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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Saturday. Rain in the west portion. Warmer in the southwest portion tonight. Southerly gales on the coast.

VIOLATORS IN
CITY DECLINE
DURING 1926Less Arrests, Excluding
Traffic Cases, Occur
Than in Past YearGUILTY PERSONS
PAY \$3,634 FINESDrunkness Decreases and
Liquor Possession
Gains—Anti-Gambling
Raids Succeed.In spite of the city's growing
population, lawlessness within the
corporate limits of La Grande is
decreasing. If the annual report
of the chief of police is used as a
basis of comparison.More arrests, by seven, were
made this year than in 1925 but a
large increase of traffic cases ac-
counts for this. Subtracting 62
traffic violations from a total of
251 arrests this year leaves only
189 cases ordinarily grouped as
minor crimes. In the general sense
of the term, last year there were
but 43 traffic violations, leaving
208 arrests for other ordinance vi-
olations.Traffic Arrests Up
The increase in traffic arrests
is largely due to more consistent
attention to motorists within the
city and a natural growth in the
number of drivers. It is believed.
Scarcely more cars are in operation
this year than last.One point in the work during
1926 that Police Chief Clint Hays
points to with pride is the num-
ber of gambling arrests. Thirty-
five were made before municipal
court on this charge which is a
far greater number than ordinari-
ly. An active campaign has been
conducted throughout the year by
the police department to eradicate
games of chance as much as possible.Fines Total \$3,634.50
Fines and forfeitures taken in
amount to \$3,634.50, a figure in
excess of the amount estimated at
the first of year in the annual
budget, was \$2,000. Prisoners
served 1,022 days in jail compared
with a figure from 400 to 500 days
more for last year, more evidence
that lawlessness is slumping.A high record of convictions was
also reached. Of the 251 that
came before the municipal court,
only nine were found to be not
guilty. The convictions include
forfeitures, which police regard as
automatic admission of guilt.

