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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Wednesday. Normal temperature. Moderate variable winds.

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FOREST WORK
IN THIS AREA
IS RECOUNTED

Ranger Completes Annual Report of Progress During 1926

MUCH ATTENTION
GIVEN TO ROADS

Several Improvements Made in the Meacham Ranger district, Summary Shows.

Several improvements were made on the Meacham ranger district during 1926, according to an annual report just completed by Gerald Tucker, forest ranger, stationed here. Twenty-two miles of roads were repaired and maintained; one-fourth mile of road constructed; 75 miles of trails repaired and maintained and 65 miles of telephone line repaired and maintained.

This work was handled by the regular force of forest rangers under the direction of the forest ranger. In addition to these three men were employed under the direction of the ranger, who constructed nine and five-eighths miles of new trail in the district at a cost of \$12,27.07.

Cinklin Trail Work. The forest trail constructed of most interest to the people of La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley is the Cinklin Trail beginning at the foot of the mountain west of Summerville and connecting with the Main Divide trail on top of the mountains. This trail has an average grade of 16 per cent and in no place exceeds 20 per cent. It is two and one-fourth miles long and was constructed at a cost of \$455.17.

The remaining trails constructed were on Middle Ridge, near Uchel Ranger station and near Eastern Ore.

The most important of improvements in the Meacham district was the construction of a steel lookout tower, 81 feet high, on Mt. Emily. This was built cooperatively by the Union County Fire association, the state of Oregon and the forest service, at a cost of a little less than \$1500.

The actual construction of the tower was under the supervision of the forest officers, who feel that the tower will soon pay for itself by declaring the acreage of timber burned each year, due to the quicker and more accurate location of the fires.

OSCAR DOOLEY
ARRESTED ON
LIQUOR CHARGE

Oscar Dooley, who makes his home in a tent located on Washington avenue between Eighth and ninth streets, was arrested last night by a squad of officers from the police department and the sheriff's office following a raid on his place which officers say resulted in finding five pints of liquor.

Dooley is in the city jail awaiting trial, which will probably be held tonight. He was convicted once before in the justice court, it is said.

REAL
ESTATE
ACTIVITY

This year, with many important projects in prospect that will mean new population for La Grande, will be more active than ever in real estate and building.

To make the most of your opportunity by either selling your present property, buying new property, or building and improving what you now have, you will want to follow the advertising messages in The Observer with care. Houses, lots, and acreages for sale; similar property wanted—these are constantly found in The Observer's Want Ads. Building suggestions and services are available each week on the Building Page. It will pay to take advantage of La Grande's growth.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

War With China
Due In Next 50
Years Is Belief

Dr. William Locke, Missionary From Orient, Predicts Conflict Unless Change Occurs.

Dr. William Locke, at one time a missionary stationed at Hunan, China, spoke at the First Presbyterian church here last evening before a fairly large audience. His subject was "American Relations to the World Tomorrow," and told about the feeling in the Orient against the domination of the white people.

He discussed the fall of empires and declared that a change was necessary, within the next 50 years, there would be a conflict between the east and the west. "We never solve problems or compose a difficulty," he told his audience, "and asked them what they could be done."

Dr. Locke, 38 years in China and is familiar with conditions there. He was born in Scotland and his Scotch brogue and many interesting experiences added to the interest of his talk.

Previous to his introduction by W. B. Plecken, Miss Gladys Miller played a piano prelude, and Miss Daisy Hobbs sang "Prayer Perfect," accompanied by Miss Miller at the piano.

400 Pounds Of
Clams On Hand
For Club Dinner

With 400 pounds of clams ready for the cooking process, members of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club are eagerly awaiting tomorrow night, when the annual meeting of the organization will be held in the M. E. church basement, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

In addition to the dinner, several matters of business will be taken up, including election of officers, discussion of chances of having an Eastern Oregon man appointed on the state game commission, and proposed changes in the game law.

