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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled with rain
west and rain or snow over east
portion tonight and Sunday; mod-
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FEBRUARY 1Railroad, Connecting Union
and Cove with Junction,
in GriefBACK TAXES DUE
COUNTY TREASURYSale Notices Posted and
Breshars Takes Possession
of Line This Afternoon.

The tangled affairs of the little railroad that connects Union and Cove with O. W. mainline at Union Junction entered into another pitfall this afternoon when Sheriff Jesse Breshars took possession of the line, rolling stock and all other equipment and stock and posted notices that the Central Railway of Oregon will be offered for sale on Feb. 1 to satisfy tax claims the county holds against it.

The notices call for a public sale at the Union depot at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Legal requirements for 10 days advertising of the sale are more than met by setting the day at Feb. 1.

The claims the county has against the line approximate \$10,000. "No taxes have been paid since 1921," the sheriff declared this afternoon. "We have not completed figuring the exact amount of taxes owed to the county but it will be about \$10,000."

The C. R. O. company has to use a strong expression, been first in one jackpot and then another during the past year and a half. The sheriff advertised a sale about a year ago but New England interests stepped in and saved the railroad from going under the hammer. Claims for unpaid wages were also presented by several former employees and it is said that most of these were paid.

Only recently the locomotive on the railroad was condemned and the movement of trains ended. For awhile no attempt was made to maintain a service but of late a motor car has been running between Union and Union Junction. It is reported.

Union people took an active interest in the company's affairs and after the locomotive was condemned, business interests there sent T. T. Cook, president of the Union Commercial club, to Western Oregon where he asked the Oregon public service commission to take action in the case.

Cove, too, is greatly concerned about the railroad's condition. One of the most recent results of the stopping of service was a determination by the local post office to handle the Cove mail, formerly sent through Union by the C. R. O. in La Grande, bringing the mail to and from in automobiles. Invitations were broadcast for bids for this service several days ago. No further developments have been made along this line.

CLEAN ALLEYS
AND STREETS
OF ALL TRASH

Warnings that persons dumping ashes of other trash in alleys and streets will be prosecuted were issued from city officials today.

Street Superintendent Jack Wright particularly called attention to the dumping of ashes against wooden sheds or at any other place in alleys that is likely to result in fires. Trash, vegetable and animal matter that is decaying, rubbish of any kind shall not be deposited in alleys or streets except in covered cans or some other similar holder. This also applies to transportation of rubbish.

Under the city ordinances violators may be fined and the city officials are expecting to make a survey early next week and file complaints against all violators.

THE
LOST IS
FOUND

Things that are lost can usually be found if they are advertised 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 Abbe. 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 advertisement in the 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"

70 Convictions
Record of Helm
For Past YearDistrict Attorney Brings
Many Law Violators to
Justice—Fines Total
\$17,745.00.

A total of 70 cases which came under the jurisdiction of Carl G. Helm, district attorney, during the past year resulted in convictions, three juries were hung, six cases were acquitted, two were appealed and have not yet been tried, one was turned over to Baker county officials, one was turned over to the federal court and will come up Jan. 29, and one offender forfeited bail and has never been seen since.

This does not include speeding cases and other minor offenses, which in most cases go directly to the justice court.

Many Liquor Cases
The bulk of the 70 convictions were on liquor possession charges, 64 cases charging the possession of liquor or mash coming before the district attorney during the year. Five offenders were charged with drunken driving, one was convicted of forgery, one of carrying concealed weapons, two of larceny, one of embezzlement, two of gambling, and two of transporting liquor. One charged with cruelty to animals was found not guilty.

Fines assessed for the cases convicted during the year amounted to \$17,745, approximately \$3,440 of which has been paid. Five hundred dollars was the largest fine sentence given any one offender.

16 Jail Sentences
Sixteen jail sentences were given the largest being one year and two penitentiary sentences. One of these was a three-year sentence for embezzlement, followed by a parole. Drunken driving charges apparently resulted in the largest fines and jail sentences, two of these offenders being sentenced to 60 days in jail and fined \$500, and two receiving a jail sentence of 60 days and \$100 and \$200 fines.