Liquor Cases Less

Liquor cases showed a slight de-
crease. In 1925 a total of 115
arrests were made for drunkenness,
possession of liquor, and sale of
liquor. This year's figure was 114.
Drunks last year numbered 104
compared with 36 and possessors
of liquor in 1926 outnumbered 1925
violators 27 to 14.NEW POLICY IS
ADOPTED HERE
BY PHONE CO.Beginning tomorrow, telephone
girls will no longer repeat the num-
ber called, as has been the custom
in the past. Instead, the operator
will say "thank you" unless she
is not sure of the number, when
she is supposed to ask the calling
party to give his number over
again by saying "what number
please?"MORE
BUSINESS
IN 1927Every man in business in La
Grande wants and hopes to do
more business in 1927. To ac-
complish it, he must attract you to
his place of business, must con-
vince you that his service and
merchandise is the most satisfy-
ing and the best for his money.
He must show an interest in
having your trade by selling it
intelligently and by taking
care of it as well as to him.For your part, the natural aid
to your buying decisions will be
the business man's advertising
messages in The Observer.Through them you can keep in
touch with the business com-
munity, what's new, what's
best. Fortunately, indeed, is the
business man in having this
means available to him at min-
imum reader-cost."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"40,000 Letters
Cancelled Here
In Three DaysLa Grande Post Office
Passes Through One of
Busiest Periods on Rec-
ord Here.More than 40,000 letters were
cancelled in the local post office
during the three busiest days of
the Christmas rush, Tuesday, Wed-
nesday and Thursday of last week.
The bulk of the letters passed
through the cancelling machine on
Wednesday and Thursday, be-
tween 14,000 and 15,000 letters
being received in the post office
on each of those two days.Christmas is always the busiest
time for the postal employees and
this year was no exception. Five
extra employees worked during
Christmas week, helping to re-
ceive, sort and send out the num-
erous packages and Christmas
cards and letters going through
the post office.Work Double Shifts
Besides having five additional
clerks many of the post office em-
ployees were compelled to work
overtime, some of them doing two
days of work in one. Many of the
carriers were off duty only eight
hours a day, allowing only that
much time for food and rest be-
fore they returned to the office
for their mail and start on the
route again.Although many people mailed
early this year plenty of pack-
ages came into the office on
Christmas day, which were un-
delivered until the first of this
week. Most of the packages aver-
aged a day earlier in mailing, R.
H. Huron, postmaster, believes.Worked Xmas Morning
Postal employees worked during
the forenoon on Christmas day
and delivered as many letters and
packages as they could before that
time, but at noon all work stopped
and all of the carriers who were
not in by that time were locked
out of the building. One carrier
arrived a few minutes late but
was admitted. Another of the
carriers arrived too late, and was
not seen again until Monday
morning.Postal employees drew a long
breath after the Christmas mail
was cleaned up this week, but are
now ready for another Christmas,
even though they do wish there
wasn't a Santa Claus sometimes
during the holiday rush of mail,
they report.Tedford Leaves
For Santa Rosa
New Year's DayJ. A. Tedford, manager of the
local J. C. Penney company store
for more than three years, is leav-
ing La Grande tomorrow to take
the management of the Santa
Rosa, Cal., store, effective at once.
The La Grande store will be
continued along the same line. A
new manager has not been select-
ed. This will be done in the
near future.Tedford's family will follow him
at a later date and he and his
family will be greatly missed in
community life. Since coming
here from The Dalles, he has been
active in civic and business af-
fairs, playing an important part.I regret very much having to
leave La Grande," Tedford said,
"but the change has been com-
templated for some time because
of Mrs. Tedford's health. I am
most appreciative of the kindness
and courtesy enjoyed at the hands
of the people of La Grande and I
want to thank them for their pat-
ronage of our local store and I am
sure that it will be even more
merited in the future."Fish, Game Licenses
Bring \$1,265 in YearENON, Ore., Dec. 31 (Special).
—The local sales of fish and game
licenses at Enon and vicinity this
year totaled \$1,265.50, the Union
Hardware company reports. This
is a substantial increase over the
year 1925.Annual Meeting of
Church ScheduledThe annual meeting of the Cen-
tral Church of Christ will be held
Sunday, Jan. 2. It is announced to-
day by the Rev. C. V. Dunn, pas-
tor.Dinner will follow morning wor-
ship and each family is to bring
a basket. Coffee will be furnished
by the Loyal Sisters. The busi-
ness session will begin at 2:30
o'clock. All members are urged
to attend.Optimistic As To
Fall's ConditionEL PASO, Dec. 31 (AP)—Two
physicians were called to the bed-
side of A. B. Fall, former secretary
of the interior, who is in bed of
pneumonia, when he had a violent
attack of coughing today. Later
Dr. Hugh Crouse announced that
Fall's condition was satisfactory
and the outlook for his recovery
was favorable.HUNDREDS TO
ATTEND NEW
YEAR FROLICAmerican Legion Ready
to Entertain Commu-
nity at Midnight ShowWATCH PARTIES
ARE SCHEDULEDTomorrow to Be Gener-
ally Observed as Holiday
—Business Section Will
Be Quiet.Something entirely new in the
way of entertainment has been ar-
ranged for the city of La Grande
for New Year's eve this year. In
the form of a midnight frolic, sponsored
by the La Grande post of the American Legion. The
frolic has two purposes—one for
the enjoyment of the people of the
community and the other to add
to the 1927 American Legion con-
vention fund.Seats went on sale Wednesday
of this week and today a large per-
centage of the reserved seats were
taken. Indications are that hun-
dreds will attend. Two additional
rows were added to the reserved
seat section for the benefit of those
who want to be sure of a seat
when they arrive at the Arcade
theater, where the matinee will be
held. The first 18 rows of seats
on the main floor of the theater
and the loge seats are being re-
served.Nine Acts of Vaudeville
Everything is in readiness for
the nine-act vaudeville, Dr. Ray
Murphy, committee chairman, an-
nounced this morning. The cur-
tain will go up promptly at 12
o'clock and the program will be
about two hours in length.Jock Coleman, Scotch comedian;
Little Miss Isabella Matott, child
acrobat and dancer; Swiss yodel-
ing; a musical saw act; a one-act
comedy farce and a comic skit are
among the attractions.New Act Added
Another dancing act was added
yesterday in which Ellis Mulken
and Jacques Wright will perform.
They will dance the old-time and
modern waltz, showing the vari-
ous ways the waltz is now danced.
The legion committee is asking
that everyone arrange the New
Year's parties giving time to at-
tend the matinee.Various church organizations are
planning watch night parties and
services for this evening. The
First Baptist church will have an-
nual meeting, beginning with a
prayer supper and closing with a
service. The Luther League of the
English Lutheran church will have
a party basket social which will
also close with service. At the
First Presbyterian church the
Junior and Intermediate Christian
Endeavor societies will entertain
the C. E. of the Christian church
at a watch night party and the

