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THE WEATHER OREGON: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday, probably rain on the coast. Moderate temperature. Fresh southerly winds.

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CONDITIONS IN BANKING SAID GOOD

Local Financial Institutions Hold Annual Stockholders' Meetings

U. S. BANK ELECTS SAME OFFICIALS

La Grande National Bank Organization Session Is Tonight—Other Meetings Are Held.

Five annual stockholders' meetings were held in La Grande last night and this morning...

Predicts Good Year Reports about the meetings of both banks were that conditions are very satisfactory...

At the meeting of the United States National bank the same directors and officers were elected...

The same board of directors were also elected at the meeting of the La Grande National bank...

The officers and board of directors of the Union County Investment company will meet for organization...

Wonderland Meeting Three directors of the Wallowa Wonderland, Inc., were elected last night...

Rob Grocery of Gum, Cash, Cigarettes Another robbery was reported to the police last night...

CARRYING PART OF THE LOAD Securing a reader's attention and maintaining his interest is the chief requisite of successful advertising...

K. of P. Installs New Lodge Heads Officers of the Knights of Pythias lodge were installed last evening...

Improving Railroad Yards Coal Chute Extensive improvements, costing around \$1,000, are being made on the O.-W. yards coal chute...

PIANIST IN SALEM SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—Miss Winifred Byrd, among the known American pianists, arrived last night from New York to visit her father, Dr. W. H. Byrd, who is seriously ill at his home here.

Baker Sheriff Vice President Of Association

Peace Officers of Eastern Oregon End Session Here—Will Meet in Baker on March 12.

Following the election of Police Chief Clint Haynes, of La Grande, as president yesterday afternoon, the members of the Eastern Oregon Peace Officers Co-Operative association elected Sheriff Henry McKinney, of Baker county, as vice president...

Three men were nominated for two positions on the executive committee, Sheriff Cookingham, of Ematilla county, Sheriff Jesse Breshers, of La Grande, and District Attorney E. M. Blodgett, of Malheur county...

Following the election several talks, mostly dealing with crime prevention, were given by the following men: Judge C. M. Humphreys, of La Grande; Leland S. Finch, of Baker; George Cochran, of La Grande; Walter Lansing and Jay Soltzman, of The Dalles; Sheriff Breshers, of La Grande; Sheriff McKinney, of Baker; Chief Haynes, and Deputy Sheriff Helms, of La Grande.

Mr. Humphreys presided yesterday at the opening of the new president and before adjournment it was decided that the next meeting of the association will be held Mar. 12 in Baker.

Several men prominent in Oregon peace officers' circles were elected to honorary charter membership of the newly formed association. Among these are the following: T. A. Ruffalo, in charge of the state traffic officers, and George Alexander, chief prohibition enforcement agent, of Salem; Traffic Officer Alonzo L. Dunn, of Tillamook; George A. Herbert, of Baker; ex-Sheriff Lee Warnick, of La Grande; Traffic Officer Harold Howard, of St. Helens; J. H. McLaughlin and J. P. P. P. of La Grande; Ed Wood, chief of O. W. special agents, of Portland; and Fred Hinchart, of Enterprise.

Yesterday's business meetings were held in the municipal building and at noon the officers lunched at the La Grande hotel.

Claims Against Lumber Company Are Heard Today

Claims against the Blue Mountain Lumber company, now in the hands of a receiver, were heard today in court before Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles. Testimony of the several claimants was heard most of the day...

That the assets of the Blue Mountain Lumber company are mostly in timber lands, scattered around Medical Springs and other sections of this district, and are mortgaged, complicates the settlement among the claimants and the fact that the Blue Mountain Lumber company owns all of the stock of the Central Railroad of Oregon, adds to the complications. It is said, A. W. Middleton was not present and the judge issued a bench warrant for his apprehension.

No Truth in Rumor Dr. Landis Is Ill

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—Rumors emanating from La Grande, where he formerly resided, that he had suffered a stroke of paralysis were denied today by Dr. R. P. Landis, of Portland. He said the first he heard of the rumor was last Saturday when a patient came to his office and reported that she had heard it in La Grande. Later a letter and telephone call came to Dr. Landis from La Grande, making inquiries concerning the report.

