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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and Friday but becoming unsettled west portion Friday. Freezing temperature east portion.

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SAVINGS IN
LOCAL BANKS
ON INCREASELa Grande People Have
Total of \$1,639,189 in
Savings AccountsFIGURE \$171,000
MORE THAN 1927Several Explanations for
Increase; Interest Rates
and Education Help,
Belief

La Grande people are saving more money this year than they did last. In 1927 they were saving in excess of 12 per cent more than they did in 1927. This conclusion is made from calculations reached from a comparison of the amounts of money in savings accounts in the local banks for this year and for last.

In 1927 the total amount of money in savings accounts in two of the local banks was approximately \$1,468,351. This year that number has increased to \$1,639,189.

Various theoretical explanations are made for the noticeable increase by local bankers.

Various Reasons

That people are becoming educated in the idea of saving for future needs as necessary to security in life, is one of the reasons advanced.

Another is that the interest rates and other terms required of savings depositors are attractive and offer advantages which are not possessed by some other types of investment.

That laboring men invest in savings accounts, more than business and professional men do, is another fact shown in the calculations.

"Business men are more apt to invest their money in their business instead of putting it into savings," was the explanation offered by one banker.

Many children saving

Another interesting fact is that between 25 and 30 per cent of the number of depositors in savings accounts are children.

During the last year some of the banks of the city have placed consistently before the public by use of the newspapers the savings account idea encouraging the prospective patron to call at the bank to inquire as to the terms and advantages offered.

Bankers believe that this has also had an effect on the increase of the savings accounts amount.

A noticeable increase in the number of inquiries by persons interested in savings accounts has been observed by local bank officials.

Walker Second In
West Point Tests

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Private Franklin T. Hulbert, Portland high school student, has been nominated by Governor Patterson for entrance in the United States military academy at West Point, says an announcement today from the office of Adjutant General George A. White.

Private Samuel E. Walker, of La Grande, was nominated as alternate.

The nominations are made on the basis of grades made in a competitive examination held in November.

Hulbert is a member of Headquarters company, 82nd infantry, Portland. Hulbert will take the entrance examination at Vancouver in March, and if he passes will enter West Point in July.

Walker is a member of Company E, 188th infantry.

TO PLAN TURKEY SHOOT

Members of the Isaak Walton league will meet at the city hall Friday evening. One of the items of business will be to arrange for a turkey shoot before Christmas. It is announced.

Workman Burned
To Death In Home

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Homer Fisher, 70, was burned to death some time last night when a small house on Tualatin road, into which he had moved yesterday, caught fire and was destroyed. An overhauled stove was believed to have caused the fire.

WEATHER TODAY

72 to 80, 12 to 15 above.

Minimum 3 above.

Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 35 above, minimum 7 above.

Condition: clear.

WEATHER DEC. 6, 1927

Maximum 30, minimum 20 above.

Condition: cloudy, traces of snow.

Emergency Board
Is Organized By
American LegionSeveral Matters Discussed
at Monthly Meeting, In-
cluding Midnight Matinee.

At the meeting of the American Legion post last night plans were made for the holding of an emergency committee composed of 55 legionnaires. The committee would be divided into five units to assist in taking care of emergencies which might occur in the county such as fire, epidemics and storms.

The work of the committee was discussed in a report which was given by J. T. Longfellow, chairman of the American Legion committee, also reported.

Harley Richardson, chairman of the committee, gave a report on the work of placing arches with the name of La Grande written on them. The arches would be placed, one near the Union oil station and the other near Gangloff park, under this plan.

The plans for the midnight matinee to be held New Year's eve were also discussed.

It was voted that \$12.50 be sent to the state department of the legion for the child welfare work to be done in conjunction with the San Jackson hospital in Portland.

The possibility of getting new uniforms for the legion drum corps was also discussed.

Join With Auxiliary

After the business meeting the auxiliary met with the legion for a social program. "Conquering sinners" was enjoyed with Ray Williams leader and Mrs. Williams at the piano. Norman Deslot and Henry Melancon, sang two duets in French.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Walter Palmer, Mrs. Shor-maker, Mrs. Fred Homing, Miss Lulu McNee, Mrs. C. N. Palmer and Mrs. Norman Deslot.

