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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair; clear; cloudy west portion tonight and Sunday; probably rain or snow in northwest portion; rising temperature.

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WEATHER IN EAST OREGON WARMING UP

Sub-Zero Temperatures Give Way—Cold Wave Slowly Passing on

PENDLETON, BAKER BOTH ARE COLDER

Corrected Reports from Nearby Cities Show 16 and 15 Below Zero for Thursday Night.

After a day of sub-zero weather with a minimum of 8 degrees below zero, the temperature in La Grande began to moderate last night and at 7:30 o'clock this morning, following out the weatherman's forecasts, had risen to 8 above. Sunshine this morning further warmed the atmosphere and local prophets believe that the cold spell will soon end.

Portland reports indicate a gradual passing of the cold wave in the next few days and San Francisco predicts unsettled weather with rains and snows in Washington, Oregon and North Idaho next week.

Other temperatures reported last night included: North Powder, 10 below.

Pendleton, Baker Colder.

Although Pendleton and Baker correspondents to Portland newspapers and news associations filed dispatches yesterday giving 12 below as the minimum—one degree warmer than La Grande's official 13, it is revealed today by the Baker and Pendleton newspapers that the weather was much colder than the correspondents apparently wanted the state in general to hear about.

Here are revised and corrected weather reports for Thursday night:

Table with 2 columns: City and Temperature. Pendleton: 10 below zero. Baker: 15 below zero. La Grande: 13 below zero. Enterprise: 20 below zero. Metolium: 29 below zero.

All state highways in Union, Wallowa, Umatilla and Baker counties are reported open today and conditions in general in Eastern and Western Oregon are improving. The snow is reported to be drifting some near Elgin.

GRANTS PASS COLD

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 22 (AP)—Lowest temperatures of several years prevailed Rogue valley last night the mercury dropped to 13 degrees above zero, catching many local people wholly unprepared. Clear weather, with snow in the surrounding mountains saves little promise of relief here.

CHILLY IN SALEM

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22 (AP)—The minute of winter 14 still remained lightly around Salem and there has been no change in conditions in the past 24 hours. For the second time the thermometer dropped to 11 degrees above zero, with a maximum temperature of 22 degrees, five degrees lower than the previous day.

SNOW, RAIN FORECAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning Jan. 23 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: "Unsettled weather with rains and snows in Washington, Oregon, northern Idaho and generally fair weather elsewhere in the far western states during the coming week."

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FRED KIDDLE RECOVERING IN PORTLAND, ORE.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22 (AP)—Former Fred E. Kiddle, Island City, who represents district 19, which includes Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties, is ill at Emanuel hospital here. He underwent a minor operation this week. Dr. P. P. Johnson said today he was recovering satisfactorily, and probably would be able to leave the hospital in about a week.

NEWS OF THE VALLEY

Through the large circle of correspondents located in every community in Union and Wallowa counties The Observer is able to give such a wealth and variety of rural community news that it has become a part of the daily life of most substantial citizens. There is no substitute for a paper giving this service—the result that The Observer boasts an ever increasing rural following of unusual proportions.

Tiger Rally Aids In Victory Over Joseph Quintet

Close Contest Broken Up in Last Minute When La Grande Rings Three Field Baskets.

As a result of last night's basketball game, only two undefeated basketball teams remain in Union, Baker and Wallowa counties, half of district No. 1.

The La Grande high school defeated Joseph high 25 to 15, scoring six points in a final whirlwind rally after the branchline team had trailed the Tigers a point or two throughout the game.

At Baker the Bulldogs found a tough foe in Wallowa but managed to win by a three-point margin, 13 to 9. The Wallowa team led at half time 5 to 2. Close checking featured the contest. Jimmy Rosenbaum, La Grande, refereed.

Pendleton high school hoopers, although outside of the district defeated The Dales high five at Pendleton last night 32 to 16 in a ragged contest.

Tigers Play Enterprise Tonight the blue and white squad will lock horns with Enterprise while Baker plays at Union. La Grande defeated Enterprise 18 to 22 once before and is favored to repeat.

The game here last night was the most interesting of a local circuit this season. Joseph, exceptionally strong in passing and in breaking through La Grande's defense, would have won, spectators believe, had their basket shooting been on par.

