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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Cloudy tonight and
Friday. Probably local snows in
east portion tonight and Friday
morning. Temperatures below nor-
mal.

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NEW STREET
LIGHTS NEAR
COMPLETIONTwenty-Two Additional
Units to Be Illuminated
Christmas WeekFIFTH, BETWEEN
J AND K, CLOSEDProperty Owners Protest
Against Logging Oper-
ations at City Commis-
sion Executive Meet.

New ornamental street lights on Adams from Fourth to Third, on Fourth from Adams to a point mid-way between Adams and Jefferson, and on Jefferson between Chestnut and Fir are expected to be illuminated during Christmas week. City Manager W. C. Crews reports, if nothing happens to delay the work of installation of the units the city will have a total of 121 ornamental lights in operation on its business streets before Jan. 1.

The cube is practically all laid near the La Grande hotel and trenching on Jefferson is about half completed. In the next day or two, workmen will start putting up the standards. All concrete was poured some time ago, so cold weather will not handicap the installation. Hartenbauer and Smith are contractors.

Close Fifth Street
At the regular meeting of the city commission last night, the municipal building an ordinance was passed closing Fifth street between J and K (at the request of the Sacred Heart academy) but the ordinance reserves rights for sewers, public utilities, and municipal improvements.

Joe Carr and Mr. Consey presented a plan to the city commission for insuring the city against public liability on the streets. Action on this was carried over until a future meeting.

Robert Eakin, representing a number of boys in West La Grande, requested that a part of Washington avenue near Oak street be set aside for skating. Police Chief Clint Hecox announced that he had planned to do this today and the commissioners approved his plan by motion.

Mr. Evans and another property owner along M avenue in West La Grande protested against logging operations in their neighborhood because of damage done to roads and streets. After some discussion the matter was referred to the city manager with instructions that property owners were to have a "say" in the matter.

An agreement between the city manager and the local telephone company, in reference to a light signal system for the police department, was read and ratified.

Salary List Allowed
A final estimate on improvement district No. 170 in favor of C. R.

MISS CASE TO
HOLD MEETING
HERE FRIDAY

Miss Lucy Case, nutrition specialist from the Oregon State Agricultural college, will be in La Grande Friday and will conduct the last of a series of nutrition meetings at Lane chapel here, the parent-teacher associations of the city sponsoring the sessions. The evening session will open at nine o'clock and Miss Case will discuss sandwiches and school lunch. In the afternoon she will give a general nutrition lecture. From here Miss Case will go to other towns in the county, where she will conduct similar meetings.

CITY SERVICE
TO THE
VALLEY TOWNS

It means something to the individual to receive his Evening Observer an hour after it is printed each afternoon whether that individual lives in La Grande, Union, North Powder, Imbler, Elgin or Perry. The wife need not wait till her husband brings home the paper from the post office. The husband knows his paper will be there waiting for him when he reaches home from work.

This is city service obtainable in the valley towns, and at the same price as in La Grande. This service means something to the consistent advertiser, too. He knows that this expedited delivery of The Evening Observer results in readers anxious to await its coming; in turn, this makes it an invaluable medium in which to carry his advertisement.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Patton Concert
Pleases Crowd
At TabernacleInstrumental and Vocal
Numbers Praised by the
Audience—Original
Compositions Given

An unusual and original program was presented last evening at the Latter Day Saints tabernacle here when Lowell Patton and his assisting artists appeared under the auspices of the La Grande Parent-Teacher city council. A fair-sized crowd attended the program, which was one of interest from the opening number, a monologue "The Lone Dog" by Mr. Patton, to the final selection.

Assisting Mr. Patton through the entire program was Edward Anderson, John Quallen, both talented and musical. The program was varied and after Mr. Patton's opening group, which included several piano numbers, the first of four "Impressions" was given, which was an oriental scene, with Mr. Patton at the piano and his assistants wearing Chinese costumes, presenting a Chinese set of songs and a flute solo by John Quallen.