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BLACKHAWK WAR
VETERAN PASSESE. L. Whiting, One of the
Earlier Utah Pioneers,
Dies at Mt. GlenEdward Lucian Whiting, veter-
an of the Blackhawk Indian war
and one of the earlier Utah pio-
neers, died at his home in the
Spokane valley with an ox team, died
at Mt. Glen this morning.Funeral services will be held
from the Bohlenkamp chapel but
the time is indefinite, awaiting
word from relatives in California.
The deceased, who was born
Jan. 25, 1846, at Nauvoo, Ill., came
west early in his life. After re-
siding in Utah many years he came
to La Grande a quarter a century
ago, and made his home in the
Grande Ronde valley until his
death.He is survived by his widow,
Martha Elizabeth Allen Whiting,
and four children: Edward D.
Whiting, of La Grande; John L.
Whiting, of Clatsop, Cal.; Ella
Walt, of La Grande; and Mrs.
Harvey B. Larsen, of Perry, Ore.

State Game Warden May Recommend

Sewage Plants Similar to La Grande's

Further proof that La Grande's
plants elsewhere when occasion
arises. While here Ayvill visited
the hatchery at Union.
Game Warden Ayvill is well
known in La Grande, having in-
timate acquaintances here formed
while he made his home in Pen-
dleton where he has at various
times been connected with news-
paper work, insurance and the
government predatory animal cru-
sade. He was accompanied by a
party of Pendleton people who
came over unofficially, and was
joined here by Deputy Game War-
den John Walden.FARM RELIEF
BATTLE WILL
BEGIN SOONAgricultural Leaders Ex-
pect Coming Engage-
ment to Be FieryMcNARY-HAUGEN
BILL IS CENTEROregon Senator Optimis-
tic of Its Passage—
House to Take Action
on Measure First.WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—
Lines for a new farm relief battle
in congress were being laid quietly
today with the expectation of
agricultural leaders that this ses-
sion's engagement, which gets un-
der way Jan. 6, will prove the
most fiery of them all.Nearly a dozen bills designed in
one way or another to ease condi-
tions in agricultural areas have
been introduced in the senate and
house, but as in previous years the
big fight is expected to be over
the McNary-Haugen measure, with
its equalization fee provision.Under an agreement hearing on
the new McNary-Haugen bill will
begin before the house agricul-
tural committee Jan. 6. Hearings
also are expected to start in the
senate committee soon after the
first of the year, but Senator Mc-
Nary, republican, Oregon, is will-
ing that the house should act first
because some of the bills in-
clude revenue raising provisions,
all of which, under the constitu-
tion, must originate in the house.McNary Optimistic
Senator McNary is optimistic
over chances of passing his bill in
the senate this session. If all the
senators who voted for the meas-
ure last spring remain steadfast,
only six additional votes are need-
ed. In the house, farm leaders
must garner 25 more votes, if past
supporters stay in line.FARM OUTLOOK NOT DARK
CHICAGO, Dec. 31 (AP)—The
horizon of prosperity for 1927 is
clouded by but a single dark spot
and that, representing agriculture,
has been so magnified that the
public has been left wondering.
John A. Bunnell, president of the
Chicago board of trade, said today
in a review of general conditions
of 1926."Certainly there is nothing dark
in the future outlook of American
agriculture as a whole," he said.
The situation of the producers
of cotton, the "miserable crop,"
he ascribed to the "ridiculous game
of chasing prices with acreage and
producing more of a commodity
than a world can use."A permanent solution is neces-
sary, he said, and it cannot be
found in price fixing, government
aid, subsidy, nor any other artificial
method."An interesting sidelight is the
fact that in spite of lower cotton
prices Texas is expected to pro-
duce more than \$1,000,000,000 in
agricultural products this year,
again of about 10 per cent," he
said. "For many years, it has
been obvious that the cotton farm-
er should mend his ways. This
can be done by diversification."Sorbus in Corn Belt
The corn belt has suffered from
a surplus, said Bunnell, "but the
corn growers' woes have been