Barn, Hay Worth
\$4,000.00 Burned
On Deer Creek

A barn owned by Norman Freese, of La Grande, and located on Deer creek near Althum, Ore., burned down Tuesday morning with a resultant loss of about \$4000. The barn was valued at \$5000 and the hay stored in it was estimated at a value of about \$500. Harness and other equipment were also destroyed.

The loss was covered by \$1000 insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Mr. Freese purchased the barn from J. R. Green four years ago. It was constructed in 1916.

December Cold
Wave Near End;
Mercury Mounts

The early winter cold wave, which sent the mercury dropping to a minimum of five above zero over the weekend, was distinctly moderated this morning when the temperature at 7:30 o'clock in La Grande was 15 above, the "warmest" morning since last Saturday. Yesterday afternoon, for the first time since Sunday, the mercury climbed above freezing point in this city. Indications today are that it will go higher than 40 above weather observers say.

The minimum last night was 8 above, compared with 7 and 6 on the two preceding nights. However, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings the temperature at 7:30 o'clock was only two or three degrees higher than when at the coldest.

STATE SEES RELIEF

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Promises of probably unsettled weather late Friday in Western Oregon was held out today by the weather bureau as an indication that the December cold snap was nearing its end. Another night of freezing temperatures tonight, was promised before the expected moderation.

Portland had a minimum of 22 degrees last night; Baker 19; Marshfield 23; Medford 23; Roseburg 24.

Al Smith Faces
His Final Duties

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 6 (AP)—Two important, though wholly unofficial, duties confront Governor Alfred E. Smith before he hands over the gubernatorial reins to Governor-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt. His 54th birthday, which falls on December 29, just the day before his final day as governor, must be fittingly celebrated, and his famous son at the executive mansion must be demolished.

PENDLETON CHILLY

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—This area experienced the coldest weather of the season last night when the mercury dropped to 12 degrees above zero.

CONTRACTS
ARE LET ON
COURT HOUSEBids Opened This After-
noon at December Ses-
sion of County CourtO. A. CLINE TO DO
THE REMODELINGUnion Man Enters Low
Bid of \$5580; H. & S.
Electric Company to Do
Wiring Work

Contracts for the remodeling and repairing of the Union county court house, which was damaged by fire earlier this year, were let by the county court today during its regular December session. Bids were called for in two divisions.

Offers received on the remodeling and painting were as follows:

O. A. Cline, of Union, \$5,580.
W. C. Kelley, \$7,291.
E. F. Housler, \$6,400.
H. P. Nelson, \$6,892.
Geith Geithaver, \$6,342.

The contract was awarded to Mr. Cline.

Two bids were received on the electrical work, one from the H. & S. company at \$1,225.50 and the other from the Electric Service company at \$1,475. The contract was awarded to the H. & S.

According to Judge U. G. Couch, the contractor expect to begin work as soon as possible.

Early this afternoon the county court met with a road committee from Summerville for discussion of road problems. The committee was composed of the following members: Leome Nelder, Bert Oliver, Don Shetty, Art Burns and Carl Sanderson and petitioned for the improvement of the market road from Summerville to Dry creek. It is understood that action will be taken later.

The morning was spent considering the work of auditing bills. Today is the second day of the December term of county court.

ESTIMATE COST
OF SEWER WORKCity Commission to Take
Up Matter With State
Normal Authorities

An estimate on the cost of a sewer to connect with the Eastern Oregon Normal school grounds was presented to the city commission last night by City Manager W. C. Crews. The cost of the project is estimated at \$1,320. The city manager was authorized to present the estimate to normal school authorities and further discuss the matter with them before definite action is taken.

An ordinance, designed to provide for bonding of persons moving vehicles, houses, etc. in La Grande that are likely to cause damage to property, and restricting the height of buildings that may be moved to 27 feet unless by special permission of the commission, was read for the second time. The ordinance also fixed a time limit of 10 days for leaving houses in one place. Objections were heard to the time limit and also to the height limit. It is expected that the ordinance will be read for a third time next week, at which time amendments may be incorporated into the document.

