

NINE INCHES OF SNOW ON GROUND HERE

State Highways Open— Crews Busy With Snowplows Today

SEVERAL DAYS OF COLD PREDICTED

Storm General over Oregon—Portland Reports Snow in the City and Blizzards Nearby.

Piling on top of the six-inch snow covering that fell Monday night and Tuesday morning, three more inches brought the total depth of the white blanket in La Grande to nine inches.

The weather remains moderate, hovering around freezing point and at most, dropping few degrees below. A slight breeze this morning broke the still calm that marked Tuesday.

Wheat farmers are pleased as the blanket gives their crops protection.

No additional reports have been received from Meacham where an 18-inch fall was reported yesterday. Near Elgin the snow is 10 inches in depth, according to the state highway office reports.

Keep Highways Clear All state highways in this part of the state are reported open although crews of workmen have been busy with snow plows keeping the roads clear for traffic.

The weather forecast today indicates no immediate relief, continued wintry weather being predicted for the next few days. The storm appears to be general over the state.

WINTER GRIPS PORTLAND PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP)—The second wintry spell of the season swept into Portland today on the wings of a snow storm. Snow started falling here about 5 a. m. and was continuing this morning. Almost an inch had fallen by 9 a. m.

The temperature dropped below freezing.

In the outskirts blizzard conditions prevailed, with a blisk wind chasing the snow into small drifts.

The weather bureau predicted continued snow tonight and tomorrow and expected the cold weather to last several days.

Snowfall was continuing heavily here at noon.

Heavy snowfall between Portland and Weppam was reported by the S. P. and S. railway, but it was not yet sufficient to cause any delay in train schedules. The report from the Union Pacific gave similar conditions up the Columbia river gorge. Automobile stages plying up the Columbia were not delayed this forenoon and dispatchers expressed the hope that they would be able to keep the service open until the snow flurry is past.

Arrival on Time Arrivals went out of Portland by auto to Medford and will make San Francisco on about the same schedule as train mail.

Storm conditions in the Columbia (Continued on Page Five)

TIME LIMIT ON 1926 LICENSE TAGS AT END

Yesterday was the last day to drive with 1926 license plates. Traffic Officer Bert announced this morning. Automobile drivers who do not have their 1927 license plates will be asked to show the receipt that their application has been sent in beginning immediately the traffic officer stated. Nearly 20 days have been allowed since the first of the year in which to order new licenses and now a check on those who have and haven't must be made.

Motorists who have receipts showing they have sent for their 1927 plates can continue to use their 1926 licenses until the new ones arrive.

BUSINESS IS INTERESTING

Every business, regardless of what it is, is full of interesting things—otherwise the owner wouldn't be in business and wouldn't have such things as customers.

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Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service

Church, Sunday School Elect at Annual Meeting

Zion English Lutherans to Send Frank Hansen to Pacific Synod at Everett Next Week.

The Zion English Lutheran church had its annual meeting last night at the church, when Fred Pohrman and Frank Wurl were elected to the council to serve for three years each.

Other members of the council are N. Nelson, Orval Webber, Fred Mathes Jr., Frank Hansen and Fred Johnson. This body will elect its own officers and transact other business at the next regular meeting Feb. 1.

Frank Hansen was elected as lay delegate, to represent the congregation at the Pacific Synod of the Lutheran church, to be held at Everett, Wash., beginning next Tuesday. Fred Johnson and N. Nelson were elected ushers for the coming year.

The various organizations of the church reported progress. Mrs. Ferdinand Jensen, president of the Missionary society, reported for that group, and Mrs. L. H. Awe reported for the Sunday school.

Sunday School Elects Officers for the Sunday school were elected as follows: Mrs. L. H. Awe, superintendent; Mrs. Frank Hansen, vice superintendent; Miss Margaret Michaelson, secretary; and Miss Katie Keller, treasurer.

The annual report of the pastor was read by the Rev. Left H. Awe. The every-member canvass committee reported, and although the report is incomplete so far indications are that the canvass will be more successful than any previous one.

The auditing committee, consisting of O. Thompson, and Misses Anna and Lina Lottes, reported and was given a ringing vote of thanks for the work it has been doing.

