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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled with probably occasional rains west and snow in east portion tonight and Thursday. No change in temperature.

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LIQUOR RAID
NETS STILLS
NEAR UNION

Three Arrested by Officer George Pierce and Marshal Vanhouten

WOMAN, MAN GET
\$100 FINE, 30 DAYS

W. R. Clayton, Who Plead Not Guilty, Is Held in Jail—Noble Starts Serving Term.

Three people were arrested and two stills, one of 20-gallon capacity and the other a 20-gallon outfit, and a quantity of the finished moonshine liquor were confiscated, last night when Prohibition Officer George M. Pierce and Dave Vanhouten, Union city marshal, raided what is known as the Henpy place, a short distance south of Union. A quantity of mash was also found, officers say.

The three, William R. Clayton, L. O. McNeal and Elsie Kennedy, were just finishing a run of liquor, double-running it through the two stills, the officers say, when they arrived.

They were brought to La Grande and all three were arraigned this morning before Justice Hugh E. Brady.

Two Sentenced
Elna McNeal and Elsie Kennedy, who are transients, plead guilty and were sentenced to pay \$100 fine each and serve 30 days in jail. The fine was low because of the offenders being transients and because of their promise to assist the state in convicting the third party involved, Judge Brady declared. They were unable to pay their fines and were taken to the county jail where they will serve it out at the rate of \$2 a day.

Clayton entered a plea of not guilty and his preliminary hearing was set for 1:30 this afternoon before Judge Brady. He had bail set at \$500, which he did not provide.

Noble Serving Term

George Noble, found guilty of driving a car on a public highway while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, began serving his six months jail sentence yesterday noon, mandate of the supreme court affirming his conviction.

Noble's case was appealed to the circuit court from the justice court, and from the circuit court to the supreme court, where Judge Knowlton's decision was upheld. His sentence also includes a \$500 fine, which he will also serve out in jail at the rate of \$2 a day, if it is not paid.

Jack Labine, who also appealed to the supreme court and Judge Knowlton's decision was upheld, began serving his term in the county jail the first of the year. He was convicted on a possession charge.

OSCAR DOOLEY
FINED \$250 IN
POLICE COURT

Oscar Dooley, who was arrested Monday night on a charge of possession of liquor, was fined \$250 in municipal court last night when he pleaded guilty before Judge C. M. Thompson.

Dooley was unable to pay and, under his bail, later arranged to furnish at least part of the amount. He faces 125 days in jail.

SPRAY REPORT READ

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 12. (AP)—At a mass meeting of fruit growers and shippers of the Rogue river valley this afternoon the report of Professor Harpman of the Oregon Agricultural college upon the spray residue situation and remedies was read.

THE
LOST IS
FOUND

Things that are lost can usually be found if Want Ads are used consistently. Most people are honest by nature and are glad to return items they pick up if they can find out who the owner is.

A black traveling bag was lost the other night on the highway near Alsea. The owner advertised for it immediately in the Observer classified columns. It was returned to the Observer office yesterday morning by the finder who had read the ad. entire Grande Ronde Valley. Nearly everybody throughout the entire Grande Ronde Valley reads the Observer regularly. It is an inexpensive means of contact not only for the merchant but for the frequent needs of the general public as well.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

Rex Hall To Be
A. L. Convention
Headquarters

Legionnaires Take over Management—Floor to Be Resurfaced for Dances.

The American Legion post here has taken over the management of what is known as the Rex hall, located over Hill's Department store and work will begin immediately redecorating the interior of the place and putting the floor in shape for dancing.

The floor resurfacing will be under the direction of H. P. Nelson, contracting, and the redecoration will be managed by Harley H. Richardson.

When the work is completed the hall will be used as legion headquarters. All meetings of the legion and auxiliary and drum corps practices will be held there, dances and boxing or wrestling bouts sponsored by the legionnaires as well as other activities of the post.

