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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy tonight, Friday fair. Colder in the interior. Moderate northerly winds.

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TO HOLD COE
IN SPITE OF
JURY VERDICTSheriff to Keep Prisoner
Until District Attorney
Carl Helm Arrives"UNKNOWN PERSON"
HELD RESPONSIBLELarge Crowd Attends In-
quest at Snodgrass and
Zimmerman Chapel—
Mayfield Buried Today

Although a coroner's jury returned a verdict that John Mayfield was killed by a gunshot wound fired by an unknown person at the inquest last night, Andy Coe will be held on an open charge until the district attorney, Carl Helm, returns from Portland. Sheriff Jesse Brecheers announced this morning, H. E. Dixon acted as the district attorney at the inquest last night.

Hugo Klinghammer, deputy sheriff, was the first to testify at the inquest, held in the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary, and told how he was called to Luther Monday morning at about 4:30 o'clock by a woman, "Coe," who said she was the wife of John Mayfield. She went to the Coe home and found Mayfield in bed with a bullet wound through his jaw and ranging upward through his head, of the hole through the glass pane of the door, apparently a bullet hole, and through the double wall back of the bed where the dead man lay.

Tells of Finding Gun

He told of later asking Mr. Coe if he had a gun and Coe said yes, a rifle. When asked to see the gun Coe at first said he did not know where it was and asked his son if he knew. The boy at first did not remember and then went to the room in which Mr. and Mrs. Coe were said to have been sleeping and took the gun from between the mattress and the springs. The gun was a .22 caliber rifle, and upon examination showed that it had been fired the barrel being still dirty. On being asked whether or not the bullet, which was later found in the kitchen on the floor, was the same as the one which killed Mayfield, Mr. Klinghammer responded "absolutely." The Coe family gave no explanation of the killing Mr. Klinghammer stated. Mr. Coe said he heard something and then the shot was fired, after that he said the children made so much noise that he couldn't hear anyone leave. Asked whether or not he looked out the window, Coe reported to have said no, that he was afraid his turn would be next.

Mr. Klinghammer explained that it would have been impossible for a short man to shoot through the glass pane of the door, and that the bullet could not have been fired from the hallway. Powdered glass on the floor inside of the room indicated that the bullet had been fired from outside. When asked whether or not there was a light burning in the room when he arrived Mr. Klinghammer said there was, and that Coe told him

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LOCAL STORES
TO BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JAN. 2

All Stores of La Grande will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of New Year's day which comes on Sunday. Announcement that the stores would be closed was made through the chamber of commerce office after getting in touch with the various business houses.

Banks and offices will also close all day.

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 response is concerned.

That's why a newspaper with adequate news service, established prestige, and obvious reader interest is preferred in metropolitan cities—the news helps carry the responsibility of constantly interesting a great family of readers. In La Grande territory 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"

City To Improve
Pump Facilities
For Deep WellsAdditional Unit to Be
Purchased to Insure the
Greatest Output Possi-
ble—Ordinance Passed

At last night's city commission meeting, a resolution was passed authorizing A. T. Hill, president of the commission, and City Recorder J. E. Stearns to enter into an agreement of lease with the Union State, for the use of the new recreational hall for assemblies, conventions and other civic gatherings. The amount involved is \$1000 and provides for all rental exclusive of actual cost of lights, janitor's services, etc.

The city attorney reported on the condition of the abstract of the Toy Young property which the city is purchasing as a site for the state highway department shops. Mr. Cochran announced that there are some parts that need adjusting and he was given authority to clear up the abstract.

To Buy New Pump

The city manager, W. C. Crews, was authorized to purchase a De Laval pump and fittings for the water system. Mr. Crews explained that the present pump is not adequate to handle the output of the two deep wells. With another pump, he said, the entire output could be taken care of and, in case of anything happening to one pump, another would still be ready to use. The output of the wells is sufficient to supply the city. Mr. Crews said, but the present pumping facilities are inadequate. The additional pump will place the water system at the highest possible state of efficiency. It will be installed immediately.