The congregation voted to do what it can in securing its quota for the Pacific Theological seminary in Seattle, Wash., during the coming year.

Legionnaires To Open Hall Jan. 26

The redecorating of the American Legion hall, formerly the Rex hall, is progressing rapidly and will be completed in time for the opening night next Wednesday night, when the American Legion post will give a dance there.

Twenty-two legionnaires worked all day Sunday on the hall and have been working every evening this week. The floor has been refinished, the walls repainted and relacquered, the ceiling redecorated and new light fixtures installed.

This evening the Eagles lodge is giving a dance at Eagles hall for the benefit of American Legion convention fund.

Elks To Entertain Official Tonight

Because District Deputy Frank Workman, of McMinnville, will be a guest tonight, the R. P. O. Elks lodge will hold a special session in the temple beginning at eight o'clock, instead of the regular meeting tomorrow night.

Rooming House Proprietor Fined

E. O. Garrett, rooming house proprietor, was fined \$25 in the municipal court yesterday on charges of drunkenness, the police report.

Garrett pleaded guilty before Judge C. M. Humphrey.

Senator Kiddle Ill in Portland

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP)—Senator Fred E. Kiddle, of Union and Wallawa counties is in a hospital in Portland where he went to submit to a sinus operation. He will be absent from the legislature for about 10 days.

Union Post Office Business Growing

ENON, Ore., Jan. 19 (Special)—Postmaster Tony D. Smith announced that there has been a decided increase in the volume of business handled by that office during the year just closed. He believes it will be about 15 per cent more than was handled during 1925.

Notices are now posted in the local post office calling for bids to carry the mail from Union Junction to Union and to Cove.

SOUTH HONORS LEE

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 19 (AP)—The south paid homage to General Robert E. Lee today. In every state of the old confederacy exercises appropriate to the anniversary of the commander's birthday were planned.

OUTLOOK FOR ARMORIES IS NOT BRIGHT

Five Cities Campaign for Appropriations for Military Buildings

TWO WILL TRY TO WIN OVER VETO

Hopes Gloomy for Supply Measures This Session, Representative Cramer Declares.

SALEM, Jan. 19 (Special)—In line with the military program arranged by Adjutant General White and his associates, the various bills providing for construction of state armories are with the view of making such needs known and paving the way for an appropriation when state finances permit.

Representative Cramer and Senator Miller have a bill providing an appropriation of \$30,000 for an armory at Grants Pass. There will also be bills for armories at Cottage Grove, Forest Grove, La Grande, and Astoria. Before these are introduced it is possible that bills passed at the last session and vetoed providing for these armories will be called from the table and an attempt to be made to pass them over the veto. This method would require a two-thirds vote.

If the friends of the military armories are convinced that the vetoed bills cannot muster the necessary two-third vote, then new bills will be introduced and Astoria will be among the aspirants. Since the last session La Grande has secured the normal school which will take financing.

Representative Cramer has perhaps voiced the sentiment of the members from the various communities seeking armories, to the effect, that appropriations are scarcely expected at this session, but that the way will be paved for the desired funds at the next session.

The two cities who hope to have vetoed bills passed are La Grande and Forest Grove.

EDUCATION IN FOREGROUND STATE HOUSE SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP)—Legislation on education is in the foreground.

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JOSEPH TO PLAY HERE ON FRIDAY

Strong Branchline Quintet Coming—Girls to Go to Union

Both the boys' and girls' baseball teams of La Grande high school will swing into action this week end—the sextet at Union and the quintet here. The local game, to be played in the high school gymnasium, will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

The girls' game was originally scheduled for La Grande but arrangements were made yesterday for the local team, coached by Miss Ruth Johnson, to play out of town.

The Union game will be played on Thursday night. The change was made so that fans could see both the girls' game and the Joseph contest.

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Blue Mountain Grange Members Fight Pilferers; Resolutions Passed Concerning Proposed Laws

GRANGE HALL, Jan. 19 (Special)—One of the outstanding features of the business session of Saturday's meeting of the Blue Mountain grange was the discussion of ways and means of launching a scheme to check some of the wholesale pilfering that has lately been taking place at different farms in the valley. The subject will be taken up again at the next meeting of the grange, Feb. 2.