In reference to the latter, it is understood that the local sportsmen favor changes in both the deer and grouse open seasons, and are advocating an earlier grouse and a later deer opening.

Tickets for the banquet, priced at one dollar, are on sale at The "Forestry," the Oregon Hardware and at Lily's Hardware. The purchase of a ticket pays up one's membership for a year and admits him without further charge to both the clam feed and the annual summer fish feed. Any Union county man is eligible to membership.

Annual Legion
Play Postponed

The second annual American Legion play, which was scheduled for Jan. 25 and 26, has been postponed because of the inability of the players to be here then. The play will probably be given sometime during the month of February unless other arrangements can be made.

W. E. Priestley, representative of the 111 Fireworks company, attended the meeting and arranged with the legion for one of the most elaborate fireworks displays to be seen in Oregon for the 1927 state legion convention to be held here. He declared that nothing like it had ever been shown in Oregon, but that similar displays had been given in Seattle and other large places during state or national legion conventions. The display arranged for is a pyrotechnic drama of the pioneer along the Old Oregon Trail. In connection with this there will be music and a descriptive reading.

Fifth Carload of
Seed Spuds Here

A fifth carload of certified seed potatoes arrived in La Grande yesterday, bought by E. A. Wills, of Alsea, from a grower at Redmond, Ore.

This is the largest number of certified seed potatoes ever shipped into La Grande, two carloads being the most in previous years. A large part of Grande Ronde valley's crop of potatoes will be grown from certified seed this year.

The seed purchased by Wills is probably some of the best secured this year, as he ordered it especially sorted.

E. L. Holmes Wins
Wide Recognition

E. L. Holmes, representative of the Oregon Life Insurance company here, wrote more policies during the past year, than any other underwriter in the northwest district, which includes Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Word to that effect was received here from headquarters yesterday.

Each year the representatives of the company compete for the largest volume of business and Holmes was the leading man for 1926.

The Portland representative was second on the list, Seattle, third and Spokane, fourth.

ARMORY BILL
IS HELD FOR
NEW ACTION

La Grande and Forest Grove Requests Both Laid on the Table

OTHER MEASURES
VETOED DITCHED

Passage of Bills with Two-Thirds Vote in the House Would Make Them a Law.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore., Jan. 11. (AP)—The house voted to lay on the table two vetoed armory bills, one providing for an armory at Forest Grove and one at La Grande. All other vetoed bills of the last session were indefinitely postponed on motion of Loyal Graham, of Washington county.

The above dispatch is interpreted here to mean that both the Forest Grove and the La Grande armory bills, which were passed two years ago and vetoed by Governor Pierce, will be taken up for further consideration at this session.

If the two bills are brought to a vote, a two-thirds majority in both houses would make both become a law passing the two over Governor Pierce's veto. In the event this course is taken, Governor I. L. Patterson would have no official connection with the passage as it would be merely a reconsideration of vetoed bills.

BANK OFFICERS
ARE REELECTED

Members of Staff Guests at Luncheon—Cadman Concert Announced

The La Grande National bank held its annual meeting of stockholders at 10 o'clock this morning.

The same directors and same officers that served last year were reelected for another term. Round the business occupied the attention of the stockholders during the remainder of the session.

Farm Conference
Meet Postponed

The meeting of the chamber of commerce, agricultural committee and representatives of the county granges to set dates for the fourth annual Union county economic conference, which was to have been held Friday evening, has been postponed until Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Files Damage Suit
Against Cookingham

PENDLETON, Jan. 11. (AP)—Myrtle Barker has filed a damage suit for \$10,000 against Sheriff L. T. Cookingham of Umatilla county, L. M. Kitzing, Federal Agent Rogers and Deputy Sheriff C. Hoskins. The charge alleges that the plaintiff was assaulted and beaten on the night of February 28 of last year and that her doctor bill for the injuries was \$25 and that the defendants took \$25 and a \$150 diamond ring and that she was held in jail two days and forced to pay \$100 attorney fees to be released.

