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OREGON: Fair and continued
cold tonight and Saturday. Gentle
north to east winds.

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NEW HALL IS
OPENED WITH
GAME, DANCEHigh School Team Sur-
prises Fans by Defeat-
ing Alumni 20 to 19LARGE CROWD AT
GYM DEDICATIONElmer Stoddard Thanks
Community, on Behalf
of L. D. S. Church, for
Co-operation in Project

The La Grande high school basketball team, with only one veteran player in its personnel, defeated the new L. D. S. Recreation hall last night with a 20 to 19 victory over the alumni quintet—the same team that last year won the district championship.

A large crowd of La Grande people, with a few from out of town, attended the opening of the new gymnasium located at Fourth street and N. avenue, and the majority of those present remained for the dance, which concluded the dedication program.

Following the game, Elmer Stoddard, speaking in behalf of the church, expressed sincere thanks for the cooperation of the community in making the new hall possible. He explained that, while the hall was not entirely completed, it was ready for use and the church desires the community to enjoy and use it as well.

The hall is not to be commercialized, neither can it be obtained for private parties, but it is for the community and its affairs, and we want you all to enjoy it. Mr. Stoddard said. He also announced a cantata which the Baker church chorus will render here Sunday.

Mamm's Imperial orchestra played for the dance, which continued until midnight.

The defeat of the quintet that last year represented this district at the state tournament, was a surprise to most of the fans, and the work of Coach Ralph Christie's 1928 squad indicates that the Tiger colors will enjoy a successful season.

For several minutes after the score was 10 to 0, neither team could get into the ball into play, neither team could score. Several minutes later, however, the score was 10 to 0. The Tiger colors will enjoy a successful season.

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BAND CONCERT
IS ANNOUNCED
FOR JANUARY 8

The first of the winter series of indoor band concerts will be held at the Arcade theatre Sunday, Jan. 8. It is announced today by Director Andrew Loney.

The concert will begin at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and will be free to the public. The band, a municipal organization sponsored and supported by the city, has been preparing this concert for some time and an excellent program is expected.

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"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"Cantata To Be
Given in L. D. S.
Church Sunday"The World's Redeemer"
Will Be Presented at
4:30 P. M. by Choir from
Baker, Ore.

A Christmas cantata, "The World's Redeemer," by Fred B. Holton, will be presented in the Latter Day Saints tabernacle here Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by the L. D. S. choir of Baker, under the direction of David I. Stoddard, accompanied by several La Grande voices.

In addition to four numbers by the entire choir of about 50 voices, the cantata will consist of a quartet number "Nearer the Starry Heaven" by Florence Simmons, Elaine Henninger, soprano, and Colla Stoddard and Clara Grant, alto; "From Lands Afar" by a man's choir; a solo, "The Gates of Heaven Unbar" by Richard Smithwaite and the choir; a cantata solo, "I bring You Good Tidings" by Mrs. Myrtle Russell and women's chorus; a tenor solo, "Glory to God in the Highest" by Elmer I. Stoddard; a soprano solo "The Song of the Star" by Mrs. Nellie Bean and choir and a double quartet number "He Came to Redeem the World" by Nellie Bean and Florence Simmons, soprano, Edna Welch and Marion Yancy, alto, Elmer I. Stoddard and Edward Gwilliams, tenors and Richard Smithwaite and Ted Christensen, bass.

The public is invited to attend the cantata, which will begin at 4:30 and will last for one hour. The program is free to the public.

Weather Turns
Colder; Mercury
Reading 1 Above

Baker reported a minimum of 10 below zero this morning.

The weather in La Grande turned suddenly colder last night and, aided by a brisk wind that assumed blizzard-like proportions in parts of the city, the temperature fell until a minimum of one degree above zero was reached. The drop was 23 degrees.

At 7:30 o'clock this morning the mercury was two above and about 5 o'clock, aided by a bright sun, had climbed to 7 above.

PENDINGTON CHILLY
PENDINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Pendington and vicinity experienced a decided drop in temperature last night, the thermometer recording one above zero as the minimum. A bright sun during the morning is raising the temperature. An inch and a half of snow fell yesterday.SNAPPY IN EUGENE
EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Friday dawned cold and snappy in Eugene, minimum temperature for the night having been 29 degrees above zero. By noon it was but 10 degrees warmer.Enterprise Man,
Shot By Hunter,
Likely To Live

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Dec. 29.—Boyd Lovell of this city was shot accidentally by Ernest Mitchell, also of Enterprise, while the two were duck hunting near here yesterday. Mitchell's gun was discharged as he was climbing through a fence, the charge striking Lovell in the side.

