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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Rain over the west and snow over the east and central portions tonight and Tuesday. Rising temperature over the interior.

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1928 RIDES
INTO VALLEY
ON BLIZZARDState Highways Difficult
to Travel, Drivers Are
Given WarningMERCURY CLIMBS
UP 49 DEGREESUnion Pacific Wreck Near
Oneonta and Weather
Conditions Result in
Late Trains.

The new year came into the Grande Ronde valley at midnight riding the crest of a wind that in some parts of the county, assumed the proportions of an old-fashioned blizzard, driving six inches of new snow and making roads extremely difficult to travel.

The weather had moderated considerably, although a low mark of eight below zero was registered for the night. During the first hours of 1928 the mercury began an upward climb that reached 40 above at 9:30 o'clock this morning—a 49-degree climb.

The minimum temperature here last night was 22 above and at 7:30 a. m. it was one degree above freezing point.

Highways Slippery
State highways over the valley and in Baker and in the Blue Mountains were barely passable yesterday. One motorist spent three hours going from North Powder to Union and others had similar experiences. The highway department shops here announced this morning that all state highways in this division are now open to travel but are very slippery, and motorists are warned to drive with extreme caution.

No serious accidents were reported over the week end.
Trains are running late today. No. 26, due about 2 a. m., did not arrive until 6 o'clock. No. 6, express, due at 8 a. m., arrived about No. 24, due at 1928, was scheduled to arrive at 1 p. m. The branch line train went out on time. No. 23 left two hours late last night, but was held up by the branch line car, the railroad reports.

WHIRL AT ONEONTA
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2 (AP)—Lashed by a heavy blizzard which showed no signs of abating this morning, wrecking crews of the Union Pacific railway were unable to make any progress in clearing away wreckage of passenger train No. 23, west bound, which was derailed at Oneonta, in the Columbia river gorge yesterday. The snow piled over cars and the two engines which left the track when the pilot hit a huge slide of ice and snow yesterday morning. More than 200 men were sent to the scene, but such was the severity of the blizzard that no progress was made until this morning.

Ninety passengers had narrow escapes in the crash which sent one engine hurtling down an incline and the other engine from the track on the opposite side.

Engineer Charles E. Theobald and Fireman Fred C. Warnke, both of Portland, driving the head engine, suffered most serious injuries.

Engineer C. E. Baughman and Fireman Elmer Williams, both of Portland, in the second engine, were killed.

Lillian E. Carver, a nurse, who was returning to Portland from a visit with a sister at Pendleton, suffered a fractured back and bruises. Dr. Fred Thompson, of The Dalles, was the first physician to reach the scene of the wreck after a battle with six inches of snow.

Theobald and Warnke were not moved yesterday. The other injured and the passengers were brought to Portland via Cello.

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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 La Grande Evening Observer.

Service

Christian Church
In Annual Meet;
Elects OfficersThe Rev. R. L. Putnam
Delivers the New Year
Sermon—Congregation
Joins in Potluck Dinner

The annual meeting of the Central Christian church was held yesterday at the church. During the morning hour of worship the pastor, the Rev. R. L. Putnam, gave his annual message, the subject of which was "Going Forward," and brought out the ways in which the church can go forward during the new year. Ways to progress in faith, devotion and prayer and evangelism were the points brought out by Dr. Putnam.

At noon all those attending the meeting joined in a potluck dinner in the dining room of the church and in the afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock the annual business session was held.

Elect Officers
Reports were heard from the various department heads and officers for the past year were given. Walter Price and Frank Munger were elected deacons; L. S. Weeks, D. W. Roberts and J. J. Halley, elders; Mrs. H. A. Thomas and Mrs. H. G. Vorn, deaconesses, and Mrs. L. M. Parker, clerk.

During the meeting the church decided to formulate a three-year program, leading up to 1930, which will be the celebration of Pentecost. The Rev. R. L. Putnam was selected as chairman of the program committee with the authority to choose his own committee members, after which he announced that the heads of each department would assist as members of the committee.

