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Tuesday; probably rains in north-
west portion and snow and rains in
east portion. Temperature below
normal.

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SHEEP GROUP
HOLD ANNUAL
CONFERENCEMembers Meet Here Sat-
urday Night—Banquet
at La Grande HotelSPROAT MESSAGE
READ BY AVERYAssociation Now Repre-
sents 19,500 Head of
Sheep—S. E. Miller Tells
of Conditions.

The annual meeting of the Union County Wool Growers' association held Saturday evening at the La Grande hotel was a decided success. The attendance was more than 20 and several new members were enrolled. The membership of the association now represents 19,500 head of sheep in the county.

The meeting opened with a banquet at 7:30 o'clock. H. G. Avery, county agriculturist and secretary of the association, presiding as toastmaster. In a short talk, Mr. Avery estimated a six per cent increase in the number of sheep in the county over last year.

After enjoying an excellent banquet, with roast lamb as the main item on the menu, a general program of short talks, mostly by local people, took place. Mr. Avery read a telegram from Hugh Sproat, secretary of the Oregon Wool Growers' association, which stated that wool was being contracted in Idaho at 35 cents, and that the lamb crop would be materially reduced in Wyoming and Montana. He stated that heavy Oregon wool was worth 25 cents and advised growers to ask for a good price and stick until they got it. Mr. Sproat planned to attend the meeting here, but because of an automobile accident was unable to be here.

Miller Speaks
S. E. Miller, president of the association, recounted the conditions under which sheep were produced and cared for 30 years ago and the development up to present, showing the extra expense when lambs are born during the winter months and cared for in sheds and yards. He estimated a cost of \$6.50 to keep one ewe a year. In closing he expressed his confidence of the stability of the sheep business.

J. C. Kuhns, superintendent of the Whitman forest, spoke, giving the range livestock population as compared to the amount of available grazing land. R. J. Green spoke briefly on the transient range sheep owner and the dog tax law, which provides remuneration for sheep killed by dogs.

Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce told something of his experience in the sheep business, as compared with the cattle business, saying that he believed he was going to like it as well as his son, Lloyd, already there. He expressed himself as being interested in building up a strong local organization for sheep owners, and gave his views on the livestock and general farm situation, declaring that "sheep was the only crop he knew of that would

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W. L. HAYWARD
TO SPEAK AT
FORUM LUNCH

W. L. Hayward, deputy regional executive, of Spokane, Wash., will be the principal speaker at tomorrow's forum luncheon at the Seaside hotel. The subject will be "What Are We Going to Do With Scouting?" Dr. W. T. Phis, president of the Eastern Oregon boy scout council, will speak on "Scouting."

Leland Hale will play a cornet solo during the luncheon.

RESULTS
ARE
OBVIOUS

The business men of La Grande and the manufacturers of the nation who advertise intelligently in The Observer consistently throughout the year do not spend their money by chance. The results to be had are obvious—and they appreciate the value of The Observer's advertising columns accordingly.

The constantly increasing number of firms who are adding to their advertising budget for The Observer space indicate conclusively by their action that satisfactory returns accompany every insertion. Concentrating advertising money in The Observer permits greater emphasis and more frequent messages—a valuable aid.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

4 Below Zero in
La Grande Over
Saturday NightPeak of Week's Cold Wave
Reached—Temperature
Then Climbs 34 Degrees
in 26 Hours.

The peak of a week of cold weather in La Grande was reached during Saturday night when the mercury fell to four degrees below zero. It was learned yesterday morning when the government thermometer at the municipal building here read at 7:30 a. m. Sunday the temperature was even zero and from that hour until 9:30 this morning, a climb of 34 degrees was registered. Last night at 5 o'clock the temperature was 26 above.

A chilly wind late yesterday afternoon whipped through La Grande and it is reported to have assumed the aspects of a blizzard east of this city.

Two inches of snow fell over the weekend and another inch of white was deposited this morning, making a total of about eight inches in seven days.

