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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and Thursday, freezing temperatures tonight in the interior, fresh easterly winds.

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STATE ROAD
SHOPS MOVE
TO NEW HOMEHighway Division "Open
for Business" Today in
East Adams QuartersMOVE FURNITURE
LAST TWO DAYSFive Buildings, Erected at
Cost of Nearly \$40,000,
Give Department Ade-
quate Housing

Today the Eastern Oregon division of the state highway department began activities in the new shops which have just been completed. The new buildings are located on Adams avenue about ten blocks east of the former location in the La Grande National Bank building.

The change of location marks an epoch in the history of the highway offices. The headquarters were first moved to La Grande Oct. 1, 1920, eight years ago. Before that the Eastern Oregon highway department was centralized at headquarters in two Eastern Oregon towns, Baker and Pendleton. These offices were consolidated and the one was located in La Grande.

H. G. Smith, division engineer of the Eastern Oregon division, began his activity in this city Sept. 1, 1928. He took the place of R. H. Baldock, who held the position up to that time.

Busy Moving Equipment
The officials at the local office have been busy during the past two days moving and arranging the equipment in the spacious new offices.

A considerable amount of new furniture has been received for installation and some has not yet arrived. The new equipment will include three desks, six modern filing units, 12 new chairs, and two tables.

The offices have hardwood floors which eliminate the necessity of using linoleum or other covering on the floor.

Routine Work Starts
Oscar Taylor, of the highway commission, is supervising the moving and installation process. The work of sorting out the numerous collections of material which have been accumulated during the past several years, will take a week or more to complete, Mr. Taylor says.

Although the furniture and equipment is not all in order yet, the routine work of the department is continuing.

Five buildings, make up the new headquarters of the department, built at cost of nearly \$40,000. W. E. Kelley was contractor. Three are frame buildings and two consist mainly of brick.

K. P. OFFICERS
ELECTED FOR
COMING YEAR

The Knights of Pythias today held election of officers Monday night. Don L. Gally was elected chancellor commander. The other officers include the following: Vice chancellor, Wesley McDonald; president, Fred Allen; master of ceremonies, Arthur Jones; keeper of records and seal, H. E. Byers; master of exchequer, C. K. McCormick; master of work, H. L. Steneking; inner guard, W. H. Shira; outer guard, J. A. McArthur; trustees, Walter Jones and Dr. H. W. Riley.

With the election Monday C. L. Graham ended nine and a half years of service to the lodge in the capacity of keeper of records and seal.

First Ice Skating
Party Last Night

About 40 ice skaters initiated the Dutch pond in La Grande last night for the first big ice skating party of the year. The pond is sponsored by the Athletic club of the Union Pacific system.

The ice is in fairly good shape, said Jimmy Rosenbaum, of the local O. W. R. & N. railroad. "At our earliest opportunity we expect to flood it to make an even smoother surface," he said.

WEATHER TODAY
7:28 a. m.—9 above.
Minimum: 7 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 27, minimum 8 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER DEC. 5, 1928
Maximum 48, minimum 29 above.
Condition: Rain 12 of inch, two inches snow.

Temperatures In
Eastern Oregon
Are Still ColdPeak Reached Tuesday
Although Another Cold
Night Predicted; Low
Here 7 Above

Advance notices of slowly rising temperatures in Eastern Oregon, broadcast yesterday by the weather man, were lived up to this morning. In La Grande the minimum was 7 above, two degrees warmer than yesterday's minimum and at Seacham, where it was 10 below yesterday, it was reported unofficially to be even zero. Other temperatures at 8 a. m., reported by railroad employees, follow: Hilgard, one above; Pendleton, 18 above; North Powder, seven above, and Durkee, one above.

In La Grande, in spite of the clear, sunny days, the temperature has not been above the freezing point since Sunday. Yesterday's maximum was 27 and the day before it was 29 above. Thirty-two above is freezing point.

Eastern Oregon is not the only section of the state experiencing zero weather. A cold wave, the first severe one of the winter season, swept across Montana and Wyoming yesterday, leaving temperatures ranging from 45 below at Chinook, Mont., to 28 below at Rocks, Wyo., in the southwestern part of the state.

ANOTHER COLD NIGHT
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5 (AP)—Another night, at least, of freezing weather in the present cold spell, was promised for Portland and vicinity. The minimum last night was 22.