The city manager was authorized to prepare an estimate of the cost of providing city water to a residential district near the brickyard. This action was taken in response to a request for water.

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You Me Tu? Yes, Me Tu --- Two Me Tus

One Makes Whoopey -- Judge Fines Two

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 6 (AP)—If ever you have wondered what a "Chinese puzzle" is, have a look at the strange case of Me Tu. Me Tu is a Chinese. Really he is two Chinese. Or is he? You see, it becomes involved right at the outset. And when you consider the half-brother and the son, the neighbors, the constable and the judge, you have a Chinese puzzle if ever there was one.

Was there a laundry? Of course, still is for that matter. It is at 1521 Sherman street.

The neighbors had complained that Me Tu, the half-brother and the son, constituted a trio which for unexplained noise had few equals and positively no superiors. When Me Tu began sacking on the half-brother and the son, the constable got under way with his shirt and the resultant uproar was suggestive of a Gershwin rhapsody played on an untuned calophone in competition with two dozen creaking machines.

Constable George Harrison went

Flames Damage
Farmers' Hotel
At EnterpriseLoss of Few Hundred Dol-
lars Reported in Morn-
ing Fire in Pioneer
Building

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Dec. 6—A fire in the Farmers' hotel, a two-story frame building, did a few hundred dollars of damage this morning. The blaze started in a bathroom on the first floor and burned up between the inner and outer sheeting to the attic where the flames spread out and soon burned through the roof.

A crowd gathered quickly and carried out furniture and fixtures in pell mell order, scattering them over the street.

The fire did not get below the attack, but the interior of the building was drenched with water. Nicholas Healy is operating the hotel, which is a substantial, plastered building, remodeled and enlarged from the Lewis hotel of pioneer days.

This is the second fire in Walla Walla county within the last week in business buildings. Walla Walla suffered loss of half of the main business block early this week in an early morning fire.

Oregon Staters
Are Given Great
College Welcome

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Ending a day of unprecedented welcome to an athletic team, Oregon State college grid heroes returned to the campus late last night amidst wild acclaim from the largest rally ever staged by students and townspeople.

A battery of railroad torpedoes exploding as the special train entered city limits was the signal for a bedlam of whistles, bells and cheers as the cars rolled to stop in a mass of yelling students.

PORTLAND WELCOMES TEAM

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Portland's welcome to the victorious Oregon State college football team reached its climax in a banquet last night before the departure of the players for Corvallis, where the final round of the season awaited them.

Met at the train by a cheering crowd and playing bands, the Beavers were taken on a parade through the city, and then were guests of honor at the banquet.

Many local people were disappointed this morning when they failed to find a story of the La Grande O. S. C. celebration in the Morning Oregonian. The Portland newspaper, however, wired this to The Observer today: "La Grande story on Beavers inadvertently omitted. We are running something on it tomorrow."

Stories of La Grande's part in welcoming the Grange home were carried in most of the daily papers in Oregon and some in Washington yesterday and this morning.

Mrs. Northcott On
Way to Seattle

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 6 (AP)—Mrs. Sarah Louise Northcott left here today by train for Seattle in company with California police officers. She will be taken to Riverside, Cal., to face a murder charge there in connection with the Northcott chicken ranch.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6 (AP)—Gordon Stewart Northcott today had the ordeal of two trials for murder before him and the possibility that he will be taken for another search of the Mojave desert for the bones of his alleged four boy victims.

KING GEORGE
IS IMPROVING
MEDICS SAYGeneral Condition Slowly
Becoming Better; Tem-
perature Is LowerCROWDS WELCOME
MORNING REPORTObservers Believe It Un-
wise to Interpret Too
Optimistically the Bul-
letin, However

LONDON, Dec. 6 (AP)—"The king's general condition remains the same as that reported in this morning's bulletin," said the \$120 p. m. announcement of his physicians tonight. "The localization of infection at the base of the right side of the chest is rather more definite which conforms to the passing of the illness during the last few days."

