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THE WEATHER OREGON: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably local snows east portion and over the Sierras. Temperature below normal.

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EAST OREGON PEACE FORCE TO ORGANIZE

Co-operative Association Will Be Formed at the Meeting in January

INITIAL SESSION HERE YESTERDAY

Several Talks Made During Conference; Police Suggestions for Crime Prevention Given.

Steps were taken toward the organization of a law enforcement association in this part of the state yesterday when more than 40 peace officers, ranging from policemen to circuit judges, met in the La Grande hotel for a luncheon and conference.

The first meeting of this kind ever held east of the Cascades and those in attendance were gratified at the enthusiasm and desire for co-operation shown on the part of all.

During the conference, which started following a noon luncheon at the La Grande hotel and continued until 4 p. m., a preliminary reading as follows was adopted:

"We, the officers present, hereby associate ourselves into an organization to be known as the Eastern Oregon Officers Co-Operative association for the purpose of more efficient co-operation in the enforcement of the laws of the state of Oregon including the laws and ordinances of municipalities, and for the purpose of perfecting and adopting a constitution and by-laws for the governing of and carrying out of the purposes of organization."

Meet in January Hugh E. Brady, justice of peace of La Grande, was chairman of the meeting, and W. C. Crews, La Grande city manager, served as secretary.

It was agreed that a second meeting of the group will be held in La Grande, beginning at 10 a. m., on the second Monday in January, at which time a constitution and by-laws will be adopted and officers will be elected.

During the conference talks were made by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles of La Grande, on "Law Enforcement"; by Carl G. Helm, district attorney of Union county, on "Evidence Officers Should Secure for Conviction"; by H. E. Coolidge, president of the Union county chamber of commerce, on "Courtesy That Should Be Shown to Tourists by Officers"; by George S. Biele, of La Grande, on "Duties of an Officer from a Business Man's View"; and by E. M. Blodgett, district attorney at Malheur county, on "Co-Operation."

Police Paper Presented An article by the La Grande police department was submitted and it contained the following suggestions:

That light is the best protection that can be devised and that if people would leave a small light burning in their homes, with

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POST OFFICE HOLIDAY RUSH IS UNDER WAY

The Christmas package rush has started in earnest at the La Grande post office, according to R. R. Huron, postmaster.

Parcels have been coming in to mail out-of-town points in ever increasing numbers and a large amount of Christmas cards, to be held for release locally, have also been received. As yet, only a few packages have been received from outside towns and cities.

Mr. Huron announces that temporary extra clerks will be put on shortly and adds that the regular employees have been working overtime for the past few days to handle the extra pieces of mail.

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 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"

Boy Scout Drive Will Begin Here Tomorrow Morn

W. L. Hayward, Executive of Spokane, Is Main Speaker at Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

Preliminary to the campaign for funds to carry on boy scout work in La Grande during 1928, which will start tomorrow morning, a dinner meeting of all committee members in attendance at the meeting, including 25 committee members, J. Russell Scott, scout executive, held this evening at 6:30 o'clock at the La Grande hotel.

W. L. Hayward, deputy regional scout executive, who arrived in this city this morning from Spokane, will be the principal speaker at the meeting, and plans for the campaign will be outlined. H. E. Dixon, general chairman in charge of the campaign, will preside.

"We hope to have 50 or 60 men in attendance at the meeting, including 25 committee members," J. Russell Scott, scout executive, said this morning.

Sponsoring Committees In addition to the boy scout committee, the Rotary club, the chamber of commerce, the La Grande Ministerial association, the American Legion and the railroad company are all sponsoring committees to assist in the campaign.

The amount to be raised to continue boy scout work in La Grande for the next year is \$2500. The campaign will start tomorrow and will end Saturday night, the committee hoping to have the entire amount by that time.