Probably the two cases of most interest during the year was the Jack La Bine and George Noble cases. The Noble case being of importance because of it being the first drunken driving case appealed to the supreme court, under the 1925 law. The La Bine case was a charge of possession and was also appealed to the supreme court. In both cases Judge Knowles' decision was upheld and both offenders are now serving their term in jail, each being sentenced to serve 60 days in jail and pay \$500.

Probably as many search warrants were issued from the district attorney's office, which brought no results, as the number of cases convicted, according to Helm.

Enterprise Club
Wants Zurcher
On Game Board

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 15.—At a meeting of the Enterprise Rod and Gun club, Wednesday night, at which speakers from the Joseph, Laidlaw and Wallawa clubs were present, C. H. Zurcher was recommended for a position of the state game commission in the event that there is a vacancy in that body this year.

Electing of officers found the following men placed in office for the coming year: president, Asa Gorman, vice president, Watt Folger, elected but resigned and C. L. Booth was elected in his place; secretary, H. A. Gritton; treasurer, Dr. Robert B. Stone; field captain, D. H. Travis; executive committee, Clayton Knodell and Guy Skaggs.

It was also decided at the meeting, which was practically a county wide one, that the sportsmen's banquet, which proved so popular last year would be an annual affair but would be held earlier in the year after this. The club gave a vote of thanks to Game Warden George Rogers who was largely responsible for the success of the banquet last year.

The meeting also voted to affiliate with the Wallawa gun club and form a county organization for the purpose of joining the State Sportsmen's association.

Abbie Green Stars
In Radio Concerts

Abbie Green, son of Mrs. C. E. Duffy and who has been achieving some prominence in northwest musical circles, appeared on the KGV radio program at Portland last night with Jimmy Davis, banjoist, and will also entertain from the main studio during dance orchestra intermission tonight.

The Portland press this morning carried a one-column picture of Green and press reports hail him as a "new star," one of Portland's most popular pianists and popular entertainers.

Green spent the holidays with his relatives here, returning to Western Oregon a couple of weeks ago.

LOCAL HOTEL
SITUATION IS
DEVELOPINGGeneral Interest Shown
in City During the
Past Two DaysTWO PROPOSALS
ARE MADE PUBLICGroup of Citizens Hear
Discussion Last Night
by Louis Barr, Hocken-
bury Field Man.

Enthusiasm for a new hotel in La Grande continues to show a healthy growth.

Hot on the heels of an announcement from Mrs. J. F. Phyl yesterday announcing the completion of preliminary plans, arranging of finances and a definite program for raising the Foley hotel and building in its place a modern structure, comes another from L. S. Weeks, representing Portland interests, that the Standard Oil corner at Fourth and Adams has been optioned by the company he represents and that \$1,000 has already changed hands in payment for the papers. The exact plans of the Portland company are not yet ready for publication but with an option already secured, the general belief is that plans for the construction of a new hotel have practically been completed.

In addition to this, some 40 prominent citizens of La Grande, meeting at the Sommer grill last night, heard Louis D. Barr, western field manager of the Hockenbury hotel company—a firm that

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LEGION POST IS
NOW 240 STRONGOne Hundred and Two
Vets Join Organiza-
tion for First Time

The La Grande post of the American Legion now has 240 members, 14 more than last year, and 102 of them ex-service men who are American Legion members for the first time.

At the annual meeting of the legion post W. C. Froman, "Pat" McGinnis and Otis Palmer were appointed to the membership committee.

A membership contest, which closed Dec. 27, brought the post's membership to 240 and put La Grande among the towns to go "over the top" in membership before the first of the year.

Nine posts in the state went over the top before the beginning of 1927, La Grande being one of them and perhaps the largest to notify headquarters that more members had been secured for the year than during the past year.