London Scene Scores
Probably the choice of the "Impressions" was a scene from the streets of London, the two assistants representing English street peddlers.

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Law Library To
Be Provided For
By Union County

The Union county court in the second day of the regular session here this morning adopted a resolution for the establishment, maintenance and operation of a law library. The adoption of the resolution by the court came following passing of a resolution by the Union County Bar association that the county should adopt a resolution to that effect.

By the resolution, the county clerk is authorized and directed, as provided by law, to collect, after Dec. 31 of this year, in every civil action, suit or proceeding filed in either the circuit or county court of Union county, an additional sum equivalent of 10 per cent of the filing fee as a library fee.

The library will be located in the county court house.

Robert S. Eakin, president of the Union County Bar association, R. S. Ivanhoe, vice president, Colon E. Elberich, secretary, J. D. Slater and R. J. Green made up the committee, which visited the court this morning in the interest of the resolution.

The signing of warrants for the payment of regular monthly bills took up the remainder of the morning.

Tomorrow morning a 10 o'clock hearing on the county budget will be held in the county judge's office. The total amount of the budget is \$425,000, of which \$352,550 is to be raised by tax levy, receipts totaling \$42,950.

Expect A Full
House At Play
In High School

Two full houses are practically assured for the junior class play "A Pair of Sixes," which will be staged tonight and tomorrow night at the high school auditorium. The play will begin at 8:15 o'clock. The matinee for grade school children was well received by a crowded house yesterday afternoon.

The cast of the play follows: George R. Nettleton, Cleland Walling; T. Rogers Johns, Harmon Wolfe; Krone, Virgil Koehen; Sally Parker, Maxine McNeill; Thomas Vanderhoff, Henry Culp; Tony Toler, Lawrence Ray; Mrs. Applegate, Nylie Lewis; office boy, Adolph Siegert; Placome Cole, Mildred Stanley; shipping clerk, Loren Hinchcliff; Mrs. Nettleton, Ruth Stanley; Coddies, Marie Hartz; David Coughenower in business manager.

Church Men Speak
To Presbyterians

Dr. Thompson, syndical executive, of Portland, and Dr. Campbell, national secretary of San Jose, Cal., national board representatives of the First Presbyterian church were in La Grande yesterday and were speakers at a meeting held in the church here for members of this church and of the Presbyterian churches of Union and Elgin.

The general program of the church and the financing the general work of the church was the subject on which the two visitors spoke. A church visitation campaign is now being conducted and it was in that interest that they visited La Grande. From here they went to Enterprise, to speak at a meeting of Wallawa county Presbyterians.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Thompson spoke at a meeting of the Ladies Aid society of the local church.

THOMPSON IS
ELECTED NEW
LEGION HEADLa Grande Post Selects Its
Officers for the
Coming YearEARL SNELL GIVES
TALK AT MEETINGAirplane Landing Field
Investigation Planned—
Report Is Given on Mid-
night Frolic.

Chester Thompson was elected post commander of the American Legion last night when, during the regular monthly session, election of officers for the coming year took place. Robert Ayres was elected adjutant, Lynne Bohnenkamp, vice commander; H. C. Melanson, finance officer; the Rev. Oliver Riley, chaplain; and Fred Kiddle, historian. The executive committee to serve for the new year is comprised of: V. Talbott, Hugh Brady, retiring post commander, Harley Richardson, L. V. Copey and Dr. Ray Murphy.

Twenty-eight local members as well as a number of visitors attended last night's meeting at which an address by Earl Snell, from the "Parks" convention, was a feature. Other visitors besides Mr. Snell included Harold Warner, of Pendleton; S. Burley, of Enterprise; Mr. McDaniels, of Wallawa; and Ed Elvers of the Portland post who is past 40th national commander. Visiting members were called upon for addresses.

Tells of Convention
Mr. Snell, in his report of the Parks convention described events of the unique meet, including the impressive parade, seven miles long, a visit to the grave of the unknown soldier when every participant of the parade laid a flower on the grave, the convention sessions, and other interesting ceremonies where the soldiers have been laid to rest are being kept in excellent condition, according to Mr. Snell.

