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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair over the east and unsettled with rains over the west portion tonight and Tuesday. Continued mild. Fresh southerly winds.

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FIND STILLS NEAR POWDER; ARREST TRIO

Marion, Fred and Calvin
Christman Held in
County Jail

TWO PLANTS YIELD LIQUOR AND MASH

Sheriff Seeking Del
Snodre, Accused by Boys
of Hiring Them to
Manufacture "Moon"

Two stills, 20 gallons of liquor and a large quantity of mash have been confiscated and three young men are under arrest following raids near North Powder Friday by Sheriff Jesse Broadhead, Deputy Hugo Klinghammer and two special deputies.

The officers located a 20-gallon still 15 miles northwest of North Powder Friday night, equipped with a complete outfit for manufacturing liquor. Twelve barrels of mash, each of 50 gallons, and some finished product, Marion and Fred Christman 19 and 20, were in the dugout where the apparatus was concealed and were immediately placed under arrest, the sheriff reports. Not content, after sending the two brothers to La Grande, he remained there during the night and Saturday morning, a third brother, Calvin, 17 years of age, arrived with four and a half sacks of sugar and some other supplies, and was arrested.

Gather Still Nearby
The second still was found about 100 feet from the first and had a capacity of 65 gallons. Thirteen barrels of mash and some liquor were found but the owner was not present. A well-beaten path separated the two liquor-making plants.

The dugouts were in the hillside, banked with logs and covered with poles over which about a foot and a half of soil had been placed, this in turn covered with canvas to prevent leaking.

Boys Accuse Del Snodre
The Christmans boys declared that they had been hired by Del Snodre to operate the still and were to get a 50 per cent split on the profits. The boys added, however, that they hadn't received any remuneration to date.

Officers are now searching for Snodre who, several years ago, was fined \$100 and sentenced to serve 30 days on a liquor charge. The sheriff is of the opinion that the two stills were operated by different groups and is hoping to find the other operators shortly.

MARTIN CASEY ARRESTED IN POLICE RAID

Martin Casey, of Irish name but Austrian parents, was arrested in a police raid at his home at 1111 Madison at 3 o'clock Sunday morning.

Police Chief Chas. Haynes reports that one quart of moonshine was found by his men. Casey, whose trial is set for tonight in municipal court, was placed under \$500 bonds, which he furnished.

Besides Casey's trial, three arrested New Year's day on charges of drunkenness, will also be hauled before Judge C. M. Humphreys.

Rotarians Hear of Grocery Problems

Problems of the retail and wholesale grocery business were explained by G. L. Larson at the regular Monday noon Rotarian luncheon at the Foley grill today.

In his talk, Larson outlined the history and growth of the present chain store movement.

OVER 12,000 PEOPLE PASSING BY

A show window is an excellent means of advertising—showing the passing public the merchandise to be had inside and inviting a purchase. It is especially valued if a thousand or so people go by each day, even though only a small percentage of them stop to look.

The Observer's advertising columns constitute the business community's show window—presenting to you the merchandise that is new or different and inviting your trade. It is the giant show window of the community and is viewed by the greatest number of prospective customers. Over 12,000 people look in it each day—by far the most efficient and far-reaching contact to be had in the La Grande territory.

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Holidays Over, School Children Back in Classes

High School Basketball Season Opens Friday—Mid-Year Examinations Drawing Nearer.

The holiday season ended, the La Grande public schools resumed their regular classes this morning, and began preparing for the closing of the first semester, which is on Jan. 14.

In the high school examinations will be held in the preceding week, although a more detailed announcement will be made later. The Tiger's basketball season will open Friday night of this week, when the Union quintet comes here. The squad, under Coach Ian MacKenzie, has been polishing off the rough spots for several weeks and expects to be in fair condition for the initial contest.

Returns From Portland
Principal E. D. Towler, who with his wife has been in Portland visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Chandler, and attending the annual meeting of the State High School Athletic association, returned yesterday. A number of other high school teachers also returned from Portland Sunday, including Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McEachern and Fred Johnson, where they spent the holidays.

Towler, in commenting on the athletic association meeting, declared that his plan for determining a state football championship was defeated, largely because the association members did not desire to enter into this phase of the sport as yet. It was agreed to hold the state hoop tournament at Williams University, March 10, 11 and 12 and a motion to permit each team to have 10 members was defeated, the limit remaining at eight. Another motion, to permit an athlete to carry only three subjects, also lost out.

Roy Cannon, of Graham, was selected to fill the unexpired term of J. O. McLaughlin, resigned, and J. W. Mashler, of Grants Pass, was elected president, succeeding G. A. Heiseno, whose three-year term had expired.