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Union Wants Rail
Line to OperateT. T. Cook, president of the Union
commercial club, has placed
arguments before the public ser-
vice commission relative to the in-
active condition of the Central
Railroad of Oregon, asking relief
for the city.The C. R. of O., operating from
Union Junction to Union and Cove,
is out of condition for the present,
the engine having been condemned.
The company has given up its mail
contract and the manager has gone
east. The property is in charge
of a caretaker with little effort
being made toward operating the
road.Mail is brought from the Junc-
tion and Cove by truck.

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came over unofficially, and was
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THREE DIE IN THIS CRASH

Little was left of the automobile in which Paul Beauchemin,
wife and daughter were killed at Florida, eight miles from Sac-
ramento, Cal., in one of two grade crossing accidents within two
days of each other in the same vicinity. Parts of the automobile
were found for three-quarters of a mile along the railroad.Investigation of
Aimee Case Will
Not Be DroppedLOS ANGELES, Dec. 31 (AP)—
A continued investigation of the
Aimee Semple McPherson disap-
pearance case, and probably a
court trial for the evangelist are
included in the news outlook for
the year 1927. This forecast was
made here yesterday by District
Attorney Asa Keyes as the Los An-
geles county grand jury, now in-
spected upon a second investigation
of the McPherson disappearance
case, adjourned to resume its in-
quiry after the first of the new
year.The grand jurors, will meet
again next Tuesday.Keyes Charges Plan
The assurance that the now fa-
mous case of the Angelus Temple
religious leader would not wane
with the old year, was given by
Keyes when he denied any inten-
tions of abandoning the prosecu-
tion. His announcement followed
by one day, the declaration that
he would ask for a dismissal of
the criminal conspiracy charges
against the evangelist and her co-
defendants because the case had
become "hopelessly muddled."
Whether new charges will come
out of the present grand jury in-
vestigation has been left to con-
jecture.Keyes virtually threw up his
hands in despair when Mrs. Lor-
raine Wiseman Stieff, a co-defen-
dant with Mrs. McPherson on
present felony conspiracy charges,
and also the evangelist's principal
lawyer, came forward with an in-
direct new version of her admitted
participation in the so-called Car-
mel house. Mrs. Wiseman, in her
original "confession" charged that
she had been employed by Mrs.
McPherson and her mother, Mrs.
Minnie Kennedy, to produce false
characters to support the evange-
list's kidnapping story. It was when
she appeared at the district at-
torney's office this week and ad-
mitted she had perjured herself at
the hearing and then implicated
Roland Rich Woolley, formerly
Mrs. McPherson's personal attor-
ney, in the alleged hoax, that
Keyes announced his intention of
asking for a dismissal of the con-
spiracy charges.Yesterday, however, the prose-
(Continued on Page 8)Union State Tax
Will be \$131,091.98Union county's share of the total
state tax of \$7,447,561.89 is
\$131,091.98, according to an As-
sociated Press dispatch from Salem
today.Washington county is to pay \$75-
482.54, Baker county \$153,749.92
and Umatilla county \$212,715.67.Army Flyers In
Puerto, Mex. TodayGALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 31
(AP)—The Pan-American flyers
arrived in Puerto, Mexico this
morning at 10:30 o'clock accord-
ing to a message received here by
the All-American Cable company.VERA CRUZ, Mex., Dec. 31
(AP)—The United States Pan-Am-
erican flyers, hopped off at 10:15
o'clock this morning continuing
their 26,000 mile flight around
South America, Puerto, Mexico is
the next stop.War to Follow
Sun-Spot Fury
Scientist SaysUniversity of Moscow
Savant Expects Poli-
tical Map of World to Be
Changed Shortly.PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31 (AP).
—Sun spots are likely to cause an-
other great war within two years,
in the opinion of Professor A.
Tchikovsky, of the University of
Moscow.A paper he sent to the conven-
tion of the American Association
For the Advancement of Science
says that human life reached it
fullest development at the times of
maxima of sun spot activity."In 1927 and 1929, when the
11-year period of sun-spot activi-
ty attains its maximum will coin-
cide with the maxima of two other
periods of 60 years and 35 years
there will be a great human ac-
tivity of the highest historical im-
portance, which may again change
the political chart of the world."Professor Tchikovsky declared
that all great wars had followed