Hospital physicians here said Lovell might recover if blood-poisoning did not occur.

To Shut Off Water
9 to 11 on Sunday

The city water on Adams avenue from Depot to Greenwood will be shut off from 9 to 11 o'clock Sunday morning to make repairs to the system. City Manager W. C. Crews announced this morning.

Believe Robbers
Live in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Police today were without a clue to the identity of the two men who late yesterday held up and robbed the Mount Scott State bank in an outlying section here, and escaped with \$1,000.

Officers are working on the theory that the bandits were local men.

SPEAKS FOR STANFIELD

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Insisting that the recent withdrawal of charges preferred by Herbert G. Wilcox of Multnomah against Robert N. Stanfield, former U. S. senator, has deprived Stanfield of his only opportunity to disprove those charges publicly, Frank J. Loneragan today gave out a statement in his capacity as Stanfield's attorney.

C. H. EMERICH
AMONG HEIRS
TO BILLIONSEmployee of Mt. Emily
Lumber Co. to Receive
Split of Huge EstateSETTLEMENT IS
EXPECTED IN 1928Fortune Left by Associate
of John Jacob Astor
Held in Trust for 99
Years Due to Will.

That C. H. Emerich, of this city, is an heir to the Emerich estate which is now being settled and the heirs ascertained, became known here yesterday. Emerich is one of the nearest heirs of John Jacob Astor, an associate of John Jacob Astor in the early fur trading business, who upon his death in 1816 left a will that his estate be held in trust for 99 years and at the end of that time be distributed among his heirs. He was a bachelor and had two brothers, both of whom had large families, and it is among their descendants that the estate will be divided. Emerich made his will in 1816, one year before his death in 1817.

So far about 500 heirs have been found. Mr. Emerich of this city being one of the nearest.

The estate, which has been held in trust all these years, is believed to have amounted into billions of dollars, including 700 acres in a Pennsylvania coal field \$10,000,000 in a New York bank, the ground on which the Trinity church stands in New York City, \$75,000,000 in the United States treasury in Washington D. C., several million dollars in U. S. bonds, 20 acres in the downtown district of New York City, \$20,000,000 German gold coin, and gold estate in the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Emerich is an employee of the Mt. Emily Lumber company here, having worked in the planing mill for that company since last March. It is his opinion that the estate will be settled by July 1928. He does not know, however, what he will do with his share of the estate. "I have never had much money and don't know what to do with it," he declared, and told of an incident when he was quite young when he earned \$100 during the harvest and received the entire amount in 50 cent pieces so it would seem like more. However, he does not intend to do that this time.

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FINED \$400 FOR
HAVING LIQUORUnable to Pay, Prisoner
Will Have to Serve
200 Days in Jail

Ed Thomas plead guilty to a charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor before Judge Hugh E. Brady in the justice court late yesterday afternoon, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$400 and costs. He was unable to pay the fine and was committed to the county jail for 200 days.

Six gallons of moonshine whiskey was found in the house where Thomas lives, Postoffice Officer G. M. Pierce and S. W. Ekins, who made the arrest, report.

Watch Parties and Midnight Matinee
To Usher in New Year in La Grande

Only one more day of 1927 remains. Tomorrow night at 12 o'clock the old year will be no more and the new year will be ushered in by happy crowds of La Grande people with the blowing of whistles and horns and other merry making.

New Year's watch parties will be held in several homes of the city tomorrow night and in the various churches. A watch-night service, which will continue for half the night, will be held by the Salvation Army at the hall on Fifth street.

The American Legion post here will do its part in ushering in the new year with the second annual New Year's midnight matinee, which will be held at the Arcade theatre, beginning at 12:15 o'clock. The first New Year's midnight matinee was given by the legion a year ago and was attended by a large crowd. This year's show is expected by the legionaires to be even better than last year's matinee.

Arrest Negro In
Connection With
Murder of GirlHalf Nude Body of Young
Washington and Jefferson
College Employee Is
Found in Field.

WASHINGTON, Penn., Dec. 29 (AP)—The half nude body of Thelma Young, 17, with a deep cut in the forehead over the right eye, was found in a field at the city limits today. Blood, spattered over a radius of 50 feet, indicated the girl struggled with her assailant. It was believed she was killed with a brick found nearby. The clothing had been ripped from her body, which bore many scratches and bruises.