Frolic Report
A report was heard on the midnight frolic which will be given New Year's eve, from Dr. Ray Murphy, chairman. The frolic committee is to meet at the La Grande hotel at 12 o'clock Saturday noon to discuss their plans. The committee is very desirous of getting in touch with any local entertainment.

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DAMAGE SUIT TO
BE DECIDED SOONNight Session Speeds Up
Trial—Case Will Go
to Jurors Today

The taking of testimony in the case of David Graham vs. the Mt. Emily Lumber company was completed this morning at about 10:30 o'clock and the case is expected to go to the jury some time this afternoon. A night session was held last night from 7:30 until about 8:30, so that the case might be finished today.

Graham is suing the lumber company for \$42,500 for bodily damages, which he claims to have received through negligence of the company, when he was employed as a hostler.

The jury for the next case, which is that of George Eichen against the Security Construction company, will probably be selected this afternoon. The case is an appeal from the justice court. The plaintiff is asking for \$213.17, which he claims the construction company owes to him for work.

Post Office To Employ Two More
Regulars Due to Business Increase

Because of increasing business in the La Grande postal area, which has shown an 11 per cent increase over the three-month period including September, October and November compared with last year, the federal government has given the local post office authority to employ one more regular clerk and one more regular carrier, R. E. Huron announced today.

The addition of the two regular employees brings the total staff of the post office to 12 clerks and carriers, in addition to the postmaster and his assistant. Besides this, Mr. Huron is planning on adding several temporary clerks during the Christmas rush period, but these will be selected from persons who have passed civil service examinations.

10 Per Cent Increase
Mr. Huron relates that since he became postmaster some five years ago the clerk-carrier force here has been increased from nine to 15 persons, and receipts have gone up 40 per cent.

Sub-Zero Wave
In Middlewest;
3 Deaths OccurPacific Northwest Com-
paratively Warm with
Mercury Several De-
grees Above Zero.

With sub-zero weather prevalent in the Middlewest today and with several deaths credited to the cold wave, the Pacific Northwest is comparatively warm—with this mercury stopping short of zero by many degrees.

In La Grande, which touched a low of 10 above Tuesday night, a 17-degree climb was registered last night with the minimum at 27 above. The mercury started its upward course early yesterday, when a 12-above mark was made, continuing throughout the day and night. This morning the temperature is around freezing point.

More Snow Falls
During the night two more inches of snow fell in La Grande, giving a total depth of more than three inches, allowing for settling of the Monday night two-inch blanket.

Ice streets, deceptively covered with snow, made traffic conditions not of the best this morning. It was difficult to handle cars unless driven at a slow rate of speed.

The coldest temperature in any of the secondary cities of Oregon reported yesterday was three above at Baker. Idaho Falls was down to 11 below but only a few cases of sub-zero weather were reported in this state and these were not verified government reports.

By the Associated Press
A cold wave, accompanied in the Great Lakes region by a terrific gale and in other sections by heavy snows, today was moving into virtually all sections of the country.

Originating in the Northwest and Canada, the storm extended from Colorado to the Ohio valley and south to the Gulf of Mexico, and was expected by tonight to reach into California, Southern New England, the Middle and South Atlantic states.

35 Degrees Below
Montana reported temperatures as low as 53 degrees below zero; Minneapolis called it the worst blizzard in four years; several South Dakota schools were forced to close; shipping on the Great Lakes was endangered.

Waters Flooded
New England received a vivid reminder of its recent flood when

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Hi-Dads Discuss
Skating Rink Plan

The high school athletic field may be converted into a skating rink for the winter months if a proposal suggested at the recent monthly meeting of the Hi-Dads last night materializes. The advisability of the rink, providing for out-of-door recreation, was discussed and arrangements made for a detailed report on the possibilities of the plan to be heard at the next meeting, when the matter will be taken in again.

