then, for two years, of a "neglectful" husband who said, in effect, "Spend what money you want, but don't expect too much of my time and attention!"

Lita's Story.
That's Lita Grey Chaplin's story of her shattered romance with the world's most famous comedian.

She told it to me exclusively for The Observer and NEA Service. As she talked, she sat in the little "Curry Cottage," Hollywood home of her grandparents, with Sidney Earl Chaplin and Charles Spencer Chaplin Jr., playing about the room the while.

"My life with Charlie Chaplin really started when he asked me to play the feminine lead in 'The Gold Rush,'" commenced Mrs. Chaplin. "I was just a girl then—only 16. Our work in the picture brought us together almost constantly every day. That was the start of a friendship which soon turned to love—at least on my part. I sometimes doubt now if Charlie ever really loved me."

"Charlie was very considerate and kind. He even used to take me and me to dinner after we had finished our day's work on the picture. Mother liked him, too. It wasn't long before I began to have a feeling that made me know I loved him. I was scared at first, as any young girl might be who was in love with Charlie Chaplin, but he was so attentive that I began to think, too, he might really care."

Charlie Proposes.
"Then came the night he proposed to me. We were on our way home from a theater. He wanted to keep our marriage a secret until after the picture was finished, so we went to Mexico to have the ceremony performed. But even from there, the news leaked out, and by the time we got back to Hollywood everyone knew about it."

Chaplin, the husband, no longer was the Chaplin attentive, considerate suitor, she said. Instead, he was a "neglectful" husband who said, "Spend what money you want, but don't expect too much of my time and attention."

The Chaplin of the films who, in his famous reel of "The Kid," tended the young Jackie Coogan with an almost maternal tenderness, and in real life has been idealized by that kid, "never saw his own babies for days at a time," according to the comedian's wife.

"Fussing" Annoyed Him.
"He always expected children to be like grown-ups, and did not want to be annoyed by their fussing," she said.

"When Charlie junior was born I thought he would change and spend more time at home," said the young mother. "But he didn't. I stayed home and took care of my baby while Charlie went out evenings with his friends. At the theater premieres, where I belonged at—"

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Army Flyers On
Second Flight Leg

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 22 (AP)—The army's pan-American flyers got off on the second leg of their goodwill flight to South America when the flagship New York took off at Point Isabel about 20 miles from here, this afternoon.



Above: Lita Grey Chaplin, at her grandparents' home, holding Charles Jr. (left), and little Sidney Earl. Below: Charles Chaplin himself.

Pierce Enters
Portland Law
Firm, Is Report

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—Governor Walter M. Pierce who retired in January, has formed a law partnership with Judge Ashley C. Dickson, of the circuit court of Multnomah county, and they will open an office here, Judge Dickson has announced. A report from Salem last night said Governor Pierce has accepted an invitation to deliver a series of addresses in Iowa in February.

Two Idaho Judges
Appointed by U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Frank S. Dietrich, of Idaho, was nominated today as United States circuit judge for the ninth circuit. Charles G. Cavanaugh, of Idaho, was nominated U. S. district judge for Idaho.

Dietrich has been United States district judge for Idaho, San Francisco is headquarters for the ninth district, which includes Oregon.

California Farmer
Shoots Neighbor

CHICO, Cal., Dec. 22 (AP)—H. F. Hedge, 52, rancher of the Durham land colony, emptied the contents of a 44 caliber six-shooter into the body of Henry Smith, 56, orchardist of Durham when they met in front of a Durham store today. Smith died instantly.

According to police trouble between the two men has been brewing for some time as the result of alleged attentions paid by Smith to Mrs. Hedge.

Dutch to Speak
At "Proper Time"

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 22 (AP)—When the "proper time comes," Hubert B. (Dutch) Leonard, former Detroit pitcher, will make a statement concerning his connection with the revelations of a baseball scandal connected with a game played between the Detroit and Cleveland teams in 1919. This was the statement made today of the baseball player's wife.

Leonard could not be seen by newspapermen.

CONGRESS TO
TAKE RECESS
UNTIL JAN. 3Adjournment Tonight to
Be in Effect Until
After HolidaysPROGRESS MADE
DURING SESSIONBoth House and Senate
Have Taken Action on
Several Bills; President
Signs One.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—When congress adjourns tonight it will go on a holiday extending beyond new year.

A resolution to recess from tonight until Jan. 3 was approved at the beginning of today's session by the senate. It already had the approval of the house.

The interior department appropriation bill carrying virtually all provisions approved by the house and almost \$1,000,000 additional was passed today by the senate.

Horah Charges Graft.
Compeller General McCall's report on the alien property situation was sent to congress today by President Coolidge and immediately became a subject of controversy.

"Theft, graft and extravagance," in the administration of the alien property custodian office, "over a period of eight years" was charged in the senate by Senator Horah, republican, Idaho.

Charges Thrown Out.
Charges of senatorial campaign irregularities this year in Oregon, Missouri and Washington, were thrown out today by the senate campaign funds committee.

A bill to carry out Assistant Secretary Andrews' recommendation for the manufacture of three million gallons of medicinal whiskey was introduced today by Chairman Green of the house ways and means committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (AP)—Congress turned its attention today to the most widespread concern of the American people and, incidentally, of a large part of the world—the Christmas holidays.

Members of the house, whose Christmas shopping has been interfered with for two and a half weeks by the business of state, went home last night with nothing to do today except to go through the formality of voting to do nothing further until Jan. 3.

In the senate, where the interior department supply bill threatened to cause a little serious consideration, the situation was a bit more complex but nobody had much doubt that Santa Claus and not Vice President Dawes was the real presiding officer, regardless of what eyewitnesses might testify if placed under oath.

One Bill Signed.
Since the session began, one of the 16 annual supply bills for executive departments has been passed by both houses and the measure providing salary increases for federal judges has been signed by President Coolidge. The supply bill which has gone through the two stages of legislative procedure, supplies appropriations for the treasury and post office departments for the next fiscal year and is now in the hands of a joint conference committee for adjustment of differences in various provisions.

In addition the house has disposed of two more of the supply bills, for the interior department and agriculture department, and the senate is expected to act on the former after the holidays. The house also has passed the alien property bill, which is expected to arouse considerable argument when it is brought up in the senate, where another measure that has produced a storm of controversy, the rivers and harbors bill, was passed last night. The rivers and harbors bill was passed by the house at the last session, but the senate has made many amendments and adjustments of differences in

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RANCHER SHOT
TO DEATH BY
UNKNOWN MAN

HOO DRIVER, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—R. P. Peepers, rancher near the town of Mount Hood, was shot to death by an unknown assailant last evening when he went to the door to answer a knock. Bloodhounds were obtained and a man hunt immediately started. Falling snow made tracking difficult.

The slayer, according to Mrs. Peepers, said when her husband went to the door, "Are you Ray Peepers?" Her husband answered "Yes," and the man said, "Well I'm from Canada and I want to tell you that you left my daughter in a fix."

Before her husband could answer a shot was fired and he fell dead. The assailant fled. His footprints were followed through the snow for half a mile and were lost in a trampled road.