Older Boys Of
Eastern Oregon
Will Meet Here

An Older Boys conference will be held in La Grande this season, according to announcement made at an initial meeting in Corvallis over the weekend, at which Dean E. G. Durbach, of Oregon State college, gave the opening address.

The date of the La Grande conference has not yet been announced.

Conferences will also be held in Ashland, Bellingham, Aberdeen, Vancouver, Yakima, Payette and Twin Falls, it was announced.

Varney Men Are
Moving Hangar
To Local Field

The hangar for housing airplanes which has been located on the property leased by the Varney Air Lines, of Boise, Ida., about a half mile from the emergency landing field in La Grande, is to be moved to a location adjoining the emergency field. Work on the moving process was started Tuesday and will be completed in a little more than a week, says Charles T. Wrightson, manager of the air company.

The hangar is a frame building 35 by 60 feet. It is being moved in sections. The building was constructed in January, 1928 and is used only for emergency occasions.

The hangar is being frequently during winter when flying conditions are unfavorable and landings are required before the plane reaches the regular landing port.

Legionnaires Will
Meet This Evening

The La Grande post of the American Legion will meet tonight at 8 o'clock for routine business and to discuss plans for the mid-winter dance to be held New Year's Eve. A program of entertainment is being arranged by H. J. Melancon and Norman Deshotel. Monday night Harley Richardson, Hugh Brady and Otis Palmer, of La Grande, attended a meeting of the Harry K. Larsen American Legion post at Imbler. The post is planning a community Christmas tree this season. The proceeds from the Apple-Jake celebration held in October will be used to finance the tree. It was stated.

Cancel Thursday
Church Services

Because of illness in the congregation, the Central Church of Christ has cancelled services Thursday night. It was announced today by the Rev. R. H. Putnam, pastor. A church supper and a 7:30 o'clock service had been scheduled but both have been called off.

AMERICAN ARTIST DIES

NAPLES, Italy, Dec. 5 (AP)—Charles Carl Coleman, American painter who was born in Buffalo, N. Y., is dead at the age of 88. He was a veteran of the Civil war and resided on the island of Capri for the last 50 years.

300 WELCOME
BEAVER GRID
ELEVEN HOMELa Grande Sounds First
Blast of Oregon's Greeting
Early TodayRECEPTION WARM
DESPITE WEATHERSherwood, Larson, Kerr,
Gilmore, Maple and Dixon
All Speak — Band
Furnishes Music

The first blast of Oregon's welcome to the Oregon State football team sounded in La Grande as the gray of morning tinted the sky, when a crowd of 300 La Grande and Union people met the victorious Beavers at 5:40 a. m.

Filling off the trails—four out of five wearing black derbies—the boys who defeated New York University's Violets 25 to 13 in Gotham Thanksgiving day, were greeted with uproarious cheers and triumphant music from the La Grande municipal band, led by Director Andrew Loney.

Weather Cold
Overcoats as well as the Broadway derbies were in fashion, as the thermometer registered 11 above zero. But the chill of the winter weather was forgotten in the warmth of the reception and no one noticed cold ears and feet until at least once by nearly every one at the depot. And some of the boys must have had warm backs after the many pats and thumps that their friends gave them.

Warm Greeting
It was "Hello, Bull" and "How are you, Tiger" and "Great stuff, Curley" and "You're lookin' fine, Cee" and so on. The four Union county players weren't the only ones who received greetings, however, other members of the team also sharing in the welcome. From the pullman car, the team was escorted to the station where the band was busy making music in the spirit of the chilly weather. Charles H. Reynolds, former Aggie.

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BOY SCOUT FUND
DRIVE EXTENDEDOnly Part of \$2,500 Needed
Has Been Raised, According to Committee

The drive for funds for carrying on the program of Boy Scout work during the coming year in La Grande, is not progressing satisfactorily, according to the committee in charge of the drive. Only a small part of the \$2,500 set as a goal has been raised during the last two days. The drive was supposed to have ended yesterday, but the time has been extended indefinitely.

H. E. Coolidge, chairman of the committee in charge of the drive, issued the following statement: "The Boy Scouts will probably be disappointed because of the apparent lack of appreciation for and interest in their work. They are doing their bit and there are some people who feel they should have the city's wholehearted support. We are going to continue our efforts until the amount is raised."

Last year the city of Baker raised their year's quota in one day, Mr. Coolidge stated.