State, county and city police investigating the killing learned that Miss Young, employed as a domestic in the Washington and Jefferson college athletic training house, had left her home last night to attend a motion picture show. She is survived by her parents, six brothers and nine sisters.

Fred Drew, 17, negro, was arrested as a suspect. He was found hiding under a bed in his home near the field where the body was discovered. Drew shouted: "I didn't do it."

Drew, described as a "young giant"—5'10" tall and weighing 130 pounds—had been suspected in previous attacks on girls, detectives reported. They added that Drew had failed to account for his movements last night and early today. In his room they found a black mask made from a silk stocking.

State troopers were arranging to use bloodhounds in an effort to trace the murderer's trail from the scene of the crime.

Police revealed that Miss Young met her death near the spot where four other Washington girls have been attacked during the past few weeks.

Marble Company
Plans to Begin
Operations Soon

WALLOWA, Ore., Dec. 29.—Operations at the new lime plant of the Black Marble and Lime company, at Enterprise, will start soon. It is expected, as contract has been let to Ira Irwin of Wallawa, to haul rock from the quarry so that there can be burned in time for the January orders from the fruit spraying districts, where large quantities of lime are consumed, according to the Wallawa Sun.

The new trailers have been ordered by the company, to be here the first of the year, and will be used by Mr. Irwin with his caterpillar tractor to haul the rock to the plant. It is intended to keep the plant in operation through the caterpillar train supply until the fall is built.

State Teachers
In Final Session

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—The final meetings of the Oregon State Teachers' association convention being held today, was this morning given over to departmental sessions, a clearing house of constructive ideas, and the afternoon to assembly at which the visiting guests addressed the 2,000 members of the association.

No Trace Found
Of Bodies of Two

NORTH BEND, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—No trace has been found today of the bodies of Dennis Webb and his wife, of Abilene, Tex., who are believed to have met death when their automobile plunged from a dock into the bay here a month ago. Their automobile was found submerged in the bay last night, yesterday, with both doors open.

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LONE EAGLE
LANDS TODAY
IN HONDURASIs First Aviator to Bring
Down An Airplane
at BelizeLEFT GUATEMALA
CITY AT 6:21 A. M.Mrs. Lindbergh Is in St.
Louis Today—Will Not
Complete Flight Until
Weather Improves.

BELIZE, British Honduras, Dec. 29 (AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh flying from Guatemala City to Belize was sighted here at 9 o'clock this morning.

There was a fog over Manatee hill, 20 miles from Belize and Col. Lindbergh kept circling around evidently groping for his route.

BELIZE, British Honduras, Dec. 29 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, completing his second leg of his Central American tour, landed here at 9:45 a. m. (10:45 eastern standard time).

By his landing at Belize, the American good will tour added a new record to his long list of achievements, being the first man ever to bring a land plane down there, the only other airplanes visiting the city having been American seaplanes which landed in the harbor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—The state department was advised by the legation at Guatemala City today that Lindbergh took his plane into the air at 6:21 a. m. (central standard time).

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29 (AP)—Because of adverse weather conditions the flight of Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh from St. Louis to Detroit, the last leg of her return journey from Europe, where she spent Christmas with her son, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, was postponed until tomorrow.

Pilot Harry Brooks announced he would not attempt to take off today until weather conditions improved. A dense fog covered this section.

Accident, Shock
Fatal to Aged Man

PENDINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Samuel C. Hudson, 76, of Milton-Freewater, died yesterday as he was being rushed to a local hospital from Helix where he had been injured by wood falling from a wagon. Examination of the deceased man led physicians to believe that the aged man died from shock, as no fractures were found on the body.

Rise From Ranks to
Rail Presidency

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—Two men who rose from the ranks are to be presidents of railroads. Henry A. Sandretto, vice president of the Union Pacific railroad has been selected for the presidency of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway company. Charles E. Johnson, vice president and general manager has been elected president of the Kansas City Southern railway succeeding J. A. Edson, who will retire.

To Decide Reward
Distribution Later

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29 (AP)—The committee in charge of the rewards offered for the capture of William E. Hickman, child kidnaper and murderer, has decided to take action on the distribution of the money until after Hickman has been tried.

Lienallen and Gurdane have signed a contract for a week's appearance on the stage in Los Angeles.

Treats Children
To Cinema Show

ENTERPRISE, Dec. 29 (Special)—The Thomas Variety store, treated all the children in town who wished to attend, to a free three-reel comedy at the O. K. theatre Saturday afternoon. Santa Claus was present and gave each youngster a nice box of candy.