As the present way of electing the state grange officers is unsatisfactory to the majority of grangers, resolutions were adopted favoring the restoration of the old method of electing.

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NATION-WIDE REVOLUTION PLANS FAIL

President Calles Declares Catholic Rebellion Is Held in Check

AGRARIAN DEMAND FOR ARMS DENIED

Mexican Situation Is Not Critical, Chief Believes—Federal Troops Are Thought Adequate.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 19 (AP)—Mexico is breathing easier with the announcement of Secretary Kellogg's willingness to submit the controversy over the Mexican oil and land laws to arbitration.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 19 (AP)—Attempts by "fanatical" elements to carry out a nation wide revolution have thus far failed, President Calles declares in a reply to agrarian committees asking for arms with which to assist the rebels in stamping out the Catholic rebellion.

Since the agrarian party ordered its members to cooperate with the federal forces the presidential bureau has been inundated with petitions from the agrarian communities throughout the country asking for arms.

Petitions Refused President Calles refuses the petitions with the declaration that the army is at present strong enough to quell the uprisings. Arms were distributed among the agrarians of Jalisco and Guanajuato, he says, because of the exceptional "fanatical" activities there.

Fighting was still going on today in the state of Jalisco, notwithstanding the serious defeat inflicted on rebels in Tepatlitan, but the authorities insisted that the "Catholic rebellion" as they termed it, was almost crushed.

Documents were said to have been abandoned by the revolutionists at Tepatlitan disclosing that the Union Populare, a religious organization with branches in most of the towns of Jalisco, was directing the uprisings.

The rebellious elements who were defeated at Tepatlitan are reported in special dispatches from Guadalajara to have been reorganized at Atotonilco fortifying that town. General Ferrera, with 500 federal soldiers, attacked the rebels entrenched in hills on the outskirts, but his command was repulsed at nightfall. The government forces being unable to advance upon the town, ten rebels were killed in the preliminary engagement and an officer and a soldier were wounded.

COUNTERFEITING OUTFIT SEIZED BY U. S. AGENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19 (AP)—A complete counterfeiting outfit, which federal officers declared had turned out thousands of dollars of spurious federal reserve notes, was seized last night in a police raid on a building at 1000 Market street, San Francisco, California.

The counterfeiters, who were arrested by U. S. agents, were operating out of a building at 1000 Market street, San Francisco, California.

U. S.-MEXICAN SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—Prospects for arbitration of the dispute with Mexico over that country's new oil and land laws have brightened with the announcement of Secretary Kellogg, after a conference with President

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CHAMPION AND PROMOTER



Tex Rickard again gives evidence why he is the world's leading fight promoter. He has just signed Champion Gene Tunney to fight under his auspices for one year. Here we have Tunney and Rickard snatched prior to their recent conference in St. Louis, where Rickard got Tunney's name to the contract. Tunney is at the left and Rickard at the right.

Cadman Is Here For Concert At Local Tabernacle

Charles Wakefield Cadman, celebrated American composer and pianist, arrived in La Grande last night and tonight will appear in concert here at the L. D. S. tabernacle, playing a variety of his own compositions.

Cadman, who is being presented by the Neighborhood club, will be assisted by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, local coloratura soprano.

This famous composer is in Oregon for about a month, spending most of the time in Portland, where he is making preliminary arrangements for the presenting of the "Rosario" during the Portland Rose festival this year, which he will direct for the first time. Several new features have been added to the "Rosario" this year, which he is making arrangements for, including several new songs. In addition the brass band as in previous years a symphony orchestra will be

HUMANS FIGHTING PLAGUE OF MICE

Hordes of Rodents Near Bakersfield, Migrating to Higher Grounds

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Jan. 19 (AP)—State and federal officials, whose help was sought by residents of the lowlands of Kern county to repel hordes of mice which have been migrating to higher ground in search of food, decided today that Bakersfield and nearby cities were in no danger of an invasion of the rodents and turned their attention to exterminating them.