More Than 15,000 Cases of Flu
Over The Nation, Medics Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—With 8,242 cases of influenza reported in California, and 15,000 in the country as a whole, the United States public health service today warned physicians and health officers to be especially vigilant to forestall another widespread epidemic.

State health officers reported the following numbers of cases in their states for the week ending Dec. 11: Montana 3,372; Oregon, 288; Utah 254; Arizona 200; South Carolina 2,718; Georgia 244; Alabama 193; and Indiana 261. Several other states had less than 100 cases. In every state it reported, there are at least a few cases.

The first case reported were in

Congress Hears
Reports, Then
Turns To WorkBoulder Dam Fight Up in
Senate; Recommendations
for Oregon Reclamation
Work Made

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—Congress had graphically called to its attention today that the United States is almost a four billion dollar country.

In its first real business meeting of the session it received from President Coolidge the annual budget calling for expenditures of \$3,780,719,647 during the next fiscal year, and before the membership could open their eyes the treasury and postoffice departments put in joint claims for \$1,116,675,359 for their share.

The congressional air was noisy with figures as the house and senate got down to business, but the voice of President Coolidge for economy made itself evident to those who would appropriate government funds.

The size of the national requirements did not keep the senate and house busy very long, however. The budget, Secretary Mellon's report and the treasury-postoffice bill were laid aside for later and more detailed consideration, while some other things were brought out.

Treaty Action Deferred

The senate foreign relations committee decided to defer for the moment any action of the Kellogg treaty calling on the nations to renounce war. Secretary Kellogg will be asked to give his views. Meanwhile in the senate two demands were made for congressional investigations of the sinking of the British steamer Vestris.

Representative Britten, republican, of Illinois, won the honors for getting through the first bill of the session. It would ask Secretary Wilson to assign a naval medical officer to the house to look after sick members.

OREGON RECOMMENDATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—A total of \$8,433,000 for reclamation projects throughout the west was recommended by congress today for 1930 transmitted today by President Coolidge. The amount is \$4,199,000 less than congress appropriated for the work this year, but in most cases unexpended balances of previous appropriations are available for use in 1930.

For continuation of construction of the Owyhee project in Oregon \$2,600,000 is contained in the budget while for the Vale project in

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Yes Sir!
He Moonshines—
And Always Will

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5 (AP)—George Mays, former Tennessee moonshiner who described himself as a moonshiner, testified as a government witness today in the trial of Roy Moore and six others in federal court on charges of conspiring to violate the liquor laws in Oregon and Washington.

Mays stated on the stand he had been a moonshiner all his life and planned to continue in that occupation to the end.

Pacific Woodmen
To Hold Initiation

Oregon Trail camp No. 21, of the Pacific Woodmen Life association, will hold class initiation in the Eagles hall Thursday evening when the full degree will be conferred by officers and a team. Visitors and candidates will be present from Boise, Nampa, Payette, Weiser, Baker, Pendleton, Garfield and Walla Walla. Officers of the lodge announced: State Manager F. A. Beard, of Portland, is also expected to be present with State Manager L. D. McFadden, of Washington, and G. E. Freight, of Nampa, assistant state manager.

The local committee, consisting of D. H. Harward, Walter Leale, C. H. Haves, Glen Sealing and Dean Berry, has arranged for a banquet at the close of the meeting, which will be in charge of the Woodmen Circle.

Senator Dupont
Resigns Position

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 5 (AP)—U. S. Senator T. Coleman Dupont of Delaware has resigned his seat in the senate because of his illness.

Liquor Smuggling
Probe Under Way

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—Treasury officials announced today that the investigation into liquor smuggling from Canada was expected to result in the indictment of 200 bootleggers, smugglers and Canadian distillers and brewers.

MARY'S NEW BOB IS SHORTER



Mary Pickford's loss of her curls a few months back was a world topic of conversation. But Mary seems to be decidedly in favor of bobbed hair, for in this, her latest picture, she shows how much shorter she's wearing her tresses these days.

Business About
On Par In 1928
With Last Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—Banding about sums running into the billions, Secretary Mellon has found that business, which reached a low point in November and December of 1927, finished the fiscal year ending June 30 only 3 per cent below that of the previous twelve months.

