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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair and continued cold tonight. Saturday fair with slowly rising temperature.

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WEATHER IS COLDEST IN THREE YEARS

La Grande Thermometers Register Minimum of 13 Below Last Night

MEACHAM MERCURY DOWN TO 39 BELOW

Western Oregon Suffering in Near Zero Snap—Portland 15 Above But Relief Forecast.

OLIGION REPORTS Baker—12 below. Unadilla—15 below. Meacham—39 below. La Grande—13 below. Klamath Falls—One below. Roseburg—14 above. Portland—15 above. Pendleton—12 below.

Sub-zero weather in Eastern Oregon and near zero weather in Western Oregon today found the state shivering in its second severe cold snap of this winter.

In La Grande the minimum thermometer was 13 below zero, one degree colder than in December, 1925 and the coldest weather since December, 1924, when 15 below was registered.

Probably the coldest place in Oregon last night was at Meacham, where an official temperature of 29 below was registered.

From unverified reports, in between Baker and La Grande the weather was not so severe. Telecast was unofficially said to have only had 2 degrees below and North Powder only a few degrees colder.

Kamela 31 Below No reports had been received from Wallawa county but the state highway commission reported that road conditions were good on all state highways and that the weather was probably similar to that in La Grande.

Plans were completed for the opening of the American Legion hall, formerly the Rex hall, when a meeting was held at the hall, last night before the legionnaires started to work at waxing the floor.

The opening dance will be next Wednesday evening, Jan. 25, and the Star Novelty orchestra has been obtained to play.

The financial committee reported that to date there is a little less than the first thousand dollars in the treasury toward the state convention fund.

Plans are to have two dances at the hall, the redecorating of which is nearly completed, each week. The second dance will be Saturday night, Jan. 29.

The legion committee will work tonight and again Sunday before the work will be completed. Harry H. Richardson is directing the decorating.

During the meeting it was definitely decided upon a queen and princess contest instead of a bathing beauty contest at the state contest at the state convention this year.

The Boys' club of the Salvation Army met in the basement of the army hall tonight. This will be the last meeting before starting a special "Fit Fight Campaign" meeting series.

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Girls Win From Union Sextet In Close Game, 14-13

Blue and White Team, in Second Game of the Season, Nearly Faces Defeat.

If see-sawing scores, two teams in full tilt, an excited gallery and a crowd more than two points difference in the score makes a thriller, then La Grande and Union girls played thrilling ball last night on the Union court.

Union First To Score Union took the lead at the start, but at the half time period, the teams were square at eight.

Notwithstanding the unusually spirited and hot nature of the play, the hair-raising switches from offense to defense by both teams, the entire group played cleanly and sportably.

Many Interesting Items Carried in Annual Checks—Dog Population 503.

CITY ASSETS AT YEAR END \$1,233,501.01

Financial Statement, Released Today, Gives Detailed List

TREASURY REPORT SHOWS BUSINESS

Starting with \$258,423.77 cash on hand Jan. 1, 1926, the city of La Grande wound up the last year with \$1,233,501.01 in the city treasury.

Many interesting items are carried in the report. For example, 503 dogs were licensed in La Grande last year, bringing in \$550 revenue.

General warrants paid in 1926 totaled \$109,064.29 and general warrant interest \$416.97, the library received \$8074.21, the park \$1776.02, and the remainder of the large sum paid out included payments on bonds, interest, etc.

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WOULD PLACE 13 COLLEGES OVER OREGON

LA GRANDE IS SET AS ONE LOCATION

Measure Would Provide for Less Congestion in Higher Institutions of Learning.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—A measure providing for the establishment of 13 junior colleges throughout the state with the avowed plan of widening the state educational opportunities and relieving congestion in the higher institutions of learning, was introduced in the house yesterday by Roberts, of Wasco county.

It is provided that the state be divided into districts and the voters in each district may establish colleges and vote funds for operating them. County school superintendents and county judges are made regents.

Cities in which the colleges would be located are: Portland, Astoria, Salem, Albany, Marshfield, Medford, Tillamook, Pendleton, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Baker and Vale.

The house late yesterday adopted senate joint memorial number 5 calling for an investigation by congress of a contract entered into by Fred Herick for purchase from 600,000 feet of lumber in the Malheur national forests.

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Animal Hunting Fund Is Cut Off Of State's List

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—By cutting out some appropriations bodily and trimming others down the ways and means committee last night found a way to save \$194,673 more in state finances.

The predatory animal hunter's fund was cut out entirely, so were the appropriations for the bureau of nursing, the pilot commission and the Americanization commission.