HAYWARD SPEAKS AT COMMERCE CHAMBER MEET

W. L. Hayward, regional scout executive with headquarters in Spokane, gave an inspirational talk on the subject "What Are We Going to Do for Scouting?" at the Union County chamber of commerce today. Mr. Hayward's remarks were very interesting.

In speaking of the Boy Scout movement, he pointed out the fact that scouting gives the boy a fund-

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E.O.L.P. Repairs Electric Break In 46 Minutes

The first major interruption in electric service in several years occurred in La Grande last night when a connection burned out by the current transformer on the main circuit breaker in the La Grande sub station on Washington avenue and stopped electric service to the city from 3:47 to 10:33 p. m.

As many men as it was possible to work efficiently went immediately to work under the direction of Gene Walker, Grand River division manager of the E. O. L. & P. company, and the damaged transformer was cut out and a temporary connection made, restoring the service in 46 minutes.

An interruption of this nature seldom happens, according to J. H. King, general superintendent of the company.

Expect to Stage Line Operations To Resume Soon

Upon the completion of certain legal transactions involving the "line of necessity" papers, the La Grande-Wallowa stage line will be re-issued a permit to operate. This was the statement of Evan C. Durning, inspector for the public service commission of Oregon this morning, referring to the closing of the stage line last Tuesday.

"No stage line is permitted to operate without being insured and when the local line's insurance ran out the first of December we closed the line," said Mr. Durning. Legal difficulties arising from changes in ownership of the line, have caused the indefinite tie-up, he explained.

Mr. Durning said this morning that he was unable to say when the line would again be opened to service but that it was a matter of a short time.

Stop Cars From Dragging Sleds

Dragging of sleds behind automobiles or other automotive vehicles was prohibited in the city limits of La Grande today by the police department.

This practice is regarded as dangerous. Several accidents have occurred here due to this during the past few years.

Pondosa President Here For Meeting

George R. Hicks, president of the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company, and H. C. Campbell, president of the East Oregon Lumber company at Enterprise, are here from Kansas City for a meeting of the Eastern Oregon Pondosa Sales company here tomorrow. Mr. Hicks is president of the sales company.

G. O. P. GAINS CONTROL OF COMMITTEES

Senator Steiwer, of Oregon, Slated for Appointment to Six Boards

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Control of the standing committees of the senate was won today by the slim republican majority without even a roll call.

Republican members of the committee on commerce recommended that Senator Steiwer, of Oregon, be appointed on the following committees: naval affairs, judiciary, Indian affairs, banking and currency, privileges and elections, and claims.

Western republican independents stood by the party's slate which gave some of their members important posts in the face of charges by democrats of "trades with the Old Guard," which they denied.

Senator Curtis, the republican leader, as well as Senators La Follette, of Wisconsin, and Vreder, of North Dakota, scoffed at the "trade" charges, while Senator Brookhart, who joined in the debate, said there were only two parties in the United States and one was the Wall Street party. He did not amplify this point but asserted he was glad he got "kicked out" of the senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Secretary Wilbur disclosed today. (Continued on Page 5)

WALSH PLAN ADOPTED BY SENATE—STIMSON NAMED BY COOLIDGE TO BE PHILIPPINES GOVERNOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—The senate today adopted the plan of Senator Walsh, of Oregon, to name William C. Stimson, of Michigan, to be governor of the Philippines.

The senate also adopted the plan of Senator Steiwer, of Oregon, to name William C. Steiwer, of Oregon, to be secretary of the navy.

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HARRISON CASE IN JURY'S HANDS

Hearings of Five Men Arrested at Union Postponed to Late Today

After about an hour's deliberation the jury this afternoon returned at 2:20 o'clock with a verdict of guilty, and Harrison was sentenced to pay a fine of \$75 and costs by Judge Hugh E. Brady. The defendant announced that the case would be appealed.

The jury was still out at two o'clock this afternoon in the case of S. B. Harrison, who was tried by jury this morning in the justice court on a charge of illegal possession of deer meat during the closed season.

