

## COOLIDGE MESSAGE GIVEN CONGRESS

SNOW FALLS  
OVER VALLEY,  
EAST OREGON

Two Inches Measured in  
La Grande with Mercury  
Below Freezing Point

BLIZZARD STRIKES  
MONTANA IN NIGHT

25 Men, 16 Children Re-  
ported Marooned—Pen-  
dleton Frigid, 8 Inches  
of Snow at Meacham.

The chilly breath of King Win-  
ter was felt over the Grande  
valley last night and this  
morning, following a steady snow  
fall during most of the night accom-  
panied by a light wind, La Grande  
people arose to find two inches of  
snow on the ground and the  
weather around freezing point.  
This is the first snow of any  
consequence of the fall, although  
a light covering fell several days  
ago.  
This morning children were  
out with their sleds, well muffled  
to protect against frost bitten  
ears, and many householders were  
on the business end of a broom or  
shovel—clearing the white cover-  
ing from sidewalks and steps.  
Three Below Freezing  
The government thermometer at  
the municipal building registered a  
minimum during the night of 29  
degrees above—three degrees be-  
low freezing. At 7:30 o'clock this  
morning the mercury stood at 32  
and a couple of hours later, de-  
spite a sun, the temperature was  
only a few degrees warmer.  
The storm appeared to be gen-  
eral over Oregon.

**PENDLETON COLD**  
PENDLETON, Dec. 6 (AP)—  
The mercury dropped to 15 de-  
grees above zero here last night and  
three quarters of an inch of snow  
fell. At Meacham, eight inches  
of snow fell during the night.

**CHILLY AT ROSEBURG**  
ROSEBURG, Dec. 6 (AP)—  
The thermometer dropped to 35 de-  
grees last night, the coldest weather  
reported here in the Grange valley  
for some time. A slight drift of  
snow covered the frost early this  
morning.

**STORM MAROONS CHILDREN**  
DENVER, Dec. 6 (AP)—Scop-  
ing down out of Winnipeg and the  
northeast, a storm of blizzard in-  
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MORE THAN 20  
WOULD ENROLL  
IN AIR SCHOOL

More than 20 young men of La  
Grande signified their intentions  
of enrolling in an aviation school  
if one is located here by the Bell  
Air Line service at a meeting held  
in the city hall yesterday after-  
noon at four o'clock.

Jack Allen, manager of the com-  
pany, and George H. Glass and  
"Happy" Rounsvold were in at-  
tendance. Mr. Allen spoke at length  
in response to plans for an aviation  
school here, and Mr. Glass and  
Mr. Rounsvold also spoke briefly.

**BURIAL IN PENDLETON**  
PENDLETON, Dec. 6 (AP)—  
The body of Miss Viola (Richmond),  
of Condon, who was murdered by Ray  
Ferguson, Friday night, was in-  
terred in the local mausoleum last  
night in a brief service. Relatives  
brought the body to Pendleton in  
a funeral cortege.

YOUR  
SALES  
RESISTANCE

Everyone who spends money,  
who buys something, has what  
the sales call, "sales resistance"  
and must be overcome before  
the sale can be completed.  
Your sales resistance is great-  
est when someone tries to sell  
you something you know nothing  
about—and it is most easily  
overcome when you know and  
are familiar with the goods or  
service that is being presented.  
Your sales resistance is broken  
down through consistent adver-  
tising because it is a recognized  
method by which you are in-  
formed, because you know that  
you can have faith in advertised  
things in the advertised store. It  
is but natural, therefore, that a  
business firm seeking to build  
confidence and overcome sales  
resistance should use the ob-  
server constantly in covering the  
La Grande territory.

"Observer Advertising—  
A Merchandising Service"

Parent-Teacher  
Council Makes  
Concert Plans

Lowell Patton and Assist-  
ing Artists to Appear in  
L. D. S. Tabernacle To-  
morrow Night.