Convention Quarters

In addition to this hall will be used as convention headquarters during the state legion convention this year to be held here.

The hall will also be available for private parties or dances.

Plans are to have the redecoration completed in about a week's time, which will make it one of the nicest dance halls in Eastern Oregon, and the largest in La Grande. This hall has been very popular for dances and parties in the past and probably will be again under the management of the legion.

Spring Flowers
Roil Mr. Boreas;
Snow Is Result

Old Man Winter apparently didn't take to recent talk of an early spring and reports that buttermilk are in bloom in Union county. At any rate, when La Grande woke this morning an inch of snow covered the ground—and also the courageous spring flowers.

The sky is still overcast and more snow may fall during the day. The temperature is moderate.

TWO INCHES IN PENDLETON

PENDLETON, Jan. 12. (AP)—Snow, starting yesterday afternoon fell throughout the night in Pendleton and this morning the ground was covered to a depth of two inches. The temperature is moderating at present.

Fisher Funeral
To Be Thursday

John B. Fisher, who died Monday, Jan. 10, was born in New York state on May 1, 1855. He was a resident of La Grande for 14 years having come here in 1882 after working on the Oregon Short Line railroad.

Here he entered the employ of J. E. Foley, with whom he remained for many years. He went to Heppner some years ago to manage a hotel for J. A. Foley, which position he held for three or four years, returning to La Grande three years ago.

Fisher was well known here and had many friends among the pioneer residents. He leaves his widow and two daughters to mourn his loss.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at the Holmenkamp mortuary, at 2 o'clock.

Local Sportsmen
To Dine Tonight

Everything is in readiness. The clubs are prepared to have their "inwards" warmed in a fashion that will tempt the appetites of men to the utmost and the other dishes that will fill out the menu are nearly ready to serve. It won't be long now!

At 6:20 o'clock tonight the annual Wing, Pin and Pie-foed club banquet will be held in the M. E. church basement. In advance notices indicate a crowd of between 150 and 200 sportsmen to polish off 400 pounds of clams and discuss matters pertinent to the best game interests of Eastern Oregon.

Annual election of officers will be another item of business to be taken up tonight. Tickets to be only admit one to the feed this evening, but will also be good for the summer fish feed and for a year's membership.

Walmer Convicted
Of Petty Larceny

Henry Walmer pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a \$25 fine this morning when he appeared before Judge Hugh E. Brady, in the justice court, on a charge of petty larceny.

Walmer was charged with stealing coal from the railroad company.

He was unable to pay his fine and was committed to the county jail to serve it out at the rate of \$2 a day.

LEGISLATORS
TO ASK FOR
MORE MONEY

Movement Under Way to Increase Compensation of State Solons

FISH COMMISSION
PROBE IS URGED

Special Committee to Be Appointed to Pave Way for Repeal of Many Oregon Laws.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12. (AP)—The board of regents of Oregon normal schools today recommended \$175,000 for construction of a new normal school in La Grande.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12. (AP)—Appropriations for the three Oregon normal schools at Monmouth, Ashland and the new school to be established at La Grande, will hereafter probably be requested of the state budget commission and the legislature by the board of regents of normal schools and not by the president of the institutions. This appeared to be favored by the board at a meeting here today. The board had not completed its discussion of appropriations at noon and expected to formulate definite policies before the end of the day.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12. (AP)—A movement was reported on foot today among members of the legislature for an increase in their compensation. Under the constitution members are allowed \$2 a day for 40 days and \$3 for each 20 miles traveling to and from Salem. Legislators planning this increase suggest that an additional \$5 a day could be allowed as "expenses."

Under the present per diem allowance the pay of the law makers amounts to \$10,800. Should the \$5 daily be added it would raise the total to \$25,800.

Various movements have been made along the same lines in years past, but none succeeded.

Sweeping investigation of the state fish commission is proposed in a resolution introduced today by Senator Joseph of Multnomah county. The commission is composed of John C. Veatch, law partner of Senator Joseph; J. S. Hayes, of Bay City, and Walter T. Eakin, of Astoria.