Several cases of frozen water pipes and automobile radiators were reported over the weekend.

Asked to Feed Birds
With the snow covering the ground, a number of bird lovers of La Grande are putting out crumbs and seeds for the feathered citizens. Mrs. J. D. Slater today issued an appeal, asking that all who can put out food for the birds.

This morning the city started shoveling snow from the streets for pedestrians. If the snow continues the streets themselves will be cleared. It is said, at present the snow is not deep enough to make traffic difficult, although lay pavements make travel hazardous unless the car is driven at a slow rate of speed.

State highways are reported to be open in this part of the state. A new type rotary snowplow was tested on the state highway department Saturday evening at North Powder and it is reported that the result was very successful.

PENDLETON FOUR BELOW
PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 12. (AP)—Slippery streets greeted Pendletonians this morning following a night when the thermometer registered 20 degrees below zero. Saturday night the mercury dropped to four degrees below zero.

SNOW, ZERO WEATHER
BAKER, Ore., Dec. 12. (AP)—Four inches of snow fell here since Sunday evening. A six-inch blanket was on the ground today with snow still falling this morning. The temperature dropped to a minimum of four below zero Sunday morning but had risen to 19 above this morning.

Leonard Strong
Accidentally Shot
At Pondosa, Ore.

Leonard Strong, 21, was brought to the hospital here this morning from Pondosa, suffering from a bullet wound in the hip, which he accidentally received yesterday while out rabbit hunting with two friends, Victor Thompson and Rusty Grey. The Thompson boy was carrying the gun from which the shot was accidentally fired, it is said.

While the man's condition is quite serious because of loss of blood it is believed that he will get along all right. The femoral artery in his hip was severed, the bullet entering his hip at the back and coming out at the front. Dr. Vera Hamilton, the attending physician, operated today noon and reports that the patient's condition seems to be good.

Legion Arranges
Vaudeville Acts

Six acts of vaudeville have been secured for the annual New Year's midnight matinee which will be given at the Arcade theater here at midnight on New Year's eve under the auspices of the La Grande post of the American Legion, members of the committee in charge announce.

In addition to these acts plans are now complete for the midnight show, in which about 18 characters, members of the legion post, will take part. The midnight show is under the direction of Ray Williams, assisted by Norman Deibel. Other members of the personnel will be announced later.

Kinnison Gets 14
Animals in Month

During the month of November 23 government hunters killed 214 coyotes, 42 bobcats, six cougar, two bears, 18 badgers, and one skunk. In addition, 12 badgers and 115 porcupines were taken but not saved.

Albert Kinnison, Union county hunter, got two bobcats and 12 coyotes. His total of 14 animals placed him fourth in list. Walt Sutherland, of Walla Walla county, was tied with him.

EAST OREGON
PEACE FORCE
TALKS CRIMEOfficers from Five Coun-
ties Gather Here to Dis-
cuss ProblemsHAVE LUNCHEON
AT LOCAL HOTELConference Under Way
This Afternoon—Pre-
vention of Crime During
Winter Is Subject.

Peace officers from five counties in Eastern Oregon, numbering more than two-score, gathered in La Grande today for the first meeting to discuss crime prevention.

Fearful of more crime than usual this winter, local officers led by Police Chief Clint Haynes, are sponsoring the meeting and the idea immediately met with favor over all Eastern Oregon. Meeting early in the winter, officers believe that precautionary methods can be worked out here but over all this part of the state.

Incidentally, they believe that a gathering of officers will result in greater co-operation through more intimate acquaintances and a mutual understanding of each officer's particular problems.

At noon today about half a hundred men—forty officers and several civilians—gathered at the hotel.

