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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy east and central and probably rain over west portion tonight and Tuesday. Moderate temperature.

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900 ATTEND
CONCERT BY
LOCAL BANDOpening of Mid-Winter
Series Pack Arcade
to CapacityVARIED PROGRAM
WIDELY PRAISEDSeveral Encores Demanded
by Audience—Recital
Opens with "Operatic
Masterpieces"

That La Grande's favorite language is music—the music of its own municipal band—was demonstrated again here yesterday afternoon when an audience, estimated at 900, packed the Arcade theater to listen to the first concert of the mid-winter series. Those who came after the hour of 4 o'clock yesterday found "standing room only" and were crowded.

Playing an interesting and varied program that included a number of numbers, the band, led by its director, Andrew Loney Jr., received an enthusiastic reception, responding to applause three times with encores. There was a finish and a bonus, an attention to the intricacies of shading and interpretation yesterday that evoked comment time and again and bespoke the ability of the director and his musicians.

A potpourri of "Operatic Masterpieces," as pleasantly varied arrangements by Sarracini, began the program and was played with skill and markedly individual interpretation of the several operatic arias, including the more familiar "Lacrymose" from "L'Elisir d'Amour" and the well known song from "Samson and Dalila," which were presented. Characteristic "Pep" by Anderson, was lighter and was played with a zeal that befitted the eccentric turns and twists it took.

An organ-like quality was manifested by the band in its interpretation of "The Last Chord," a magnificent crescendo, perfectly timed, thrilled the listeners when Sullivan's familiar song was played. Eleanor McManis played its incidental concert solo.

A trio from "Aida," Verdi, opened the second half of the hour, with Harry Ostland, trombone, Guy McMillan, baritone, and Andrew Loney, cornet, playing the selection, accompanied softly by the band. "In a Clock Store," by Orff, made a hit with the younger listeners that were much in evidence. It is a descriptive fantasia with a rollicking rhythm and tuncful melody.

CASH REGISTER
STOLEN FROM
CREAMERY CO.

A robber, who does a thing up right, was active in La Grande during Saturday night or early Sunday morning—and the police are frankly puzzled.

Whoever it was that committed the theft entered the Blue Mountain creamery building through a small window and departed with the cash register, said to be worth more than \$200. Inside the cash register was approximately \$125 in change.

The register is too heavy for small boys to handle and a professional would have had no trouble in opening it, police believe. The register was not stolen for itself, either, they say, pointing out that a part of the side of the register was left and that bits of porcelain found showed that it had been damaged.

The police also report that an attempt was made to enter the Ladies Exchange but that the would-be intruder failed to gain an entrance.

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 convincing interested readers of the value of the same. The 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"

Clint Haynes Is
Elected Head Of
Peace OfficersConstitution and By-Laws
Adopted—Delegates En-
joy Luncheon at the La
Grande Hotel.

Police Chief Clint Haynes, of La Grande, was elected president of the Eastern Oregon Peace Officers' Co-Operative association, meeting here this afternoon just before The Observer went to press.

Election of a vice president, a secretary-treasurer and appointment of committeemen was underway.

Chief Haynes, who with Amos Helms, deputy sheriff, took a leading part in the organization of the association, was nominated for the presidency along with Sheriff Henry McKelvey, of Baker.

When the votes were counted the successful candidate had 16 votes to Mr. McKelvey's nine.

The association opened its second meeting here this morning shortly after 10 o'clock in the municipal building and the morning was taken up with adoption of by-laws and a constitution.

At noon the 25 delegates present, consisting of judges, sheriffs and deputies, policemen, district attorneys and other peace officers, went to the La Grande hotel where they enjoyed a luncheon.

The meeting will probably end late this afternoon. Among other business to be transacted is the setting of a date and place for the next session.

NORTH HIGHWAY
OPEN TO TRAVELColumbia Gorge, How-
ever, Still Blocked with
Ice and Snow, Report

The North Bank highway leading into Portland is now open to traffic, according to word received at the state highway offices here last night. The highway on this side of the river is now open as far as Cascade Locks and traffic is asked to go that far on the Columbia River highway and cross the river there, taking the North Bank highway on into Portland.