Building Problem.
The church building program was discussed, and the matter of appointing a committee to go ahead with the building program was left to the official board. This board will meet this evening at the church when the committee will be appointed.

Last evening a New Year's service was held at the church and was well attended. The pastor spoke on "The Art of Beginning Anew," saying that the New Year is of more value than the privilege of beginning life over again. He emphasized the right use of time and the opportunity of improving on mistakes and failures, bringing out that repentance is the safety valve of the soul.

Church Services
Well Attended
New Year's Day

Church programs yesterday were of unusual interest and were very well attended. For those who like good music there were programs of music in the afternoon and evening.

A "college night service" at the First Methodist Episcopal church last night attracted a large audience, consisting in a large part of students. Young people of the church who were home from college for the Christmas holidays participated in the program and the Epworth league officers were assisted by the Rev. H. W. Parker, pastor of the church.

The new officers of the league are: Kenneth O'Brien, president; Kenneth Owen, vice president; Mary Culp and Mary Lou Auer, second vice presidents; Robert Osterling, third vice president; Benjamin Osterling and Norman Stine, fourth vice presidents; Dorothy Brownson, treasurer and Roberta Davidson, secretary. Mrs. Dexter Mattson is counselor for the league.

The program consisted of a piano group by Miss Helen Williams, including a number of her own composition; a paper by Miss Lilieta Leighton about Willamette university, where she is attending school; a paper by Kenneth Owen for Glee Club; and a paper by Miss Jean Williams, who is a student at the University of Oregon, also a

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Joseph Bank Will
Pay Dividends Soon

JOSEPH, Ore., Jan. 2.—S. M. Lowe, trustee in charge of the First State Bank of Joseph, states that the bank is ready to pay a dividend. Application for permission to pay has been made to Judge J. W. Knowles and as soon as his answer comes, if favorable, the checks will be mailed out.

The bank will pay a dividend of 20 per cent at this time, according to Mr. Lowe.

Justice F. W. Wins

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 2 (AP)—Justice F. W. Wins, by William Daniel, Jockey P. Collett, Jr., won the \$5,000 added New Year's day handicap feature of the inaugural card at the fair grounds track today. Fly Hawk, Ruane and Saxton came in next in the order named. Arabian, War Eagle and Almadal also ran.

NEW BUILDING
IN LA GRANDE
\$873,660.00Biggest Total in City's
History, City Official's
Records RevealDECEMBER FIGURE
LISTED AS \$5400Two New Hotels, E. O. L.
& P. Co. Building and
Many Other Costly
Buildings Are Erected.

New construction in La Grande during the year of 1927 reached a new high figure, nearly 100 per cent more than the best preceding year which was 1924.

A check of the building permits books at City Recorder J. E. Stoum's office revealed that during the year \$873,660 was spent in new building.

Included in the year's permits were two for hotels, one for the six-story La Grande, at Fourth and Adams, which was opened to the public a few weeks ago, and another for the seven-story Sueda-Jawia Inn, which will be opened in the near future at the corner of Fourth and Fir. Other new buildings included the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company office building on Elm and many others, both in the business and residential sections.

Monthly Totals	The building permits by the month for 1927 follow:
January	\$10,500
February	\$25,015
March	\$27,500
April	\$125,000
May	\$5,000
June	\$37,725
July	\$1,255
August	\$2,325
September	\$2,325
October	\$2,325
November	\$15,430
December	\$5,400
Total	\$873,660

Dec. 1—Fred Tidwell, to build home on Lane between First and Second, \$1,800.

Dec. 2—Blue Mountain creamery, to repair business building on Washington between Fourth and Depot, \$100.

Dec. 3—Claude C. Pratt, to build business building on Cove between O.W. right of way and Depot, \$3,000.

Dec. 17—Claude C. Pratt, to repair home on Cove between O.W. right of way and Cherry, \$500.

LEGION MIDNIGHT
MATINEE PRAISEDMusic, Acting Dancing by
Local Talent Ushers in
New Year to City

A representative array of the musical, dramatic and terpsichorean talent of La Grande, appearing in nine varied and interesting acts, found favor before a New Year's audience that crowded the Arcade to capacity. Early New Year's morning when the American Legion successfully staged its second annual midnight matinee.