In his annual report the financial chief of the administration crams into a 21-page pamphlet a formidable array of figures showing the government and dealing in detail with agriculture, customs affairs, taxes, business conditions, prohibition, and a great many other things and with scarcely a note of pessimism for the future.

Agriculture, as a whole, he says, made substantial gains. Automobile production experienced a major turn for the better during the year. Export trade was but slightly under the previous year and imports had but a small decline.

As for liquor, he says only about 1,000,000 gallons was identified in foreign ports as presumably destined for the United States against 14,000,000 gallons the previous year.

At the opening of the fiscal year, the secretary says, the volume of business was nearly on a par with the year previous but soon fell off reaching its minimum in the last two months of 1927. In January recovery took place and the monthly volume thereafter was sustained about equal to the same months of the previous year.

At the close of the fiscal year the gross public debt of the United States government amounted to \$17,604,280,583 and the net cash balance in the general fund of the treasury was \$280,150,321. The figures represent a decrease of \$95,882,703 in the public debt and an increase of \$27,592,210 in the net balance for the year.

Elks' Memorial Thursday Night

A memorial service will be held by the local Elks lodge tomorrow night during the regular lodge session. At that time tribute will be paid to the 17 members of the lodge who have died during the past year.

The ordinary speech will be made by H. E. Coolidge. A memorial musical program has also been arranged.

James Andrews, exalted ruler, will preside at the meeting.

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King Has Quiet
Day But Fever
Is Some HigherStrength of Ruler Main-
tained, Bulletin at 8:15
O'Clock This Evening
Declares

LONDON, Dec. 5 (AP)—The 8:15 p. m. bulletin from King George's physicians tonight said: "Although the king had a quiet day, his temperature has risen to a point higher than at the same time last night, showing that the recrudescence of the infection is still alive."

"The strength is maintained." (Signed Hewett, Buzzard, Rolleston, Dawson.)

PUBLIC ANXIOUS

LONDON, Dec. 5 (AP)—Lord Dawson of Penn returned to Buckingham Palace shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon to join his colleague, Sir Stanley Hewett, in a consultation concerning the king's condition.

Lord Dawson remained at Buckingham Palace about an hour. The queen and Princess Mary, soon after the doctor's visit, went out for their usual afternoon motor ride.

An anxious public learned today when a medical bulletin of King George's physicians was issued that his majesty was suffering from renewed activity of the infection in his chest. Previously an improvement in this condition had been reported, but today's bulletin stated that this was what had caused the disturbing rise in his temperature which was noted yesterday.

There was a measure of relief to the popular mind, however, in the announcement that there were reasons for hoping that this recrudescence was being moderated and also that the night had been a fairly comfortable one for the king.

There was nothing specific in the morning bulletin regarding the king's temperature.

HOOVER IN PERU;
GREAT WELCOMECrowds Line Streets in
Lima and Callao to See
U. S. President-elect

LIMA, Dec. 5 (AP)—President-elect Hoover, making his second good-will visit in South America, entered the city of Lima today amid picturesque scenes and a popular welcome seldom if ever accorded any foreign visitor here.

After being enthusiastically greeted at Callao on his disembarkation from the U. S. S. Maryland, Mr. Hoover traveled over the eight-mile highway from Lima, everywhere cheered by crowds.

As he and his party entered Lima's suburbs, the crowds grew more dense and by the time the city itself was reached the streets were lined with spectators.

WELCOMED AT CALLAO

CALLAO, Peru, Dec. 5 (AP)—President-elect Hoover, landing on Peruvian soil this morning on his good-will tour, was given an enthusiastic welcome by a great crowd of from 20,000 to 40,000 persons who cheered and applauded him as he came ashore from the U. S. S. Maryland.

Mr. Hoover and his party passed through lines of police and soldiers who saluted with fixed bayonets while the Peruvian jayzed band played the national anthems of the United States and Peru, cannon fired a presidential salute.

The welcoming crowd was colorful, there being at least a dozen different uniforms of various branches of the army and navy besides the brilliant hued habiliments of the police, firemen and gendarmes.

Dr. Richardson
Speaker Today
At Rotary Club

Dr. A. L. Richardson, who returned recently from a trip to the Mayo Brothers hospital at Rochester, Minn. and to Chicago, told the Rotary club today of his attendance at Rochester and Chicago club meetings. He gave special attention to a talk given by a district governor at Rochester. The topic, which treated with "What Rotary is Not," was interestingly outlined by Dr. Richardson. He also gave a graphic description of a Chicago Rotary club meeting, which he attended. He said that there were over 900 at the luncheon and about 250 visitors.