Final plans for the program to  
be given by Lowell Patton and his  
assistant artists at the Latter Day  
Saints tabernacle here tomorrow  
night were made yesterday after-  
noon when the regular meeting of  
the La Grande Parent-Teacher  
City council which is sponsoring  
the program, was held in the  
Neighborhood club rooms.

Mrs. C. F. McPherson is in  
charge of the program, which will  
be composed of musical inter-  
pretations, both instrumental and  
vocal.  
Mrs. E. E. Hurley, who has wit-  
nessed programs given by the  
group on several occasions, was  
present for the meeting and or-  
ganized the concert and origi-  
nated the program presented, and  
the costuming and stage set-  
tings, which are said to be unusual.  
Folk dances also add to the in-  
terest of the program and numbers  
of Lowell Patton's composition are  
said to be an outstanding feature.  
Tickets are on sale at the Glass  
Drug store, or may be had from  
members of the parent-teacher  
council.

At yesterday's meeting money  
left in the treasury of the coun-  
cil was transferred to the Lowell  
Patton fund to be used if neces-  
sary.  
The program will begin at eight  
o'clock.

Five Veterans  
Jewels Awarded  
At K. P. Meeting

Five veterans jewels were pre-  
sented to the following men at  
the joint roll call of the Knights  
of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters  
at K. P. hall last evening: Dr.  
H. W. Hagg, H. Allen, Henry Han-  
son, J. L. Ruby and William Miller.  
P. S. Ivanhoe made the presenta-  
tions.

Following this ceremony those  
awarded jewels responded with  
appropriate talks. Robert Ayres  
acted as "conductor" at the meet-  
ing which was attended by large  
numbers of both organizations.  
Among the out-of-town visitors  
were James Webb and the Rev.  
R. C. Lee, both of Union, and Mr.  
Hansen, of Portland.

Mr. Lee gave a very impressive  
and interesting address. C. M.  
Humphreys and J. R. Oliver re-  
sponded with short talks.  
Election of officers was also  
held, with the following selections  
being confirmed: Harry L. Stone-  
king, chancellor; Wesley  
McDonald, prelate; J. A. McCar-  
thy, master of work; Lawrence  
Graham, keeper of records and  
file; Kenneth McCormick, master  
of ceremonies; John A. Rogers,  
master at arms; Fred Albertson,  
inner guard; Art Jones, outer  
guard; and J. A. McCarthy,  
trustee.

Junior Play Sale  
Of Tickets Heavy

That two full houses will witness  
the presentation of the Junior class  
"A Pair of Sixes," seemed assured  
today when it was learned that  
practically all the tickets have been  
sold. A few are being held for sale  
at the conclusion of tomorrow  
afternoon at 2 o'clock, but practi-  
cally every ticket distributed for  
sale among the four classes has  
been disposed of. The ticket con-  
test among classes ended tonight  
and announcement of the winning  
class will be made tomorrow.  
Interest in the annual junior play, al-  
ways keen, seems if anything great-  
er this year. Regardless of the  
fact that a matinee for grade chil-  
dren is being held tomorrow the  
demand for seats has apparently  
not been lessened. The curtain  
will rise at 8:15. The play is a  
three-act comedy of a modern busi-  
ness office.

Miss Zella Beard, director, ex-  
plained this morning that an in-  
novation in being held in having  
the cast members each serve as his  
own costume manager, doing away  
with the position of a costume  
manager.

Grand Jury Call  
Issued By Judge

Grand jury has been called by  
Judge J. W. Knowles for tomor-  
row morning at 10 o'clock. It was  
announced this morning at the  
county courthouse.

## DIES OF PARALYSIS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—  
Wesley Gordier, 13, a son of Jack  
Gordier, died yesterday of infantile  
paralysis. He was a pupil in the  
Failing school.