Formal Opening
Of Recreational
Hall Is Tonight

La Grande and community will be welcomed to the new Latter Day Saints recreational hall here this evening, when the building, which is now practically finished, will be formally opened to the public.

A basketball game between the La Grande High school team and an alumni team will be played in the new gymnasium—which is the largest in Eastern Oregon—between eight and nine o'clock, to be followed by a dance.

Furniture Arrives
For Sacajawea Inn

All of the furniture for the lobby, mezzanine floor and ladies' parlor, and the upholstered furniture for the bedrooms of the Sacajawea Inn was unloaded yesterday by the Carr Furniture company, according to Charles Toehm, and work will be started on decorating and placing the furniture as soon as possible and decorating is completed in the new building.

Elgin Legion Buys
Farmers Union Hall

ELGIN, Dec. 29. (Special)—The American Legion has purchased the Farmers Union hall, which was formerly known as the Advent church. Members will hold their meetings there and as the legion lacks the boys scouts they also will give the use of the building. The building has been wired and will have other improvements made later.

TOM WORD IMPROVING
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Condition of Tom Word, special agent of the United States department of justice and former sheriff of Multnomah county, who underwent a major operation Wednesday is said to be satisfactory today with release from the hospital expected within two or three weeks.

COUNTY AND
STATE TAXES
TO BE 19.2Increase over Last Year
of 1.3 Mills, County
Clerk ReportsDOES NOT INCLUDE
CITY, SCHOOL TAXAmount to Be Collected
\$492,598, Figured on the
County's Assessment Val-
uation of \$25,663,646.

County Clerk C. K. McCormick today announced the completion of the county tax levy for county and state purposes, showing the levy to be 19.2 mills as compared to 17.9 mills, the levy of last year. This levy, Mr. McCormick explained, does not include the city and school district levies and does not represent the total tax roll.

The amount to be collected is \$492,598, which is extended on a total valuation of \$25,663,646. Apart from this levy is the high school tuition levy, one made exclusive from the county and state levy, and extended only on the valuation of property outside of the communities with high schools. This high school levy for this year is 1.5 and, on a total valuation of \$15,000,000.

Itemized Account

An itemized account of the mill levy and the amounts to be raised by levy follow: State fund, 3.31 mill levy, \$13,102.50; to be raised by the levy, general fund, 7.51 mill levy, \$72,461.00; county school fund, 2.24 mill levy, \$47,500; library, .03 mill levy, \$575; road fund, 1 mill levy, \$25,000; market bond interest, 1.75 levy, \$45,000; road redemption, 2.50, \$60,000.

ACCIDENT FATAL
TO GILBERT WHITE

Gilbert White, formerly of La Grande, was crushed to death on Wednesday morning when he was struck by a rolling log at the Standard Lumber company camp near Thompson Sliding, a few miles south of Baker. He attempted to jump from the path of the log, which had bounded from the trestle, but was unsuccessful. Death was instantaneous.

Mr. White had been in the employ of the company for about three years. He was 53 years of age at the time of his death. For several years he made La Grande his home, leaving here about 14 years ago.

Former La Grande Man Is
Crushed to Death by Rol-
ling Log South of Baker

The body will be brought to this city tonight and the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Hunter-Brothkamp mortuary.

He is survived by one son, Elvin, of Baker, and two brothers.

Service of Papers Against Wool
Co. and Stanfield Is Postponed

Sheriff Jesse Brecheers announced today that he has been instructed by Bowdoin and Kavanaugh, Portland attorneys, to postpone service of papers directed against ex-Senator Robert N. Stanfield and the Columbia Wool Warehouse company, of Portland, until further notice.

The papers concern the \$1,535,429.98 action filed in the Union county circuit court by C. C. Cull and A. L. Tucker, Portland bankers. Bowdoin and Kavanaugh represent the plaintiffs.