Harrison and W. H. Munsell were arrested a week ago by Game Warden John Walden, Sheriff Jesse Breabers and Amos Helms, deputy, when the officers said they found 39 pounds of venison in the woodshed of the Harrison home. Munsell plead guilty to the charge and was fined \$75 by Judge Hugh E. Brady, which he was unable to pay and was committed to jail. Harrison plead not guilty.

Hearings Postponed The hearings of Sidney Turner, William Mahaffey, Dick Lane, Charles Jenkins and Virgil Duncan charged with illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, which were scheduled for this morning at nine o'clock in the justice court were postponed until three o'clock this afternoon.

Five More Inches of Snow Falls; Two Traffic Accidents Are Fatal

Five inches of new snow greeted La Grander this morning—the heaviest blanket of white yet deposited since winter set in in earnest here on Dec. 5. This brings the total snow fall for eight days to more than a foot. The temperature was moderately cold, the minimum last night being 22 above zero.

Snow continued falling intermittently today with the mercury rising several degrees.

IS BELOW MARK MADE ENTERPRISE, Dec. 13 (Special)—According to the government thermometer at the Chief of the temperature fell to 18 below zero Saturday night. Thus for this is the coldest weather at Enterprise this season.

MCKENZIE PASS CLOSED SALEM, Ore., Dec. 13 (AP)—The state highway department today closed several feet of snow on McKenzie pass, with large drifts in the highway and that the pass will probably remain closed the rest of the winter.

SKID IS FATAL MAUPIN, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—Skidding of a truck he was driving

on Tish grade which was icy, caused the death yesterday of Henry Zesthoff, head of the Oregon Milling company, Maupin. The truck turned over three times in a plunge.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13 (AP)—Mrs. E. Whitman, 59, was killed last night when hit by an automobile at an intersection on the east side. Five other traffic accidents caused injuries to persons last night.

FIRST SNOW FALLS EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 13 (AP)—Eugene awoke this morning to find its first snow fall of the season. The rains which fell during the night shifted to snow at 5 o'clock this morning and ended at about 1:30. A total of one and three-fourths inches of snow fell during that time.

SOUTH CHINA RED REVOLT GAINS TODAY

Canton Is Completely in Control of Communists, Reports Advise

By the Associated Press South China appeared in the throes of a red revolt today with Canton completely in control of communists and other southern cities threatened.

The United States gunboat Sacramento landed men and field guns at Canton to protect foreigners, while two other American gunboats stood by.

Refugees reported looting and pillage in Canton, while advices from Hankow stated that outlying districts were completely communistic with peasants murdering wealthy landlords.

Serious mutiny reported at Loehok in Northern Hupeh about 200 miles from Hankow; agitators were busy in Shanghai in the hope of bringing about a strike.

Communist outbreaks reported at various ports along the Yangtze river including Changsha and Wuchang suppressed by nationalist government.

REDS STILL HOLD CANTON Attempts to recapture Canton from the communists failed.

Vernacular newspapers in Shanghai stated four Russians are in a state of Canton "red army" and declared that soviet influence was behind the Canton movement.

A "soviet government" was set up Sunday in Canton for the province of Kwangtung, refugees reported.

Hankow Situation Doubtful The moderate nationalist government at Nanking was denounced by communists in violent positions in Hankow with indications the nationalist commander there might switch to the communists.

Between 20 and 40 refugee miles (Continued on Page 5)

Strong's Condition Is Held Favorable

The condition of Leonard Strong, who was shot through the hip Sunday, was reported to be very favorable today by Dr. Vern Hamilton. Although he is still weak from loss of blood, he is getting along line, it was said this morning.

Mr. Strong was accidentally shot through the hip while rabbit hunting Sunday at Pondosa, where he makes his home. He has three brothers and two sisters who live in La Grande. William Strong, A. L. Strong and Vern Strong and Mrs. Sheldon Price and Mrs. James Wade.