There was variety enough to please the most exacting, with a vein of fun and humor running through the entire program which included pleasing semi-classical and classical musical numbers, popular songs, readings, dancing numbers and clever skits. The Legion minstrels, occupying a major part of the program, won applause repeatedly for singing and comedy.

In this, the American Legion's second presentation of the kind which this year the legion voted to make a permanent affair, citizens of La Grande witnessed a leading community feature for future years as well.

The New Year's program began at 12:05 o'clock when Miss Leona Waldruff sang two selections, "One Meeting Hour" and "Charmaine". She was accompanied by Mrs. Parkinson, Dick Lindsey playing a violin obligato, May Elizabeth and Jeannette Cooper, two young sisters, violinists, who have a variety of "tricks up their sleeve" and violinists, who have a variety of "tricks up their sleeve" and violinists, who have a variety of "tricks up their sleeve".

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PROSPERITY
WILL REMAIN
SAY LEADERSNew Year Dawns Bright-
ly for American Business,
Survey Reveals1927 GOOD YEAR
ON WEST COASTSeason More Profitable in
Cattle, Sheep, Horses;
Outlook for Lumber Industry Is Uncertain.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (AP)—America has become such a highly developed, well balanced and efficiently co-ordinated economic organization that there should be little fear prosperity will continue undiminished, leaders of American industry have informed The Associated Press.

The composite business thought of the nation, as revealed in the annual symposium of business forecasts, indicates that in every section of the United States the major industries regard economic conditions as satisfactory and prospects for 1928 bright.

By Henry M. Robinson
(President, Los Angeles-First National Trust and Savings Bank)
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Generally speaking, 1927 has proven a prosperous year for the Pacific Southwest territory. An analysis of the items that influence the direction of business points to a continuance of this prosperity.

One of the most significant factors in the strength of banking and the credit situation: With bank deposits and resources of other financial institutions at high levels, business is assured of an ample supply of funds at reasonable rates for all legitimate enterprises.

Trading interests have had a good year, even though the gains have not been as rapid as was expected in former periods and though mercantile mortality has been somewhat larger than formerly. However, the conservative policy of merchants, the moderate stocks of goods and the increased attention to efficiencies in distribution are all favorable to a satisfactory record in the months immediately ahead.

The industrial outlook has been greatly strengthened by the recession of confidence of a number of important national manufacturing concerns in announcing large branch factories for this district.

While there is a declining tendency in building, due to an over-supply in some types of structures insofar as present needs are concerned, the comparatively small vacancy in other classes, the extensive proposals for highway and public improvements and the low money rates indicate a large construction program for the coming year.

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O. S. C. Alumni Head
Dies Of Paralysis

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 2 (AP)—Charles F. Knight, 52, president of Oregon State Agricultural alumni, died today at his home here, following a paralytic stroke. The funeral will be held here Tuesday in charge of the Masonic lodge.

Blizzard In Oregon Leaves Roads
Blocked—Silver Thaw In West

PORTLAND, Jan. 2 (AP)—Blocked highways, towns and communities isolated, wire service interrupted, trains delayed and buses stalled—these were some of the conditions this morning in the wake of a howling blizzard and deep snow that ushered in the new year in this vicinity. Relief was expected today with rising temperatures.

A blanket of sleet on top of about five inches of hard packed snow rendered travel conditions very difficult over a wide area. In Portland the Portland Electric Power company managed to maintain car service with delayed schedules on most of its lines. Street cleaning apparatus was kept busy removing drifts piled up by the swirling winds.

Bus Service Suspended
Bus service on the Columbia river highway had to be suspended yesterday because of snow and ice blockades between Corbett and Cascade Locks. Similar conditions prevailed on the Pacific highway between Portland and Kelso.

A silver thaw on the lower Columbia river highway stopped stage traffic for a while. Points in the Willamette valley were ice bound yesterday by the silver thaw but temperatures were rising this morning, with promise of relief.