Four physicians signed the bulletin.

About the time of the doctors' afternoon visit, the queen and Princess Mary went for a drive. The queen not only smiled as cheerfully in response to the salutations of the crowd at the palace gates, but waved her hand to the throng.

Report Welcome

The statement that King George's general condition was slowly improving, made in the official morning bulletin from his physicians, was the most welcome announcement that has come from Buckingham Palace since his Majesty's illness became critical a few days ago. It served to cheer greatly the hearts of his loyal subjects who have been waiting with tense anxiety for some such word that would indicate a turn for the better.

The medical bulletin signed by Lord Dawson of Penn and Sir Stanley Hewitt, said:

"The king has passed a fair night and his temperature this morning is lower. The general condition is slowly improving and the infective process, which remains severe, is becoming more localized."

It would probably seem unwise to interpret too optimistically the words of the bulletin for the king has now been ill for 17 days and is granted to be still a very sick man. Also it could hardly be thought that the chances for another turn for the worst have been eliminated.

POPE PIUS PRAYING

ROME, Dec. 6 (AP)—Pope Pius, who has been praying for the restoration to health of King George, is being kept closely in touch with developments of the British negotiation accredited to the Holy See.

Cardinal Bazzani, archbishop of Westminster, has transmitted the wishes of the entire royal family and the British government for the pontiff's solicitude.

Twin Girls
Born—But Not
In Same State

FALLS CITY, Neb., Dec. 6 (AP)—Twin girls were born—one in Kansas and the other in Nebraska to Mrs. William Schneider, of Hawatha, Kan., yesterday. After the first daughter was born at Hawatha, it was necessary to bring Mrs. Schneider to a hospital here where the second daughter was born.

Prosecutors Will
Meet in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6 (Special)—District attorneys and sheriffs of Oregon will hold their annual meetings here Dec. 13, 20 and 21, the sheriff's annual banquet to be at the county jail at noon the last day of the convention. The meeting was called by Stanley Myers, Multnomah district attorney, who is chairman of the executive committee.

W. T. Miller, of Josephine county, is president of the prosecutors' association and Carl G. Helm, of La Grande, is vice president.

Young Man Sought
In Murder Case

TOWANDA, Pa., Dec. 6 (AP)—A search for Arthur Leonard, 23, started by Mrs. Samuel Jones, 62, was made today by authorities investigating the slaying of the wealthy widow at her home near here.

The young man, formerly an inmate of a reform school, was reported to have been at the woman's farm home recently, but no trace of him was found when officials began their search.

Rubbery was advanced as a motive of the crime.

TONS OF NUTS



Celebrating a \$10,000,000 crop, Southern California walnut growers picked Miss Carolyn of Girard, Cal., as their walnut queen in the fiesta. Miss Webb is helping shovel together part of the 35,000 tons of nuts which are being rushed to all parts of the country for the holidays.

CITY OF SMYRNA
SUFFERS AGAINUnfortunate City of Asia
Minor Submerged By
Flood Caused By Rain

PERA, Turkey, Dec. 6 (AP)—Widespread devastation with a loss of life that had not yet been estimated today has been caused in Smyrna by floods which followed torrential rains.

The lower part of the city, sometimes called the "unfortunate city of Asia Minor," was reported to be submerged to a depth of five feet. Many houses collapsed and others washed away, the inhabitants being forced to take refuge on roofs and in trees.

A number of people also were homeless in the low lying lands of Smyrna Vlayet, which also was flooded with much damage.

The historic city of Smyrna has been hit by many disasters in its long history. The most serious recent one was in March of this year when at least forty persons lost their lives in a devastating earthquake. Thousands of persons were homeless and for two nights and days people wandered only the outskirts of the city, sleeping in food-lots and under trees. In 1922 the city was virtually destroyed by a great fire with the loss of more than 2,000 lives.

EDITORS WILL
MEET FEB. 21
AT UNIVERSITY

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Frank B. Appleby, publisher of the La Grande Evening Observer, president of the Oregon newspaper conference, has set the date for the next annual meeting at the University of Oregon Feb. 21, 22, 23. The dates were chosen after a questionnaire was sent to Oregon publishers.