Mr. Thomas, a bachelor and is very fond of children. The children's Christmas party is a yearly occurrence and the boys and girls look forward to it with a great deal of pleasure.

TED THYE WINS
MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Ted Thye of Portland, defeated Sallor Jack Woods in a wrestling bout here last night two out of three falls.

HE'S CURED



Bennett J. Doly, reprieved American deserter from the French Foreign Legion, swore he was through with soldiering when he passed through Paris bound for his home in Biloxi, Miss. "I'm going back and raise cotton," he told the photographer who made this close-up.

ORDER REMUS TO
INSANE ASYLUMJudge Lueders Finds Wife
Slayer Mentally Unbalanced—Medics Report

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29 (AP)—George Remus today was insane in a decision handed down by Judge William H. Lueders of the Hamilton county probate court.

The report of the alienists upon which Judge Lueders acted read as follows:

"We, the undersigned, appointed to examine George Remus as to his sanity, beg leave to submit the following:

"After a careful physical and mental examination, the hearing of the testimony and a review of the history of the case, we find said George Remus insane.

"We also find that said Remus is a psychopath and therefore is a dangerous individual to be at large. We believe that he is a dangerous psychopath because he is, in general, lacking a sense of ethics, emotionally unstable, being subject to unrestrained outbreaks of temper, and rage and egocentric to a pathological degree.

"H. H. Hoppe, M. D.
"Thomas A. Rathbun, M. D.
"Howard D. McIntyre, M. D."

Judge Lueders, left no doubt that he, with the sole decision in the matter, found Remus insane.

From the evidence, testimony and exhibits, submitted in this case the court is of the opinion and finds George Remus now insane and a dangerous person to be at large," read his findings.

"It is therefore ordered that George Remus be committed to the Lima state hospital for the insane and there be confined until such time when he has been restored to reason or until otherwise discharged by due process of law."

Remus was not in court when Judge Lueders handed down his decision.

Newspapermen rushed to Remus in his jail cell on the same floor. He accepted the findings with a harsh laugh but calmly.

"Is that so?" he asked. "Well, what?"

He thought a moment and then added:

"The decision is so far-fetched; such a joke that it makes a sane person laugh. It is so humorous."

An appeal to the court of common pleas will be made, it was indicated.

Governor Smith
Regards Kluxers
With AbhorrenceConsiders Organization's
Purposes 'Subversive to
Fundamentals of American
Democracy.'

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 29 (AP)—The purposes of the Ku Klux Klan are regarded with abhorrence by Governor Smith.

This expression of opinion is contained in a letter in which the governor declines to investigate police interference with participation by the Klan in a memorial day parade in the borough of Queens last spring. In refusing to order an investigation or otherwise take personal action in the matter the complainant, Paul M. Winick, of Jamaica, that the Klan could seek redress in the courts, but not through him.

"I regard the purposes of your organization with abhorrence and I consider them subversive to the fundamentals of American democracy," he wrote Winick. "Nevertheless, insofar as it lies within my power under the law, I would accord to you exactly the same even handed justice that I would give to any body else."

The governor declared that the law does not place upon him the duty of "seeking redress for differences of private individuals who claim to have been injured by local misadministration."

"As long as you invoke the power of the law, be prepared to abide by it as it exists," he advised.

There is no clause in existing state law that requires him to order "miscellaneous investigations" of happenings in any locality the governor said. Neither does the law permit him to direct the actions of the mayor of New York City regarding an investigation of police interference.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 29 (AP)—A massive birthday cake, covered with frosting and fashioned into a miniature production of the White House, will be a birthday gift to Governor Edward D. White today. The governor is 54 years old today.

The cake, prepared by the chef at the executive mansion, was intended as a surprise for the governor, but news of it leaked out and the executive learned of it this morning.

The birthday program of Governor Smith calls for a full day's work at the executive offices, with a dinner tonight, at which the governor's entire family and a few friends will be present.

Death Mystery
Is Cleared Up
Police Believe

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29 (AP)—Police here today believed they had cleared up another of the city's recent slayer mysteries with the arrest late last night of Dr. Charles M. McMillan, a physician.

McMillan was charged with the murder of Mrs. Amelia Appleby whose strangled and battered body was found sewed in a sack just outside the city limits Monday. The arresting officers said they found him in his apartment examining Mrs. Appleby's private papers and that there were bloodstains on his coat. Among the papers seized was a will written in pencil and drawn in favor of the physician.

McMillan denied the killing and he knew anything about the killing and the blood stains on his coat were from a nose bleed.