The work of removing snow is going ahead on the Columbia River highway, but it will be several days before the road will be open, according to reports received here.

All highways in this section of the state are open and in good condition. Oscar Cutler, highway maintenance engineer here, said this morning.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 9. (AP)—Rotary snow plows were battling today to clear the Columbia highway between Crown Point and Cascade Locks. Meantime traffic through the Columbia gorge is possible between Portland and Hood River, via the North Bank highway and the Bridge of the Gods.

County authorities are making surveys of the snow drifts to devise plans to prevent recurrence of the blockade in future years.

Following a balmy Sunday there was a freeze here last night. Moderate temperature and rain is promised.

County Prisoners
Working With Saws

Cross-cut saws are humming merrily on the county court house grounds where beginning this morning county prisoners were put to work sawing county logs. County Judge U. G. Couch expects that the work will continue for about 15 or 20 days, working two or three prisoners on a morning shift and two or three in the afternoon.

The work is used mainly for the county's charity department. This morning's shift went to work with vigor and apparently enjoyed the morning breezes and blue sky.

Lostine Gun Club
Elects Officers

LOSTINE, Jan. 9. (Special)—The Rod and Gun club met Friday evening in the bank building here, when officers for the ensuing year were elected. Roy Saxat was elected president; Fred Edwards, secretary; Mike Crow, treasurer; and Sanford Chapman, sergeant at arms.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Bowman to use the amusement hall every Monday evening for an indoor shoot.

Tariff Change Is
Held Unlikely Now

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. (AP)—The administration will not sanction a revision of the tariff act for at least two years, Chairman Stuart of the senate finance committee declared today in the senate as Senator McMaster, republican, South Dakota was pressing his resolution to declare the senate in favor of immediate lowering of rates.

PRE-EASTER
BIBLE STUDY
WORK BEGINSChurches of City Well At-
tended Sunday—205 at
Christian MeetingEPISCOPALS GIVE
EPIPHANY PAGEANTJunior Service of Worship
After Sunday School is
Inaugurated at Lutheran
Church.

The city's church services yesterday were full of interest and were well attended. The pre-Easter program was presented by the Rev. R. L. Patnam at the Central Christian yesterday morning, which will include simultaneous Bible reading, which will be included in the pre-Easter program of all Protestant churches, friendly visitation among the members of the church, a church membership campaign, and a silent evangelistic crusade, which will occupy the time from now until Easter Sunday.

In the Simultaneous Bible reading the book of Matthew will be studied during January, and the book of John during February. 205 at Bible School.

Two hundred and five attended the Bible school at the Christian church yesterday. In the evening at 6:20 o'clock the organization of the Senior Christian Endeavor society was completed and the following officers were elected: Elmer Miller, president; Miss Annetta Johnson, vice president; Miss Gertrude Wagoner, secretary; and Leslie White, treasurer.

The pastor's theme in the evening was "The Religion of the Bible" in which he endeavored to show that the Christian religion is a matter of progressive development. Tuesday evening the monthly Bible school conference will be held at that church for all teachers, assistant teachers, and officers of the school, and on Wednesday evening the church orchestra will practice at the parsonage.

Special Bible study was also started in the First Presbyterian.

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Mr. Williams' To
Take Presidency
Of Association

Sherwood Williams left Saturday for Portland where this coming Friday, Jan. 13, he will be installed as president of the Northwest Association of Real Estate Boards when the organization meets for its annual mid-winter banquet. T. W. Zimmerman will be re-installed as secretary of the organization. The banquet is to be held at the Multnomah hotel Friday night and will be presided over by J. W. Wheeler, of Seattle, retiring president.

Mr. Williams' picture appeared yesterday in the Sunday Oregonian, accompanying an article about the mid-winter meeting. Mrs. Williams accompanied him to Portland.

Chamber Resumes
Tuesday Luncheons

Joe T. Longfellow will be the speaker tomorrow noon at the chamber of commerce forum luncheon at the Sommer hotel which will be the first since the Christmas vacation. In addition to Mr. Longfellow, talk Tom Bruce will sing. Immediately following the luncheon there will be a meeting of the finance committee of the chamber.