La Grande, while outclassed most of the time on the floor, made the field shots count.

Some pretty playing on the part of both teams came to light. The last-minute rally by La Grande showed championship form and plenty of speed, which was lacking at times earlier in the game. La Grande's defense was consistent, forcing most of the Joseph sharpshooters to aim from beyond the foul line. Craven, visiting center, looped two beautiful shots from mid-floor. Lyman furnished another thriller and Hanks found the ring from mid-floor in the third quarter.

Although Joseph was threatening throughout, La Grande never relinquished its early lead. Once, in the second quarter, the count was tied at seven but La Grande moved up and held a three-point lead at half time.

Walker Star of Game

Lozier, Joseph forward, was removed from the game because of too much fouling and it was after this that the Tigers put their victory on ice. Willis Walker, Joseph guard, was the highlight of the game, his dribbling and passing being of a superior character. The

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Union Pioneer Woman Dies in Early Morning

Mrs. Greenberry Dotson, Union pioneer, died at her home at Union early this morning, following a lengthy attack suffered yesterday. She was about 80 years of age. Funeral services have not been arranged.

She and her husband came to Oregon in 1876 from Arkansas. They started across the plains in 1875 and were unable to reach their destination that year, wintering at Webster, Ida. Police Chief Clint Hayes, then a small boy, was a member of the group. Mrs. Dotson was his aunt.

The decedent is survived by her widowed husband, a son Lon Dotson of Pendleton, Ore., and a daughter, Mrs. Mollie Baird, of La Grande. Three other children preceded her to the Great Beyond.

Annual Poultry Meet Postponed

Because of the cold weather only a few members of the Union County Cooperative Poultry association were able to be here yesterday afternoon for the annual meeting, which was scheduled to take place in the post office building, and the meeting was postponed until a later date.

The date was not set by the four members present yesterday, but will be announced later.

Two Small Blazes Extinguished Friday

Two small fires occurred in La Grande yesterday afternoon and night, the first this year. A third alarm was put in at 2:15 from 564 N avenue but this proved merely to be a scare.

ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOLS TAKES JUMP

La Grande High Is Well over 500 Mark This Semester

TOTAL IN SYSTEM FIGURED AT 2,042

Sixty-Two Youngsters Enter First Grade—Big Class of Freshmen Come in from Eighth

The public schools in La Grande have a total of 149 more students this semester than last, according to the count just completed at the end of the first week of the new semester.

Last semester 1882 students were enrolled in the four grade schools and the high school and this semester the number has increased to 2042. Sixty-two of this number are little children, near the age of six years, who are entering school for the first time.

Greenwood school has the largest number of these little people, 18. River is second with 17, Central has 15 and Willow school 12.

High School 529 To even things in the grade schools about 40 students finished their eighth grade work at the middle of the school year and entered high school for the first time. The total increase in the high school this semester over last is 62 students, most of which are freshmen. The first semester there were 175 students in the high school and this semester the number has grown to 529. The

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UNCLE SAM IN ON GUARD IN CHINA

Marines Ready, Destroyer En Route to Orient British to Take Part

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—While Americans and other foreigners in China are retreating in increasing numbers from the zones of danger created by anti-Christian disturbances, several arms of the U. S. government are reaching out to afford its national protection against further serious outbreaks.

A detachment of American marines is en route from Guam to the Philippine Islands to await possible emergency call. American Minister MacNair is back tracking to Peking, his trip to Washington having been concluded by Secretary Kollmager, and a destroyer is rushing from Shanghai to Soochow to take the place of the Pillsbury which has taken more than 40 American refugees, mostly women and children from that disturbed area to Manila.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22 (AP)—Rioting broke out in Shanghai, principal refuge of foreigners in China during a parade of conductors and motormen of the municipal tramway company tonight, but was put down by the police of the international settlement with only a score of more or less injuries to the tramway workers and a few bruises among the officers participating. No one was injured seriously.

MANILA, Jan. 2 (AP)—The U. S. S. Stewart sailed today for Cebu, Manila, with stores and ammunition for the 13th Infantry.

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The first battalion of the Middlesex regiment and the Camerons at Catterick camp have been ordered to stand by in readiness to proceed to China. All ranks have been recalled from leave and instruction courses.