Thirty-seven more members have been added since the close of the contest and plans are to increase the membership roll by that much each month. It is the goal of the post to have 350 members by the time of the state convention here in July.

Business Men To
Discuss Measures

Proposed measures to come up before this session of the legislature will be discussed Tuesday noon at the regular chamber of commerce forum luncheon at the Sommer hotel.

The Cadman concert, which will be next Wednesday night at the L. D. S. tabernacle, will be announced by Mrs. W. H. Hockenbury, Jr., and will sing two of Cadman's compositions. Mrs. E. L. Holmes will be piano accompanist.

La Grande High Defeats Joseph
Tossers 19 to 16 in Hard Contest

The La Grande high school basketball team increased its 1927 string of victories to two by defeating the strong Joseph high tossers at Joseph last night 19 to 16 in a hard-fought contest.

Although the Tigers scored first and maintained a lead during the greater share of the game, the outcome was doubtful until the last minute of play. The teams used an old-fashioned ball. Coach Ian MacKenzie telephoned, which the local team had difficulty in missing and which resulted in missing many shots that would otherwise have been ringed.

At the end of the first half the score stood: La Grande 19, Joseph 8. In the final frame the visiting team managed to make one more point than did the home team, giving the blue and white 9 points to Joseph's 8 to add to first half score.

Walker High Point Man
Walker, Joseph right guard, was high point man of the game with nine. Of these points he scored

ULTRA-VIOLET
RAY ERA DUE
SCIENCE SAYSMultiplicity of Marvels
Envisioned by Dr. Don-
ald C. StockbargerTRANSMIT SOUND
ON INVISIBLE BEAM"Ghost" Headlights for
Automobiles, Progress
in Motion Pictures Are
Demonstrated.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 15 (AP).—An era of the ultra-violet ray, when sound will be transmitted over beams of invisible light and a multiplicity of scientific marvels hardly yet comprehended will be common place, is envisioned by scientists.

Here are a few of the things foreseen by Dr. Donald C. Stockbarger, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Motion pictures, transmitted on invisible ultra-violet rays.

Automobile headlights that will flood highways with invisible light but will themselves be dark.

Roads, fences and sign posts that will be coated with a fluorescent substance which will glow when beams of the light strike them.

Secret Messages
War time messages which may be sent without fear of interception because the light rays may be focused on a given point.

Other uses for the violet ray are expected when a glass is perfected which will allow the rays of pass through and work their curative values on sufferers from many ailments, and their action in chemistry is thoroughly understood.

Dr. Stockbarger gave a graphic demonstration of the magic ray and its merits.

Gives Demonstration
Motion pictures projected from an ordinary machine with a filter in the rear of the lens to permit only ultra-violet rays to pass through were shot on invisible beams to a fluorescent screen where they appeared with a ghastly, greenish blue glow.

The human voice coming through the ether as a part of a radio broadcast was sent over a ray of light but when a person's hand, or any other object was thrust in the way, the sound ceased.

When the obstruction was removed the broadcast flooded the room once more.

Eliminate Glare
An automobile on a miniature road with scenery and bridges and fences illustrated how the danger of glare from headlights at night might be eliminated and the lights themselves darkened giving off the ultra-violet rays alone.

Beams from such headlights will shine brilliantly when they fall upon roads and guide-posts coated with fluorescent substances but will be invisible to other motorists.

The results that the demonstration foreshadowed may come into practical realization by 2,000 A. D. Stockbarger believes. Many of the new developments in this field of physics are his own achievements.

Livestock Show
Board Elects
Miller President

At the first Union Livestock Show Association meeting of the year held at Union last night, the following officers were elected: S. E. Miller, president; C. L. Caldwell, vice president; Tony Smith, secretary; F. N. Pix, treasurer; Robert Withycombe, L. A. Wright, J. F. Hartshorn, A. E. Levy, Dr. W. T. Phyl, W. R. Ledbetter and W. H. Vogel, executive board.

The stock show will be held June 8 and 16.