Many automobiles were stalled and abandoned on roads, and in Portland hundreds of drivers were forced to leave their machines on

HICKMAN, HUNT CONFESS



Withy Hunt, upper, confessed accomplice of Edward Hickman, lower, in the murder of a druggist in a Los Angeles suburb; sketches illustrate highlights in Hickman's new confession. Upper, Hickman meets Hunt, December, 1926, and they hold up drug store in Los Angeles killing pharmacist. Center, the two boys go to San Francisco. Lower, armed with guns they held up two drug stores and a grocer's.

Cold Weather Is
General; Chicago
Has Many Deaths

CHICAGO, Jan. 2 (AP)—The cold weather which ushered in the new year today had overspread the entire country, except the Pacific slope and had resulted in more than two score deaths, disrupting transportation facilities and was blamed for three train wrecks in which four persons were killed.

Weather bureau forecasts indicated the cold would continue tomorrow and Wednesday although some relief was expected in the middle west. The lowest temperature reported last night was 31 degrees below zero at Bismarck, N. D., but temperatures under the zero mark were general from the Rocky mountains eastward to the Great Lakes, while freezing temperatures extended south into Florida and temperatures far below freezing reached to the Atlantic seaboard. Snow in the middle west tomorrow will probably further disrupt transportation already laboring through drifts.

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CITY SATURDAYW. E. Buchanan Home on
N. Avenue Is Damaged
Considerably by Flames

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But, that isn't about the last day of 1927, when seven alarms were answered in a few hours.

The most serious was at 8:20 p. m. Saturday when the W. E. Buchanan home at 504 N. Avenue caught fire, probably from a spontaneous combustion, the fire chief reports. Both chemicals and water were used to extinguish the flames, which did considerable damage to the interior of the home. Loss will approximate \$1,000 or more.

At 9:30 p. m. the department was called to the Buchanan home again when fire broke out for the second time. Three gallons of chemicals extinguished this blaze.

At 5:05 p. m. the truck was called to Young Brothers' coal yard at the corner of Jefferson and Elm and a fire caused by a defective fuse was put out. Damage here was slight and only chemicals were used.

Earlier in the afternoon the truck went to the H. E. Brady apartment at 1303 Third street where a small fire, caused by thawing out water pipes with a blow torch, was extinguished. Damage was slight.

At 4:10 p. m. the department put out a fire at the Grace Brown property at 607 Fourth street, also caused by thawing out water pipes with an open flame. The damage was also slight.

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Pittsburg and
Stanford Meet
In South TodayApproximately 70,000 Persons
Crowd Pasadena Bowl to Witness
Tournament of Roses Game

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 2 (AP)—The weather for the Pittsburg-Stanford football game here today promised today to be clear and cool when the teams take the field at 2:15 p. m. A fog that would lift later enshrouded the field early today.

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 2 (AP)—A powerful and unbeaten Pittsburg university football team, coached by Jack Sutherland and led and inspired by Captain Gibby Welch, today squared off against "Top" Warner's Stanford Cardinals, while approximately 70,000 persons prepared to pack themselves into the Rose Bowl here and witness the season's final contest.

A comparison of the teams on their players' media showed little advantage for either. In the kick-off department the Cardinals were considered the better generally, with Wilton, Hyland and Hoffman booting the leather. Stanford followers also saw no chance of the Pennsylvania team coming out ahead in the passing battle. Here again Hoffman was a star, weighing in on his school's track and field teams, was due to shine. The big back ran throw the ball with remarkable distance and accuracy. Practically all his backfield teammates also are proficient at tossing passes. Hagan and Welch do the Pitt aerial stuff. The veteran Stanford line was considered as the equal of the opponents on offensive and defensive. While the invaders have with them the "great Gibby," supporters of the Palo Alto outfit

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Four Killed and
Several Injured
In Trolley Crash

MARIETTA, Ga., Jan. 2 (AP)—Four persons were killed and several injured today when two inter-urban cars collided on the Atlanta-Marietta electric line, near Glover's station, one and one-half miles from here.

