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YEAR MAKING FRIGID EXIT IN LA GRANDE
Nine Below Zero Registered in This City in Early Morning
MEACHAM COLDEST PLACE IN OREGON
Minimum of 28 Below Registered in Blue Mountains—West Oregon Reports Snow.

With sub-zero temperatures in five counties, the year of 1927 is making a frigid exit today. Although the weather bureau in Portland predicts rising temperatures, indications locally are that at the best the weather this evening will be considerably below freezing point.

The government thermometer at the municipal building registered a minimum of nine degrees below zero during the night, the coldest weather in La Grande this winter. Indications are that the minimum was reached early this morning, probably about 5 a. m. or 6 a. m.

At 7:30 a. m. an official reading showed the mercury down to six below and by 9 o'clock, street thermometers were registering zero and a degree below.

HIPP TO FACE GRAND JURY IN ROBBERY CASE
G. C. Hipp, accused of the robbery of Connor's store at Union, was found today to the grand jury under \$1000 bonds this morning when he was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Hugh E. Brady in the justice of the peace court.

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.

Legion Matinee Merrymakers To Greet New Year
Large Crowd to Attend Second Annual Show—Vaudeville Is to Begin Promptly at 12:05 A. M.

Everything is in readiness for the presentation of the second annual midnight matinee here tonight, which will welcome the new year in La Grande. The matinee will start at 12:05 o'clock—as soon as the vaudeville and noise which tell of the departure of the old year and the appearance of the new have ceased.

The first part of the matinee program, which is sponsored by the La Grande American Legion post, will consist of a variety of vaudeville acts, including songs by Miss Louise Wilder, a musical act by the Little Misses Alice Jensen and Maebeth Cooper, a dance by Miss Beulah Newlin, music by Dr. and Mrs. R. G. McCall and Miss Dona Scott, a character impersonation act by O. Regent White, a skit by the local order of DeMolay, a song act by Miss Frances Smith and a Scotch act by David Wylie.

Minister Show.
The second part of the matinee will be a minister show, which will be presented by members of the legion post, about 15 taking part. An attractive feature of the program will be a series of musicals by Jack Coolidge and his band.

The matinee will be the second program of this kind ever given in La Grande, and plans are to have a similar program every year at New Year's time. This year's program is said by those in charge to be much better than the program last year.

Warra Parties.
Before midnight tonight there will be numerous parties and dances in the city to celebrate the new year. These will end in time to allow all who desire to attend the midnight program.

A half-night service will be held at the Salvation Army hall in observance of New Year's, and New Year's messages will be given by practically every church in the city tomorrow morning.

Monday the business houses of the city will observe New Year's and will remain closed during the entire day. The library and other public buildings will also be closed.

GIRL, KIDNAPER



Robert McClelland (lower) is sought by California police in the latest kidnapping case. He induced the parents of Evelyn Smith, 11, of Oakland, to let him take her away with him. She was later found unharmed although she declared he attempted to assault her. Evelyn is pictured above.

No Forum Luncheon On Next Tuesday
There will be no forum luncheon of the Union County chamber at tomorrow Tuesday, Jan. 2. It was announced this morning from the office here.

FATALLY INJURED
YPSILANTI, Mich., Dec. 31 (AP)—Henry Winchberger, of Ann Arbor, widely known consulting engineer, and professor Herbert S. Mallory, of the Ypsilanti department of the University of Michigan, were fatally injured last night when their automobile crashed into the side of a moving freight train near here. Both died in hospitals shortly after their arrival.

Reynolds En Route To Klamath Falls
Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Reynolds and children, Earl Jr. and Mary Ellen, left today for Klamath Falls, Ore., where Mr. Reynolds has accepted a position as secretary of the Klamath Falls chamber of commerce. Mr. Reynolds has been secretary of the Union county chamber of commerce for the past five years. His address here has not yet been chosen. Until a new secretary is chosen Miss Bernice Hattenbuecher will handle the office business. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds already have their home engaged in Klamath Falls and their household goods have been forwarded.