For several days the mice have been moving out of the old Buena Vista lake bed, which had been turned into a grain field. The mice were robbed of food when a great flock of sheep was turned into the field. The situation became so acute yesterday that county authorities yesterday called for help from the United States biological survey and the state bureau of pest control.

Conditions Unbelievable E. Raymond Hall, University of California zoologist, after inspecting the infested area, declared conditions were "unbelievable." All clothing must be shaken before its owner dare wear it, he said. An oil field driller declared he arose one morning and discovered that the mice had eaten all his clothes. The mice migrate over the land like a moving carpet and have made automobile travel in certain spots impossible.

Using Poison The rodents are being checked by the scores of thousands with poisoned sprinkled in newly plowed furrows across the path of their migration. They are being counted and burned in huge piles.

Whit C. Barber, horticultural commissioner, last night received reports that the mice seemed to be headed toward the hills of the Midway Oil field.

Despite the heavy toll taken by the poisoned grain the mice have forged ahead. Some towns and settlements in the threatened area have surrounded themselves with trenches, sprinkled with poisoned grain.

Professor Hall declared that the plague was aggravated by the fact that for years an invading warfare has been waged on the natural enemies of mice such as coyotes, wildcats, hawks and other predatory beasts and birds. He reported that hawks and owls were swarming over the mice hordes in increasing numbers, being attracted from far off points. Thousands of ducks also were building in their migrations to drop down on the rodents.

Despite all the efforts of men and beasts, Professor Hall said, the invaders were swarming over oil derricks in the Kern oil fields, making a cessation of all activities while the oil workers fought the mice.

Sale of Railroad Approved by Judge

CHICAGO, Jan. 19 (AP)—Sale of the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul railway for \$149,999,990 to representatives of Kuhn, Loeb and company and the National City bank of New York, reorganization managers, was approved today by Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson, in whose court the railroad went into receivership March 18, 1925.

Judge Wilkerson also approved the reorganization plan of the two New York banking houses.

Both steps had been bitterly opposed by a bondholder's protective committee headed by E. C. Jameson of New York, which held approximately \$18,500,000 worth of the railroad's junior securities.

ENDORSE McNARY BILL STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP)—A memorial endorsing Senator McNary's bill for the development of the Umatilla rapids was introduced in the legislature by the Umatilla delegation.

Charlotte, Widow of Ex-Emperor of Mexico, Dies

Death Claims Her at Chateau Near Brussels This Morning—Life Had Been Tragic.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 19 (AP)—Charlotte, once empress of Mexico as the wife of Emperor Maximilian, died at her chateau near Brussels at seven o'clock this morning. Thus came to a close one of the most tragic careers in European history, for her mind had been clouded ever since she heard of the execution of her husband, Maximilian, at Queretaro, Mexico, in 1867.

Several times in the last few years her strong constitution enabled Charlotte to withstand serious illness, but when last Saturday she was stricken with a severe attack of influenza, the physician took into account her advanced age—she was 86—and held out little hope for her recovery.

King Leopold Her Brother Throughout the ex-empress' illness, in fact through the years of her retirement, she had a constant attendant in Baron Auguste Goffinet, who was a close friend of her brother, King Leopold II of Belgium.

Baron Auguste, knowing that the empress was soon to die, spoke fully of his relations with the Belgian royal house, of the beauty and charm of Charlotte as a girl before she married the Austrian archduke, Maximilian. "It is my sad privilege," he said, "to bury the royal family. Leopold was right when he told me years ago 'Empress Charlotte is to bury us all, except yourself.'"

Kept in Ignorance On July 27 last King Albert and Queen Elizabeth paid a special visit to Charlotte at her chateau, the occasion being the sixty-ninth anniversary of her marriage to Maximilian. She talked a long time with the king and queen, ad-

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Government May Make Loans On Veterans' Paper

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—Authority for making direct loans on veterans bonus certificates will be sought by Director Hines, of the Veterans' Bureau, who made plans today to have the necessary legislation introduced in congress.

After a call at the white house today General Hines said he would confer immediately with Chairman Green, of the house ways and means committee, and Chairman Smoot, of the senate finance committee.

