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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Rain west, snow east
portion tonight, Thursday cloudy;
colder tonight and in east portion
Thursday.**\$1,658,430
CIVIL SUIT
FILED HERE**Arthur L. Tucker and C.
C. Colt, Trustees, Seek
To Collect Big Sum**STANFIELD, WOOL
COMPANY DEFENSE**Papers Placed in Hands of
Sheriff for Service—
Powerman and Kava-
naugh Are AttorneysAn action for collection of
money which is said to involve one
of the largest amounts of money
ever mentioned in a civil suit in
the Union county circuit court was
filed last Saturday in County Clerk
C. K. McCormick's office by Ar-
thur L. Tucker and C. C. Colt, as
plaintiffs. It was learned today.The amount is for more than a
million dollars—\$1,658,430.88, in
actual figures, and judgment is be-
ing sought by Mr. Tucker and Mr.
Colt, trustees, against R. N. Stan-
field and the Columbia Basin Wool
Warehouse of Portland.The amount is the uncollected
sum of a note of \$1,705,681.05, ac-
cording to the complaint, origi-
nally signed by Mr. Stanfield in
favor of the Columbia Basin Wool
Warehouse company.

Credits \$47,250.97 Paid

The complaint filed credits the
payment of \$47,250.97, leaving, it
is alleged, a balance due of \$1,-
658,430.88.The complaint also alleges that
the wool company endorsed the
note to Charles McClean, as
trustee.According to the complaint, the
note was originally signed in
Weiser, Idaho, on June 1, 1922.

Papers in Sheriff's Hands

The papers have been placed in
the hands of Sheriff Jesse Broshears
for service upon the officers of
the company and Mr. Stanfield.
After service the next step will be
the filing of an answer or appear-
ance on the part of the defend-
ants.Powerman and Kavanagh, of
Portland, are represented as at-
torneys for the plaintiff.**ROTARY CLUB
MEMBERS HEAR
RESOLUTIONS**An enjoyable meeting of the La
Grande Rotary club was held at the
La Grande hotel today at noon.A feature of the program was
the reading of a series of New
Year resolutions. W. C. Perkins
read one prepared for H. B. Car-
burn. A. R. Bowen gave one for
J. D. Meyers. Warren Gilbert gave
one for H. E. Brady. Alder
Phelan gave one for E. A. Epling
and C. R. Heltz gave one for Oscar
Wernick.Mr. Brady and Mr. Epling gave
interesting five-minute autobiograph-
ies.

Stanfield Warrant Dismissed

PORTLAND, Dec. 28 (AP)—
Warrants charging Robert N. Stan-
field, identified as former United
States Senator Stanfield, with as-
sault and battery and failure to
give name and address following
an accident were swept into the
absest today in municipal court.Council for Howard G. Wilcox,
automobile salesman and complainant,
asked for dismissal of the case.
The warrants issued a week ago
had not been served, it was said.Wilcox claimed that his automo-
bile was struck by a machine
driven by a man he declared was
Stanfield, and that when he re-
monstrated, the driver of the other
car struck him in the face and
drove away.**CARRYING
PART OF
THE LOAD**Securing a reader's attention
and maintaining his interest is
the chief requisite of successful
advertising. If a merchant's
message fails to do that, his
money is lost as far as your re-
sponse is concerned.That's why a newspaper with
adequate news service, established
prestige, and obvious reader-
interest is preferred in metro-
politan cities—the news helps
carry the responsibility of con-
stantly interesting a great family
of readers. In La Grande terri-
tory the same requirement is
fulfilled by The Observer—and
wire news is given Observer
readers many hours ahead of
any other paper entering the
territory. In no other way can
an advertiser have the same
day-after-day reader interest as
an aid to his selling message."Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"**Christmas Seal
Sale Here Nets
Sum Of \$491.23**County Report and Final
City Report Will Not Be
Available Until First of
JanuaryThe annual Christmas seal sale
in La Grande closed Christmas eve
and today a total of \$491.23 was
reported in the hands of the treas-
urer, Mrs. Emma Fowler. Al-
though the total this year is slightly
less than last year the sale was
conducted as a success and the re-
sults are very gratifying.The seals distributed to the drug
stores and other places of the city
to be sold will not be collected un-
til the end of the year and will
bring the total amount up several
dollars, Mrs. Evelyn Hartman,
cashier, announced.