Cove Pledges \$300 To Complete
Mill Creek Road Now Under Way

The citizens of Cove pledged \$200 towards the completion of the Mill Creek road last evening when a meeting was held there, and are out today making an effort to increase the amount. The road is being built by the Cove citizens, Union county and the forest service, cooperatively. The county court has already furnished \$200 for the finishing of the road, which will cost about \$5500 or \$6000. Cove plans to furnish \$500 or \$600 in money or labor.

This road will run to the top of Mill Creek hill and will not be completed to the little Millham river, as the opinion of many people. The purpose of the road is for forest protection and wood hauling. If finished the forest service may establish summer headquarters there.

About 20 people attended the meeting last night, which was held at the Cove school house, presided over by E. E. Coard.

PRESIDENT'S
STAND GIVEN
O.K. BY MANY

Charges Against Mexico Classed as Affront by Southern Senator

BORAH REFRAINS
FROM COMMENTING

Bigham, Moses, Smoot Uphold Coolidge in His Course in Relation to Nicaragua and Mexico

MANAGUA, Jan. 11. (AP)—United States naval forces have ascended the Escondido river 60 miles to establish a neutral zone in the interior today. Another neutral zone has been declared at the mouth of the Wawa river.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (AP)—President Coolidge's special message to congress in which he laid bare in unmistakable language evidence of the Mexican "interference" in Nicaragua, and reaffirmed the administration's policy as one designated to protect all interests of the United States in Central America came with such an unexpected suddenness that many members were still perusing the document today before making known their views.

It was being given particular attention by members of the senate who contemplated taking part in the examination tomorrow of Secretary Kellogg by the foreign relations committee on the Nicaraguan situation.

The president made it plain in his message that the government was acting not only to preserve American lives and property in the international warfare in Nicaragua, but also to recognize the conservative regime of President Diaz as opposed to the liberal government set up by Juan B. Saca, with Mexican recognition, but to protect the interests of "this government itself," whether affected by international strife or "outside interference."

Some Comments.—The statement that President Coolidge's Nicaragua-Mexico message to congress was a deliberate affront to Mexico was made in the house today by Representative Huddleston, democrat, Alabama.

Chairman Borah, of the senate foreign relations committee, who holds that Saca is the rightful head in Nicaragua, has no comment to make on the message, but said he would discuss the situation later. A few did comment, however, and among them were found both endorsers and critics.

Uphold Coolidge.

Senator Bigham, republican, Connecticut, said the message would clarify the situation in the public mind. Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire, said it was "an admirable statement," while Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, declared it "ought to ally all apprehensions of the American people."

Among the critics were Representative Garrett, democratic leader in the house, who said the message was unsatisfactory in that it did not make clear "what was the danger to American life existing in Nicaragua now?" Senator King, democrat, Utah, said his information as to Nicaraguan conditions was "not in harmony with statement of the president."

Senator Willis, republican, Ohio, while not commenting on the message, declared in a speech in Philadelphia that England, France and Italy had appeared to the United States to protect their nations in Nicaragua and if the latter did not agree to do this, "they will do it themselves, especially England, for that country will see Englishmen protected wherever they go."

Scout Council To
Meet Here Jan. 15

The executive board of the Tri-County council on Boy Scouts of America will meet here Saturday noon at the Summer hotel to discuss future plans.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (AP)—Senator Underwood, of Alabama, is ill at his home here with pleurisy. It was said his condition was improving rapidly.

Show Association
To Meet Friday

UNION, Ore., Jan. 11. (Special)—The first meeting of the Union Livestock Show association since adjournment last June will be held at the city hall Friday evening, Jan. 14, at which time there will be election of officers. Plans will be discussed for the 1927 show.