periods of intense sun-spot activi-
ty.Germs Prey on Germs
Dr. J. O. Dutton director of the
laboratories of the Methodist hos-
pital at Memphis, Tenn., told the
scientists that streptococci the
deadly chain-germs whose various
species cause blood poisoning,
scarlet fever and other diseases,
were constantly haunted by germs
of their own that prey upon them
and may devour them under favor-
able conditions.White ants, or termites, are
causing serious damage to build-
ings throughout the Eastern U. S.
the Gulf states, the Southwest,
Central West and Pacific coast ac-
cording to Dr. Thomas E. Snyder
bureau of entomology, United States
department of agriculture. There
are 42 kinds of these native ants
he said and the only effective per-
manent preventive is the proper
treatment of woodwork."In Honolulu," he said, "a mil-
lion dollars is the annual damage
to buildings done by termites.
Eighty per cent of the frame build-
ings in New Orleans have been
damaged by termites and 50 per
cent of the business buildings at
Pasadena, Cal., some dangerously."Floods Longer Life
Hope for longer life was held out
by Dr. H. C. Sherman, of Colum-
bia university."Older comes less soon," he
said, "we have definitely found
that the improvement of the nu-
trition of one generation results
in the improved health of the next.
I foresee limitless possibilities
ahead through science, for the en-
richment of life."Soviet Russia's
Standing With
U. S. UnchangedWASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP).
A story that the United States had
approached Russian soviet officials
during the past year on the sub-
ject of Russian recognition was
flatly denied today by the state
department.The department authorized the
statement that no approach what-
ever respecting recognition had
been made during the year to any
Moscow official. It was a direct
denial of a story told in Moscow
yesterday by a soviet government
official who said, tangible and pal-
pable, recognition approaches had
been made by the Washington
government.The American attitude regarding
recognition remains unchanged,
the department said.
"There would seem to be at
this time, no reason for negotia-
tions," said the department.Educators Fight
Anti-EvolutionistsPHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31 (AP).
—Steps were taken here today to
form a national organization of
educators to fight opponents of
evolution throughout the country.Members of the American as-
sociation of university professors,
meeting as part of the American
association for the advancement
of science, resolved to fuse all or-
ganizations interested in evolu-
tionary teaching "in order to preserve
the intellectual integrity of Ameri-
can educators."U. P. Will Install
New Electric CarsOMAHA, Dec. 31 (AP)—Elec-
trically driven cars will supercede
steam locomotives on branch lines
of the Union Pacific, in Kansas,
Colorado and the west within the
next few months. The cars were
designed by the road's own force
and cost approximately \$40,000
each.REALPOINTS WHITTEN
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 31 (AP)—
Governor Pierce today reappointed
Fred C. Whitten a member of the
state industrial welfare commis-
sion. His term will expire Jan.
1, 1929.CELEBRATION
ON BROADWAY
WILL BE WETCurfew Law Rescinded
Tonight and No Li-
quor Raids PlannedCALIFORNIA, TOO,
MAY NOT THIRSTCostly and Elaborate Ar-
rangements Made over
the Nation for Welcom-
ing 1927.NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP).
—Broadway plans to welcome the
New Year with one of the big-
gest, noisiest and costliest celebra-
tions in the history of the city.Reservations at the more popular
hotels and night clubs were
exhausted several days ago and
indications were that thousands of
merry makers would be unmoles-
ted by either police or prohibition
agents.Through special dispensation of
Mayor Walker, the recently en-
acted 3 a. m. curfew law for night
clubs and cabarets was rescinded
for the night and Chester E. Mills
prohibition director, announced
that no raids were planned.Celebrators seemed unperturbed
by the fact that deaths from alco-
holism since Christmas total 47.Cost of Celebrating High
Never before has the cost of
celebrating been so high. Cover
charges in night clubs have soared
to hitherto unknown heights. The
Club Anatole leads with a \$40
charge per person. Roger Wolf
Kahn's Le Perigot on Paris is
second with \$30 while Texas Guin-
ness's three hundred club announ-
ces a charge of \$25. The Club Rich-
mond will charge \$25 also, but will
give the sting somewhat by using
mineral waters ginger ale and oth-
er non-prohibited beverages with
the covert. Most clubs will
charge from \$1 to \$3 for a bottle
of ginger ale.