31 Names Drawn on Jury Panel For February Term of Union Circuit Court

Thirty-one names appear on the jury panel for the February term of court, which has just been completed and delivered to the sheriff. The court term will begin Monday, Feb. 7.

Band Concerts To Be Resumed In Near Future

Director Loney, Home From Tacoma, Holds First Rehearsal This Week with 31 Present.

The La Grande municipal band, which has not appeared in concert here for several months—during the illness of Director Andrew Loney—is preparing for a revival, the date of which has not yet been set.

A rehearsal was held last Tuesday with 31 members of the band on hand. Enthusiasm is running high and prospects are for an even better band than in the past.

Two new additions have been made. W. W. Nussbaum, who supervises music in the schools, will play tuba and Mr. Ostland, who has for the last few years been the leading trombonist in Spokane, has located here. The band is also attempting to locate two other capable musicians.

Work was started last Tuesday on a program that will be played indoors as soon as we can get into shape, possibly in three weeks," Loney said. "I had the opportunity of hearing several well known amateur bands at the hospital in Tacoma and can truthfully say that we have them all beat a city block."

Fire Destroys Clark Home on Depot Street

The worst fire of the winter season and the third in 24 hours destroyed the five-room house occupied by Robert Clark during the noon hour today. The alarm was turned in at 12:05 and the fire truck was called to the scene but the flames were uncontrollable. Loss is roughly estimated at between \$2000 and \$2500, including both house and contents.

Little was saved from the burning structure, located in the 2700 block on Depot street, with the exception of a piano. Whether the notice and contents were insured is unknown.

A. T. Hill to Speak At Forum Luncheon

The president of the city commission, A. T. Hill, will talk on "Parks and Improvements" Tuesday noon at the regular forum luncheon of the Union county chamber of commerce at the Sommer hotel.

R. J. Green, chairman of the legislative committee has appointed P. L. Meyers, Colin R. Bjerkner and Hugh E. Frost as other members of the committee, and a report will be heard from them. The committee will meet Monday noon at the Sommer to discuss bills already conferred to them and prepare for Tuesday's report. All legislative measures must first be referred to this committee before any action is taken by the chamber of commerce.

G. L. Dutton will sing a solo.

Portland Coaster Dies of Wounds

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22 (AP)—Portland's casualty list due to constant accidents which has been increasing day by day since the snow came this week was topped today with one death. William Heuter, 24, who was injured last night when a sled upon which he and Ann Jacobs, 29, were sliding crashed into a telephoned pole, died this morning. Miss Jacobs is at a hospital but not seriously hurt. Nearly a dozen other coasters, hurt more or less seriously were recovering today at hospital or at homes.

Prosecution Ends Case In Austin

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 22 (AP)—The prosecution closed its case today in the trial of the Rev. J. Frank Norris for the slaying of Dexter E. Chippis, wealthy lumber man.

RECOVERY OF WOOL GROWER ENCOURAGING

Secretary Jardine Points Out Progress During Last Five Years

WARNS AGAINST OVER PRODUCTION

Moderate Expansion Not Dangerous—Urges Adjustment of Marketing Operations.

BITTIE, Mont., Jan. 22 (AP)—The agriculture and sheep industries have been generally profitable during the last five years and sheep men since 1921 have been in a more favorable position than most other agricultural producers. Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Jardine said in an address prepared for delivery before the National Wool Growers' annual convention here today.

"They had their troubles in the depression period. After the post-war boom many farmers found themselves in an over-expanded position and burdened with surplus products for which there was no profitable market. But the sheep industry made a quick recovery," Secretary Jardine said. "Prices of wool, sheep and lambs have been relatively higher in the last few years than the prices of most other agricultural commodities," he declared. "The favorable situation was not brought about by government action," he said. "Breeding stock in the sheep industry was greatly reduced after the war, first by heavy marketing from the range country on account of the drought, then by heavy losses in the winter of 1919-20 and afterwards by liquidation of breeding stock made in necessary by price depression. But the recovery was accomplished. The reality is attested by the fact that the number of sheep in the country has increased each year since 1922. Last year the total was about back to the point reached in 1919. Sheep production during the last four years has expanded sufficiently so that there is no doubt we are now on the upward swing of the production cycle. On Jan. 1, 1926, there was estimated to be 2.4 per cent more sheep and lambs than at the beginning of 1925."