Under the plan discussed today at the white house the veterans' bureau would serve merely as a supplementary agency to the banks, making the loans in localities where veterans are unable to obtain money from the banks. General Hines, however, would place no limitation upon the power of the bureau to grant the loans in any instance, if the veterans preferred to deal with the government rather than the banks.

It would be necessary, the director said, for the bureau to charge a rate of six per cent interest so as not to jeopardize transactions already entered into by the banks at a similar rate. He told the president that 17,000 loans had been made by the banks on the three million certificates which acquired loan value on Jan. 1.

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Through Passenger Service In Spring

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19 (AP)—Through passenger train service between Portland and San Francisco over the new Cascade line will not start before spring, said J. A. Ormandy, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific today. The date is tentative, depending upon the length of the winter. No definite schedule has yet been decided upon for this service, he said.

Wets Asking For Prohi Referendum

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—A studied effort to urge wetters to interest dry members of congress in a nation wide referendum on the prohibition question.

Of all the proposals advanced by the wets, this one now is looked upon by the wet leaders as the most promising means of solving the wet and dry problem which has agitated both houses for several seasons. In the exclusion of pressing public business.

Dry senators and representatives have been told by the "et" leaders that congress cannot effectively settle the controversy without a direct expression from the people who, the wets contend, never have been given an opportunity to pass on prohibition (either before or since the 18th amendment was ratified.

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SMITH WAITS AT DOOR OF U. S. SENATE

Law-Makers Engage in Hot Debate Today over His Credentials

RECESS CALLED UNTIL TOMORROW

Crowded Galleries Listen to Sharp Words Hurlled by Factions in Seating Controversy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—The senate recessed until tomorrow without reaching a vote on the question of permitting Frank J. Smith to take the oath as a senator from Illinois. There were multiplying predictions that the vote would be close.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—His eligibility questioned on both sides of the chamber Frank J. Smith, of Illinois, waited on the threshold of the senate today for a decision which, at best, promised him little satisfaction.

With few exceptions the senators divided into two groups—one bent on denying him admission pending further inquiry into the financing of his primary campaign. The other asking that he be sworn in as a senator and his fitness investigated afterward.

As the fight developed, those contending for temporary admission appeared to be conceding that they were beaten. They were led by Dineen, of Illinois, and included many of the other republican regulars. The exclusionists were led by Reed, of Missouri, chairman of the campaign funds committee and included in their ranks most of the democrats and republican insurgents.

Crowds Flock Hall Crowds were waiting long before the senate met and as the debate proceeded the jam both in the galleries and on the floor increased. All safety precautions in case of fire went by the board. Spectators packing the gallery sides and standing room behind the rear rows.

The only vacant gallery seats were the seven reserved for the president and some in the diplomatic gallery.

Meeting an hour earlier than usual, the senate hoped to reach its decision before adjournment tonight.

Smith remained at his hotel suite until just before the senate met. The senator-designate took a seat in the rear of the chamber. Immediately after Vice President Dawes called the senate to order, a quorum call was demanded.

Papers Presented Smith's certificate of appointment from Governor Small then was presented by Senator Dineen, who moved that the applicant be administered the oath.

Included in the motion was a proposal that all objections against the appointee be referred to the elections committee, for hearing.

Senator Dineen then began a speech in support of his motion. It was listened to with an unusual interest that made the picture one of the most dramatic in years. Eighty-one of the 95 senators were in their seats.

"Colonel Smith is present," said Dineen, "and I ask that he be now sworn in. He was appointed by the governor of Illinois to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of my late colleague the Hon. William B. McKinley who passed away Dec. 7, 1926."

"The credentials of Colonel Smith are in due form. He possesses the qualifications prescribed in the constitution for the office of senator."

Cites 39 Cases The Illinois senator cited 39 cases in which objection was raised to senator-elect or designates taking their seats, and said that in 23 of them the oath was administered before a hearing. The precedents in this class included the celebrated Newberry case from Michigan.

When Senator Dineen finished Senator Reed, of Missouri, offered his resolution to deny Smith the oath until the election committee had given him a hearing.

Senator Reed said the present case was different from all of those cited by Dineen.

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