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DEFENDANT WINS
IN DAMAGE SUITRailroad Company Given
Verdict in Case Tried
in Circuit Court

The jury found quickly for the defendant Saturday in a \$30,000 damage suit, the last case of the adjourned session of the October term of circuit court which Judge J. W. Knowles conducted last week. The concluding case was that of Albert D. Bloomer against the O. R. & N. company in which the plaintiff claimed that he had received permanent injuries resulting from a cut on the ankle which he received when in the employ of the railroad company. He is said to have claimed that the accident was caused by an adze and that the company should have supplied him with a chisel bar in place of the adze.

The case was submitted to the jury a little after 6 o'clock. Just one ballot was taken by the jurors, it is reported. The case was the fourth and last of the week's session.

Green & Hess tried and secured the case for the plaintiff and W. A. Robbins, O. W. attorney, and C. R. Eberhard, of the local firm, Cochran & Eberhard, tried and argued the case for the defense.

A. A. A. Drive Here
At Half-Way Mark

Stating that practically half of the quota had been reached, Charles H. Gunther, advertising manager of the Oregon branch of the A. A. A., expressed himself as very well pleased with the support that the business men of La Grande have given him. Mr. Gunther has been here for about two weeks now in the interests of the drive and organization of the association here. For the first time the A. A. A. free service truck was put in operation today when it was used to pull the Jesse Rosenbaum car out of heavy snow drifts near Allied. Mr. Gunther reported this morning. Mr. Rosenbaum, accompanied by Gilbert Tull, spent Sunday hunting in the valley, and were unable to get through heavy drifts upon their return here last night.

La Grande-Wallowa Stage Line May
Be Re-Opened in the Near Future

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12. (AP)—C. Boswell, who about a week ago attempted to start the La Grande-Wallowa stage line, has been denied a permit. It was said at the office of the public service commission today, because he did not have insurance to cover his passengers, when he attempted to operate he was stopped by an inspector of the department.

As soon as local difficulties can be adjusted the Wallowa-La Grande stages, which were closed Tuesday by the public service commission of Oregon, will be operated again. This was the statement of W. J. Coldren, this morning in explaining the situation which brought on the closing of the branch line stages. "I believe it will be a matter of a few days, perhaps day after tomorrow,

Red Workers In
Control; Canton
Situation GraveFires and Looting Report-
ed—Two U. S. Gunboats
on Hand to Protect
Two-Score Americans

HONGKONG, Dec. 12. (AP)—Advices from Canton today told of fires and indiscriminate looting after the attempt of General Chang Pak-Wei to disarm certain of his troops. Red Workers took control of the city.

Steamship and railroad service to Hongkong was tied up. Telegraph lines were cut. The report stated the general bank of China had been destroyed.

General Chang Pak-Wei, the present dictator of Canton, who was recently denounced by the Nationalist government as a traitor and supporter of communists suspected some newly recruited troops of being supporters of General Li-Chai-Sum, the former Canton dictator. He ordered them disarmed and disbanded.

The attempt to disarm the troops led to fighting in the eastern suburb. The seamen's union thereupon instituted a strike which tied up steamer and rail service to Hongkong.

The only arrival at Hongkong this morning was the Chinese steamer Saloon. The Saloon was manned by British sailors and had 200 Chinese passengers aboard fleeing from Canton.

The disorderly elements in Canton took advantage of the confusion to start fires and for indiscriminate looting.

Workers in Control
A proclamation from Canton announced that the combined workers and peasant forces had taken over control. The red corps of workers, numbering 5,000, occupied all the anti-revolutionary government buildings. These included the numbing headquarters, the department of finance and military affairs, telephone and telegraph offices and railroad stations.

Armed peasants and working men wearing red brassards swarmed the streets of Canton. All ships were closed.

Other advices stated that 200,000 communists took control of the province of Kiangsu, the west river to meet threatened invasion from Kwangsi. They disarmed police and took control of the city.

U. S. GUNBOATS READY
SHANGHAI, Dec. 12. (AP)—Two U. S. gunboats, the Sacramento and the Pampana were at Canton today after the outbreak of disorder within the city. The two boats were en route from Hongkong.