R. E. Miller, president of the association, will preside.

LOEB AND LEOPOLD AGAIN



Nathan Leopold (left) whispers to Richard Loeb in the Joliet, Ill., court Wednesday, where Charles Ream, former Chicago taxi driver, is suing each for \$100,000, charging mutilation. This first picture of Leopold and Loeb since their imprisonment two years ago was rushed by telephoto to NEA Service and The Observer.

Consider Farm
Relief Bills in
Secret Session

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (AP)—The house agricultural committee today voted to consider the new McNary-Haugen farm relief bill in secret session.

Before locking the doors, Chairman Haugen denied a request by Representative Aswell, of Louisiana, ranking democrat on the committee, that consideration of farm relief measures be postponed long enough to give various agricultural organizations time to agree on one measure.

"That would be after March 4," Haugen said. "We had better tackle this thing now." Representative Ketchum, republican, Michigan, asserted that there were indications of farm organizations agreeing and also wished action postponed. Aswell said that it never got a bill through the house on which there was a difference of opinion in the committee. "On the other hand," he said, "we always succeeded in the house when we have agreed unanimously here."

Indian Woman Is
Sentenced, Paroled

PENDLETON, Jan. 11. (AP)—Sheila Williams, Indian woman, charged with arson in connection with her attempt to burn the city jail, changed her plea from not guilty to guilty today while a jury was waiting her case after a trial. She was sentenced to five years in the state prison and then paroled pending good behavior by Circuit Judge Phelps. George Powers, charged with operating a still, changed his plea to guilty and was sentenced to a year in the state prison.

Gas Car Is Making
Runs on C. R. of O.

UNION, Ore., Jan. 11. (Special)—The gasoline car belonging to the Central Railroad of Oregon is again running from Union to Union Junction, carrying for the express, light freight and passengers.

Newsboy Rescues
Woman From Fire

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11. (AP)—William Tofford, newspaper carrier, rescued Mrs. J. P. Warren from a fire which started in her home early today, and suffered burns on his hands in trying to check the blaze. Sending flames in the front room of the house as he was passing he awakened Mrs. Warren. The fire started when a blanket from a bed fell on a furnace register and ignited.

King of Denmark
Ill of Influenza

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 11. (AP)—King Christian of Denmark is suffering from a slight attack of influenza.

Chinese Bandits Massacre Entire
Population of Town Near Chufu

LONDON, Jan. 11. (AP)—A dispatch from Peking says that messages were received today from Shantung stating that all the inhabitants of Wangchihpao, totaling a thousand, have been massacred by bandits.

The message adds that the villagers of Wangchihpao, 50 miles west of the birthplace of Confucius, at Chufu, actively opposed the

Charles Chaplin
Painted As Cruel
In Divorce Suit

Lita Accuses Him of Being Faithless, Threatening Her with Gun and Suggesting Suicide.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11. (AP)—Lloyd Wright, attorney for Charles Spencer Chaplin, said here today the comedian would fight every charge contained in the divorce suit filed by Lita Grey Chaplin yesterday which bristled throughout its 42 pages with charges of cruelty and infidelity.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11. (AP)—Charles Chaplin, screen comedian, is painted as a cruel and faithless husband in a divorce suit filed here by his estranged wife, Lita Grey Chaplin.

Mrs. Chaplin's complaint accuses the comedian, as scoffing at marriage vows, boasting of his associations with other women and accusing his wife of being a "gold digger" and "blackmailer." In her suit filed yesterday Mrs. Chaplin seeks the custody of her two sons, Charles Spencer Jr., 2, and Sydney Earl, 1, attorney, attorneys fees and a division of the community property. The actor's fortune is estimated at \$16,000,000 of which amount \$10,000,000 is said to be community property. His salary is said to be \$250,000 annually and his income from other sources is estimated at an additional \$400,000.

Accuse Him of Threats

Mrs. Chaplin charges in her suit that the actor threatened her life with a loaded revolver and on another occasion suggested that she end her own life.