High School Girl Suffers Fracture

Zina Zaugg, high school student, received a fracture of the right elbow this morning during gymnastic class. During the games she fell and her right arm was broken at the elbow. She was taken to the hospital immediately where the injury was attended to. She will be taken home tonight, but it will probably be several days before she is able to attend her classes again.

County Judges To Meet in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13 (AP)—County judges of the state, president of the State Association of County Judges and Commissioners, has called a state convention of the organization, to be held in Portland for three days, starting Jan. 24.

All members have been asked to select subjects for discussion and the program will be made up before Jan. 1.

Kills Wife, Five Children and Self

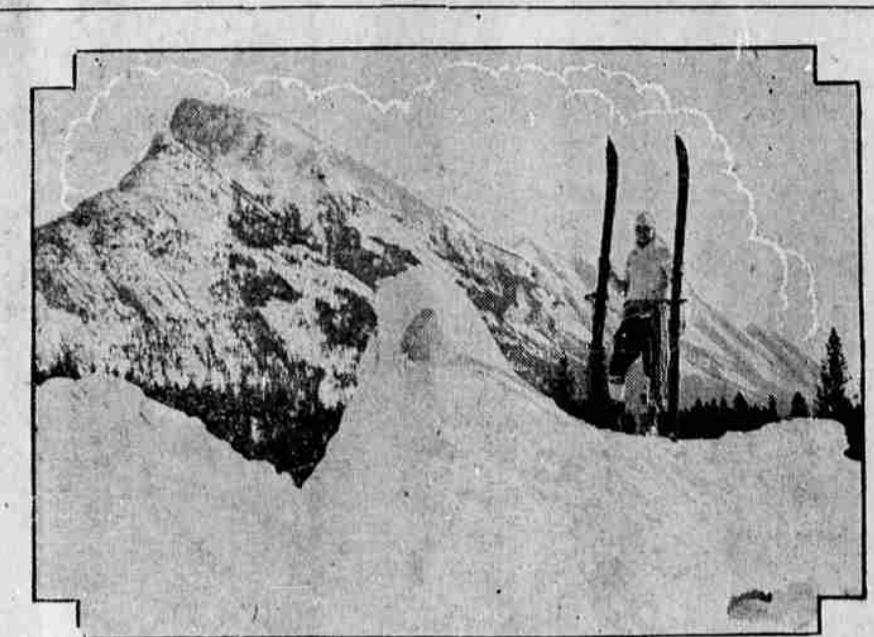
HENNESSEY, Okla., Dec. 13 (AP)—Philip Miller, farmer, killed his wife and five small children with an axe today and then hanged himself from a rafter in his barn near here.

Kelso Official Is Sentenced

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 13 (AP)—Walter Clark, clerk and water superintendent of Kalama, was sentenced to from three to 15 years jail yesterday after having pleaded guilty to shortage of \$10,753.92 in his accounts.

BASEBALL TRADE NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—The Detroit Tigers, through Manager George Moriarty, today announced first baseman Lou Blum and outfielder Harry Manush has been traded to the St. Louis Browns for outfielder Harry Rice, pitcher Elton Van Filder and a third player to be named later.

CANADA HAS NOTHING ON EAST OREGON



Snow has fallen over the Canadian Rockies and winter sports enthusiasts already are enjoying the skiing. This is a snow-covered hillside at Banff, Alta., but Eastern Oregon's scenic mountains are dressed in as pretty a clothing of white.

REEDSPORT FIRE LOSS \$125,000

Flames Spread from Cannery to Packing Plant—Destroy Residences

ROSEBURG, Dec. 12 (AP)—Fire originating in the packing plant of the coast fisheries at Reedport about 3:30 this morning resulted in losses estimated at \$125,000 to \$130,000, according to early reports. The fire spread from the coast fisheries cannery to the Anderson Packing company plant nearby and also destroyed four or five waterfront residences, which were of small value. The fire at the fish cannery, in addition to destroying the buildings and equipment, caused a heavy loss in canned goods. The fire department concentrated their efforts in saving the Roberts hotel, and managed to prevent any serious damage to that structure and also kept the flames from leaping across the street on the side away from the waterfront. The fire was still burning but was under control at 7 o'clock this morning.