QUARREL AT
FLORA ENDS
IN SLAYINGFerdinand Sandy, 32, Shot
to Death in Front of
Home Last NightBERT HOPKINS IN
ENTERPRISE JAILPrisoner May Plead Self
Defense—Sandy Ob-
jected to Conversation
with His Sister.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Ferdinand Sandy, 32, of Flora, Ore., is dead, and Bert Hopkins is in jail today as the result of an altercation between the two men last night.

Officers who investigated said Hopkins was standing in front of the Sandy home talking with Sandy's sister when her brother came out and objected to her associating with Hopkins.

Hopkins surrendered to officers immediately after the shooting, and it was indicated he would plead self defense.

Midnight Matinee
Seats Are on Sale

Seats for the second annual midnight matinee given by the American Legion post, which will be held at the Arcade theater New Year's eve, beginning at 12:05 o'clock, went on sale today at the Glass Drug store.

All acts are practically ready for the opening of the matinee and dress rehearsal for the minstrel show will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Dances and other New Year's parties will end early enough Saturday night so that those attending can go to the matinee.

Golden Chalice
Reported Stolen

SATLEM, Ore., Dec. 29. (AP)—Five golden chalices and one golden plate, several of them of the finest workmanship and of untimable value, were stolen from the church at Mount Angel last night.

The loss was discovered this morning by the prior of the Benedictine community here when he came to open the church for early morning services. Since the million dollar fire in September 1925 which destroyed the Benedictine monastery on the hill, the parish church has been used for the monastery church. Only one of the five chalices stolen belonged to the Mt. Angel parish. The other four were the personal property of some of the Benedictine monks.

IMPEACHMENT CHARGES
ARE DISMISSED

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., Dec. 29 (AP)—Impeachment charges against Governor Henry S. Johnston and two other state officials were dismissed today by members of the Oklahoma senate, sitting as a court of impeachment. The senators immediately left the meeting, which was held in a downtown hotel.

National guardsmen, called out December 12 to protect the senate building, were ordered to return to their homes after a special session, were ordered demobilized late today by Governor Johnston, when he was informed that the senators had adjourned.

Give James Willos
Monthly Reprieve

SATLEM, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—The monthly reprieve of James Willos, which has become a matter of routine in the office of Governor Patterson, was again granted yesterday extending his lease on life to Jan. 31. Willos, one of the participants in the prison break of August 12, 1925, will be reviewed until the balance of proceedings in behalf of Elsworth Kelly is disposed of. The two were last sentenced to hang August 19 last.

SATLEM, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Pending the recovery of Attorney Martin L. Pipes, who is ill at his home in Portland, the supreme court has again postponed the habeas corpus case of Elsworth Kelly. Kelly was one of the participants of the prison break in 1925.

HOPE FOR THREE ABANDONED



Destroyers searching north waters for the missing Grayson plane, "The Dawn," have virtually abandoned hope. They abandoned the quest today unless they find some trace of the lost aviators, the Associated Press reports. In the picture above Mrs. Frances Grayson is shown at the right. With her are Lieut. Oskar Omdahl, her pilot, and (inset) Brice Goldborough, her navigator. "The Dawn" is in the background.

State Teachers
Elect H. E. Inlow
To Presidency

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—The general assembly of the Oregon State Teachers' association, its annual convention opened today, following the election of officers yesterday afternoon at a meeting of 200 accredited delegates.

H. E. Inlow, superintendent of Pendleton schools, automatically became president, advancing under the organization's custom, from the vice presidency.

Miss Julia Spooner, Portland grade school teacher, was elected to the vice presidency, defeating Brenton Voder, superintendent of Clackamas county schools, after three other candidates had withdrawn their names.

Miss Spooner's election broke a precedent for heretofore only high school teachers and superintendents have held office. She is nationally known for her work with the National Education association.

Charles A. Rice, Portland school superintendent, and J. C. McLaughlin, Corvallis superintendent, were re-elected trustees, and E. F. Christensen was re-elected secretary.