JOLLY PIPERS
PLAN PROGRAM
FOR "SMOKER"

An interesting program had been arranged for the Jolly Pipers' meeting Monday night at 8 o'clock in the basement of the Old Fellows hall. Dinner will be served by the members of the Rosbeach lodge.

The Rev. Oliver Riley will play a piano selection; E. H. Higgs will discuss a recent supreme court decision; A. T. Hill will talk about "Parks and Improvements"; the chamber of commerce quartet will sing "That Old Game of Mine"; Clint Haynes will talk about the new traffic ordinance; J. R. McLaughlin will discuss railroad, achievement and progress; and J. H. Peavey will tell of the bumper growth in La Grande since 1929.

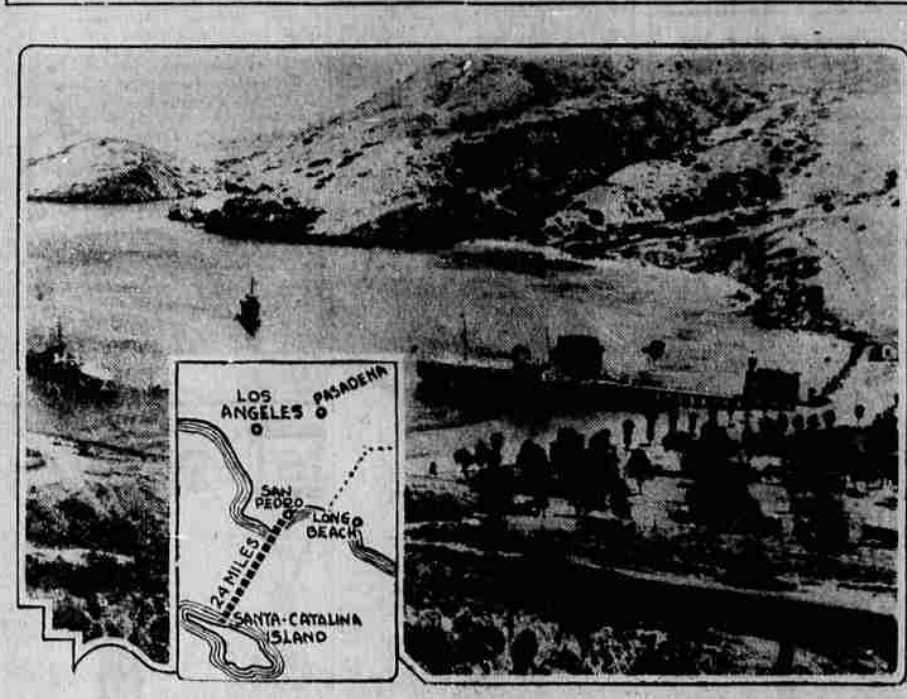
The meeting will be over in time for all those who wish to attend the road show at the Arcade theater.

Montana Man Will
Head Scout Council

A Scott, of Montana, was elected as scout executive of the Eastern Oregon Tri-county council of boy scouts, which comprises Baker, and Union counties, this noon when a meeting of the executive board of boy scouts was held at the Sommer hotel.

Scott is expected to be here by Feb. 1 to begin his work with members of the organization of Eastern Oregon.

WHERE THE CATALINA SWIM STARTED



A view of the harbor of the isthmus of Catalina Island, where the \$40,000 Wrigley channel swim started today. The inset is a map showing the route of the swim.

SALMON HATCH
DURING WINTERPlant at Enterprise Has
Millions of Small Fish,
Including Yanks

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 15.—Because of warm water in streams through the autumn and early winter, all the eggs at the state hatchery have hatched out and the ponds and lagoons now hold 14,500,000 small salmon. Of these about 2,000,000 are of last year's brood, many being as much as six inches in length, and the remaining 12,500,000 are this winter's crop. The eggs have hatched earlier than ever before in the brief history of the plant.

There are some 500,000 tiny yanks at the hatchery and about 600,000 eggs still at Wallawa lake. The eggs are held there until they are "eyed," or about ready to hatch, and then are brought to Enterprise.