The complaint details the marital life of the comedian and his wife from the date of their marriage of Nov. 25, 1924 up to their separation last November when Mrs. Chaplin and her two children left the actor's Beverly Hills mansion for the modest cottage of her grandparents, a short distance away.

An alleged conversation between Chaplin and some of his friends about the train which was bearing the bridal party back to California from Mexico where they were married forms the first specific charge in the complaint.

Chaplin's boast: "Well, boys, this is better than the penitentiary, but it won't last long," the comedian is quoted as saying within the earshot of his bride.

Upon their return to Los Angeles, Chaplin is alleged to have frankly informed his wife that the marriage would not "last long."

Woman To Keep
Her Boy; Pastor
Loses Her Love

MUSKEGON, Mich., Jan. 11. (AP)—Mrs. Clara Klesgen had decided that her five-year-old boy meant more to her than the friendship of the Rev. George N. Harness, deposed pastor of the Forest Avenue Church of Christ.

Circuit Judge John Vanderweerp, in hearing recently a petition by Mrs. Klesgen's divorced husband for removal of the boy from the mother's custody, gave Mrs. Klesgen until March to decide between the pastor's friendship and the child.

Hope to Restore
1920 Postal Rates

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (AP)—Restoration of the 1920 rates on second class mail matter was approved today by the senate post office committee.

Action of Supreme
Court Significant

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (AP)—By declining to hear counsel for the state, the supreme court took a course today which under its usual custom would indicate a dismissal of an attack by Frederick L. Miller on the validity of the Oregon law making it a criminal offense to operate an auto at a speed dangerous to life.

Convicted of involuntary manslaughter in causing the death of Alvin Hall in Multnomah county, Miller attacked the constitutionality of the law, contending that it was so indefinite and vague as to be invalid.

STATE HOUSE
BEGINS LONG
GRIND TODAY

Committee Assignments Made—Introduction of Bills Under Way

INCOME TAX LAW
MAY BE PROPOSED

Bill Providing for Erection of Five- or Six-Story Building Offered to Solons.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11. (AP)—Senate and house committee assignments for the thirty-fourth session of the Oregon legislature were announced today, and the biennial grind was on.

Another effort to provide Oregon with an income tax will be sponsored by Representative James H. Hazlett, of Hood River, he indicated today.

Senators Butler and Carmor also were planning to father a similar bill. The bills would be similar to one proposed as an initiative measure by the state grange and defeated at the November election. It will be retroactive to January 1 of this year, if approved.

The Longview bridge controversy came before the legislature in memorial to congress presented by Senator Hunter of Union county, and Representative Lewis of Multnomah county. They ask that congress adopt amendments proposed by the Port of Portland to the bill which already has passed the senate.

The Marion county delegation offered a bill providing for erection of a five or six-story state office building at Salem.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11. (AP)—A legislative investigation growing out of a controversy over adoption of school text books, is expected to be started at the present session.

Interests seeking the investigation sought to precipitate it in the senate, according to information today. The purposes are expected to be:

First: To probe the existing text book controversy to the bottom.

Second: To determine whether any book company or combination of book concerns now or in the past have had a monopoly on the text book in the state.

Third: To ascertain as to whether the price paid for text books has been excessive and as to whether the exchange value has been reasonable.

Fourth: To determine whether any remedy legislation is needed.

The present text book controversy has been raging since along in last November when a majority of the board of education refused to sign a contract which had been drawn up for text books.

Recently a suit was instituted in the circuit court in Multnomah county to restrain the board of education from signing the contract.

To prevent a default several of the so-called independent companies have intervened.

Several of the independent companies also have applied to the supreme court for an original writ of mandamus to compel the board of education to sign the contract recommended by the text commission.

SIMPSON OUSTED

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11. (AP)—A feud that has existed for several years between Major W. P. Simpson, executive secretary of the ex-service men's state aid commission, and Brigadier General George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon, resulted today in the ousting of Simpson at a special meeting called by Governor Patterson. Frank M. Moore, of Portland, was elected in Simpson's place.