The Georgia Power company, which operates the inter-urban line, reported that a northbound passenger trolley and a shop car crashed head-on. The passenger car was telescoped.

The reported dead: Mrs. Cleveland White, Marietta.
Mrs. W. A. McIntyre, Marietta.
Luther Humes, motorman on the northbound car.
Mr. Hudson of Gilmer station.

The five marine deaths bring the corps' total since last May to approximately 20 with about as many wounded in clashes with Nicaraguans, variously identified as members of the liberal party army and as bandits and rebels since peace was declared between the liberal and conservative forces. On the other side of the ledger, the marines and the Nicaraguan national guard have accounted for the death of several hundred natives in scores of minor and major clashes.

San Salvador Is
Host To Colonel
Lindbergh Today

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 2 (AP)—The inhabitants of the smallest Central American republic today turned from welcoming the advent of a new year to awaiting the coming of an ambassador of good will, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

After spending today here Lindbergh is expected to fly 140 miles to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, less than thirty miles north of the section of Nicaragua where U. S. marines are engaged in a seven-month campaign against rebels. From Tegucigalpa to Managua, Nicaragua, his route by air lies passes over this district and he had been warned to fly high or make a detour to avoid rifle and machine gun fire. Lindbergh landed here at 9:15 and was greeted by a great throng.

Miss Gleitz Fails
To Swim Straits

TANGIER, Morocco, Jan. 2 (AP)—Miss Mercedes Gleitz, the London girl who started her second attempt at midnight to swim the straits of Gibraltar was sighted off Tarifa early today having covered half the distance between here and Gibraltar.

She abandoned the 27-mile attempt late today.

LONDON WOMAN TRYING
To Swim Straits

LONDON, Jan. 2 (AP)—An Exchange telegraph dispatch from Tangier says that Miss Millie Hodson, London typist, entered the water at 10:45 a. m. today in an attempt to swim the Strait of Gibraltar. The sea was calm and conditions good.

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SENDS MORE
MARINES TO
NICARAGUASailing Orders Given for
Company of Five Officers
and 150 MenFIVE KILLED IN
FRIDAY BATTLEBrings Total Deaths to 20
with Several Hundred
Rebels on Other Side of
Ledger.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 2 (AP)—One American marine was killed and five wounded in a fight with the rebel forces of General Sandino yesterday afternoon while marching to reinforce the marine garrison at Quilich, near which a sanguinary battle was fought on Friday.

After sharp skirmish, the rebels were defeated and fled to the mountains.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—More marines were under sailing orders today for Nicaragua, a battleground that for years has claimed the blood of Americans and natives who have clashed in pitched battles.

Orders for five officers and 150 marines to sail from New York soon on the Chateau Thierry, evidently issued some days ago, were made public late last night at marine headquarters on the heels of news that the corps had suffered the most serious battle losses of its long Nicaraguan campaign—five dead and 23 wounded in an engagement Friday with rebels commanded by General Sandino.

No Official Report

The marine headquarters announcement said the new sailing had been ordered "secretly" and there was no indication that it was inspired by the latest battle. The navy department itself was without an official report of the fight until some hours after receipt of press dispatches. Whether the 150 marines will serve as replacements or reinforcements also was not clear.

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Before the Friday engagement the most serious battle was on July 16 when the marines by land and air beat off an attack by General Sandino at Ocotal. At that time one marine was killed and another wounded but 30 rebels were killed, 200 of them falling under a rain of bombs and machine gun bullets from marine planes.

Trouble Since 1912

The marines went to Nicaragua in force December, 1926, after negotiations had been made during the one year since 1912 that found the country clear of American soldiers.

The occupation that began in 1912 during one of the country's most violent revolutions, ended in 1925. In May, 1926, marines and blue-shirts returned to Bluefields when the recent revolt broke out. They landed there again in August of that year, returning for a long campaign in December when a liberal-conservative war assumed serious proportions.

The December, 1926, landing followed the insistent plea of President Diaz, the conservative, for American intervention and his declaration that he could not adequately protect Americans and their interests. He also suggested the retention of marines to supervise