The dead woman is known to have possessed valuable property, including an apartment house in Chicago, and the officers declared the motive in the murder was the desire of her accused slayer to obtain title to these.

McMillan had lived with Mrs. Appleby, the officers declared, at one time making a trip east with her last summer. He holds the dead woman's power of attorney and had acted as her agent for some time, besides being known as Amelia Appleby, which officers believe her true name, she was known as Mrs. Mollie Burke, Mrs. Amelia Ellensbaugh and Mrs. Margaret Ellenbaugh.

WIDOW OF INVENTOR

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 (AP)—Mrs. Amelia Appleby, whose body was found in a sack on the outskirts of Los Angeles, was the widow of John P. Appleby, wealthy inventor of the twin binder and numerous other farm implements, relatives said here today.

In addition to her brother, Mr. Hubert, Mrs. Appleby had three sisters, Mrs. John Monroe of Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Marie West of Superior, Wis.; and Mrs. John Savage of Urbana, Ill., whose husband is a professor at the University of Illinois.

Joseph Couple Wed
Sixty Years Ago

ENTERPRISE, Dec. 29 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Duggett, of Joseph, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their home last Saturday. There was a large gathering of relatives present. Mr. Duggett is 81 years old and his wife is 77.

HICKMAN TO
ENTER PLEA
OF INSANITYJerome Walsh, Kansas
City Attorney, Outlines
Plans for DefenseANOTHER PAL OF
YOUTH ARRESTEDFrank Bernoudy, 20, Im-
plicated in Several Rob-
beries Hickman and
Hunt Committed.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29 (AP)—Jerome Walsh, Kansas City attorney, here to defend William E. Hickman, confessed kidnaper and slayer of Marian Parker, today definitely indicated that insanity would be the plea of the accused youth.

Walsh, who arrived here yesterday morning and spent the day in conference with Los Angeles officers and with Hickman in his cell in the Hall of Justice, devoted most of last night to study of sections of the California penal code dealing with insanity in crime.

The Kansas City attorney came at the behest of Hickman's mother in Kansas City. In a statement secured on his arrival, Walsh referred to the mother's "hope of extenuation circumstances mitigating her boy's culpability in this agonizing situation."

TELLS OF "CRIME START"
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30 (AP)—Frank Vincent Bernoudy, 20, in a signed confession made public today by police, declared that William Edward Hickman, who was Hunt and himself "got their start in crime" after reading books in the public library here.

Bernoudy said they were employed at the library after school hours and that they often read crime stories together. He confessed to taking part in two robberies here in which he implicated Hickman and Hunt.

He told of being paroled following his conviction about three years ago on a charge of stealing an automobile. He said that when he became acquainted with Hunt and Hickman he told them of his experience with the courts. They suggested "if you put with them some time and make some money."

Bernoudy's story
Writing of his part in the holdups, Bernoudy said:

"One night, I think it was the latter part of November, 1926, Hunt, Hickman and myself drove to a confectionery, held it up and got about \$50. We split three ways. I stayed in the car."

Bernoudy was arrested yesterday when police were informed that Hickman had named him alone with Hunt, in a series of holdups in various parts of the country. Bernoudy lives with his parents here and is employed by a grain company.

SEEK ANOTHER PERSON

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29 (AP)—A right about face today had been executed by Los Angeles police officers in the search for William Edward Hickman made his first confession, previously had contended that the kidnapping and slaying of little Marian Parker was a "one man job."

Expressing doubt that the 12-year old girl would have remained quietly in her abductor's automobile while he left it to send the telegram or to mail special delivery ransom letters to her father the police have launched an investigation seeking to connect a second person with the kidnapping.

Police officers said one phase of the investigation was centered on the possibility that 16-year old Welby Hunt, confessed confederate of Hickman in a series of Kansas City, Texas and Pacific coast holdups, one of which resulted in

NIGHT CLUB IN
N. Y. IS RAIDED,
GIRL ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—Chia Helen Morgan, one of New York's who got her start in show business was dismantled by federal prohibition agents early today after the arrested Miss Morgan and eight male employees, seized a dozen bottles of liquor and spent two one-half hours questioning 25 guests.

Guests at the club were required to give the agents their names and addresses after which they were permitted to depart.

Miss Morgan, who in addition to her night club activities is also appearing in one of Broadway's popular shows, was taken to the West 20th Street police station with the eight club employees. Bail of \$1000 each was obtained after several hours.

Furniture and furnishings, valued at \$40,000, were found on six motor trucks and carted to a warehouse.