There were between 20 and 40 Americans in the Canton district. The gunboats attempted to communicate with all of them. The trouble appeared to have arisen

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5 Men Arrested
By Prohi Agents;
Hearing Tuesday

Five men were arrested and two automobiles and 19 gallons of moonshine whisky confiscated last evening at Union, according to G. M. Pierce, prohibition officer, who was assisted by S. W. Edens, special officer.

The men, all of whom are in the county jail under \$500 bonds each, are Sydney Turner, William Mahaffey, Dick Lane, Charles Jenkins, and Virgil Duncan. They were making a delivery of whisky and were in two cars, the first three riding in a car owned by Jenkins and the other two riding in Duncan's automobile. Mr. Pierce charges. One of the cars was brought to La Grande and is being held here. The other was left at Union.

The five were arraigned before Judge Hugh E. Brady in the justice court this morning when their bonds were set at \$500, which they were unable to furnish.

They will be given a hearing in the justice court tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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Mother of Mrs.
Coolidge Improved

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 12. (AP)—Marked improvement over night in the condition of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, mother of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, was reported early today at Dickinson Hospital where Mrs. Coolidge is undergoing treatment for influenza. Her temperature, which was reported to be 104.2 last night, has decreased. Anxiety over her condition was felt because of her age of 75 years. She was taken to the hospital yesterday.

NEW TAX BILL
SET BACK IN
FIRST STANDAmendment Adopted to
Provide Slash in Corpora-
tions' IncomePREDICTS LONG
FARM BILL FIGHTFarm Bureau Federation
Leader Calls on Cool-
idge—Oil Scandal Up in
Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (AP)—The new tax reduction bill failed to weather the first material attack made against it today in the house when an amendment was adopted to provide for a slash in the rates on corporations' taxable net income under \$15,000.

The amendment, sponsored by Representative Garner, of Texas, senior democrat on the ways and means committee, was approved 126 to 132. It will be subject to another vote before passage of the bill.

The proposal would provide a three percent slash on net income up to \$7,000; seven per cent up to \$12,000; nine per cent up to \$15,000, and the flat 11 1/2 per cent as proposed by the committee for all incomes above \$15,000.

Are in Addition
These reductions would be in addition to the committee's proposal to increase from \$2,000 to \$3,000 the exemptions granted all corporations.

Immediately after approving the Garner proposal the house rejected an amendment by Representative Jacobstein, democrat, New York, to provide for an automatic reduction of one half per cent in this tax each time the surplus in the treasury should exceed \$50,000,000.

It then approved without debate the section calling for a reduction in the tax rate on corporations.

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W. C. PERKINS
SUMMARIZES
SCOUT DRIVE

"La Grande has provided well for the training of its boys and girls in a scholastic way; ample hotel facilities insure comfort and entertainment for tourists; churches have looked well to their adult membership; businessmen have lighted their streets; the civil authorities provide adequate police protection and the library caters to a big following of self courses, fishing grounds and hunting fields entertain the adults, but for the lack of La Grande nothing has been done to keep them engaged in worthwhile acts in their idle hours, further than that which the Boy Scout organization has done. To my mind the citizens of La Grande should not hesitate a single moment in underwriting the \$2500 needed for the coming year's budget. Not only should businessmen do their part but every able bodied man in La Grande who has a son in or approaching the adolescent age, should give something towards this fund. The many things that La Grande has done along worthwhile lines should not be a barrier to doing something for the city's most valuable crop. We have no Y. M. C. A. for them—we have only the Boy Scouts to direct their minds along proper channels. These dangerous hours of their lives when they are neither in school nor in their homes. The whole subject is a matter that has only one side to it. Let's pour in the askings and more too, on Wednesday morning without further fuss and flurry. To do otherwise would class us as a people that is much interested in its livestock and its adults but careless about the boys, more valuable than all other animals, human and otherwise, put together."