County Report Later

The report from the sale in the
county will not be available until
the first of the new year, the chair-
man in the various communities
being given until that time to dis-
pose of their quota of seals and
report in their report, Mrs. Charles
Gump is county chairman.Mrs. Hornshaw this morning
expressed her thanks to those who
assisted in making the seal sale in
La Grande a success. The chair-
man at the various churches, who
had charge of the sale, were: Mrs.
O. L. Macdonald, Mrs. E. O. Pay-
ton, Mrs. L. H. Ayres, Mrs. Julia
Reese, Mrs. H. N. Ashby, Mrs.
Frank Jester, Mrs. C. F. McPheer-
son, Mrs. R. F. Williams, Mrs. H.
Zigler, Mr. Hall, Mrs. H. A.
Bergen and Mrs. G. D. Meagers.Mrs. Wain, however, acted as
treasurer, and others assisting in
packing, soliciting the business dis-
tributing, posters, etc., were Mrs. W.
Crews, Mrs. George Richardson,
R. H. Smith, Mrs. Walter Now and
Mrs. J. D. Fields. Mrs. Eva Wess-
ler, Mrs. L. J. Elliott, Mrs. Sydney
Happesett, Mrs. H. P. Nelson,
Miss Margaret Anson, Mrs. Julius
Rosen, Mrs. O. L. Macdonald,
Mrs. A. L. Voelck and Mrs. Oscar
Cutler.

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L. H. S. TOMORROW**Basketball Game Will Be
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20 Years in Prison**BUREKA, Kans., Dec. 28 (AP)—
Ivan Hart, a notorious fugitive
and a half brother of the man
for killing his brother of three weeks
ago, Marmion Hart, by slitting his
throat with a pocket knife, today
was sentenced to thirty years in
the state prison.Attorneys for Hart advanced the
plea of "communicative insanity"
during the trial maintaining that
his wife, herself subject to insane
delusions, had transmitted her in-
sanity to her husband, inducing
him to kill her because she feared
approaching child birth.

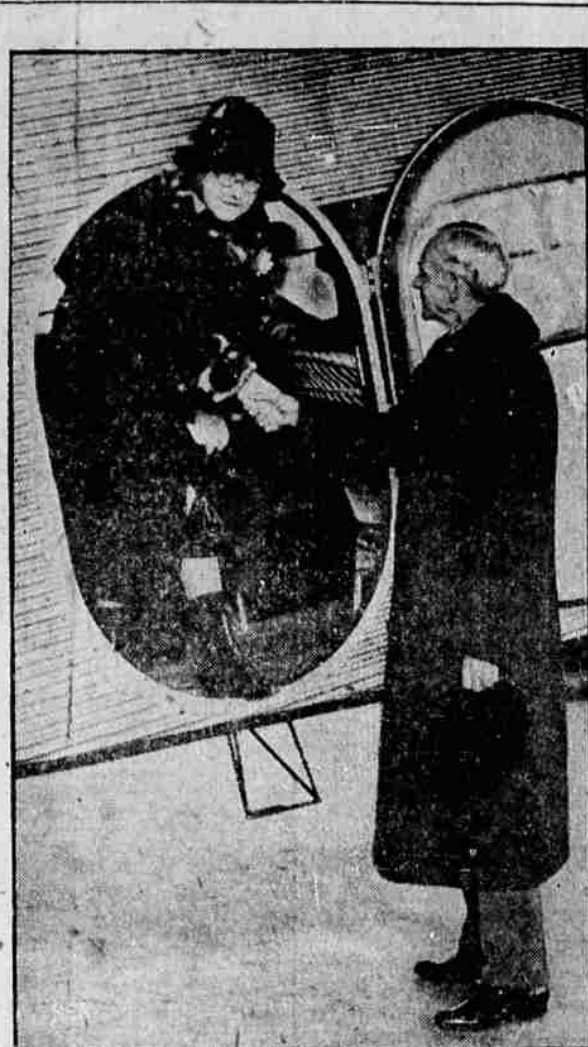
ATTORNEY DIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28 (AP)—
Gavin McNish, San Francisco at-
torney and prominent figure in
democratic politics, was found
dead, seated in a chair in his of-
fice here today.**OREGON TAX
LEVY SET AT
\$7,710,104**Wallowa One of Six Coun-
ties With Reduced Fig-
ures Over Year 1927**UNION COUNTY'S
SHARE \$137,062.52**Amount To Be Raised Lo-
cally Surpassed By 15
Other Counties, Includ-
ing Baker, Umatilla.SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—
The state tax levy for 1928 will be
\$7,710,104.20 which is an increase
of \$22,542.49 over last year's levy
of \$7,687,561.80. The levy was
made by the state tax commission
yesterday after ward had been re-
vised of disbursements of the Western
Union injunction to the federal
court in Portland. The Western
Union sought a reduction in its
property valuation in Oregon.Of the total levy for 1928 only
\$2,299,381.85 is in regular taxes
that are limited by the six per cent
limitation of the constitution. The
remainder is in millage taxes that
are not affected by that limitation.