Recently Commissioners Hayes and Eakin unanimously discharged Fish Warden Ballagh over the protest of Veatch, and selected a warden suitable to themselves.

Following a suggestion made by Speaker John H. Carlin yesterday L. L. Swan, of Linn county, has drawn up a resolution which would

U. S. BANK KEEPS
SAME OFFICIALS

Directors and Officers Re-elected at Annual Meeting Yesterday

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States National bank was held yesterday afternoon at the bank and all officers and directors were re-elected. A. J. Stange will continue to serve as president of the bank; T. J. Scroggin, vice president; L. H. Branswell, cashier, and C. L. Thompson, assistant cashier.

The directors are: Dr. A. L. Richardson, J. J. Foley, L. G. Conch, A. J. Stange, A. J. Van Valkenberg, George T. Cochran, J. J. Conley, C. A. Blugman and T. J. Scroggin.

In addition to the reelection of officers the usual annual reports were given and other routine business conducted.

Kukendal Wanted
In Germing, Nebr.

Chief of Police Clint Haynes today reported that a man who some time ago purchased a restaurant here under the name of Philip Kukendal with a worthless check, and who has since disappeared, is wanted in Nebraska for embezzlement, under the name of Philip Calvert Chapman. Chief Haynes was informed that the man also was wanted in Moscow, Idaho, Pendleton, and Seattle. The information stated that the man purchased a restaurant in Moscow, giving a spurious check for \$2,000. Automobile theft charges also have been placed against him.

After being arrested and bound over to the grand jury here he was released on his own recognizance and paid his obligations here in full.

The information from Nebraska states that a \$500 reward would be paid for his capture.

CZAR SPEAKS;
PLAYERS ARE
EXONERATED

Commissioner K. M. Landis Refuses to Believe Gandil and Risberg

RULES FUND WAS
PAID AS REWARD

Declares Records Show No Evidence of Series Sloughing of Series Played in 1917.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12. (AP)—All the baseball players involved in the alleged scandal between the White Sox and the Tigers in 1917 were exonerated by Commissioner Landis in a decision today.

Commissioner Landis ruled that the fund raised by the White Sox was not collected or paid to the Detroit players for sloughing the series in Chicago, but was paid because of Detroit's achievement of beating Boston.

The commissioner further ruled there was no sloughing of games in 1917 or 1919 except possibly by Swede Risberg and Chick Gandil, who accused the White Sox and Tigers of having fixed games. Risberg and Gandil testified the White Sox sloughed a series to Detroit in 1915 to pay the Tigers for sloughing the series of 1917, so the White Sox could edge out Boston in the tight race for the American league pennant.

Landis' Stand

Commissioner Landis in his decision said that beyond the statements of Gandil the record in an case disclosed nothing to the effect that the raising of the money was ever discussed at a meeting of the players. Whether such a meeting actually took place is important only as going to the question of credibility, the decision said.

The decision in part said: "In addition to the charges of sloughing the Sept. 2 and 3, 1917 series, Risberg alleges that Chicago sloughed to Detroit two of the three game series at the close of the 1915 season. His only specific allegations are that he played out of position and that he believed that Gandil and two other players out of position. Gandil corroborated this, testifying that he played out of position (first saying 'I think it was two out of three ball games') and later saying 'I probably played out of position in all three games'; that he noticed Risberg played out

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Hotel Condition
To Be Discussed

Several of La Grande's business men and members of the hotel board will meet at the Sommer hotel Friday evening with Louis D. Hart, representative of the Hockensbury hotel system, to talk about the lack or the needs of La Grande for a new hotel.

The meeting will start with a dinner at 6:20 o'clock and all interested are invited to attend.

Robbers Take \$20
From Drug Store

Entering via the front door, after breaking the lock, robbers took \$20 from the cash register in the Hied-Cross drug store some time last night and made their escape.

