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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy tonight and Thursday. Slowly rising temperature. Gentle variable winds.

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LINDBERGH IN MEXICO CITY

SCHOOL AGE
POPULATION
INCREASINGLa Grande District Shows
Gain of 30 Persons Dur-
ing Last 12 MonthsCOUNTY GAIN FOR
THE YEAR ELEVENBiggest Increase at Medi-
cal Springs — Clover
Creek Smallest District
with Two.

Growth in the total school population of La Grande and of Union county during the last twelve months is revealed in the report of the 1927 census, according to E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent.

In La Grande the gain over last year is 30 and in the county as a whole, the gain is 115. In eleven of the county five show an increase and six record a loss. Proportionately large losses occurred during the last year in Alice and Perry and losses are also shown in the figures for Union, North Powder, Imbler, and Cove.

Towns that have more children of school age, in addition to La Grande, are: Island City, Summersville, Elgin, Starkey, and Medical Springs. The greatest percentage gain is at Medical Springs where the increase is nearly 500 per cent. From a school population of 29 in 1926, a jump to 97 took place this year—due to the opening up of the Grande Ronde Lumber company sawmill at Ponderosa, a short distance from Medical Springs. On the other hand Perry dropped from 37 in 1926 to 59 this year.

Other school districts showing losses included Hilmar, Catherine Creek, Lower Cove, Ladd Canyon, Wolf Creek, Fruitdale, Mt. Glen, Telocast, and both North and South High Valley. Hot Lake, Kamela, Pumpkin Ridge, Dry Creek, Iowa, Park, and Pleasant Grove were among the districts making a gain.

Smallest School
La Grande, with 2,780, leads the list, and Clover Creek is at the other extreme with 2 with Darr a close second with 4.

Upper Ladd Canyon, with no pupils last year, has 15 in 1927.

The following figures show the

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100 CAMPFIRE
GIRLS TO SING
XMAS CAROLS

Christmas carols, sung by approximately 100 campfire girls, will bring tidings of good cheer to the streets of La Grande on Christmas eve. This was announced today by Miss Myrtle Hoyt, president of the Campfire Girls, following a meeting of their association last night at the Neighborhood club room when plans for the community Yuletide sing were made. Miss Artie Verity is to have charge of the program.

Carols will be sung on the streets of the city and again at the hospital, it was explained. The site at which the singing will take place has not been announced as yet, but a more definite program will be made public at a later date. "The singing of Christmas carols on the streets is a beautiful and worthy tradition and it is commendable that the Campfire girls are carrying it on for La Grande," said a local citizen this morning.

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"

Scout Campaign
Work For 1928
Fund PostponedDrive Proper Will Be Con-
ducted After Holidays;
Court of Honor Sched-
uled Saturday.

Twenty-eight men, committee members and others interested in boy scout work, gathered at the La Grande hotel last evening when the campaign for funds to support scouting during 1928 was discussed, and it was decided to postpone the campaign proper until after the holidays.

W. L. Hayward, deputy regional executive, of Spokane, Wash., was here and spoke during the meeting in the interest of boy scout work.

Court of Honor
A court of honor for La Grande boy scouts will take place Saturday night when one Eagle scout badge will be presented to a La Grande boy. In addition to the presentation of life scout badges, star scout badges, merit badges, etc.

Toys are still coming into the scout executive's office here and are being repaired by E. Russell Scott, scout executive, assisted by the scouts and will be given to the needy children of the city, who would probably not have heard of Santa Claus this year had it not been for the boy scouts.

Anyone having toys that are no longer of use is asked to call the scout office and boys will call for them. Four boxes of toys were brought to the office this morning.

The Ponderosa Sales company, furnished the scouts with lumber for a work bench, which has been installed, and the scout office has been transformed into a regular "Santa's work shop."

Seal Sale Here
Half Over And
\$275 Realized

With the first half of the annual Christmas seal sale in La Grande over, a total of \$275.77 has been received by the treasurer to aid in the fight against tuberculosis. The sale will end Christmas eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, when it is hoped that La Grande's entire quota of seals will be disposed of.

The Christmas seal sale has resulted in the saving of a million and half lives in America during the first quarter century of the campaign from tuberculosis alone. "Every penny put into the tuberculosis campaign has returned to the country tenfold but one hundred fold. The Christmas seal may be truly termed 'a seal of security,'" Dr. Allen K. Krause, associate professor of medicine, Johns Hopkins university, director of the American Review of Tuberculosis, declares. He is one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Christmas seal as an important factor in the fight against tuberculosis.