Wallowa Levy Less

The levies in all counties are in-
creased over last year except Clatsop,
Crook, Harney, Sherman and
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Hold Session in Guarded Capitol**OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 28
(AP)—After meeting for an hour
and a half in a writer's session in a
downtown hotel room, members of
the state senate voted today to
go to the guarded capitol build-
ing in a body and attempt to con-
vene as a court of impeachment.Three members of the national
guard, comprising 60 men, were
mobilized shortly this morning
under command of Major Al-
bershewitz, under the order issued
by the governor Dec. 12. At that
time troops were used to prevent
members of the house of repre-
sentatives from meeting.General Charles McNish, com-
mander of the 15th Infantry
of the Oklahoma national guard,
arrived at the capitol shortly af-
ter 8 a. m. to take command of
the guard detail. He announced
that the guardsmen would be held
in readiness to meet any emer-
gency which might arise.General McNish immediately
posted guards at all doors of the
house and senate chambers.**Legion Post Is
Ready For New
Year's Matinee**Second Annual Midnight
Show Will Be Presented
in Arcade—Seats Go On
Sale TomorrowPlans are now complete for the
second annual midnight matinee to
be given by the American Legion
post on New Year's Eve at the Ar-
cade theater. Seats for the show
will go on sale tomorrow at the
G. L. Drug store.Much interest is centered around
the last half of the matinee, which
will be a minstrel show given by
members of legion post. Norman
Desilet and Ray Williams will be
the end men and Hugh E. Brady
will be interlocutor. Others taking
part will be Robert Ayres, Harley
Richardson, Roy Currier, Ralph
Winters, Douglas Kline, Oscar
Johnson, R. M. Scott, Fred Reid, E.
Russell Scott, Henry Melancon,
Jimmie McNamee, Dr. Ray Mur-
phy, Paul Jahn, Gilbert Dahl, Grant
Bean, George A. Bean, Jack Cool-
idge, Lloyd Walsh, C. V. Talbot,
Edward Williams and Dr. R. G.
McCall.Other Features
Song features will be furnished
by Elwood Williams, Ralph Win-
ters, Norman Desilet, Dr. McCall
and Ray Williams, and Jack Cool-
idge will entertain with his banjo.
Another feature will be the story
of Anthony and Cleopatra, told by
Mr. Ayres.Dress rehearsal for the minstrel
will be held Friday morning at 11
o'clock at the Arcade theater. Re-
hearsal will also be held this eve-
ning at Eagles hall.The first half of the matinee pro-
gram will be made up of song and
dance acts, impersonations by Of-
ficer White, and other acts of in-
terest.**School Teachers
Meet in Portland**PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—
More than 200 school teachers
of Oregon, accredited delegates to
the 28th annual convention of the
state teachers association, gather-
ed here today for business and
committee meetings.Tomorrow when the convention
formally opens, it is expected that
more than 2,000 teachers will be
present.Today's meetings were chiefly
occupied with committee reports.
Election of officers is scheduled
for this afternoon. H. E. Lof-
gren, superintendent of the Penitentiary
schools and vice president of the
association automatically becomes
president.The real contest is over the
presidency of which there are five
candidates. Two trustees will also
be selected.Women Try to Bar
Lorena TrickeyPORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—
An unsuccessful attempt was
made today by a delegation of club
women to get the city council to
prevent the scheduled appearance
of Lorena Trickey at a local theater
next week.Miss Trickey, widow, was re-
cently acquitted of murder charges
in connection with the death of
her cowboy husband Slim Harris
at Lakeview."We're getting away from de-
mocracy when we come in here and
attempt to prejudice people already
tried by the courts," said Mayor
George L. Baker in reply to the
club women's request."There is no law to prevent her
appearance because she is not a
criminal now."**Bowers To Speak
At Democrat Dinner**WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—
Claude G. Bowers, of New York,
author and speaker, will be the
feature of the principal address at
the national Jackson day dinner
here Jan. 12, by democratic leaders.John W. Davis, democratic stand-
ard bearer in 1924, will preside.Refunds made for 1928 amount-
ed to \$83,558,687 for 1927 they
totaled \$34,751,802; for 1926 they
were \$454,551 and for 1925 they
were \$63,524.Among the larger refunds were
those:Charles F. Tatt, Cincinnati \$54,-
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Hearing Jan. 5ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 28 (AP)—
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day, Jan. 5, for the emergency hear-
ing for Henry Judd Gray and Mrs.
Hath Snyder, convicted of the mur-
der of Albert Snyder, magazine art-
ist, in Queens Village, New
York.**MRS. LINDBERGH IN PLANE**This morning Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, the world's best known
flier, hopped off from Mexico City for Central American points at
6:55 o'clock. A few minutes later—at 6:56 a. m.—his mother,
Mrs. Lindbergh, hopped off in the Ford plane which is to carry
her back to her Detroit classroom. Above Mrs. Lindbergh is shown
shaking hands with Henry Ford just before she started her
flight to Mexico City where she spent Christmas with her son.
She is standing in the doorway of one of Ford's own planes.**Rancher Slays
Three Brothers,
Escapes Police**BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 28
(AP)—Albert Villard, 50, Delano
rancher, shot and killed three of
his brothers today, and wounded
a fourth on a ranch in the Woody
district, and then escaped, a report
received here from the sheriff's of-
fice mid. The dead men are Al-
bert, Eugene and Gabriel Villard,
and the wounded brother who is
on his way to Bakersfield, is Joe
Villard.The meager report received at
the sheriff's office was that Albert
Villard suddenly appeared at the
ranch house where his brothers
were having breakfast. He opened
fire with a pistol and shot and
killed his three brothers before others
on the ranch attempted to disarm
him. Then crawling another gun,
Villard is reported to have rushed
into the yard and shot Joe Villard.
Joe is badly wounded.Mr. and Mrs. A. Villard, aged
parents of Albert, were not molest-
ed.**Mellon Refunds
\$103,858,687 Of
Illegal Revenue**WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—
Refunding of illegally collected
taxes totaling \$103,858,687 and af-
fecting approximately 240,000 per-
sons, were reported to congress to-
day by Secretary Mellon.The treasury department's re-
port covered 12,127 typewritten
pages and included refunds rang-
ing from one cent to the millions
of dollars. Secretary Mellon said
the credits covered the years 1928
back to 1925, inclusive, and "prior
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York.**Hickman Wants
A Speedy Trial;
Faints In Cell**County Autopsy Surgeon
Declares That Marian
Parker Died of Fright
and StrangulationLOS ANGELES, Dec. 28 (AP)—
William Edward Hickman, confes-
sed kidnaper and slayer of Marian
Parker, Los Angeles school girl,
wants a speedy trial.
"But not too speedy," the youth
hastened to add to his statement,
made to newspaper reporters last
night in his cell in the county jail.
He explained that he thought he
was to be rushed right through a
trial yesterday.At the same time he declared he
had no intention of pleading not
guilty to the charges of murder and
kidnaping on which he has been
indicted. "I'll plead guilty and
stand by my confession regardless
of what the Kansas City attorney,
engaged by my mother, advises me
to do," he said.Soon after his arrival at the
county jail here yesterday, Hick-
man had been taken into court for
arraignment on the murder and
kidnaping charges. On motion of
District Attorney Asa Keyes, who
told the court he had been advised
that an attorney retained by Hick-
man's mother in Kansas City to
defend him, was en route here, the
arraignment was postponed until
Thursday.