Dr. Landis at his office today gave the following statement to the Associated Press which made inquiries at the request of the La Grande Evening Observer: "Concerning the erroneous current report of my alleged physical disability I have only to say that I am enjoying the same wonderful health I had in La Grande and am not anticipating nor contemplating anything different. If all my good friends and patients feel as well as I do I would change my occupation tomorrow."

Several visitors from Union were present for the meeting, including James Webb, the Rev. H. C. Lee and Mr. Bieder. After the installation several members of the Pythian Sister temple, wives of the new K. P. officers, served refreshments.

C. R. HIBBERD APPEAL NOT SUCCESSFUL

Judge J. W. Knowles' Decision Is Affirmed by Supreme Court

JUSTICE BROWN GIVES OPINION

Petition for Rehearing in Crosland vs. Sloan Case from Union County Is Not Granted.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—Decisions handed down by the state supreme court this morning included:

State of Oregon vs. C. R. Hibberd, appellant; appeal from Union county; appeal from conviction on larceny charge. Opinion by Justice Brown. Judge J. W. Knowles affirmed.

Petitions for rehearing were denied in the Crosland vs. Sloan case from Union county.

C. R. Hibberd was convicted in circuit court here and was sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary, whereupon he filed an appeal in the supreme court.

EDUCATION TOPIC AT FORUM LUNCH

J. T. Longfellow Explains Problems That Confront Present Day Schools

J. T. Longfellow, superintendent of La Grande schools, was the speaker at today's forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce at the Sommer hotel grill, and gave an extremely interesting talk, using as his subject "Why and What We Teach" as applying to elementary and secondary education.

Mr. Longfellow explained the problems that are facing educators of today, pointing out the fact that the preceding generations color education to a certain extent and that the educator must not only understand the reasons for this, but must also anticipate their educational needs as referring to the future.

His discussion was more or less technical and during his talk he declared that the main objective of educators today is to turn out a "worthy citizenship". He is optimistic of the progress made in the last 10 years.

Secretary Committee President J. E. Coe, who announced that he had selected members of a committee to superintend the coming election of directors, Oscar Warnock is chairman and the other members are Dr. H. S. Brown and William Siegrest.

Tommy Bruce sang "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" and "Soft Is Ended" as an encore. He was accompanied by Robert Gault at the piano. Mr. Bruce's songs met with very generous applause.

The luncheon today was the first since the holidays.

Thompson Resigns Position in Bank

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP)—W. L. Thompson resigned today as vice president of the First National bank and E. B. McNaughton was elected to succeed him.

Thompson has been director and vice president of the bank since Aug. 1919, prior to that time having been for 20 years president and controlling stockholder of the American National bank at Pendleton, Ore. Thompson stated he was resigning as vice president in order to devote more time to supervision of the Columbia River Packers' association, Inc., a salmon packing company, with headquarters at Astoria, which is controlled by him.

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Laying Carpets In Seven-Story Sacajawea Inn

Seattle Men Are Engaged in Hanging of Draperies—Interior Decoration Near Completion.

With the laying of carpets and hanging of draperies well under way, and with furniture in the building ready for placing, work on the Sacajawea Inn which is being built by Julius Roesch, is rapidly nearing completion. H. D. Burlington and Ed. M. Barnes, of Seattle, are in La Grande, representing the W. H. Bohlenkamp company of this city, and are hanging draperies. Their work is expected to require about a week for finishing.

Laying of carpets has now been finished on the third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors, and will be begun tomorrow on the seventh. Laying of the dining room carpet was done today.

Decoration of the walls and ceiling of the lobby and mezzanine is also nearing completion, and many of the light fixtures have been installed.

Mack White To Pay \$200 Fine In Liquor Case

Mack White pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawful transportation of liquor this morning when he was arraigned before Judge Hugh E. Brady in the justice court and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and costs.

He failed to pay the fine and was committed to the county jail, where he has been since Saturday when he was arrested by Sheriff Jesse Breshers and his deputy, Hugo Klinghammer, who say they found three gallons of moonshine whiskey in his possession. One gallon of the whiskey was broken when the arrest was made and the other two were confiscated by the officers.