Tomorrow morning Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Lindgren will leave for Portland where they will make their home and Mr. Lindgren will begin his duties as manager of the insurance office for the Equitable savings company of Portland. They are making the trip by auto.

WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY TO GREET 1928
Coolidges to Take Part in Annual Welcome in Nation's Capital
JACK FROST WILL VISIT ALL POINTS
New Year Will Be Introduced in Cold Wave, Stretching from Coast to Coast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Following a custom established last year, 1928 will be welcomed from the roof top of the White House tonight by the blast of trumpets.

A few moments before midnight Arthur S. Whitehead, of the marine band will sound " taps" and when the clock has traveled past twelve he will swing into revolve. A double brass quartet will take its place then on the White House roof under a flood of searchlights and play "Your Land and My Land" to be followed by a centennial salute playing "The Halls of St. Mary's".

President and Mrs. Coolidge and their son, John, are expected to take part in the celebration to which the public has been invited.

NATION-WIDE CHILL
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—The New Year will be introduced to America tonight on the chilling breath of Jack Frost.

Cold weather is predicted for practically every section of the United States, a high pressure area of the greatest magnitude of this season having overpread the Canadian northwest, the Northern Rocky Mountain region, the plains

EDUCATORS ELECT J. T. LONGFELLOW
La Grande Superintendent New President of the State Organization
City School Superintendent J. T. Longfellow was elected president of the superintendents of the districts of the first class, at their banquet held in Portland Tuesday, during the annual meeting of the state teachers' association of which the superintendent's organization is a section. This became known today when a number of teachers and officials, including Mr. and Mrs. Longfellow, returned home from Portland where they attended the meeting which came to an end yesterday. They report an unusually splendid meeting and praised the lecture program of the session, particularly the addresses of Dr. David Snodgrass, of Teachers' college, Columbia university, New York.

Tulsa Girl, 18, Mortally Hurt And Woman Killed in Chicago Train Wreck
CHICAGO, Dec. 31 (AP)—Miss Sara Sprickell, 18, of Tulsa, Okla., alive, but seriously injured, and an unidentified woman who was dead, were removed from the wreckage of a Pullman car in the Chicago and Alton wreck today after five hours and railroad employees had cut through the walls of the coach with acetylene torches.

Another Youth Admits Robbery With Hickman
James Ellsworth, of Detroit, Confesses—Police Still Trying to Implicate Hunt in Killing.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31 (AP)—While police of this city continued their efforts to prove that Wesley Hunt, young partner of William Edward Hickman, carried that partnership as far as complicity in the kidnapping and slaying of Marian Parker, 12-year-old school girl, reports emanating from eastern points tended to furnish more than ever the confusing angles of the case.

The confession in Detroit of James Ellsworth, 23-year-old youth declaring that Hickman and Hunt had been involved in a series of crimes that included the killing by Ellsworth of an aged man last night will be purely a federal affair, with enforcement officers on duty from 2 p. m. until the last in horn has sounded its blaring hurrah to the new year.

'The Wolf' Brings Terror In East; Seeks Children
BEVERLY, N. J., Dec. 31 (AP)—A home-sick would-be kidnaper who calls himself "The Wolf" and has terrorized this neighborhood for three days, was sought today by police throughout the state.

Believed to have been prompted in his actions by reading of the kidnapping and slaying of Marian Parker in Los Angeles by William Edward Hickman, who nicknamed himself "The Wolf," the man has made three appearances in this vicinity. Terror stricken mothers have been warned to keep their children indoors while anxious fathers serve in posse.

Earthquake Rocks South California
SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 31 (AP)—Santa Monica, Venice, Pacific Palisades and Socalite residents reported that they felt a slight earthquake shock shortly after 9 o'clock this morning. No damage was reported.

Kidnaps Teller; Gets \$80,000 Cash
CHICAGO, Dec. 31 (AP)—Kidnaping the teller of the Ravenswood National bank at his home and then forcing him to admit them to the bank and open a safe, robbers escaped with \$80,000 early today.