May Change Plea

Despite Hickman's denial, mem-
bers of the district attorney's of-
fice declared they would not be
surprised if the accused slayer of
the girl pleaded not guilty when
the time came for his arraignment.Although Hickman's confession,
made to Los Angeles officials re-
turning him to Los Angeles from
Pendleton, Ore., where he had been
captured, said he killed the small
girl by strangulation, County
Autopsy Surgeon A. F. Wagner,
last night declared that his ex-
amination of the body indicated
that the death of the child was not
due primarily to this cause.

Death Of Fright

The belief was expressed by Dr.
Wagner, a next door neighbor of
the Parker girl's family, that she
died of fright and exhaustion. He
said she was of a nervous tempera-
ment and that the body indicated
that she had not eaten since the
time of her kidnapping and probably
had not slept.When he captured applied the
towel about her neck, she realized
what was about to happen and her
heart stopped as the result of her
fright and exhaustion," the autopsy
surgeon said he believed. He said
there were no marks of contusion
or constriction about the neck of
the girl's body and the lungs were
not congested.

Transfer Speedy

The transfer of Hickman from
the southbound train to the county
jail was affected with speed and
precision.The train was stopped at a street
intersection not far distant from
the station and Hickman, hand-
cuffed to two detectives, was
whisked into a waiting police car.
Four other police cars carried the
other members of the party and
acted as an escort. Ropes had
been stretched to keep the crowd
back at the hall of justice, but the
spectators for the most part show-
ed only curiosity. What pushing
and shoving was exhibited was only
to gain better vantage points.Hickman went through the
routine of being booked at the jail
on the twelfth floor of the hall of
justice. He was assigned to cell
one of tank 16-1-2 the "hard-
boiled" tank reserved for the most
recalcitrant prisoners. In front of
his cell door, within a step of the
prisoner a guard will be stationed
constantly, changing at eight-hour
intervals.

Goes Into Faints

When returned to his cell after
(Continued on Page 5)**National Guard
Improvements to
Cost \$270,000.00**WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—
An improvement program for na-
tional guard camps, which is ex-
pected to cost \$270,000 during the
next six months, was announced
today by the war department.The camps involved include
Camp Clifton, Ore.The work to be done includes in-
stallation of water systems, kit-
chens, mess halls and administration
buildings and the construction of
roads.