Plans for the annual Hi-Dad football banquet were also discussed last night and it was announced that the banquet would be held during the next two weeks. Arrangements are in the hands of the entertainment committee. Hi-Dads have been contributing their labor to the recreational hall being constructed by the Marmion church, in accordance with plans made at the previous monthly meeting, it was reported. The Hi-Dads met at the City Hall.

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Speaking of the Christmas rush, Mr. Huron again called attention to authority given the local post office to accept Christmas cards at any time and deliver them on a later date, according to the wishes of the sender. This ruling, however, does not apply to Christmas cards going out of town. This class of mail cannot be held and must be forwarded immediately. Several packages of local Christmas cards are already being held for later delivery and more are expected.

This new ruling works both to the advantage of the post office and the patron. It assures the patron that the cards will be delivered at a certain date and also adds to the accuracy of delivery. In the post office it permits clerks to work the mail in leisure time, and helps to do away with "rush" periods which often result in delays.

BEACH, WOMAN
HELD GUILTY
OF SLAYINGJury, Out 23 Hours, Re-
turns Verdict of Volun-
tary ManslaughterPENALTY PRISON
TERM TO 20 YEARSJudge Sent Jurors Back to
Deliberate When, After
17 Hours, They Came in
Without Verdict.

**COURT HOUSE, Mays, Land-
ing, N. J., Dec. 8 (AP)—**Mrs. Margaret Lillendahl, and Willie Beach today were found guilty of voluntary manslaughter in connection with the death of the woman's aged husband.

The penalty for manslaughter in this state is a prison term up to 20 years. The verdict was brought in at 4:44 p. m.

The jury had been out for 23 hours and nine minutes.

MAYS LANDING, N. J., Dec. 8 (AP)—Seventeen hours after the case was placed in their hands the jury in the Lillendahl murder trial reported to the court today that no verdict had been reached. The jurors were sent back to continue their deliberations.

Tells Court He
Killed Wife At
Her Own Request

ETRIENNA, Kan., Dec. 8 (AP)—How his wife stroked his cheeks and told him she loved him as he killed her, was related to a crowded courtroom here today by Ivan M. Hart, who took the stand in his own defense in his trial for the murder of Mabel Marmont Hart, his bride of three weeks, on July 1.

"She craved death," Hart said. "When we were engaged she made me promise that if she ever became an expectant mother, I would kill her."

"For days she kept calling me a yellow dog because I wouldn't go through with my promise."

"Then came the fatal day. I at last agreed."

"She smiled when she saw me open the knife, and as I plunged it into her throat she stroked my cheeks and said:

"I love you."

"Then she died."

Hart's defense has been that he killed his wife at her own request, because she feared child birth.

John Spain Dies
At Hot Lake, Ore.

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 8 (AP)—John Spain of North Powder, well known rider and roper, who won honors at Pendleton Round-Up in past years, died last night at Hot Lake. He was about 47 years old.

John Spain was also a resident of Union for many years and until late years took part annually in the rodeo at the stock show. It was at Union that he lost one hand while roping a steer.

Round-Up Will Be
Held Sept. 19-22

PENDLETON, Dec. 8 (AP)—The annual Pendleton Round-Up will be held next year from Sept. 19 to 22. Directors and stockholders met last night and all directors were re-elected.

REMUS FIT TO
RESUME TRIAL
IN CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, Dec. 8 (AP)—George Remus still was nervous and shaky today after his emotional outburst of yesterday, but was fit for resumption of his murder trial.

Charles Darrow, famous criminal lawyer of Chicago, an old friend of Remus, visited the defendant in his cell prior to the time for court to open. Darrow said he came to testify to Remus' good character and to not to appear in the trial as an attorney.

25 IN PENDLETON
Pendleton, Dec. 8 (AP)—Warmer weather prevailed in the Pendleton vicinity last night. The mercury touched 25 degrees above zero and the rain was accompanied by a thawing of snow on the ground and buildings.