SIX APPEALS  
ACTED ON BY  
HIGH COURT

O.-W. Company Wins in  
Dora Carr Case—Wal-  
lowa Suit Reversed

AFFIRM KNOWLES  
IN 4 JUDGMENTS

Tom Toyrea, Convicted of  
Burglary, Loses—Ver-  
dict Sustained in Cros-  
land-Sloan Case.

Six appeals to the state supreme  
court from Union county were act-  
ed upon today in Salem. Circuit  
Judge J. W. Knowles was affirmed  
in four and reversed in two, the  
latter including the case of Dora  
Carr vs. the O.-W. company, a  
claim for damages. In the original  
verdict here the plaintiff was  
awarded \$1,500.

SALEM, Dec. 6 (AP)—Opinions  
handed down by the supreme  
court today included:

Mark Crossland vs. Frank Sloan,  
appellant; appeal from Union  
county; action for money. Opinion  
by Justice Bell. Judge J. W.  
Knowles affirmed.

State of Oregon vs. Tom Toyrea,  
appellant; appeal from Wallowa  
county; appeal from judgment of  
conviction for crime of burglary.  
Opinion by Chief Justice Rand.

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\$769,136 TAXES  
PAID TO COUNTY

Delinquent Figure Here  
Now \$100,444.47, Slight-  
ly over Last Year

Taxes for 1926, collected to date,  
amount to \$769,136.18 leaving a  
delinquency of a little more than  
\$100,000. It was announced this  
morning by Deputy Sheriff A. L.  
Helms. This year's delinquency is  
slightly more than that of 1925,  
being 11.5 per cent, while that of  
1925 was 11.3 per cent. The exact  
delinquency figure is \$100,444.47.  
Regardless of the fact that the de-  
linquency is a little greater this  
year, there has been \$55,912.97  
more collected this year than last.  
Taxes to be collected this year,  
amounting to \$853,580.55, were  
\$64,753.91 higher than last year.  
The assessment this year was  
based upon a valuation of \$25,-  
756,352, Mr. Helms explained.

Prohibition Film  
Lecture Tonight

The prohibition film "Let Us  
Forget" will be presented this  
evening in the Baptist church at  
7:45 o'clock. The picture is said to  
be a true story of the effects  
of the liquor traffic upon three  
generations. The Rev. A. O.  
Broyles will deliver an address in  
connection with the showing of  
the picture. There will be no ad-  
mission charge but an offering will  
be taken.

Remus Outburst  
Startles Court

CINCINNATI, Dec. 6 (AP)—  
George Remus started the court  
room and aroused the ire of Judge  
Chester R. Shook, presiding in his  
murder trial, by an outburst that  
required the combined efforts of  
three men and his daughter, Ro-  
mola, to subdue. Remus' roaring  
voice was heard above the turmoil  
of rushing feet toward the man,  
who yelled: "My life's at stake,  
my life's at stake, and I know my  
legal rights."

Jury Disagrees In Mayo Case;  
\$42,500 Damage Suit Is On Trial

Seven hours deliberation of the  
jury failed to bring a verdict yes-  
terday in the case of the state of  
Oregon vs. Walter B. Mayo, when  
after the lengthy night session the  
jurors reported as disagreed. Mayo,  
a Union resident, was charged with  
non-support of minor children. The  
case went to the jury at 4 o'clock.  
It was between 11 and 12 o'clock  
at night when the jurors left the  
jury room to report to Circuit  
Judge J. W. Knowles. District At-  
torney Carl Helm represented the  
state and R. J. Kitchen the defense.  
The case will be tried again, ac-  
cording to the district attorney.  
The second day of the adjourned

\$3 License Fee  
For Automobiles  
Is Opposed Here

Chamber of Commerce  
Adopts Resolution To-  
day—Ray Conway and  
Jack Allen Speakers.