Walter Reuter, proprietor, reports that nothing else was lost. The police are working on the case.

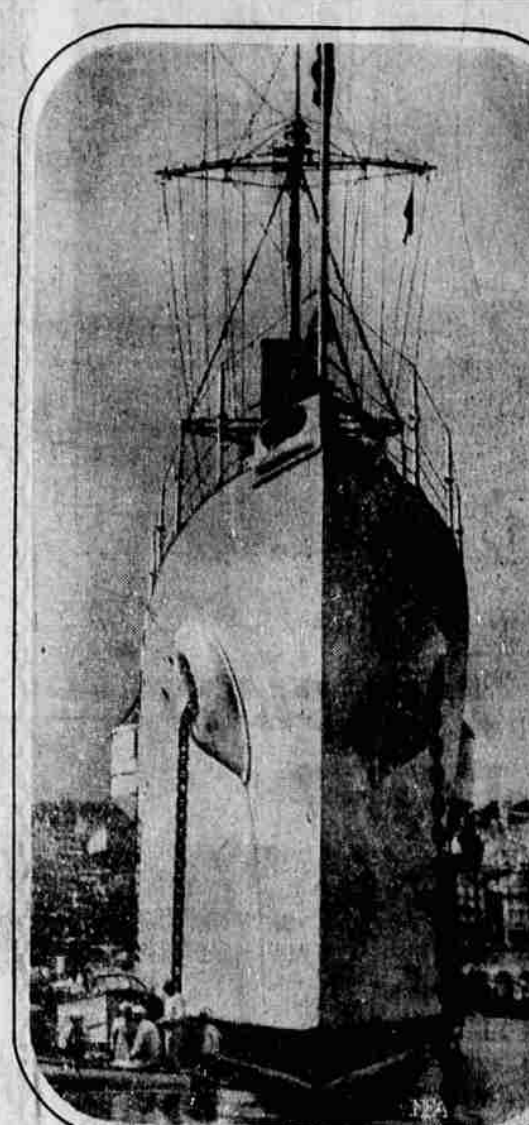
Logging Contract
Let to W. Collins

WALLOWA, Ore., Jan. 12. (Special)—H. M. Maughan, who until last summer operated a sawmill on Potowatchka ridge, which was destroyed by fire late in the summer, has let a contract to W. M. Collins to log out about 500,000 of logs from his holdings there. The logs are being sold to the Boxman-Hicks Lumber company. The greater part of the logs are said to be a short haul, as the logging road runs through part of Maughan's timber.

Hurricane Creek
Squirrels Out

WALLOWA, Ore., Jan. 12. (Special)—J. H. Fisher, who lives in the Hurricane Creek district near Joseph, reports that many ground squirrels are out. No reports are heard of the squirrels being out at this time in other parts of the country, although they were reported in considerable number late in the fall. Crows, hawks and other birds, which usually put in their appearance before the mild weather of early spring are reported to be quite numerous in this end of the valley. This leads many to believe that the balance of the winter will be much the same as that of 1926.

OFF FOR THE "WAR" ZONE



This shows the towering bows of the U. S. S. Marblehead, one of the fastest scout cruisers in the American navy, which is now en route to join the United States naval forces in the Nicaraguan "war" zone.

Receivers Guard
Chaplin Estate
In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12. (AP)—Detectives working under orders from receivers appointed yesterday for property of Charles Spencer Chaplin, film comedian pending outcome of the divorce suit filed by Lita Grey Chaplin moved in on the actor's forty-room residence in Beverly Hills today, took possession and ordered that nothing be removed from the house.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12. (AP)—Receivers mounted guard today over the California millions of Charles Chaplin to protect the interests of his estranged wife, Lita Grey Chaplin, whose suit for divorce asks a portion of the film comedian's wealth.