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INNOVATION



An innovation in flapper handiwork was evolved by 19-year-old Nona Lasher (above), according to police of Alhambra, Cal. They charge her with mass production of bad checks and said she used an assortment of wiles to escape detection. She is now under arrest.

LOWDEN WILLING,
FRIENDS BELIEVEBoosters of Former Gov-
ernor of Illinois Have
His Implied "Consent"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (AP)—Friends of former Governor Lowden, of Illinois, who are boosting him as a republican presidential candidate have his implied consent to carry on.

Although he refused definitely to announce himself as a candidate and declares himself in mystery concerning his exact status in relation to the nomination, Lowden last night assured his supporters that "whatever that status is there is little likelihood of its being changed."

Whatever his doubt concerning himself may be, the former governor is emphatically positive about two things—that President Coolidge is out of the race and that the 1928 presidential contest, he is equally positive that what agriculture needs to put it on an equal footing with industry and labor is enactment of a relief bill incorporating an equalization fee assessed upon crops to pay the cost of controlling surpluses.

A reduction of the tariff as an aid to agriculture has no appeal for Mr. Lowden.

Union Seniors
Present Drama

UNION, Dec. 12. (Special)—The senior class of the Union high school presented "Mammy's Lil' Wild Rose," a comedy drama of the funny south in three acts Friday evening, Dec. 9.

The cast of characters was as follows: Daniel French, from the city, Oral Rosewall; Lester Van, Daniel's chum; Dick Cox; Wade Carver, an unwelcome suitor; George Van Houten; Orpheus Jackson, a native Romeo; Ralph Mills; Old Joe, "Dad's a fac"; Martin Kuhn; Rose O'May, Mammy's Lil' Wild Rose; Jane Smith; Mamie Collic, a black treasure; Nana Goodsey; Hester O'May, Rose's maiden aunt; Laura Cranston; Peggy French, Daniel's sister; Lena James; Fatty Van, Peggy's chum; Madeline Vaughn; Babe Joan, a mountain charmer; Pearl Hunt; Mrs. Court-land, a lonely woman; Helen Saling.

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More Than 150
Taken Off Liner;
Vessel Breaking\$750,000 Ship May Be a
Total Loss—43 Men
Rescued in Great Lakes,
Guards Seek 22 More

CAMPBELL, RIVER, B. C., Dec. 12. (AP)—Driven aground in a raging snowstorm, the liner Northwestern early today was reported to be rapidly filling with water while Captain Jack Livingston and 26 of the crew remained aboard after the 112 passengers and the rest of the crew of 75 had been taken safely to shelter in this summer resort. The vessel was expressed that the \$750,000 vessel might be a total loss.

The Northwestern, bound from Seattle to Alaska in the service of the Alaska steamship company was wrecked off Cape Mudge, at the entrance to Seymour Narrows, 10 miles south of here, about 5 o'clock yesterday morning. For seven hours, the passengers, most of whom were Alaskans en route home from the states, anxiously paced the decks of the stricken vessel as terrific easterly gales lashed the waters to a fury and sent a drenching spray over the ship. Water rushing in through a hole in the hull had filled two holds of the boat and had flooded the engine room. The S. O. B. of the disabled craft brought rescue vessels hurrying to its aid from Victoria, B. C., but the first to reach the scene of the wreck was a small halibut schooner which happened to pass along that way.

The passengers were transferred to the fishing boat and aboard it they suffered the only discomfort of the ship's wreck. The sea was so rough that it was impossible to stay on the decks of the halibut schooner, and as a result the passengers were "stowed away" in the somewhat odoriferous bins in which fish are usually kept.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 12. (AP)—After 43 men had been rescued yesterday about the time the tug General was bringing to Detroit the crew of the steamer Agawia who had been rescued from their vessel off Manitoulin island, unable to reach the Lamont because of dense fog formations, the General called the tug Illinois and Sabin from here. The Illinois and Sabin circled about the wreck but reported no signs of life. A landing was made on the island where footprints were found in the snow leading from the wreck. Indications were the crew had abandoned the ship and made their way inland. Sirens were sounded by the tugboats but the signals met with no response.