Guatemala Trying To Restore Peace

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 21 (AP)—Guatemala, through its minister at Managua, has again offered to mediate with a view to bringing peace between the two factions in Nicaragua.

Major General Bartolomeu Viquez, commanding the conservative troops in the vicinity of Changuinola and Telles, has arrived at Managua, and says that within a few days he will make a concentrated drive "to break the backbone of the revolution in the interior."

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The complaint alleges that on Feb. 15, 1922 the Minam Lumber company was in debt to several parties for expenses incurred in the operation of its logging camp on the Minam river and sawmill plant at Minam.

Plaintiff claims that the Minam company entered into a contract with F. W. Bussell, head of the Bussell Lumber company, whereby he advanced it \$50,000 with which to pay off most of the outstanding debts.

CHARLIE FEELING TERRIBLE



"It's terrible" said Charlie Chaplin at Chicago, referring to his wife's divorce suit accusations—and this telephoto picture shows how he looked at the time. The picture was taken as Charlie waited to board a train for New York, where he is now ill.

SENATORS FAVOR NO RASH MOVES

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Chaplin Moves Just Ahead of The Collectors

Lita and Government Are Both Balking in Attempts to Tie Up Comedian's Cash.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21 (AP)—Lita Grey, Chaplin's wife, and the government are both balking in their attempts to tie up the comedian's cash.

The scene of activity shifted to New York City last night when it became known that the government had filed income tax liens against Chaplin for more than \$1,550,000 and that Chaplin was reported to have withdrawn half a million dollars from a New York bank a few minutes before federal authorities tied up his accounts.

Lita Balked So far Mrs. Chaplin, who alleged her husband had a fortune of \$16,000,000, has been balked at every turn to collect alimony.

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Has Half Million Cash

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP)—Although Charles Chaplin's deposit in New York banks, estimated at \$1,500,000, were tied up by income tax liens today, the comedian had on hand \$500,000 in cash which he succeeded in withdrawing before the arrival of federal agents, the New York American says.

The money was withdrawn from the Bowery and East River National bank just 15 minutes before federal agents arrived yesterday, the newspaper says.

Portland Checking Up On Motorists

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—Police today started making arrests of motorists driving without 1927 license plates. The first man caught was Hugh K. Abbott, an auto salesman.

COOLIDGE SIGNS BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP)—President Coolidge today signed the rivers and harbors authorization bill.

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65 AMERICAN MISSIONARIES LEAVE CHINA

Refugees from Foochow Arrive at Manila on U. S. Destroyer

HANKOW SITUATION IS MORE SERIOUS

Anti-Foreign Feeling Developing—General Exodus of Americans and British Begins.

MANILA, Jan. 20 (AP)—Sixty-five American missionaries, refugees from Foochow, arrived here today aboard the U. S. destroyer Pillsbury with stories of the anti-foreign demonstration in the Chinese city which resulted in violence to American and British women.

The refugee party was made up of 31 women, 31 children and three men from the Methodist, Baptist and Congregational missions of Foochow. The majority are Methodists.

Among them was Mrs. E. G. Price, wife of the American consul of Foochow, and her four children.

Mrs. Price said the outbreak started when the bodies of natives in a vacant store who had died of cholera were carried out while a riot was in progress.

On the day following the trouble spread over the entire city and the surrounding districts becoming so serious that virtually all foreigners left. Price remained at his post.

From the trip from Foochow to Manila sailors aboard the Pillsbury gave up their bunk beds to fugitives and slept in bunks, tubes and other improvised places.

The refugees brought nothing but their clothes. They will be cared for in private homes pending future plans. The three men may return to Foochow.

MISSIONARIES LEAVING SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Jan. 21 (AP)—A dispatch from Hankow dated Wednesday night said 27 American missionaries were leaving Chungking, Szechwan province, for Hankow today. Twenty-five other missionaries arrived there from the interior yesterday.

The message said it was believed in Chinese circles that Eugene Chen, Cantonese foreign minister, had seen the danger in the situation caused by the continued anti-foreign agitation, but that he was helpless against the racial element which was backing the Cantonese government.

TEJEDA SAYS REBELLION IS PAST ITS PEAK

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 21 (AP)—Adolfo Tejeda, minister of interior, is quoted by the newspaper Excelsior as declaring that "the Catholic rebellion" has passed its peak.

The Catholic clergy, he said, made a fundamental mistake in attempting to organize such a movement. The uprising now being put down by the federal government was the maximum effort of which the clergy were capable, he added.

May Oust Kansas' Cigarette Sale Law

TOPEKA, Kans., Jan. 21 (AP)—Kansas, after trying for 26 years to enforce a law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes, near surrender on this issue. Its house of representatives yesterday voted 83 to 35 for repeal of the measure.