Mercury Climbs To 50 Above In City

La Grande had a touch of spring weather yesterday when a sharp and a warm wind resulted in a maximum temperature of 50 degrees. This is the warmest day since November, 1927.

Snow has practically all melted in the Grande, Rodeo valley and on this side of the Blue Mountains. Motorists report, however, that Ematilla county is still in the grip of hoars, with a considerable amount of snow and colder weather.

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LONE EAGLE FINDS HEART OF PANAMA

Colonel Lindbergh Is Honored as a Modern Conquistador by Citizens

RECEPTION GIVEN HIM BY PRESIDENT

First Lady's Grandson, Born Yesterday, Will Be Named in Honor of Daring American Flier

PANAMA, Jan. 10 (AP)—Where Balboa waded ashore to discover an isthmus the Lone Eagle descended from the clouds to discover the heart of the people. Panama today honored Col. Charles A. Lindbergh as a modern conquistador.

His face burned from his flights under a tropical sun, Lindbergh smiled and shook hands and bowed graciously before the flier's reputation for modesty and personal charm that preceded him and won for him the title of ambassador of good will.

Attired in a wrinkled blue suit, Lindbergh attended President Child's reception.

"He is charming and we love him," the president's wife said. She added that her grandson born a few hours before the flier's arrival had been named Rodolfo Ramon Lindbergh de Parades.

"It was an honor to have a grandson born on that day," President Child said. "My daughter had wished it so."

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 10 (AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh has declined the gift of a fund collected for him in Sweden by Svenska Dagbladet, Stockholm daily newspaper. He suggested the money be used for a fund worthy of the Swedish air men.

Spriet Russia May Banish L. Trotsky

LONDON, Jan. 10 (AP)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Riga, Latvia says telegrams from Moscow state that soviet government has decided to banish Leon Trotsky. They also state that Karl Redek, Gregor Zinoviev, Christian Rakovsky, the other leaders of the opposition will also be banished because of their counter revolutionary activities.

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Electric Chair Hangs Over Two Women In East

Mrs. Snyder, Condemned to Die, Gives Up Hope—Velma West, Not Yet Tried, Expects Death

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—Governor Al Smith today denied the pleas of Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray for a stay of execution.

PAINESVILLE, O., Jan. 10 (AP)—Fear of the electric chair hangs over pretty Velma West as she spends her time nervously in her cell in the county jail.

The widow of Thomas Edward West, young nursery man of Perry, Ohio, beaten to death with a hammer last month, talks continually of her horror of electrocution and at night she cannot sleep, Sheriff Rasmussen says.

The sheriff, fearing she might attempt to harm herself, placed her under special guard last night. She became very nervous when the county grand jury convened yesterday to consider the first degree murder charge against her.

MRS. SNYDER GIVES UP NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—Apparently resigned to death in the electric chair Thursday night, Mrs. Ruth Snyder has told her mother she would like to die in her own black silk gown.

Mrs. Josephine Brown said her daughter had told her she was tired of the course, cotton and gingham clothing she had been forced to wear since her confinement to Sing Sing prison and would like to wear her silk garments once again if only for her execution.

Warden Lawes, however, indicated the condemned woman would not be granted her wish. He explained the family would have nothing to say about what she would wear and that probably Mrs. Snyder would don for her execution the same kind of gingham home dress she has been wearing, except that the color would be black.

Resigned to Death Mrs. Brown, after a visit to her daughter during which both wept, told the warden her daughter was resigned to death.

"Ruth is blue," she said. "She has given up hope and is preparing for the end. She expects no clemency from the governor."

Henry Judd Gray, her paramour, who also is scheduled to die on Thursday for his part in the murder of the woman's husband, has made final preparations for death.

Gray made a will in which, it is understood, he made his wife, Mrs. Isabelle Gray, and his 16-year-old daughter, Jane, his sole beneficiaries.

Warden Lawes said that both prisoners were bearing up well under the strain. Gray, he said, was perfectly normal both mentally and physically. And Mrs. Snyder although highly nervous and incessantly weeping, was normal mentally.

Governor Smith, upon whose clemency rests virtually their only hope of reprieve, has declined to discuss the case, saying: "I talk about that when I'm good and ready."

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Frank Hagenbarth, President of Association, Sounds Warning

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