The propagation of the yanks is in its experimental stage, so far as turning them into the river and sending them down to the sea is concerned. Only a few of those hatched here have been released in the river and many of those have been marked. As they appear later, more will be known of their life cycle. Most of the small yanks are placed in Wallawa lake to help restock it.

Some persons believe the yank will not pass through the cycle of salmon, out to sea to grow to maturity and then back to fresh water creeks and rivers to spawn, and questions have been raised as to whether they will live in salt water. An experiment is to be made by Supl. Irvine French which may throw light on these points. He will prepare tanks with water of the character of the sea, and will permit small yanks to enter this gradually.

Charles Chaplin
Suffers Collapse

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP).—Charles Chaplin, who arrived yesterday from the west, collapsed at the home of his attorney, Nathan Durkin, today. A nerve specialist who ordered him to bed said that his nervous system had been affected by the strain he has been going through during the airing of his marital troubles.

CANNES, France, Jan. 15 (AP).—Edna Purviance, former leading woman for Charles Chaplin, today dropped work on the film she has been making and left tonight for Paris. She declined to say where or why she was going.

Miss Purviance readily admitted she was being paid \$250 weekly by Chaplin, but insisted she knew nothing about his family affairs.

Convicts Honor
Dead U. S. Officer

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15 (AP).—Convicts at McNeil island prison sent a floral tribute to the funeral here today of Frank J. Snow, veteran peace officer, who died here Thursday. "From Frank's true admirers now in McNeil island—this was four square and true" was the legend on the card accompanying the offering.

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Wool Growers In
Final Sessions
Of 2-Day Meet

PENDLETON, Jan. 15 (AP).—Many forestry officials and county agents are in attendance at the annual meeting of the Oregon Wool Growers association which opened its second day's conference here today. There are many problems concerning forest reserve grazing and grading fees which the wool growers are threshing out in their two-day meeting. Protective animals, future sheep disease, protective tariff are major problems being taken up with the hope of future legislation for the benefit of the sheepman.

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Chinese Drive
Sisters, Priests
From Orphanage

FOOCHOW, Jan. 14 (Friday) (AP).—A mob of students representing the Fukien students union last night attacked the Spanish Dominican orphanage and church near here and drove out the sisters, abducted the Chinese orphan girls and wrecked the property. The nuns are safe in the foreign quarter at Hantai.

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Patterson Bills
Ready for Solons

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15 (AP).—Bills to carry recommendations made by Governor L. L. Patterson in his message to the legislature will be introduced next week, it was indicated today. They include a measure to make the governor budget-making officer of the state; giving the state board of control authority to make purchases for all state institutions; removing the penalty from direct charge of the governor and placing it under the care of the board of control; a measure providing for a financial survey of the state's various subdivisions, and a bill to create an office to handle the business of the auto division of the secretary of state's office.

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Newspapermen Busy
The Associated Press tug, John N. Stewart, with wireless masts visible in the haze, hove to a half mile farther out awaiting the start of the briny classic. Several other tugs and the trans-channel passenger steamer Avalon, crowded with newspapermen and photo-

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CENTRAL AMERICA
ROILED AT U. S.Sister Nations to Nicar-
agua Attack "Ameri-
can Imperialism"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP).—As congress continues to debate the Coolidge administration's policy in dealing with the Nicaraguan situation, cable advices presenting a kaleidoscope picture of reactions to this country's attitude are being received from many points.

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Diaz Also Speaks
A message indicating "the disposition of my government to accept American supervision of elections in 1928," also was sent The Associated Press by President Diaz.

No information has been received as to what progress is being made in the attempt at mediation of the dispute by Costa Rica.

Meanwhile, San Salvador dispatches say that more than 4,000 persons, chiefly students and laborers, marched through the streets of that city in protest against the policy of the United States and listened to addresses endorsing the attitude of President Calles, of Mexico, and denouncing "American imperialism." There was no disorder.