FARMER IS KILLED
GRANTS PASS, Dec. 8 (AP)—Edward J. Tolin, Deer Creek farmer, was crushed to death by a falling timber yesterday afternoon when he died two hours later without regaining consciousness.

VARE



WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Smith-Vare fight in the senate became merely the Vare fight today, as the senate began its round of oratory, preceding the vote by which opponents of Mr. Vare, of Pennsylvania, were determined to deny him the oath of office as they denied it yesterday to Frank L. Smith, of Illinois.

Senator McClean, republican, Connecticut, took up the cause of Vare at the opening of debate today, lamenting the "inability for a disinterested trial" for the Pennsylvanian.

COAST ELEVEN
ARRANGE GAMESOregon to Play Southern
Branch—Cards Have 4
Big Contests Signed

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8 (AP)—In a star-chamber huddle here today the final touches were being put on the Pacific coast's football program for 1928. Coaches, student managers and faculty representatives attending the Pacific coast intercollegiate conference were swapping dates with a view to getting their schedules completed.

The "little stranger" in the Pacific Ten, the University of California at Los Angeles, had two games scheduled this morning with Oregon at Los Angeles and Stanford at Palo Alto. Coach Bill Spaulding was busy button holing managers of other teams for more games.

Clipper Smith, Gonzaga coach, admitted he was having hard sledding in getting the kind of schedules he wanted. "No one wants to play us the last of the season," he said this morning. "I'm offered all sorts of games for the last Saturday in September and the first in October, but none later. I want 11 games with 11 first class schools. Only one is arranged, I think—with St. Mary's at Portland."

Oregon's List
University of Oregon had a tentative list this morning, including: Washington at Berkeley, Oct. 20; Oregon State college at Corvallis Nov. 17; Idaho at Portland Nov. 29; University of California (southern branch) at Los Angeles Dec. 8; Oregon wanted Stanford for its homecoming game at Eugene on one of three open dates, Oct. 27 or Nov. 3 or 10. If this cannot be booked, Washington State will be taken on for the event.

Stanford had four games certain, with California, Washington, Southern California and University of California at Los Angeles. Oregon State's tentative list included: Southern California at Los Angeles Oct. 8; Stanford at Palo Alto, Oct. 13; Washington State at Portland and Idaho at Moscow, dates uncertain; Oregon at Corvallis Nov. 17, and a settled game with New York city university in New York Thanksgiving day.

Governor Donahay
Not A Candidate

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 8 (AP)—Governor Vile Donahay not only is not a candidate for president, but he will not be a candidate for any office, he has notified state democratic party leaders.

This became known today in connection with the fight being waged by the governor's friends to prevent Ohio's delegation to the democratic national convention being selected in the interest of Governor Al Smith, of New York.

SLEET VANCOUVER

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 8 (AP)—Vancouver, Wash., was today selected by the Western Nut Growers association as the place for the annual convention in 1928.

Attends Bridge
Party After She
Killed HusbandOhio Woman Confesses to
Murder—Beat Mate to
Death with Table Leg
and Claw Hammer.

PAINESVILLE, O., Dec. 8 (AP)—A "blind rage" which Velma West said caused her to beat her husband, Thomas E. West, to death in their bungalow at Perry, Ohio, Tuesday night, was viewed by Lake county authorities today as the basis of a temporary insanity plea when the pretty 21-year-old blonde bride comes to trial for murder. The rage was recounted in her signed confession given to Sheriff Ed Rasmussen. The formal charge of murder was held up today, while authorities continue their investigation of the killing.

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 8 (AP)—A restless night in a county jail cell, smoking cigarettes for police, was the 21-year-old Velma West's preparation for facing a charge of husband slaying today.

Mrs. West signed a confession yesterday that she had slain her husband, Thomas E. West, 39, Tuesday night at their home in Perry, Ohio, near here, using a claw hammer and a table leg for weapons; and that she had then moved to Cleveland to keep a bridge party engagement. The slaying, she said, followed a quarrel. "The quarrel was made at the Cleveland home of her mother, Mrs. Catherine Van Woert. Brought here, Mrs. West was given no information that she was suspected of having knowledge of how her husband had met his death. She was questioned by Sheriff Ed Rasmussen and Prosecutor Seth Paulin.