Two interesting talks and adop-  
tion of two resolutions presented  
by committees occurred at the  
chamber of commerce forum hun-  
dred times at noon. A resolution  
opposing the proposed \$3 li-  
cense fee and urging Portland in-  
terests to also oppose such a mea-  
sure was adopted unanimously. Fol-  
lowing this, a motion to refrain  
from giving money for conventions  
was adopted after some argument  
and discussion.

Ray Conway, main speaker,  
presented a glowing picture of what  
La Grande can realize in tourist  
traffic through Wallowa lake and  
the Wallowa mountains by adver-  
tising these through the Oregon  
State Motor association office.  
One of which, whether it be in  
general, historical or geological.  
He explained, briefly, what the  
motor association office here will  
mean to La Grande in general if  
utilized to the fullest degree.

Jack Allen, manager of the Bell  
Air Line service, which proposed  
to establish a branch aerial stage  
line between La Grande and Baker  
and Portland, explained briefly the  
progress that is being made in  
commercial aircraft development,  
stating that the new planes are  
safe and stable. He told of the  
great progress made in Europe in  
commercial aviation.

He announced that if the branch is  
established here it will require co-  
operation and a subscription of  
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Rotary Club Is  
Endorsing Boy  
Scout Campaign

Careful organization of plans  
has been the policy of the various  
men who are interesting them-  
selves in the coming campaign to  
raise funds for continuing boy  
scout activities in La Grande for  
another year. The Rotary club  
has thrown all its resources into  
the movement, and business  
men and other individuals gener-  
ally are promoting co-operation.  
W. C. Perkins will be general  
chairman of the campaign.

It is not the purpose, according  
to announcement from scout head-  
quarters, to confine the campaign  
to business men alone, but to en-  
list the city as a whole, that  
every one may see his privilege  
and contribute whatever he can.  
In the past the tendency has been  
to throw all responsibility on the  
business men, but this will be  
avoided in this campaign.

John H. Piper, regional scout  
executive, of Spokane, will be here  
early next week to assist Scout  
Executive E. Russell Scott in the  
general superintendency of the  
campaign.

Three Meetings  
Set For Tomorrow

Three meetings of interest will  
take place at the First Presbyterian  
church here tomorrow. In  
the afternoon at a meeting of the  
Ladies Aid society a representa-  
tive of the Women's Board from  
Portland will be in attendance and  
will tell of the work among women  
in Oregon.

At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon  
there will be a meeting for young  
people in the church auditorium  
when Dr. Thompson, of Portland,  
Dr. Campbell, of San Francisco,  
and the women's representative  
will speak.

The same speakers will also  
take part in a mass meeting in the  
evening at 7:30 o'clock, to which  
the public is invited. There will  
also be special music.

W. H. Munsell Is  
Fined \$75 Today  
On Deer Charge

R. B. Harrison and W. H. Mun-  
sell were arrested yesterday after-  
noon charged with having deer  
meat in their possession during the  
closed season. The two men were  
arrested by John Waldron, game  
warden. Sheriff Jesse Breckner  
and Amos Helms, deputy, after the  
Harrison place had been searched  
and about 20 pounds of venison  
was found in the woodshed, officers  
may.

Munsell pled guilty to the charge  
before Judge Hugh E. Brady in the  
justice court and was sentenced to  
pay a fine of \$75. He was unable  
to pay the amount and was com-  
mitted to the county jail for 30  
days.

Harrison pled not guilty when  
arraigned on the same charge and  
his trial was set for Tuesday, Dec.  
12. He was released without bail.

BURNS FATAL  
TO 4-MONTHS  
MEACHAM TOT

Little Leo Elliott Thomp-  
son Dies at Hospital  
Here Today

MOTHER RISKED  
LIFE IN RESCUE

Takes Son from Blazing  
Home But Child Was  
Searched So Badly It  
Could Not Live.

Leo Elliott Thompson, the four-  
month and six days old, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thompson,  
of Meacham, died this morning  
the result of burns received yester-  
day when the Thompson home caught  
fire while the baby was in the  
house alone.