Sounds Warning

Further moderate expansion of the sheep industry need not be discouraged but the process should be watched, the secretary warned, adding that alternations of over-production and under-production are the worst foes of the sheep raiser. "Far-sighted producers can help to avoid disturbing influences by increasing their efficiency in production, and adjusting their own operations to market tendencies," he said. "The department of agriculture can help sheep men to solve their production adjustment problems. Its information as to the number of sheep in the country, market conditions, prices, foreign supplies, conditions in associated and competing countries, may enable producers to avoid being caught with excessive supplies when prices are low or with little to sell when prices are high."

Refers to Ranges

Referring to the national forest ranges, for grazing, Secretary Jardine said:

"Grazing, although not so defined by law, is one of the recognized uses of the national forests. I believe it is one of their most important uses. Its place in national forest utilization should be permanent. Nevertheless, grazing must be subordinated by certain other purposes of the national forests, particularly the protection of forest growth and also conservation of water. Properly managed, grazing can be a profitable and profitable use of valuable wild life. Stockmen may not like this invasion of their old ranges, but it is inevitable.

"I think, however, that it would be well to put some of the more important principles of grazing administration into law, with a more specific grant of authority to the secretary of agriculture in such matters as the issuance of 10 year permits and a final definition of the place livestock production should have in forest administration. I advocated the enactment of a law of this sort a year ago and I am ready to renew that recommendation."

"As to what specific grazing fees should be charged in the future I have come to no conclusion, the whole question is to be threshed at a conference of the representatives of the livestock commission at Salt Lake City within a few days. I approach it with an open mind. The livestock industry can hardly expect the permanent status of agriculture in forests which it desires, unless the principle of fair compensation for the value of the forage is recognized and accepted. On any other basis the industry would be in an indefensible position. It would be constantly subject to attack."

SHE DANCED



Although church organizations protested against dancing at the inaugural ball at Oklahoma City, Okla., Mrs. Henry S. Johnston, wife of the state's new governor, learned to dance especially for the occasion. She is shown here in the new gown which she bought for the inaugural ball.

TOLEDO BUILDING BLAST KILLS 8

Six Bodies Recovered From Ruins Shortly After Noon Today

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 22 (AP)—Six bodies had been recovered today from the ruins of a two-story brick building which was destroyed by fire following two explosions shortly after noon.

Four of the bodies recovered are adults and two are children. Two have been tentatively identified as Mrs. A. Conrad and Mrs. Fred Kleis. One of the children is believed to be Donald Becker, six.

The two blasts of undetermined origin occurred within a few seconds. The building was enveloped in flames.

Several children were believed to have been in the store and barber shop which utilized part of the first floor space. Whether they escaped or were buried beneath the debris was not known.

Refers to Ranges

Eight persons were believed buried to death today in a fire following two explosions in a two-story building here.

Former Minister Opens New House Of God, Seattle

SEATTLE, Jan. 22 (AP)—Headed by a former Presbyterian minister who attributes his recent renunciation of that faith to a conversion over fundamentalism, the First Modernist church of Seattle tomorrow will start nonsectarian services in a motion picture theater here.

The Rev. W. A. Wilson, pastor of the new church, styles it a "house of worship for progressive thinkers," and announces that the services will include popular music and "an absence of meaningless ritual."

Wilson resigned from the Seattle presbytery last Wednesday after having been head of the Ravenna Board of church in a fashionable residential district for several years. "When I came to following the Lord I chose to follow the Lord," he said. "When I broke with the fundamentalists I was on their list of those to be expelled and I have accepted an absolute and liberal truth. My former fellow pastors did not relish such an apostasy as I in their midst. Frankly, I cannot subscribe to the doctrine that only Presbyterians will get to heaven with the rest of the world is pre-ordained to hell."

McNary-Haugen Bill Reported To U. S. Senate

Minority Group in House Holds the Curtis-Crisp Measure as Superior Farm Relief Plan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill was approved today by the senate agriculture committee, which added its endorsement to that already given the measure in a majority report of the house agriculture committee.

Describing the McNary-Haugen bill as "more objectionable and certainly more unconstitutional" than its predecessor of last spring, a minority report signed by three members of the house agriculture committee, was filed with the house today seeking instead the enactment of the Curtis-Crisp bill. The latter measure was held up as "a constitutional and constructive measure upon the only lines which our long examination of this question leads us to believe can prove successful."