The receivers, W. L. Gilbert, attorney, and Herman Spitzweil, real estate operator, were appointed by a superior court order yesterday as the result of a surprise move on the part of Mrs. Chaplin's attorney who filed an application for an ex-parte receivership. The court empowered the receivers to take over all of the actor's properties and funds in California pending the outcome of the divorce suit. Gilbert recently was an attorney for Mrs. Almee Temple Melpherson in the conspiracy case which has been dropped.

Chaplin Worth \$10,000,000

The actor's fortune is valued at \$10,000,000 in estimates made by Mrs. Chaplin, who declares that of this amount \$10,000,000 is community property.

The first step to take possession of the comedian's holdings here was made yesterday when notice of receivership was served on officials of the Chaplin studios in Hollywood.

The receivers indicated their next step would be to take possession of Chaplin's forty-room mansion in Beverly Hills. Attorneys for Mrs. Chaplin said they had advised their client of her legal right to move back into the comedian's home and maintain her residence there if she so desired. When Mrs. Chaplin left the actor's home last November, taking her two sons with her to live with her grandparents she declared she would never return.

Flames Destroy
Big Moro Elevator

MORO, Ore., Jan. 12. (AP)—The Farmers' Elevator and Supply company building was destroyed by fire here last night with a loss of \$20,000. Thousands of bushels of wheat, mostly partly injured, were burned, along with \$20,000 in equipment. Hundreds of people came from Wasco and Grass Valley to help fight the blaze. The company plans to rebuild.

Arms Sent From
U. S. to Liberals,
Agent Declares

Representative of Sacasa Government Takes Issue with Remarks by President Coolidge.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 12. (AP)—Pedro J. Zepeda, agent here for Dr. Juan Sacasa head of the liberal government set up in Nicaragua today declared that the arms with which the liberals are fighting the conservative government of President Diaz, were shipped from New Orleans under special licenses granted by the U. S. department of state.

Zepeda also asserted that he has documentary evidence, as well as a letter from the military commander of Puerto Cabezas, seat of the liberal government, stating that the Bragmans Lumber company and the Cuyamel Fruit company, operating in the liberal controlled zone, of their own accord have been adding Dr. Sacasa rather than sending to the United States for protection.

Denies Charge
General Miguel Pina, under-secretary of war and navy, has given denial to the assertion made in President Coolidge's message to congress that a Mexican naval officer commanded a gun running vessel, taking arms to the liberals in Nicaragua.

"I categorically deny that any Mexican naval officer has left Mexico for Nicaragua on such a commission," General Pina said. "I also declare it is untrue that there is a naval reserve of any kind in our country."

ACCUSE CATHOLICS

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 12. (AP)—The Mexican Catholic episcopate is accused of responsibility for recent Catholic uprisings in Mexico under the banner, "Long live Christ the King," in a statement issued today by the office of President Calles.

The statement declares that the Mexican government is convinced that the rebels are acting under specific instructions from the episcopate and that orders have been issued to punish energetically clergymen guilty of inciting to rebellion.

The Catholic Episcopate of Mexico City "with the knowledge that international relations with the United States would be severely

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U. S. Will Rush
Vale Project
Construction

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12. (AP)—Early construction of the Vale reclamation project by the United States reclamation service is indicated by an application received from the federal government by State Engineer Rhea Luper, for the appropriation of 200 second feet of the direct flow of the Malheur river and seepage water and 600 second feet of storage water from the Warm Springs reservoir. "The state engineer will grant the application without delay. The government states in its application that construction will begin by July 1, this year, and completion is promised by July 1, 1932. The estimated cost of the completed project is \$3,000,000, not including storage.

Included in the connection will be a canal 47 miles long, and the total acreage to be covered is 23,464.

Woolgrowers Meet
In Pendleton Soon

PENDLETON, Jan. 12. (AP)—Pendleton is making elaborate plans for entertainment of the thirtieth annual convention of the Wool Growers' association which meets here Jan. 14-15. A banquet is scheduled for the night of the 14th. Many things of interest to woolgrowers in the way of legislation, grazing and rates are expected to come up at the convention.