Grayson Search
Is Nearing End;
Few Hopes Left

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (AP)—Hundreds of little coves and inlets, along the coast of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, were believed today to offer the only possibility that Mrs. Frances Wilson Grayson and her three male companions in "The Dawn" still survive.

Ivan Hart Will
Not Appeal Case

BUREKA, Kan., Dec. 29. (AP)—Ivan Hart sentenced to 20 years hard labor in the state prison for killing his bride of three weeks by slashing her throat with a pocket knife July 8, will not appeal to the supreme court his attorneys announced. Hart, convicted of second degree murder by a jury in district court Dec. 16 has been denied a new trial by Judge A. T. Ayres.

Judge Ayres conceded the defense contention that Hart seemed to have no motive for killing his wife, but scored the practice of criminal lawyers in advancing the plea of insanity to avoid the consequences of crime.

GIRL SAFE, COPS
SEEK KIDNAPEREvelyn Smith Found in
San Bernardino—Tells
of Assault Attempt

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 29. (AP)—With 11-year-old Evelyn Smith, of Oakland, the victim of California's second sensational kidnapping within the last two weeks, safe in the hands of San Bernardino county officers here today, a search was under way throughout Southern California for her accused abductor, Ernest Arthur "Robert" McCalland, a paroled convict.

The discovery of the small girl at the home of Mrs. Emma J. Spence, at Redlands, near here, last night, revealed that she had been there since Monday night throughout the time when the search for her and her kidnaper was most intense.

The girl's story told of an automobile trip south from Oakland beginning on the afternoon of Christmas day when McCalland obtained the consent of her parents for her to accompany him to Pasadena, where he said his "wedding" took place.

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To Delay Tax Bill
Until After Mar. 15

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. (AP)—Postponement of tax reduction legislation until after March 15 has been agreed upon by Secretary Mellon and Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee, on the theory that a better understanding of the government's finances, would be had of the condition of the government's finances.

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Guatemala Calls
Lindbergh Its
"Adopted Son"Lone Eagle to Resume
Central American Tour
Tomorrow—Nicaragua
to Observe a Holiday.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29. (AP)—Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh landed at Lambert St. Louis field at 2:35 p. m. on her return flight from Mexico City to Detroit.

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Dec. 29. (AP)—The capital of the "land of the eagle" today entertained its adopted son, the Lone Eagle, who came here on a mission of good will. Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh completed the first and longest leg of his Central American flight over a hazy mountainous country in less time than he had expected.

The "Spirit of St. Louis" performed magnificently on the trip of about 675 miles from Mexico City, Lindbergh said. Seven hours and five minutes after he left Mexico City, he landed at Aurora field here at 1:40 p. m. (Central time).

Lindbergh had estimated that the flight might take nine hours and the crowds were still wending their way toward the field when the plane appeared between the peaks of the extinct volcanoes Fuego and Agua, (fire and water).

Guatemala accepted him as a friend and the city conferred upon him the title, "adopted son of Guatemala City."

When Lindbergh arrived he received a message of felicitation from president Coolidge and others from the president of Salvador and the ministry of war of Salvador.

"Hello Guatemala," Lindbergh said as he stepped from the plane. "Wonderful, what a joy," he added.

To My Tomorrow
Lindbergh expects to resume his Central American tour tomorrow. Several hours after his arrival, he returned to the flying field and inspected the "Spirit of St. Louis." He found it to be in perfect condition for the continuation of his flight to Bolinas, British Honduras. He will land there if the athletic field is in a suitable condition, otherwise he expects to continue on to San Salvador. Should he land at Bolinas, which is without a flying field, he intends to fly to San Salvador Jan. 1, remaining there two days.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 29. (AP)—Congress today voted a national holiday for Colonel Lindbergh's arrival. He will be the guest of the nation. All the employees in the government departments will have free transportation by train to Managua, so they may join in the greeting to the air man.

Appoint Cutting
As Successor To
Senator A. Jones

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 29. (AP)—Bromson Cutting, republican, publisher of the Santa Fe "New Mexican" today was appointed by Governor R. C. Dillon to fill the unexpired term of the late United States Senator A. Jones, democrat, who died last week in Washington.