The tugboats planned to get into communication with the Parlane lighthouse where it was thought possible the men may have gone.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 12. (AP)—Survivors of the wrecked steamer Lamont were landed at Goulds bay 19 miles north of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., this morning after drifting with the wreck and waves around Whitefish bay since last Thursday. Two of the crew were drowned, a man named Moore and Owen Sound, and another named Baird of Marytown. Ont. The men are to be brought to Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., tonight.

Spafford Backs
Up On Wet, Dry
Poll in Legion

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 12. (AP)—The American legion poll on the "wet and dry" issue will not be taken, Edward E. Spafford, national commander, told state adjutants and commanders meeting in a national conference here today. Spafford said the poll would have to be ordered by the national executive committee and that he will not bring the matter before the committee which meets here in January.

Velma West Must
Face Grand Jury

PAINEVILLE, ORE., Dec. 12. (AP)—Velma West, charged with killing her husband, E. Edward West with a hammer last Tuesday night in a quarrel over attending a bridge party at the island, was held to the Lake county grand jury without bond today on a first degree murder warrant following a preliminary hearing before Municipal Judge Marvin H. Heller.

Senate Confirms
Action of House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (AP)—The senate today followed the action of the house in unanimously voting the congressional medal of honor for Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

LEGISLATORS
TURNED BACK
BY SOLDIERSOklahoma National Guard
Units Mobilized at Or-
der of Gov. JohnsonSOLONS PREPARE
FOR STREET MEETLaw-Makers Call Them-
selves Together to
Receive Impeachment
Charges Against Chief.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 12. (AP)—Prevented from meeting in their chambers at the state capitol by national guardsmen, a majority of the members of the house of representatives, went to a local hotel, convened, discussed the situation and recessed until tomorrow morning. E. P. Hill, speaker of the house, announced.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 12. (AP)—Barred by national guardsmen from convening in their chamber at the capitol, members of the Oklahoma house of representatives were called upon today by Speaker E. P. Hill to meet in the streets of Oklahoma City to receive impeachment charges against Governor Henry H. Johnston.

After being held at bay for more than half an hour by 80 armed guardsmen who occupied the floor, containing the executive chambers, the legislators congregated about a roped enclosure on that floor.

Speaker Hill and newspaper men were permitted to enter the enclosure. The speaker explained that session leaders had been unsuccessful in their efforts to persuade Adjutant General Charles F. Barrett to permit the meeting in the legislative chamber and that the session would be held in the streets.

The group immediately dis-

persed.

Second Case in 4 Years
Oklahoma national guardsmen today were summoned for the second time in a little more than four years to prevent a self-convened legislature from assembling in the state capitol building for the announced purpose of instituting impeachment proceedings.

First intimation that Governor Johnston planned to mobilize the guard came shortly before dawn when soldiers began to assemble at the armory here.

Brigadier General Charles E. McPherson then admitted that the governor had authorized mobilization of three units of the guard.

As the soldiers started for the capitol, Adjutant General Charles F. Barrett made public a proclamation from Governor Johnston authorizing the mobilization. The proclamation instructed the adjutant general "to use and employ all necessary force to quell, subdue, remove or destroy any insurrection, and to suppress all insurrection."

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POISON DRINK
IS FATAL TO
MOVIE ACTOR

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12. (AP)—A coffee utensil containing a beverage suspected of fatally poisoning a motion picture actor and seriously affecting three women was being looked into officially today. The victim, George D. Bailey, 64, died Sunday, supposedly of heart failure, shortly after taking a drink of coffee at his home.

Yesterday Mrs. Bailey, her daughter, Mrs. Blanche Olivas and the latter's sister-in-law, Miss Tommy Olivas, drank some coffee from the same utensil and became seriously ill. The physician called in the emergency said they would recover only because of the prompt treatment given them.

Shopping
Days Till
Christmas