DRY CHICAGO PROMISED BY FEDERAL MEN
Mayor Thompson's Police, However, Will Make No Effort to Curb Wets
NEW YORK RESORTS FRANKLY WORRIED
Seizure of Property in Chez Helen Morgan Causes Concern Among Other Broadway Clubs

CHICAGO, Dec. 31 (AP)—Prohibition enforcement in Chicago tonight will be purely a federal affair, with enforcement officers on duty from 2 p. m. until the last in horn has sounded its blaring hurrah to the new year.

Chief of police Hughes indicated that the police force would make no extra efforts toward liquor law enforcement.

RESORTS WORRIED
NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—The ghost of an old revenue law rose today to cause some misgivings about what promised to be Broadway's most expensive and widest celebration of a new year.

\$1,000,000 Celebration
Reservations at all the popular clubs and hotels had been exhausted days ago and it was estimated 100,000 persons would dine and dance the old year out and the new year in.

MORGAN HEADS U. S. STEEL
J. P. Morgan, famous international banker, is the new chairman of the United States Steel Corporation. It is said Morgan will serve chiefly in an advisory capacity.



22 Boy Scouts Are Marooned in Mountain Snows
Caterpillar Tractor Party Hopes to Break Way to Camp—Provisions Are Exhausted.

MODESTO, Cal., Dec. 31 (AP)—Twenty-two Stanislaus county boy scouts, snowbound in a lumber camp ten miles in the Sierra beyond Long Barn, Cal., with only two days provisions today faced a death struggle with the drifts separating them from civilization.

The boys, averaging from 12 to 14 years, were scheduled to strike out for Long Barn on foot while a rescue party with a caterpillar tractor attempted to crawl into the mountains to meet them. Vernon Baird, scout executive, telephoned from the lumber camp last night that the boys had conquered three miles of drifts believed from 10 to 14 feet deep, arriving at the lumber camp safe and in good spirits.

\$50,000 FIRE ENDS REGIME OF CHIEF
Spectacular Blaze Damages Asbestos and Supply Co., in Portland
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31 (AP)—A spectacular fire which damaged the Pacific Asbestos and Supply company on Front street, to the extent of \$50,000, the setting of a record breaking number of fire alarms for a 24-hour period and one of the most difficult fights ever waged by the Portland fire department against flames and the elements featured the last days of 1927.

ANSEL RESISTED
Police believe that Ansel was told to throw up his hands and resisted strenuously. His glasses were found broken and blood-spattered on top of a counter several feet away from the body.

FAMED AUTHOR, CLERGYMAN IS DEAD IN EAST
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 31 (AP)—Dr. Algernon Sidney Craggey, author, lecturer and one time Episcopalian clergyman, whose views on theology first won a place in the literature of modernism and finally brought down a charge of heresy against him, died today at his home here. He was 80 years old.

PIONEER SHOT BY ROBBERS IN KLAMATH
John Ansel, Proprietor of Gun Store, Murdered by Yegg Today
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 31 (AP)—John Ansel, pioneer resident of Klamath Falls and employed in the Klamath Gun store, was murdered this morning shortly after 7 o'clock by a robber who looted the hardware store safe of several hundred dollars.

THE WEATHER
OREGON: Snow in east, snow turning to rain in west portion tonight and Sunday. Rising temperature.

ROBS SAFE AND MAKES GETAWAY
Reward of \$5,000 Expected for Arrest—Highway Officers Furnished with Description.

Robbery and murder occurred while hundreds of people were passing to and fro in front of the store. Just a few minutes before the murder, Ansel had waved to a city patrolman as he passed by on his way to work and had chatted with the janitor.

Instant Death
The only shot fired from the .45 caliber revolver cleaved through Ansel's brain and emerged on the other side of the head, dropping to the floor, where officers later picked up. Death was instantaneous.

Easy Getaway
After looting the vault, the unknown killer calmly turned off the lights of the store and walked into the street to join the stream of pedestrians hurrying to and fro in a heavy snowstorm that struck Klamath Falls this morning. Ten minutes later a patrol of the store

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