Regarded as an independent republican Senator Cutting has not, however, been strictly a party man, having given support to Congressman John Morrow, democrat, and other democratic candidates in previous campaigns. He was treasurer for the progressive party state central committee from 1912 to 1914.

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Alabama Has No
Claim To Shoals

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29. (AP)—The Examiner says United States circuit judge William Henry Hunt, of San Francisco, is en route to Washington, D. C., to present his resignation to President Coolidge. Judge Hunt is 79 years old and is entitled to age limit retirement. The paper says ill health caused his decision to resign. He formerly was collector of customs for Montana and Idaho, attorney general of Montana, justice of the Montana supreme court, United States judge for district court and also served as associate judge in the United States court of customs and appeals. He was governor of Porto Rico from 1901 to 1904.

GIRL SLAYER
CONFESSES
NEW MURDERHickman, Tells Officers
He Shot Rosehill Drug-
gist a Year AgoWELBY HUNT IS
ALSO IMPLICATEDLatter Admits His Part in
Holdup But Denies That
Shots From His Pistol
Were Fatal.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29. (AP)—Another murder was confessed here late last night by William Edward Hickman, confessed kidnaper and slayer of Marian Parker, Los Angeles school girl.

Hickman, under repeated questioning by jail officials, told of shooting down Ivy Thomas, a drugist here and Pasadena, during a hold-up of the drugstore on Christmas eve, 1926. Thomas died the day after Christmas.

Welby Hunt, an Alhambra, Cal., youth, who Hickman said was his companion in the holdup, was taken into custody and early this morning, according to the officers, made a confession corroborating that of Hickman. Hunt, however, while admitting his part in the holdup, denied that it was shots from his pistol which killed the drugist.

Mrs. Carrie M. Briskell, step-grandmother of Hunt, also was held for questioning. Although the boys made their home with her in Alhambra a few weeks after the shooting, she denied a statement by Hickman that she learned of their criminal activities.

Hunt, according to the officers, confessed his part in the holdup only after he had been partly identified by Mrs. Thomas, the wife of the slain drugist and who was present in the store at the time of the holdup. Afterward she expressed a wish to see Hickman. Taken to his cell, she took one look at him and cried: "That's him," and fainted.

The shooting occurred when a police officer entered the store during the holdup and opened fire on the two youths. In returning the fire, the drugist was shot in the chest by Hickman and the officer was wounded in the right hand. Hunt, according to Hickman, received a couple of flesh wounds from shots fired by the officer. A jail physician who examined Hunt said he found wounds made by bullets. Hunt, however, said the scars were the result of balls.

Under Pressure
Hickman's confession of the Rosehill murder came as a result of a campaign of kindness and his silent questioning by the jail officers. Under the pressure of continued questioning as to whether he ever killed anyone besides Marian Parker, the youth at last blurted out "Sure."

The confession followed. As each page was written Hickman intimated it.

The confession by the youth was given in the presence of Under-sheriff Eugene Bissolux, Jailer Frank Dewar a deputy sheriff and a reporter.

To Re-Open Case

It was indicated by the police that Hickman's confession would result in the re-opening of the investigation that followed the death of Hunt's aged father, supposedly by suicide. The body of the aged Alhambra dry goods dealer was found under the Colorado street bridge in Pasadena, from which he had fallen. A suicide note was found on the bridge.

NAVY REGAINS
TEAPOT DOME
OIL RESERVE

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 29. (AP)—The United States Navy today regained possession of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve in Wyoming, when Judge T. Blake Kennedy in federal court here ordered entered a formal decree transferring the lands leased by Albert B. Fall when secretary of the interior, to Harry Sinclair, back to the navy.

The decree was entered after the court had ruled against a motion of counsel for Mr. Sinclair to have included in the decree a provision whereby the quit claims given the government by Mr. Sinclair at the time the lease was made, would be returned to Mr. Sinclair.