Woman Finally Wits
After two hours of questioning, Rasmussen suddenly asked: "Why did you leave the back door open?" Mrs. West seemed suddenly to witt. Then, straightening, she replied: "All right, I'll tell the truth. I killed him after a quarrel."

The bridge party, to which she had been invited by Miss Mabel Young, of Cleveland, was the cause of the quarrel, the confession said. Her husband, she said, went her to go.

In their little bungalow at Perry the argument became heated. Mrs. West got a claw hammer from the kitchen, followed her husband into the bedroom and struck him a blow on the head, the confession said. Then she grabbed a leg which had broken off a small table and beat him.

Attended Party
She tied the lifeless feet with twine, the confession detailed, and stuffed a rag in the mouth. Taking off her blood-stained garments she dressed for the bridge party. It was then 6 o'clock. She went down to the parlor, picked her music off the piano—for she knew better would be the monotonous and that she would be asked to sing—left the house with the lights all burning and drove in her own car to Cleveland.

When she reached Miss Young's home, she said, she went upstairs and washed the blood from her hands and arms.

She remained overnight with Miss Young and in the morning went to her mother's home in East Cleveland, for they had planned to shop together. They had just returned from the shopping tour when detectives came to the house. Mrs. West collapsed when she heard the news that her husband had been killed.

Young West was the son of T. B. West, of Perry, well known nurseryman. He was employed by his father at the nurseries.

Coolidge Urges
Appropriations
For 4 Projects

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—A demand for congressional scrutiny of the jury system in Washington as a result of jury tampering.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—Oregon items in the budget submitted to congress for 1929 included sum for reclamation projects, for Crater Lake national park and for Indians.

Crater lake is to receive \$47,100. Estimates of \$1,026,000 for four Oregon reclamation projects were included in the budget, the Owyhee development in Oregon and Idaho would receive \$2,500,000 for the next fiscal year. The Vals project \$750,000; Unadilla \$500,000 and Klamath \$271,000 of which \$20,000 would be used for refunds of losses of marginal lands along Tule lake who have suffered damage from flood.

No estimate is included for the Baker project, although \$450,000 remains to its credit.

Lindbergh May
Fly to Mexico

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh said today he had received an invitation from President Calles of Mexico to make a flight from New York to Mexico City and that he was "considering it favorably."

TAX BILL TO
PROVIDE CUT
\$232,735,000New Estimate is \$7,735,000
Above the Maximum
Suggested by MellonREDUCE REVENUE
ON TICKETS, CARSChairman Green Advises
House of Approval of
Measure by Ways and
Means Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—The new revenue bill will call for a total cut in taxes of \$232,735,000 instead of \$230,000,000 heretofore estimated by members of the house ways and means committee.

Chairman Green formally advised the house of the estimate today in a report on the measure. The new estimate is only \$7,735,000 above the maximum of \$225,000,000 recommended by Secretary Mellon.

The chairman said that requests for reductions aggregating more than \$500,000,000 had been received by the committee and that it was "obviously impossible" to make all of them.

The chairman's report estimated that the total reduction would be made up of specific cuts in tax rates as follows:

Reduction in the rate on corporation incomes from 13 1/2 to 11 1/2 per cent, a loss in revenue of \$164,400,000, which, with a loss of \$12,000,000 as a result of an increase from \$2,000 to \$3,000 in the exemption granted corporations with net income of \$25,000 or less, would bring a total loss of \$176,400,000.

Increased exemption from 70 cents to \$1 on admission tickets, loss \$8,000,000.

Club dues, tax reduced from 10 to 5 per cent, loss \$5,000,000.

Automobile tax, reduced from 3 to 1 1/2 per cent, loss \$30,000,000.

Cereal beverage tax, repealed, loss \$15,000,000.

Tax on the sale of wines, reduced to pre-war level, loss \$30,000,000.