Whiskers Ready to
Stage a Comeback

LONDON, Jan. 12. (AP)—Whiskers and moustaches are coming back, Barbara says. Initiation of men's styles and habits by women is given as the direct cause by those now engaged in raising hirsute adornments.

With women copying masculine fashions in hair cuts, dress and smoking, proponents of the beard say it stands out more than ever as a badge of masculinity, and the vogue of the clean-shaven man is on the decline.

Facilitate Loans
On Certificates

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. (AP)—The federal reserve board has done everything in its power to facilitate loans on adjusted compensation certificates. Secretary Mellon told the senate today in response to a resolution.

NICARAGUAN
POLICY CASE
DEVELOPING

House and Senate Both Launch Inquiry—Kellogg Bares Bolshevism

COOLIDGE URGES
MORE WAR PLANES

Bill Calling for Modernizing of Two Battleships Reported to the House by Board.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Coolidge asks for new airplanes. Bill would modernize two battleships. Kellogg charges bolshevism in Central America. Nicaraguan policy inquiry is launched. Monroe doctrine upheld, London says.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. (AP)—President Coolidge today recommended to congress that the budget estimate for new airplanes to be purchased before July 1, 1929 be increased from \$4,000,000 to \$4,495,000.

The house naval committee today reported a bill to authorize an appropriation of \$13,350,000 for modernization of the battleships Oklahoma and Nevada, including elevation of firing range angle of the guns on the vessels.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. (AP)—Latin American and Mexican conceived as "a base" for communist "activity," against the secretary Kellogg said today, a document submitted to the state foreign relations committee made public by Chairman Borah.

Bolsheviks Busy

"The bolshevik leaders have had very definite ideas with respect to the role which Mexican and Latin America are to play in their general program of world revolution," the document said.

"They have set up as one of their fundamental tasks the destruction of what they term American imperialism as a necessary prerequisite to the successful development of the international revolutionary movement in the world."

Secretary Kellogg quoted a resolution of the third international meeting up as one of the purposes of that organization that the task of "uniting the struggle against American imperialism in individual countries in a general movement against the whole American continent, embracing the workers of all countries of Latin-America and the revolutionary forces of the United States."

Mexico Held Center
"Mexico is a natural connecting link between the movement of the United States of North America and Latin America," the document continued, "therefore, Mexico must be the center of the union."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12. (AP)—A double inquiry into President Coolidge's Nicaraguan policy was begun today in congress.

In a secret session that was prolonged through the afternoon, the senate foreign relations committee heard Secretary Kellogg explain why American marines are on Nicaragua soil and why the U. S. has recognized one regime there while Mexico is sanctioning another.

At an open hearing the house foreign affairs committee asked its own disarming question over the president's policy heard a college professor pronounce Coolidge's special message to congress "unsatisfactory" and adjourned until tomorrow.

An effort to call Secretary Kellogg before the house committee tomorrow was blocked by Representative Frank, republican, New York, but when he sought to have the committee adjourn for good and drop the subject Chairman Porter overruled.

In the senate committee room Kellogg stated the administration policy in general terms and then was questioned for hours by senators who do not agree with what has been done. One of those he

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Woman Admits She
Sold Moonshine

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12. (AP)—Mrs. Grace Wasco pleaded guilty today to selling moonshine and maintaining a nuisance in Klamath Falls last year. Judge Rudkin suspended sentence until Thursday. With her husband Ed Wasco, the woman was arrested Jan. 1. She first pleaded not guilty, but today took all the blame for the sales, declaring her husband to be innocent.

Judge Rudkin today fined Ira Logan \$250 after the prisoner had changed his plea of not guilty to one of guilty. Logan admitted he sold moonshine Dec. 20 and 22 to a federal prohibition agent at Chiloquin.