New District Board
A new district board for Union, Wallawa, Baker, Grant, Malheur and Harney counties was selected as follows: E. D. Towler, La Grande, chairman; H. M. Broadhead, Baker, and H. S. Dullos, Joseph. This board will be in charge of determining the district basketball title.

Penney Manager Selected; Takes Position Today

M. M. Hunt, formerly of Eugene, today took over the management of the J. C. Penney company store here, succeeding J. A. Tedford, who left a few days ago for Santa Rosa, Cal.

Hunt has had three years experience in Penney company stores and comes here highly recommended. His family will arrive later, he declared this afternoon.

Past Presidents Will Be Honored

Twelve past presidents of the chamber of commerce will be guests of honor tomorrow noon at the regular forum luncheon. The president of the chamber will preside and all past presidents will be asked to respond. A short resume of the work of each during their administration will be given.

The past presidents are: E. L. Meyers, A. J. Stange, William Miller, J. G. Snodgrass, J. B. Reynolds, P. S. Robinson, H. E. Goodridge, Howard O'Brien, Dr. E. P. Muesman, G. L. Larson, Elmer Stoddard and W. C. Perkins.

Thompson Brought Back to La Grande

A man by the name of Thompson, arrested in Portland on a charge of passing a bad check on John Eggers here, has been returned to La Grande and will be arraigned before Judge of the Peace Hugh E. Brady tomorrow.

Court Refuses to Review Rail Case

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—The St. Paul railroad foreclosure proceedings resulting in the sale of that property under orders of the federal district court at Chicago will not be reviewed by the supreme court.

An appeal was denied today to Edwin C. Jamieson and others claiming to own \$13,000,000 in bonds of the railroad. They contended that by a collusive arrangement between the railway, its bankers and a friendly creditor the road was placed in receivership and inequitably and illegally reorganized. They lost in the lower courts.

SUES CHIEF



—NEA, Cleveland Bureau
Frederick C. Baird, former Pittsburg prohibition chief whom General Andrews once called "the perfect prohibition chief," was altogether imperfect in the way he paid his help, according to Miss Marion L. Bennett of Pittsburg. She has sued him for pay which she says is due her for work she did for him.

NEW COMMISSION IN OFFICE HERE

A. T. Hill Reelected President, Crews and Humphreys Reappointed

The new city commission, to serve during this year and 1928, was formally organized this afternoon at a meeting held in the city hall building.

H. B. Coburn, who succeeds Dr. R. P. Landis, was officially sworn in and, after he and Commissioner Charles Mayle and A. T. Hill took the oath of office, the latter was reelected president of the commission. This begins his third year in the chair.

With organization completed, the commissioners proceeded to reappoint City Manager W. C. Crews and Municipal Judge C. M. Humphreys. All other city departmental offices are appointed by the city manager.

At two o'clock the commissioners were discussing problems of the coming year before adjourning until Wednesday night.

Strangler Lewis To Wrestle Munn

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 (AP)—Ed (Strangler) Lewis has put up his \$10,000 diamond belt emblematic of the heavyweight wrestling championship for the victor in his match tonight with Wayne (Big) Munn.

Nearly two years ago Munn tossed Lewis out of the ring in Kansas city and claimed the title when Lewis was unable to appear for the third and deciding fall.

Christian and Baptist Churches Prepare for New Year's Program

Two La Grande churches held their annual meetings over the week end as a beginning of the program.

The city around the world visiting all of the Baptist foreign missions on the atlatish "Evangelist" was started, and the logs, which every one taking the trip is to read, were distributed.

All-Day Meeting
At the meeting of the Central Church of Christ, which was held following dinner at the church at noon, which was served by the Loyal Sisters immediately after the morning services, officers were elected and the reports of committees heard.

The elders elected were Leslie White, L. C. Harper and Frank Hardesty; deacons, Dr. J. L. McPherson, A. Mullenburg, George L. Anderson, and L. R. Purdy; deaconesses, Mrs. L. M. Parker and Mrs. J. L. Smith; trustees, G. W. Roberts.

Two hundred and fifty-eight resident members of the church reported and 222 members, including non-resident members. According to the report 52 new members have been added within the past year.

The treasurers report showed that \$2,890 had been handled through the church proper, exclusive of the church auxiliaries. The pastor, the Rev. C. V. Dunn, also reported. Work for the year 1927 was discussed and plans outlined.

Nothing unusual was in the regular church services yesterday. At the First Presbyterian church, which is still without a pastor, the Rev. Daniel J. Kerr, of Seattle, occupied the pulpit. Special musical programs were given in several of the churches.