Cuban dispatches report the arrest of Claudiado Alvarez, a student, and Manuel Surt, a printer of Mexican nationality, on charges of distributing a pamphlet signed by 32 students, attacking the American stand in Nicaragua.

Accuses Wall Street
The pamphlet, suppressed by Cuban authorities, declared "once more the boots of the capitalists of Wall Street, in connivance with the white houses, have violated the integrity of a sister nation," and added:

"This new attempt against the liberty of Latin-American makes patent the political perfidy of the white house and constitutes a dark presage for the future of the continent."

Sacaca, who has been recognized as president of Nicaragua by Mexico is reported in Guatemala City.

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102 SWIMMERS
QUIT SHORES
OF CATALINA

Wrigley's \$40,000 Southern California Channel Swim Is On

ROSS, SUMMERS
SHOW THE WAY

Lottie Schoemmel, of Grease-Suit Fame, Is Ahead of Other Women—3 Give Up.

ABOARD ASSOCIATED PRESS TUG, OFF SAN PEDRO, BY WIRELESS TO WILMINGTON, CAL. Jan. 15 (AP).—Norman Ross, giant swimmer from Chicago; George Young of Toronto, Ont., and V. W. Summers, Alameda, Cal., overhauled into the lead in the Wrigley ocean marathon across San Pedro channel today, leading scores of competitors after 33 minutes of swimming. The platoon of paddlers at this time was approximately a half mile from the isthmus of the northeastern side of Santa Catalina Island.

At 1 p. m., Ross, Young and Summers were in the lead. The two first named, swimming along neck and neck, had covered the greatest distance from the starting point, but on account of the fact that they had borne off to the north hoping to catch a tide drifting in their favor they were farther from the finish than Summers. The latter, however, faced the necessity of bucking the same tide drift that was expected to assist the other two.

THE ISTHMUS, Catalina Island, Cal., Jan. 15 (AP).—More than a hundred men and women swimmers plunged through the breakers with the starters pistol shot at 11:21 a. m., here today and struck out doggedly toward the dimly outlined shore of Southern California—navigating 30 odd miles away in the San Pedro channel marathon.

Mrs. Charlotte Schoemmel, of New York, one of the world's foremost women swimmers, headed the feminine contingent out of the Isthmus Cove.

Philip Moore, Los Angeles, gave up the channel swim at 11:53 a. m., 32 minutes after the starting gun.

Two Quit at 11:45
C. L. Webster, Newport Beach, Cal., and Clarence House, of Los Angeles, hoisted the "quit" sign simultaneously at 11:48 o'clock. Prizes totalling \$40,000—\$25,000 for the first person to finish the race, and \$15,000 additional for the first woman to complete the long swim—have been hung up by William Wrigley Jr., owner of the sportsman and owner of the island on the other side of the cold waterway.

Sea Heavy
A fairly heavy sea roll was visible to the scores of watchers who gathered with the first of the swimmers and temperature of 55 degrees five miles out was reported by tugs.

The skies were heavily overcast and a light southerly breeze rippled the channel waters as race officials began the long task of assigning an observer to each swimmer. The observers, equipped with means of signalling to accompany tugs by day and night, accompany each contestant in power or row boats.

Joseph H. Snelling, of Santa Monica, rushed to space number 31, on the sand 10 minutes later with a bathing suit under one arm and a portable radio under the other. The rule demanding an eight o'clock appearance was set aside when Snelling explained that he felt it necessary to obtain a radio set to keep in touch with the race and he hustled into his suit and grease. Five whistles were announced shortly after the first whistle. They were: Robert H. Childs, Buffalo, N. Y.; Steve Mendelson, Toronto, Ont.; Isaac Schabinsky, Los Angeles; Charles W. Kabisuev, Ocean Park, Cal., and Coati Mohawk, Santa Barbara, Cal.

The breeze braked a bit after the greasing up process began and the sea grew choppy. Mariners familiar with freakish wind and wave conditions during the winter months, however, said indications were for "good weather."

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