Wallowa Wins Exciting Basketball
Contest By Rally in Last Period

A veteran Wallowa High school basketball team defeated La Grande last night in the La Grande hall Saturday night 15 to 16. The victory was a surprise, as the Wallowa team had lost to the La Grande team in the previous game. The victory came as the result of a four-point rally in the last period, after the Tigers had led most of the other three quarters.

Although both teams were missing the basket most of the time, the floor work throughout was fast and the game resulted in more than usual thrills for the 500 spectators who witnessed the contest.

No scores were made during the first few minutes of the game but in the last of the quarter both teams began to hit the hoop and at the beginning of the second, La Grande led 6 to 2. The Tigers kept their advantage and at half time were leading 11 to 7.

In the third quarter Wallowa appeared stronger both in floor work and basket shooting, and scored four points to La Grande's two. The last quarter was nip and tuck, Wallowa finally winning out a victory a short time before the tiger's gun sounded.

Wallowa's team included only one new player, Lloyd Crawford, Pacey, and Sarrett having one or more seasons of first team playing. On the other hand La Grande has only one veteran from last year, Stoddard. The other members of the squad being more or less new to the game.

The Tigers showed some fast, although at times erratic, teamwork and fans are predicting that before the tournament comes, La Grande will be a contender.

Score by Quarters:

Quarter	Wallowa	La Grande
1st	2	4
2nd	3	4
3rd	6	2
4th	4	3
Total	15	16

Scoring: Wallowa, field baskets: Lloyd E. Johnson; Crawford; points after foul: Johnson 2, Pacey, Sarrett 2; La Grande, field baskets: Hubbard, Braden 4, C. Wolfe, points after foul: Hubbard 2, Braden, Stoddard.

Referee: Foggate, of Walla Walla.

Lindbergh Lands
On Panama Soil
This AfternoonFlies from Costa Rica to
Field Named in His
Honor—Golden Key to
Be Given Lone Eagle

PANAMA, Jan. 9. (AP)—Lindbergh's plane was sighted over Camp Lindbergh at 1:45 p. m. (eastern standard time). He landed safely at 1:51 p. m.

SAN JOSE COSTA RICA, Jan. 9. (AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh hopped off on the last lap of his Central American tour at 3:45 a. m. central standard time for Panama.

The American flier's goal is an airline distance of 210 miles. At Panama the flier will decide definitely what route to follow on his coming visit to Havana, Cuba, where the Pan-American conference will be in session.

Col. Lindbergh, who met with enthusiasm everywhere in Central America, was on the field early this morning preparing for the hop to Panama. He arrived at the Salama flying field at 6 o'clock and carefully studied maps of the territory over which his flight carried him.

PANAMA, Jan. 9. (AP)—Pina field was so constructed that Charles A. Lindbergh could land on Panamanian soil today. There were suggestions that the field be named Campo Lindbergh on the flier's arrival from San Jose, Costa Rica.

The city was gay with flags, banners and bunting and thousands feverishly awaited the coming of the lone eagle.

A golden key to the city was turned out in record time by goldsmiths born in the isthmus.

One of the army fliers appointed to escort Lindbergh was Robert W. Douglas, Jr., of Memphis, Tenn., who was a classmate of Lindbergh at Kelly field.

Semester Exams To
Be Given Wednesday

Final review work is being completed today and tomorrow at the high school in preparation for the semester tests which will be given all day Wednesday, according to Principal E. D. Towler. Some exemptions are to be made. An examination of the regular hour periods of the classes. Students with exemptions are not required to report Wednesday and all students are excused Thursday and Friday when teachers will be busy grading papers and completing reports. An assembly will be held at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon when report cards will be distributed.

Aged Man Hit By
Train and Killed

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 9. (AP)—Harry H. Haskins, 70, was killed instantly at 11:39 Sunday morning when the engine of the northbound Cascade limited train of the Southern Pacific struck him near North.

Haskins was walking to town with a basket of eggs and witnesses said that he walked in front of the approaching train at a grade crossing, apparently neither seeing nor hearing it. He lived alone and is said to have three brothers, Henry, Charles and Thomas Haskins, in Baker, and a stepson in Eugene, Coroner Brandtetter, who investigated, said the accident was unavoidable on the part of the trainmen.