The fire, when first discovered, was in the office of the Coast Fisheries plant, managed by Clyde Chase. The building was a wooden structure set on piling so that the flames spread very rapidly and went into the Anderson plant adjoining. A score of fishing boats moored at the unloading wharves of the two canneries were completely destroyed, while a great deal of fishing gear owned by the companies was also lost. The Anderson Packing company had over \$87,000 worth of canned goods in their plant. It is estimated, but a portion of this was saved.

While a strong, veering wind carried sparks and embers to all parts of the city, a heavy rain prevented spread to distant structures.

Fourteen members of the alimony club in Lindlaw street jail have asked Governor Smith to see that they get more heat.

"Prisoners liable to pneumonia and taxpayers liable to heavy damage suits," said a telegram sent to the governor by Robert G. Eoob, chairman of the Alimony Payors' Protective association. "Vindictive wives, ex-wives and their slyster lawyers have excellent grounds for legal action, and the tax payers will be paying the alimony. Our experience indicates that these people will stop at nothing to get money."

Jail officials denied the alimony delinquents were suffering. The club consists of men who prefer jail to paying alimony.

Minister Is Fined For Doing 50 Per

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 13 (AP)—"I have a higher duty to perform," the Rev. A. P. Huenkebecker 327 Spring St., Portland told a state traffic officer when he asked why Mr. Huenkebecker was not obeying the law in regard to speed on the highways.

"I am on my way to deliver a sermon to a congregation in Salem and I must be there," Mr. Huenkebecker said. "Well, from here on you proceed at 25 miles per hour or less," Sergeant "Pete" Rinehart told the minister, "and also on Monday appear in Salem justice court and explain to the satisfaction of Justice Brazier C. Small how it came about that I lodged you doing better than 50 miles per hour on such a day as this with the road in the condition it is."

Mr. Huenkebecker did not appear in justice court Monday, but the Rev. A. J. Heine, pastor of the Christ Lutheran church here, reported as his proxy and was fined \$10.

ASKS RESIGNATION OF JARDINE, TENNY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Resignation of Secretary Jardine and Lloyd K. Tenny, of the bureau of economics in the department of agriculture, was demanded in the senate today by Senator Hefflin, democrat, Alabama, because of the break in cotton prices recently, following issuance of a department price estimate.

Gale Delays Nine Transocean Liners

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—A terrific gale at sea has caused hours of delay in docking time of nine transatlantic liners here and abroad, damaged one other vessel and caused injury to 13 passengers on another.

WALLOWA SCHOOL CHILDREN 2844 CENSUS REVEALS



The high school districts are as follows: District No. 6, Joseph, 143; district No. 7, Lostine, 112; district No. 12, Wallowa, 532; district No. 21, Enterprise, 650; district No. 32, Flora, 84 pupils.

LINDBERGH OFF TO MEXICO CITY

Daring Flier Starts Non-Stop Good Will Hop from Washington Today

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 13 (AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh flew over Lynchburg in the Spirit of St. Louis at 2:08 p. m., en route to Mexico City.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh called away today in his Spirit of St. Louis for a non-stop flight to Mexico City which will take him over 2000 miles of mountains, plains and valleys.

The young hero of the New York-to-Paris air epic decided 10 1/2 hours and weather were right and without more ado he announced that he was ready to go on his errand of good will which is expected to require about 28 hours in the air. He took his plane up at 12:29 p. m.

Lindbergh laid his plans quietly for the hop off just as he did when he was preparing for the transatlantic flight which brought a thrill to the world. Having no idea of failure, he scorned a parachute as he did on the solitary trip to France.