WASHINGTON WINTER PLANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP).
—Despite the tempering influence of
Washington traditions, the capitol
set two today to see the passing
of the year in the noisy fashion of
the modern metropolis.While official life, including that
at the white house, may be weight-
ed with the cares of the nation, a
large part of the remainder of the
population planned to turn the oc-
casion into one for exuberant wel-
come of the new year.President and Mrs. Coolidge
will spend the evening quietly at
the white house, preparing for the
heavy program of New Year's day,
which calls for the annual recep-
tion of thousands in official and
private life.

COAST TO BE WET

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31 (AP).
—New Years eve on the Pacific
coast will be wet from San Fran-
cisco to the Canadian line in both
directions from the Golden Gate to
the Mexican border if the word of
two government agencies.
The weather bureau and the prohibi-
tion force, can be taken as conclu-
sive.William Anderson, acting pro-
hibition administrator for North-
ern California and Nevada, issued
the following announcement:
"We shall make no effort to pol-
ice the city. Our force here is so
small that it would be impossible
to even attempt a general patrol.
We shall hold our forces in readi-
ness, and if there is any special ac-
tivity on the part of violators we
shall endeavor to meet it."For Los Angeles the outlook is
that the celebration will not be as
dry as the weather. Prohibition
(Continued on Page Five)PLOT AGAINST
KING BORIS IS
NIPPED IN BUDPARIS, Dec. 31 (AP)—A Sofia
dispatch to the Paris edition of the
London Daily Mail says a wide-
spread communist plot in Bulgaria
with the object of seizing King
Boris and compelling him to abdi-
cate, has been frustrated by the
police in the capital provinces.A communist leader named
Strainoff committed suicide by
jumping from a window in the
jail at Philippopolis.Troops Searching
For Kidnaped MenMEXICO CITY, Dec. 31 (AP).
—Troops were scouring the vicinity
of Parral, Chihuahua state today
in search of the bandits who kid-
naped two American mining men,
J. W. Wiley and E. B. Conners,
from the little mining town of Sta.
Francisco del Oro, on Tuesday.
Wiley and Conners were em-
ployed at San Francisco del Oro
by a British mining concern. Their
home addresses are not known
here.