Children Sleep;
Rock Wrecks Home

PONTIAC, Mich., Jan. 9. (AP)—Three sound sleepers live in this little Glamorgan village. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jenkins.

When a ton-ton boulder speeding down a 150-foot hill crashed into their home and bounded through the kitchen the three children continued to dream. They did not awake until their parents rushed in expecting to find them dead. The house was completely wrecked, no one was hurt.

Six Burn to Death
In California Fire

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 9. (AP)—Death of six members of a family of nine, in a fire yesterday morning at a ranch home in the Pacific district near here, came as one of the most gruesome week-end tragedies in Central California. Those who lost their lives were K. Trask, 48, vineyardist; his wife, two sons and two daughters. Three other children tried ineffectively to rescue their parents, brothers and sisters.

WITH THE DEVIL DOGS IN NICARAGUA



(NEA Service, Washington Bureau)
In the thick of it was this band of scrapping U. S. marines, pictured here during a lull in the fighting with Nicaraguan bandits at Nueva Segovia. Their leader is Captain Victor Bleasdale who is crouched in the front row third from left.

Marines Living
Up To Tradition;
15 Get Citations

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 9. (AP)—Citations for gallantry revealed today that American marines had lived up to the best traditions of the corps famous for intrepid fighting. The citations told of personal courage under withering machine gun fire when the marines captured Quilich, stronghold of the rebel General Augustin Sandino on Dec. 29.

Sandino, the self-styled "wild head of the mountains" is now believed to be lurking in a mine three miles from El Chipote. A body-guard of 20 picked men and four boys who have been specially trained to shoot at his request surround him.

The rebel leader, whose official documents bear a seal showing a rebel soldier beheading a marine, is said to escape through Honduras or down the Coco river to the Caribbean, if hard pressed.

The 23-year-old general, who was formerly a clerk in an ammunition mine which he captured and destroyed, has recanted his law providing the death penalty for the man that sold liquor and the burning of her property for any woman found guilty.

Six officers, two non-commissioned officers and seven privates in the marines and three navy pharmacists mates were cited for gallantry in action in the capture of Quilich by Colonel Louis Mason Gulick, commanding the marines in Nicaragua. Three Nicaraguans, members of the national guard, also were cited.

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SHEEP VALUED
AT A MILLION
DIE IN OREGON

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 9. (AP)—Over \$1,000,000 worth of sheep have died in Oregon in the last year, and losses also have been heavy in Idaho, from a form of paralysis caused by improper food and water and lack of water during the cold season, according to reports received by Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian. Auto-intoxication is said to be one symptom of the disease.

Dr. Lytle has advised sheep men to increase the concentrate food, decrease coarse substances and to give the sheep warm water at least once a day during severe weather. He also advises watching the animals at least three miles daily.

American Escapes
From Mex Bandits

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 9. (AP)—Lynman F. Barber, American mining man, whose home is in Los Angeles has escaped from the bandits who had been holding him prisoner for ransom ever since he was kidnaped Dec. 17.

Barber, made desperate when he overheard the chieftain of the band say that he would be killed on Tuesday unless a ransom of \$15,000 was paid, attacked his guards on Saturday night, overpowered and killed four of them with stones and bottles for weapons.

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Revolting Crime
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The father, Robert Pitts, 35, said his housekeeper killed the girl while he was away from his farm. In an unfinished confession he accused the woman of putting the baby through a long course of torture the officers declared. He said that she held the baby over a stove until its back was blistered and scorched and then when the wounds had partly healed, rubbed salt and turpentine into them and later tried twice to throw the baby in the barn. He declared the woman did this because she feared the baby's mother, who had left Pitts, might return.

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Europeans Held By
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The letters complained bitterly of indifference of European troops which are within striking distance of Santosh to the captives plight.

Olmstead Answers
Burchhardt Action

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Olmstead denied that any act of his while director or president contributed to the closing of the bank or loss of stockholders. He asserted the bank was solvent when he resigned as president and director Feb. 25, 1927, and was succeeded by G. L. Price, trustee of the H. L. Pittcock estate.

Husband, Wife Both
Admit Firing Shot

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