He studied his charts, his machine and the weather which he will meet and then quietly told the war department to notify the newspaper world that he was going, and going immediately. An escort was provided by the army, the navy and commerce departments to follow the famous flier as far as Richmond, Va., and when it was in line, Lindbergh gave the word and they were off to the southwest.

It was a murky sky through which the pilots guided their planes and the ground beneath them was hidden from long and steady rains. Lindbergh was forced to taxi the entire distance of the field before he arose and he seemed to have some difficulty in gaining altitude as he disappeared to the southwest. The wheels of his plane barely missed the tops of trees at the southern end of the field.

The Spirit of St. Louis failed in two valiant efforts to get into the air before succeeding in the third attempt. After Lindbergh had traversed nearly the whole distance of the wood landing grounds, he lifted his plane a few feet from the ground as if by superhuman effort.

Daring Take Off The pilot attempted to gain altitude immediately and very slowly by his silver partner lifted into the air over the Potomac river and was lost in the heavy mist as it headed toward Frederickburg, Va. Major Harvey S. Burwell, commander at Bolling field with whom Lindbergh had spent the night at the field said that the daring take

81 FOREIGNERS SAFELY REACH SHAMEEN ZONE

HONGKONG, Dec. 13 (AP)—Eighty-one foreigners, including 15 Americans, have been brought safely to Shameen, the foreign settlement at Canton, from districts outside of the foreign quarter where their safety appeared threatened. Eleven of those rescued were British and 55 German.

While British Vice Consul Hall was proceeding yesterday on the steamer "Maothan" to rescue foreigners threatened with danger at Tungshan, the modern suburb of Canton, the Moorthen was freed or heavily by communists from the north bank of the river. There were no casualties and the vice consul's mission was successful.

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LEGISLATORS ACT AGAINST STATE HEAD

Oklahoma House Moves to Impeach Governor at Secret Morning Session

DEFY GUARDSMEN JOHNSTON CALLED

Law-Makers, Some in Night Clothes, Pass Bills in Hotel Room—to Present Them to Senate

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 13 (AP)—Bills of impeachment naming Governor Henry S. Johnston and two other state officials, which were voted early today by the lower house of the self-convened Oklahoma legislature, have been given to a board of managers for presentation to the senate, leaders in the investigation announced.

The charges were approved at the second secret session called shortly after 2 o'clock this morning in defiance of national guardsmen mobilized by Governor Johnston to prevent legislative meetings anywhere in the state.

Unable to obtain 54 members, the number necessary for a quorum the house adjourned the first meeting shortly after midnight.

Clad in Night Clothes A call for more members brought representatives from their beds, clad in night clothes, to the improvised hotel assembly room. Meanwhile national guardsmen were sleeping in the state capitol.

Six charges were quickly approved against Governor Johnston. The allegations, including a charge of incompetency, were consolidated for presentation to the senate which has declared itself a qualified court of impeachment.

Representative Charles Moon, of Muskogee county, in announcing the charges against the governor, revealed that Chief Justice Fred Brannon, of the state supreme court, had been charged with "corruption of office." Representative Robert Graham then announced allegation of irregularities in handling funds had been preferred against Harry B. Correll, president of the state board of agriculture.

Representative H. Tom Knight, chairman of the house investigating committee, was named by Speaker E. P. Hill to head the board of managers charged with placing the indictments before the senate.

Senate Leaders Silent While senate leaders decline to reveal when they planned to convene, they indicated a session was contemplated today.

Adjournment of the house at 1 o'clock to await action by the senate, found a tired and disheveled group seeking their first rest in nearly 24 hours.

Speaker Hill announced at adjournment that a quorum of the senate was in the city.

Yesterday the national guardsmen, standing armed at the doors of the capitol assembly rooms,

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SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

Wife's glad to do the chores About this time of year Of course he knows that Santa Claus Will very soon be here.

Advertisement for shopping days until Christmas, featuring a cartoon illustration of a woman and a child, and a small text box with a holiday message.