Rotary Club Dinner
And Dance Tonight

The Rotary club weekly meeting will be in the form of a special dinner and dance this evening for Rotarians, their wives and invited guests. The dinner and dance will be held at the La Grande hotel.

Snow Continues
Falling in City

Snow continued falling in La Grande last night and this morning adding another inch or so to the total, already more than a foot since Dec. 5, although only about six inches remain on the ground.

The minimum temperature last night was 11 above zero.

Portland Wrecks
Cause One Death

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—Crashing into a subway entrance at the west approach to the Burnside bridge an automobile driven by Paul Rogers, 35, was wrecked today. Rogers and a passenger, George Milinkovich, 21, were seriously hurt.

Jose Byers, 42, seriously hurt last night when his car was wrecked in a collision with a Southern Pacific electric car, was reported in a critical condition at a hospital.

William Farrell, 72, died at a hospital today from injuries received last Monday when struck by a taxicab near the Union station.

MAY EXPEND
700 MILLION
ON U. S. NAVYSecretary Wilbur Presents
Building Program to
Congress TodayHOUSE APPROVES
INHERITANCE TAXRecommendation by Mel-
lon Turned Down by a
Vote of 191 to 55—Mer-
ritt Amendment Beaten

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The house today voted complete repeal of the sales tax on automobiles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—A naval building program ultimately to cost more than \$700,000,000 and represented as being in harmony with the president's financial plans was transmitted to congress today by Secretary Wilbur.

It would call for construction of 25 light cruisers, nine destroyer leaders, 32 submarines and five aircraft carriers.

The president would be given authority to suspend construction in his discretion in the event of an international conference for limitation of naval armament.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The house today voted against repeal of the federal inheritance tax, rejecting 191 to 55 an amendment to eliminate the levy from the new tax bill.

The long standing battle over repeal of the tax broke today with a number of members demanding that the levy be eliminated.

The amendment was offered by Representative Merritt, republican, Connecticut.

Repeal of the levy was recommended by Secretary Mellon to the house ways and means committee, but that body refused to carry out the treasury's suggestion in framing the new measure.

MAHAFFEY FINED
\$200 BY JUSTICEFour Others Plead Not
Guilty to Liquor Viola-
tions in Local Court

Sidney Turner, William Mahaffey, Dick Lane, Charles Jenkins and Virgil Duncan, all charged with illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, were given a hearing before Judge Hugh E. Brady in the justice of the peace court yesterday afternoon and all pleaded not guilty to the charge with the exception of Mahaffey, who entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 by Judge Brady. He was unable to pay the fine and was committed to the county jail for 100 days, to serve the amount at the rate of \$2 a day.

Bonds for the other four were set at \$500 each, which they were unable to furnish and were returned to the county jail, where they have been since their arrest last Sunday night. Their trial was set for Thursday, Dec. 22, in the justice court.

The five were making a delivery of moonshine whiskey when they were arrested at Union Sunday night, according to officers George Pierce and S. W. Edens, special officers, made the arrest. Ten gallons of moonshine and two cars were confiscated, they report.

HOYT APPOINTED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—George W. Hoyt was appointed today by the board of county commissioners as clerk of the district court of Multnomah county. Hoyt succeeds Fred W. Angell, who resigned when his accounts were found to be short approximately \$2,000.

Milestones in Lindy's Flight

Computed for The Associated Press by H. Armand de Most of The New York Daily News from A. P. reports.

Arrived at	Distance	Eloped Time	Air Speed
(Miles)	(Miles)	(Hrs. Min.)	(M.P.H.)
Dec. 12—			
Bolling Field	17:20 p.m.	0	0
Lynchburg, Va.	2:08 p.m.	155	1
Waynesville, N. C.	4:05 p.m.	465	4
Stoway, Tenn.	6:48 p.m.	491	6
Stacy Mountain, Tenn.	7:15 p.m.	541	6
Baldwin, Miss.	9:55 p.m.	728	9
Dec. 14—			
Tallulah, La.	12:19 a.m.	924	11
Houston, Tex.	3:20 a.m.	1238	13
Porto Aransas, Tex.	5:03 a.m.	1498	16
Tampico, Mexico	9:59 a.m.	1808	21
Platan Sanchez	11:08 a.m.	1878	22
Pachuca	Noon	1966	23

*Starting point, Mexico City (arrived 2:39 p. m., 27 hours 19 minutes flight).

AIR HERO IS
GREETED BY
GREAT CROWD25,000 Mexicans Assemble
for Lindbergh's Arriv-
al Hours EarlyMANY AMERICAN
FLAGS DISPLAYEDAll Business Suspended by
Order of Calles—Great-
est Welcome in Mexican
History.