HEADLINERS IN BASEBALL UNDER CLOUD

Risberg Expose Names Ray Schalk, Eddie Collins, 36 Others

HEARINGS TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

Chicago White Sox Fixed Four-Game Series in 1917 with Detroit; Landis Is Informed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 (AP)—Commissioner Landis today sent telegraphic requests to 38 ball players, urging them to appear here at 10 a. m. Wednesday in connection with charges involving the Detroit-Chicago "sloughed" series of 1917.

The baseball court of Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis, former federal judge, is getting a crowded docket with a hearing of some of the most famous players in the game set for next Wednesday.

Invitations were out today for Eddie Collins, Ray Schalk, Red Faber, Donie Bush, Clarence Rowland, and about 30 others, who were named in an affidavit given the commissioner Saturday night by Charles A. "Doc" Risberg. He told Landis that the Chicago White Sox, with whom he used to play shortstop, fixed a four-game series Sept. 2 and 3, 1917, so that Detroit would lay down in four games and give the Sox a better chance for the pennant. Landis then set Wednesday as the date for further investigation.

Fixed \$1,100 Pool
Some of those Risberg named as contributing \$45 each toward a present of about \$1,100 for the Detroit players, admitted raising the pool but gave a different version of its circumstances.

Everybody knew, said Landis, Sox outfielder at the time, that the Chicago team gave Detroit more money for betting Boston in three games Sept. 19 and 20, 1917, killing the Red Sox chances of winning the pennant from the White Sox. The Detroit pitchers were not hired to lay down for the Sox. Ray Schalk, the Sox manager for 1927, admitted he gave his \$45 and told the same story as Landis.

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Justice of Peace To Go On Trial

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 3 (AP)—Following his appearance at the county court house today where he was sworn in as justice of the peace, William Barnes, old-time resident and former sheriff here, went next to the office of U. S. Commissioner Burt Thomas to face United States liquor charges. He was arrested New Year's day and is charged with sale, possession and conspiracy to violate the national prohibition act. His hearing was postponed to Jan. 11 and he was released on \$1500 bond. Hearing of defendants arrested at the same time was also postponed.

Body of Aged Man Found at Hillsboro

HILLSBORO, Ore., Jan. 3 (AP)—The body of a 60-year-old man, aged about 60, believed from papers found in his pockets to be George Hefzeder, was found by two boys yesterday in a deserted camp 20 miles west of here and three miles north of Timber.

Carener Linder believes the man had strayed into the camp while lost in the woods. He had been dead about two weeks. Efforts were being made today to get reports of lost persons to check in an effort to confirm the man's identity.

A piece of an envelope bearing the printed return address of Keater and Randall, Pendleton, Ore., attorneys, was found. There was also a note book with memoranda written in German. Translation showed several references to Catholic institutions.

Two Boys Lost On Mount Hood Since Saturday

Damp Snow Falling This Morning Makes Search Difficult—One of Two Without Food.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3 (AP)—Heavy damp snow was falling this morning on the southern side of Mount Hood where two Portland youths, Leslie Brownlee, 20, and Calvin White, 16, had been lost since Saturday. Visibility was poor, and the sudden snow hampered movements of searching parties.

The boys, each a member of a different party on the mountain for winter sports, became separated from companions Saturday, and all efforts of searchers Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night proved in vain.

Brownlee, who was experienced in mountaineering, was well clothed and carried three thermos bottles, one of soup, one tea and one of orange and lemon juice, and also some solid food. White had only a sweater and no food, and had only meager experience on the mountain.

Brownlee became separated from companions while attempting a climb to the peak. White strayed away from a sliding party. The reflection of a fire in the Zig Zag canyon was seen at 4:45 a. m. Monday by E. B. Macnaughton and this is regarded as the most hopeful event which has occurred since.

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EL PASO HOTEL FIGURES IN CASE

Whereabouts of Aimee Last Summer Will Be Freshly Investigated

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3 (AP)—The Times says a new investigation seeking to determine the whereabouts of Aimee Semple McPherson last summer during the time she says she was the prisoner of kidnappers has been launched by the district attorney's office and centers on a hotel registration in El Paso, Tex., two days prior to the evangelist's reappearance in Mexico.

The woman who registered at the hotel remained there a day and a night, after June 21 and departed on a westbound train, which went through Douglas, Ariz., approximately 10 hours before the evangelist was found in Azusa, Calif., Sunday, August the boundary from Douglas.

The investigators are attempting to determine whether the woman who registered at the El Paso hotel was alone or accompanied by other persons.