An interesting talk, which proved very interesting, was given the local Rotarians by Floyd Baxter, who spent some time in the southern states. He talked on the difference between the south and west. Mr. Baxter spoke particularly of the industrial growth of the south.

Another fine feature of today's program was music provided by Miss Judith Knudsen at the piano. The two numbers she played were excellently executed. Sherwood Williams presided as chairman of the program committee.

For the day's stunt a singing contest was staged for the entertainment of the club.

Democratic Heads
Plan Conference

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (AP)—A conference of leaders of the democratic party will be called shortly by the Christmas holidays by National Chairman John J. Haskins for a discussion of organizational plans and for evolving a program for the next four years.

Governor Smith, leader of the house and senate, and national committeemen probably will be invited to attend.

ECONOMY IS
AGAIN URGED
BY COOLIDGEPresident Presents Budget
for Coming Year to
Congress TodayOUTLOOK NOT SO
GOOD, HE STATESExpenditures During the
Next 12 Months Will Be
\$3,780,719,647, Accord-
ing to His Estimates

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—Voicing again his plea for governmental economy, President Coolidge submitted to congress today a budget for the fiscal year 1929 calling for expenditures of \$3,780,719,647, leaving the treasury with an estimated \$60,576,182 surplus which he declared offered no immediate prospect of further tax reduction.

The estimated surplus, which would be available June 30, 1929, is based upon expected revenue totalling \$3,841,295,829. Describing the surplus as small, the president said it was nevertheless "satisfactory as it points to a balanced budget."

Warns Congress
Mr. Coolidge warned congress that "it is clear that we cannot assume any great additional expenditure without jeopardizing this favorable outlook."

Giving an account also of the progress of fiscal affairs for the current year, the president said the outlook for 1929 "is not so bright." Referring to budget estimates that predicted a surplus of \$252,540,282 at the close of this fiscal year next June 30, Mr. Coolidge observed that this forecast "has been materially changed." He recalled that the "best estimate" at the beginning of the year envisaged a \$34,000,000 deficit and now with the year nearing the half-way mark he declared it "most gratifying" that a surplus of \$28,990,192 is in prospect. "The president did not detail the factors which had revised the outlook."

The total appropriations recommended by the president to pay for governmental operations during the year beginning next July 1 exceed those in last year's budget by \$225,762,616. The largest outlay is for national defense—\$448,511,300. For the army and navy, excluding non-military items, the total is compared with \$445,000,000 carried in this year's budget and an estimated expenditure for the current year of \$472,844,288. The estimated expenditures for national defense next year, the president said, would total \$468,577,712 for 1930. The increase is held chiefly due to the fact that surplus supplies left over from the war have been used and it is now necessary to increase the cash provision to replace the reserves.

Care for War Vets
The next largest item in the budget is for the care of war veterans, expenses under this subdivision being estimated to total \$257,276,000 for next year, an increase of \$26,871,520 over the estimate cost of this year.

Flood control cost is fixed at \$31,000,000 for 1930 and the executive said that if it should develop that more money was needed a further estimate would be presented to congress.

In his message President Coolidge called attention to the French debt, observing that on August 1, 1928, bonds of the French government amounting to \$400,000,000 will mature. These bonds were issued in payment for supplies this government had in France at the close of the war.

The budget calls for an outlay for the fiscal year of \$13,905,959 less than the cost of its estimated operation this year. In asking for \$349,125,482 for the department, the president said that it would have available an additional \$2,000,000 from the naval

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She Assaulted Him
With Shoe, He Says

HAVANA, Dec. 5 (AP)—Ordered to appear in court today, Miss Francis Porter, of Atlanta, was said by members of the crew to be under a physician's care aboard the yacht Malvern today. Conkey T. Whitehead, wealthy Atlanta sportsman, has preferred charges of assault against her. She is alleged to have assaulted Whitehead with a shoe.

They, meeting his attorney in court, he calmed down, regained his poise, ceased his indignant charging him with four murders and pleaded "not guilty" to all of them.

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16 SHOPPING
DAYS TILL
CHRISTMAS

"Where are you going, pretty maid?"
"Said he, with friendly smile,
"Why, shopping, sir," the maid replied.
"Why wait till after while?"