VALBUENA FLYING FIELD, MEXICO CITY, Dec. 14 (AP)—Eager for a glimpse of America's air hero, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, a great crowd estimated as high as 25,000 had gathered in and around the Valbuena flying field by 9 o'clock this morning.

Although it had been expected, the estimates were far overrun this morning and the spectators were still pouring on to the parts of the field allotted to them.

Calles Early
President Calles and his entire cabinet arrived at the field at 8:40 a. m., eager to witness the landing of the American flier.

Wright W. Morrow, United States ambassador to Mexico, who has cooperated heartily with the Mexican president in furthering Col. Lindbergh's good will flight, arrived on the flying field 15 minutes later accompanied by the entire embassy staff.

The American ambassador proceeded to the presidential box where President Calles and members of his cabinet welcomed him.

Mainwhile Mexican army planes were doing stunts over the field for the amusement of the crowd.

It was a perfect day, with the flying field bathed in sunlight that dissipated the early morning low lying mists and left the sky a brilliant blue.

Play Dixie Airs
At 7 o'clock this morning a military band was in full swing playing a medley of popular American airs, including "Dixie" and "Marching Through Georgia."

All government business, except that of receiving Lindbergh, and all business in Mexico city except that of welcoming Lindbergh, was suspended today by presidential order. A public holiday was proclaimed which has never been done before for any foreigner.

Greatest Welcome
Certainly no foreigner, and prob-

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Pondosa Sales
Co. Directorate
In Session Here

Directors of the Eastern Oregon Pondosa Sales company, including lumbermen from Kansas City, Baker, Enterprise, Pondosa and La Grande, are in a business session today at the Mount Emily Lumber company.

The meeting started at 10 o'clock this morning and was in the nature of a private business conference. George H. Hicks, president of the company, presided.

Mr. Hicks is president of the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company, and is here from Kansas City. H. C. Campbell, president of the Eastern Oregon Lumber company, is also here from Kansas City.

Others in attendance were J. H. Campbell, of the Eastern Oregon Lumber company, from Enterprise; Joe Stoddard and Guy Hill, of the Stoddard Lumber company, of Baker; David I. Stoddard, of the Oregon Lumber company, from Baker; H. N. Ashby, of the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company, from La Grande; Elmer L. Stoddard, of the Grande Ronde Lumber company, of Pondosa; and L. K. Kinard and A. J. Stanger, of the Mount Emily Lumber company, of La Grande.

"MODERN WOMAN" KILLS



Verna West (above) who killed her husband, Ed West (insert) and afterwards went to a bridge party and "enjoyed" the affair. She confessed her crime to officers here and is to face a grand jury on charges of first degree murder. The crime was committed in Perry, Ohio.

Hear Arguments
In Drumheller
\$100,000.00 Case

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 14 (AP)—Final arguments were being made today in Mrs. Mary Kelly's \$100,000 breach of promise suit against George Drumheller, prominent race horse owner. The case was expected to go to the jury before night.

Both sides rested late yesterday after Drumheller had occupied the stand for a large part of the day to deny Mrs. Kelly's allegations that he had promised to marry her.

A letter dated Dec. 16, 1926, alleged to have been written by Mrs. Kelly to Drumheller before he married Lillian Rooks, 25, stated that "Lillian thinks she is sitting at the end of a rainbow with a pot of gold in her lap," asserted that "Lillian is not a true mate," for "Drumheller, and continued 'forgive me for hurting you, but I am fighting for you.'"

Drumheller married Miss Rooks Dec. 22, 1926. She had been an employee of his as Mrs. Kelly had been.

Another witness purporting to have been written by Mrs. Kelly to Miss Rooks dated Dec. 19, 1926, said the writer had "loved not wisely but too well," and that she was "only fighting for what before God is my right." That note implored Miss Rooks to "think before it is too late."

Rum King Eludes
Federal Officers

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—Joe Parente, fugitive San Francisco rum king, who left that city on the eve of imprisonment, had eluded federal officers today when the Italo, the ship on which he was reported to have departed, docked here.

Deputy United States Marshal Arthur Johnson, who boarded the vessel last night near Astoria, was of the opinion that Parente, his identity hidden, might still be on the boat, though he said it was quite possible that Parente might have been transferred to another ship at sea.

A large force of government men, after finding the Italo was uncommunicative, began a thorough search of the ship.