The report was written by Representative Fort, republican, New Jersey. Representatives Tincher, republican, Kansas, and Pratt, republican, New York added their signatures.

Measures Unlike

The two measures in question are unlike in several respects but the most important of these is the equalization fee by which the McNary-Haugen bill would control crop surpluses. The Curtis-Crisp plan omits this feature. In addition to declaring the fee to be a tax and unconstitutional the minority report said the bill contains an unconstitutional provision that it would upset all existing trade channels, kill cooperative marketing organizations and increase production if it actually succeeded in increasing prices.

The method of selecting the federal board to administer the McNary-Haugen plan also was assailed as unconstitutional because it tended to interfere with the president's constitutional right to appoint government officials without advice except from the senate.

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13 STUDENTS SLAIN IN CAR, TRAIN WRECK

Baylor University Basketball Team Killed En Route to Austin

DRIVER FAILS TO SEE LOCOMOTIVE

Only Four of 21 Passengers Escape Without Serious Injuries—Two Die in Ambulance.

GEORGETOWN, Tex., Jan. 22 (AP)—Thirteen dead was the toll reached late today as the result of the crash of an International Great Northern train with a bus carrying the Baylor university basketball team near Round Rock. All of the dead were members of the school squad riding in the bus.

Eleven were killed almost instantly, and two died in ambulances on the way to Georgetown. Only four of the 21 persons in the bus escaped uninjured, reports here said.

Saw Accident.

I. K. Howarth, of San Antonio, saw the accident while driving an automobile following the wrecked bus.

He said the bus driver, apparently did not see the rapidly approaching train which was whistling.

When the bus reached the tracks, the train was almost upon it. The bus driver turned suddenly parallel and going in the same direction as the train.

The crash came almost instantly. The bus was splintered, the spare tires being thrown in all directions.

The bus had gone 30 yards down the tracks when it was hit. The passengers occupied wicker chairs in the Baylor bus, and these chairs were scattered in all directions. The locomotive hit the automobile in the center. The train stopped a short way down the track.

Dead Taken to Taylor

By the time the crew reached the wreck, four members of the basketball team had extricated themselves. The dead were placed in the baggage car with the injured and taken to Taylor, said Howarth.

An ambulance from Georgetown picked up three of the dead. Howarth said.

The bus carrying the basketball team was on the way from Waco to Austin, where Baylor was to play the University of Texas tonight.

SEVEN KNOWN DEAD

WACO, Tex., Jan. 22 (AP)—Following in the list of members of the basketball squad and others who were in the bus which was struck by the Sunshine special near Round Rock today.

Ralph Wolf, coach; Willis Murray, manager; Jack Castelow, Joe Potter, of West, Tex.; Ed Goeth, freshman and assistant in the athletic department; Dave Cheavans, sophomore; Abe Kelley, Bob Hanahan, Bob Halley, William Winchster, Sam Dillow, Louis Slade, Captain Jim Walker, John R. Kane, Cecil Hean, Gordon Berry, Keller Strickland, Fred Acree, Weir Washburn, Wesley Bradshaw.

The known dead are Jack Castelan, Ed Goeth, Bob Halley, Sam Dillow, Muriel Dudley, Ivey Foster and Abe Kelley.

STEAMER CREW LOST; ROWBOAT DRIFTS ASHORE

BOSTON, Jan. 22 (AP)—Hope definitely has been abandoned today for the 27 men of the crew of the steamer John Tracy, a steel huller last seen off Cape Cod during the height of a blizzard on Jan. 11.

The finding yesterday of a drifting rowboat and the name plate of the vessel removed the last vestige of doubt that all had perished.

Shipping men were inclined to the belief that the Tracy probably had foundered near where the wreckage was picked up on the perilous Georges shoal approximately 70 miles southeast of Highland Light off Cape Cod.

California Town Nearly Destroyed

CHICO, Cal., Jan. 22 (AP)—Two frame buildings housing a hardware store, drug store and book store (Barney) were destroyed by fire early today which threatened the business district of Durham, seven miles south of Chico. The loss is estimated at \$15,000. A chemical engine was rushed from Chico and aided in combating the flames.