The mother had gone to one of  
the neighbors for a short time and  
left the baby alone. It is reported.  
When she came home the house  
was on fire. She entered the burn-  
ing home and saved the child from  
being burned to death, how-  
ever, it was so badly seared about  
the face and hands that it died  
this morning at the Grande Rondo  
hospital.

The fire occurred last evening  
and the child was rushed to the  
hospital immediately.

The body will be sent to Echo  
this evening by Snodgrass and  
Zimmerman, where the funeral  
will be held.

Tudor Sedan On  
Display; Crowds  
See Ford Display

With 200 persons an hour in-  
specting it, with farmers, business  
men, and laboring men gathered  
in groups discussing it, and more  
than a score of persons buying it,  
the new Ford Tudor sedan was  
undoubtedly the center of interest  
in La Grande today. Here for a  
one-day display at the Perkins  
motor company, it has attracted  
visitors from over the entire val-  
ley. It will be shown until 10  
o'clock tonight. At noon today 21  
cars had actually been sold since  
yesterday morning. Mr. Perkins said.  
"It is a baby Lincoln." That,  
according to Mr. Perkins, was the  
most popular expression of the  
hundreds who bespeak their ad-  
miration of the new car to him  
this morning.

"This car will revolutionize the  
economic fabric of the motor in-  
dustry," said Ray Conway, direc-  
tor of public relations of the  
Oregon State Motor association, who  
is here today. F. C. Liebold, of  
the Portland Ford branch, is here  
for today's display. "What has  
surprised and impressed us in the  
general interest in being shown. All  
classes of people are equally in-  
terested," he declared.

Class Basketball  
Games Under Way

Because the floor lines were still  
wet from a new coat of paint, class  
basketball games among the boys  
were postponed last night until  
today. The tilt between seniors  
and sophomores started at 2:15  
and was followed by the junior-  
freshman contest. Thursday morn-  
ing at 8 o'clock the lower will  
play for third and fourth places,  
that afternoon at 5 o'clock the  
seniors will play for champion-  
ship and runner-up titles. Cap-  
tains of the four teams follow:  
Dick Ribbed, senior captain;  
Bert Provost, junior captain;  
Robert Stoddard, sophomore cap-  
tain; Gene Faus, freshman cap-  
tain.

J. P. Pulliam Views  
New E. O. L. P. Home

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 6 (Special)  
—J. P. Pulliam, president of the  
Eastern Oregon Light and Power  
company, arrived in Baker yester-  
day from Milwaukee for a brief  
inspection of the company's plant,  
including particularly the new  
transmission line from Durkee to  
Union and the new office build-  
ing in La Grande. He will prob-  
ably leave for the east tonight.

Sinclair, Burns  
Motions Denied

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—  
Motions by Harry P. Sinclair, W. J.  
Burns and their four associates to  
dismiss charges of criminal com-  
bust growing out of the indictment  
of the Hall-Mitchell oil conspiracy  
case were denied today by Justice  
Siddons in the supreme court of  
the District of Columbia.

First Deficiency Bill Introduced;  
Tax Reduction Measure Is Received;  
Smith-Vare Fight Breaks In Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—  
The house legislative machinery  
snapped itself to be working in per-  
fect order today, when on the first  
legislative day of the new con-  
gress the appropriations committee  
passed in a bill calling for the ex-  
penditure of \$198,876,284.

This measure will be known as  
the first deficiency bill. It was  
made necessary by the failure dur-  
ing the last days of the last ses-  
sion of the \$135,000,000 second de-  
ficiency and public buildings bill.  
Chief among the new items in  
the bill reported today were \$43,-  
000,000 for refunding taxes illegiti-  
mely collected; an increase of \$9,000,-  
000 to a total of \$46,000,000 for  
army and navy pensions; \$7,000,-  
000 for emergency flood control  
on the Mississippi and \$19,000,000  
for veterans' compensation.  
A total of \$35,600,000 also was  
recommended for the former ser-  
vice men by reappropriation of un-  
expended balances.