Wool Growers To
Meet Jan. 9 and 10

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—The annual meeting of the Oregon Wool Growers' association in Pendleton will be held Jan. 9 and 10 instead of 13 and 14 as previously announced. The change is due to conflict with the Montana wool growers' meeting.

Committee Okehs
Morrow Nomination

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The nomination of Dwight W. Morrow as ambassador to Mexico was favorably reported to the senate today by its foreign relations committee.

Favorable reports also were given on the nominations of Noble B. Judich of Chicago, to be ambassador to Cuba and of Robert E. Olds of Minnesota, to be undersecretary of state.

Pendleton Club
Opposes \$3 Fee

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—The Pendleton commercial association has gone on record as being opposed to the proposed three dollar automobile license fee in the state.

Canton Is Again
In Nationalists'
Control, ReportFour Thousand Persons
Killed in Battle with
Communists — Uncle
Sam Removes Guns.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14 (AP)—Canton was again in the hands of the nationalists today after severe fighting in which the city, except the police headquarters, was recaptured from communists. The nationalists have ordered soviet consulates throughout China closed.

Four thousand persons were estimated to have been killed in the battle which lasted all day yesterday. Wholesale executions of communists followed the entry of the nationalists.

All the Americans, who were concentrated in the concession district of Shamen Island, were safe. They returned to their homes in various sections of the city and suburbs.

Withdraws Forces
The United States gunboat Sacramento which landed field guns and men at Shamen to protect foreign lives and property, withdrew its forces after the communist hold was broken.

The loss of property in the counter-attack was very heavy.

Nationalist officers have been instructed to "take the necessary steps to close soviet consulates in nationalist territory in China." The instructions were given here by General Chiang Kai Shek, recently called upon to head a united nationalist movement to Dr. C. C. Wu, foreign minister and general Pei Ching Hsi, foremost Nanking military leader.

The instructions were kept secret until the communists succeeded in driving General Chung Pak Wei, Canton dictator out of Canton. This, Chiang said, made it necessary for the Nanking nationalist government to define its attitude.

General Pei Ching Hsi and General Li Chai Sun, who was ousted from Canton a month ago, were chosen by the Nanking government to make the counter-attack on Canton.

FLIER LANDS
IN VALBUENA
AT 2:39 P. M.Ends Anxiety Felt by Citi-
zens of Both United
States and MexicoLOSES WAY AND
DELAYS JOURNEYMessenger of American
Good Will Completes
Dangerous Non-Stop
Hop from Bolling Field

VALBUENA FLYING FIELD, Dec. 14 (AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh landed on the Valbuena flying field at 2:39 p. m. today, completing a flight of more than 2000 miles from Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Lindbergh's landing in Mexico City gave the American capital a thrill of relief today comparable to that when he descended in the darkness last spring on Le Bourget field, Paris.

Although the flight begun here yesterday was looked upon as having entailed few of the perils that accompanied the plunge through the storms over the Atlantic, the interest manifest was almost as great and the uneasiness as to Lindbergh's safety during the final hours of the journey had put the capital under a high nervous tension.

President Coolidge today telegraphed to Charles A. Lindbergh that his flight "will materially aid the two countries to cement friendly relations."

An Lindbergh neared Mexico City Coolidge signed the bill conferring upon him the special congressional medal of honor.

Stimson Plans
To Take Reins
About Jan. 15.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—Henry L. Stimson, newly appointed governor general of the Philippines, expects to assume his duties at Manila by the end of January he said today.

Although President Coolidge broached the Philippine appointment several weeks ago, he said, the actual appointment came suddenly and before Col. Stimson had arranged his personal affairs preparatory to departure. These arrangements, he expects, will be completed by the middle of January and he will sail then with Mrs. Stimson.

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Oil Trial Jurors
Face High Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—All of the Teapot Dome trial jurors and all of the Burns detectives who shadowed them were called to the District of Columbia supreme court building today as the contempt charges against Harry F. Sinclair, William J. Burns and their associates proceeded.

The Burns men said the call for their presence came "all of a sudden." The jurors were summoned to the office of District Attorney Gordon and Juror Norman J. Glascow, who was accused by the Burns men of having talked with a government agent during the trial of Sinclair and Albert R. Paul was in conference with Gordon.

State Senator Is
Out on \$2,500 Bail

RAYMOND, Wash., Dec. 14 (AP)—State Senator Fred H. Norton of Pacific county late yesterday surrendered and posted \$2,500 bail for his liberty pending his trial on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

The senator was accused of receiving tobacco and cigarettes alleged to have been stolen from a railroad car by his son and two other youths.

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