Check Ormiston Trail
At the same time the officers began a check of the movements of Kenneth G. Ormiston, former Angler Temple radio man, and co-defendant with Mrs. McPherson, her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy and Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman Sheriff on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice and support perjury. The officers said they believed that Ormiston had parted in Chicago with the woman whom he has identified as "Miss X" and joined June 20 returned to Seattle and from there came to California. The route back-tracked that which they charge the radio man and his mysterious woman companion had taken when they left Carmel hurriedly May 29.

"I don't care what they claim to have uncovered in the way of transcontinental jaunts," said Mrs. McPherson, when informed of the new developments. "Mr. Ormiston may have traveled about the country while I was in the hands of kidnappers. I have already stated that I was not 'Miss X'. He said his companion was 'Miss X'. I was not at Carmel and that settles that."

The state in the conspiracy case has contended that the woman with Ormiston at Carmel was Mrs. McPherson.

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"THE BAT" TAKES TO THE AIR

NEWEST and most freakish of airplanes, "The Bat," has had its trial flight at Paris. This unusual airplane, equipped with Heriot Four motors, is intended, strangely enough, for commercial flights and not for stunt work.

NAVY SUPPLY MEASURE IS INTRODUCED

Would Cut Cruising Activities of U. S. Fleet About 8 Per Cent

MAINTENANCE SAME IN OTHER RESPECTS

Bill Carries No Funds for Starting Construction of Light Cruisers Authorized in 1924.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Proposing a cut of \$1,550,000 in the funds for cruising activities of the U. S. fleet, but otherwise providing for maintenance of the navy about as it is now, the annual navy department appropriation bill was reported to the house today by its appropriations committee.

It carries a total of \$314,552,589 for all branches of the navy for the fiscal year beginning next July 1, a decrease of \$5,384,895 compared with current funds and \$150,970 below budget recommendations.

Force Not Cut
The committee refused to accept the budget proposal for a reduction of 1,200 men in the enlisted strength of the marine corps, and provided for continuation of its present size of 18,000 enlisted men, 1,020 commissioned officers and 155 warrant officers.

"The material condition of the navy is good," the committee reported. "The personnel situation continues on the upward trend. Both will improve, the committee believes, under this bill."

Provision is made for continuing naval enlisted strength at \$2,500 and the officer strength, including line, staff and warrant officers at \$7,110. The food ration is based on 55 cents per day per enlisted man. The allotment for cruising is cut from \$13,950,000 to \$12,000,000. Rear Admiral Charles Morris told the committee during hearings on the measure that this cut probably would cause a reduction of about eight per cent in the steaming radius of the U. S. fleet. The committee, however, said that a reduction in the cost of fuel oil would equalize the situation to some extent.

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Jesus Greatest Ruler of Today, Protestants Say

Power as a Social Reformer Is Growing—Churches in Healthy Condition.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—Jesus is the greatest ruler in the civilized world today in the opinion of 100 prominent Protestant clergymen of the country.

The nature of God, Personality of Jesus, the church's place in the world and the purpose of religion is discussed in a New Year's message to the country made public by Charles Stelzel, president of the church advertising department of the International Advertising association.

Court of Last Appeal
"The power of Jesus as a social reformer is growing," the statement read. "He is the court of last appeal. He is today the greatest ruler in the civilized world."

"The world has never come up to Christ's teachings. It is just beginning to get a glimpse into the significance of his words. His mission will be further revealed as men are prepared to grasp its meaning."

The church message stated is in a healthy condition and is not asking for men to come to it because it needs support.

AUTO ACCIDENTS FATAL TO MANY

Walla Walla Girl Killed When Car Crashes into Pole on Dark Street

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 3 (AP)—Evelyn Wilson, 22, was killed early yesterday when an automobile loaded with persons who had been attending a dance crashed into a steel light pole at a street corner. Power lines had been broken by high winds and the dance hall went dark.

William Taylor took a group into his car for a ride while waiting for the lights to return, and in driving along a darkened street his car hit the pole.

Opal Moore, Frances Wilson, Mary Taylor, Edwina Woods, Nevin Alderman and William Taylor suffered injuries. Miss Moore and Alderman were most seriously hurt. Alderman, a printer, was on the street waiting for the lights to come back, and was invited by Taylor to join in the ride.

Taylor was arrested, and a coroner's jury placed the blame for Miss Wilson's death upon him.

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CONGRESS IS BACK ON JOB; PROGRAM BIG

More Important Measures to Be Acted Upon at This Session

CHAFF WILL WAIT UNTIL DECEMBER

Agricultural Department Appropriation Bill Reported to House; Poison Liquor Talked.