A total of \$3,871,583 was asked  
for public buildings. The projects  
provided for are the same as re-  
commended in the budget estimates  
submitted yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—  
The first major piece of legisla-  
tion for the new congress, the new  
\$235,000,000 tax reduction bill, was  
introduced in the house.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—  
Senate republicans, in conference  
today, failed to accede to the de-  
mands of the worst independence  
assurances be given for a vote on  
their legislative program at this  
session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—  
The house appropriations com-  
mittee today decided to ask the house  
to pass upon the availability of the  
United States authorizing the elec-  
tion of the large guns on Ameri-  
can battlehips.

This schedule has been one of  
dispute among those concerned  
with treaty questions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—  
The long delayed battle over the  
tax "mush fund" senatorial con-  
troversy from Pennsylvania and Illi-  
nois finally came to its zero hour  
today on the senate floor.

Firing the opening gun, Senator  
Norris, of Nebraska, a leader of  
the republican independents, asked  
the senate to bar Frank L. Smith  
and William R. Vare as senators be-  
cause the elections in which they  
were chosen had been "waged on  
the theory that a senatorial toga  
was on the auction block."

Senator Norris has resolutions  
pending which would withhold the  
oath of office from Smith and Vare  
and would condemn their campaign  
expenditures in the same language  
the senate used in expressing its  
disapproval of excessive campaign  
funds in the Newberry case from  
Michigan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—  
Calling upon the people to continue  
a "sacred self-denial" in national  
expenditures, President Coolidge  
had before congress today a mod-  
erate program of expansion of the  
nation's defense and natural re-  
sources.

In a message which touched up-  
on virtually all of the legislative is-  
sues which have aroused interest  
and speculation, the president pre-  
sented views differing only in im-  
port or details from those he has pre-  
viously outlined on the major prob-  
lems of farm relief, taxation,  
flood control, foreign relations and  
the state of the army and navy.

Informing congress that he had  
not changed in his opposition of the  
McNary-Haugen farm relief bill  
with its equalization fee, he re-  
commended instead a federal farm  
loan board with a revolving fund  
to build up co-operative marketing  
and aid in the disposition of crop  
surpluses. On tax revision he  
stood by the treasury's program.

**Navy Expansion**  
The navy, he said, should be ex-  
panded by the addition of cruisers,  
submarines, airplanes, and carriers  
as well as the development of the  
modernized marine as a second line  
of defense.

He recommended that flood con-  
trol be confined this year to the  
lower Mississippi river, with pro-  
visions for adequate dikes, emer-  
gency spillways and aids to naviga-  
tion; cautioned that this problem  
should be met by viewing it as a  
separate, national question without  
attempts to link it with other pro-  
posals for river control and ex-  
tension; and suggested that the  
people enjoying the benefits of land  
reclaimed by government-built  
dikes share a partial, although per-  
haps lighter, burden of its expense.

Construction of a dam at Boulder  
Canyon in the Colorado river was  
favored by the president, who cau-  
tioned, however, that every other  
possibility should be exhausted be-  
fore the federal government be-  
comes engaged in the power busi-  
ness. Muscle Shoals, he said, was  
mostly concerned with power, but  
in its disposition he said prefer-  
ence should be given to use all  
or part of it for nitrate production  
and fertilizer manufacturing.

Continuing that the country had  
attained a prosperity never exceed-  
ed and therefore was in a position  
to enjoy some of the benefits  
which result from economy, Mr.  
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Dog Race, Doctor  
Team With Death

RALEIGH LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec.  
6 (AP)—A team of tracked racing  
dogs is struggling through the  
heavy snow southward from  
Payette Lake, Idaho, to carry  
medical aid to a sick boy marooned  
by the deep snow in an isolated  
cabin near Weiler.

One hundred and fifty miles of  
hard sledding is ahead of them.  
A special dispatch to the Tribune  
says Dr. Don Numbers left Mc-  
Call, Idaho, by automobile Sunday  
for the Payette Lake district  
where a nine foot snow compelled  
them to take to the dog team.  
The boy, Ernest Rosten of Wei-  
ler, Idaho, was stricken with in-  
fluenza and hemorrhages and is not  
expected to survive unless medical  
aid arrived within three days the  
doctor says.

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URGES CURB  
OF NATIONAL  
EXPENDITURES

Stern Self-Denial Is Held  
Necessary for Well-Be-  
ing of United States

MODERATE PLANS  
FOR EXPANSION

Farm Relief Legislation  
Favored—Needs of the  
Navy Described—Treas-  
ury Plans Supported.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—  
President Coolidge transmitted  
today to a congress meeting  
with political conjecture, a  
legislative message which re-  
vealed him as hewing to the  
line his administration has  
maintained on such all-import-  
ant issues as farm relief, tax-  
ation, flood control, foreign re-  
lations and national defense.  
As has been his custom, Mr.  
Coolidge sent his message to  
the capital by messenger, and  
it was read to each house sepa-  
rately by its clerk.

Eight Persons  
Burned In Fire In  
Rooming House

WILLIAMSTOWN, W. Va., Dec.  
6 (AP)—Eight persons met death  
in a fire which destroyed a board-  
ing house here today.

Six of the victims were residents  
of the Dinwiddie section of Min-  
nigot county who had come to William-  
stown to testify in the murder trial  
of Elijah Wellman and his three  
sons.

The fire originated in a hallway  
between two sections of the room-  
ing house about 6 a. m. and spread  
so rapidly that the eight were  
trapped when flames cut off the  
only stairway at the front of the  
building.

All the bodies were found in a  
bathroom on the upper floor to  
which the victims had fled from  
the advancing flames.

Those burned to death were: Mrs.  
Will Hampton, her three children,  
Goldie, Wade and a six weeks old  
baby; Pearl Johnson Browning and  
Deputy Sheriff John L. Marcum,  
all of the Dinwiddie section, and Ben  
Lewson and his son Albert, who  
conducted a cafe on the ground  
floor of the building and lived  
above it.

HINTS BUTLER  
MAY HAVE NO  
PREFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—  
President Coolidge does not stand  
with his friend, William Butler,  
in endorsing Kansas City or any  
other particular city for next year's  
republican national convention.

When the endorsement given  
Kansas City yesterday by the na-  
tional chairman was mentioned at  
today's White House press confer-  
ence, it was stated on behalf of  
the president that he doubted  
whether Mr. Butler really had a  
preference.

Class Basketball  
Games Under Way

Because the floor lines were still  
wet from a new coat of paint, class  
basketball games among the boys  
were postponed last night until  
today. The tilt between seniors  
and sophomores started at 2:15  
and was followed by the junior-  
freshman contest. Thursday morn-  
ing at 8 o'clock the lower will  
play for third and fourth places,  
that afternoon at 5 o'clock the  
seniors will play for champion-  
ship and runner-up titles. Cap-  
tains of the four teams follow:  
Dick Ribbed, senior captain;  
Bert Provost, junior captain;  
Robert Stoddard, sophomore cap-  
tain; Gene Faus, freshman cap-  
tain.

J. P. Pulliam Views  
New E. O. L. P. Home

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 6 (Special)  
—J. P. Pulliam, president of the  
Eastern Oregon Light and Power  
company, arrived in Baker yester-  
day from Milwaukee for a brief  
inspection of the company's plant,  
including particularly the new  
transmission line from Durkee to  
Union and the new office build-  
ing in La Grande. He will prob-  
ably leave for the east tonight.

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