The conference will be held for three days this year, to give daily newspapers an entire day, Thursday, for discussion of their particular problems.

The program committee appointed by Mr. Appleby is as follows: Eric W. Allen, University of Oregon, chairman; Arne Rae, Tillamook; Chester Diamond, Newberg; Ben Little, The Dalles; George Alken, Ontario; Vorne McKinney, E. C. Fisher, Portland, and Harris Ellsworth, Gold manager of the Oregon Editorial association.

A second committee, which will consist of George Alken, Arne Rae, Earl Richardson, Dallas, and Elbert Bode, Cottage Grove, will gather material on exchanging news data between larger weekly papers.

\$75,000 FIRE

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 6 (AP)—Fire dashed into the business district here early this morning, razed the Alexander department store with estimated damage of \$75,000 and threatening others before it was extinguished. An exploding furnace was believed to have started the blaze.

CONVICT DIES OF WOUNDS

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 6 (AP)—Virgil Dunn, escaped convict, died today at Philadelphia, Miss., as the result of wounds received yesterday in a gun fight with national guardsmen.

Transfer News
From Telegraph
To Type SetterNew Invention Given Pri-
vate Demonstration in
Office of Rochester, N.
Y. Times Union

By Howard W. Blakeslee
(Associated Press Science Editor)
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 6 (AP)—A telegraph wire operated two newspaper typesetting machines here today at the plant of the Rochester Times Union.

Dispatches by wire transferred mechanically directly into the machines, with human touch eliminated, and were recorded in lines of metal type, each as long as a news column is wide.

The object of the invention is to shorten the time and work required to transfer news from the place where it occurs to the printed page. It is designed to be another step in development of the distribution of the printed word, which began when movable type was invented by Johannes Gutenberg at Strasbourg in 1438.

Private Demonstration

Today's operation was a private demonstration held in the presence of a gathering of men who direct large printing and publishing enterprises. They were the guests of Frank E. Gannett, publisher of the Gannett newspapers, who by his backing sponsored the invention. Walter W. Morey, of East Orange, New Jersey, inventor of the machine, known as a tele-type setter, and the Morris-Klein-Schmidt corporation of Chicago, had it.

The sending was done in the demonstration room to two machines on the opposite side of the room, which were operated simultaneously from the same wire. One was a linotype and the other an intertype. The short sending wire was made equivalent to a distance of 140 miles by resistance coils.

Works With Tape

The sender punched a tape, seven eighths of an inch wide, which operated the telegraph wire by sending impulses corresponding to the holes in the tape. At the receiving end an instrument a little larger than a typewriter produced a punched tape exactly similar to the sending tape. This receiving tape then ran automatically through a small electrical machine on a stand beside the typesetting machine. The little machine once more translated the tape holes into electrical impulses.

The electric waves were carried by a wire to an apparatus roughly resembling a large human hand, fastened to the side of the typesetting machine. Each metal finger controlled a number of letters and characters of the typesetting machine, which it released according to the impulses received, and when it gave the released signal the typesetting machine functioned exactly as if a human operator had pressed down the key for a letter or character.

The teletype setter is a development of automatic telegraph printers, differing principally in but one respect, that it uses a tape with six punch units, instead of the standard five units.

Mr. Morey, the inventor of the teletypewriter, came up from the compositor's case. He was born in Green River, N. Y., in 1882.

Explosion Kills
Four in Gotham,
Wrecks Buildings

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (AP)—An explosion that wrecked three one-story brick buildings in west 198th street today claimed at least four victims.

One body had been recovered an hour and a half after the explosion. It was that of Harry Freeman, foreman and part owner of the Kib-All disinfecting company in whose plant the blast occurred. Seven injured men had been taken to hospitals. In addition to the Kib-All plant the damaged buildings included a junk shop and a furrier establishment, Harry Goldberg, Freeman's partner, was tentatively listed as missing.

The exact cause of the blast had not been determined but it was generally attributed to a vapor explosion.

Aitchison Again
Named For I. C. C.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—Nomination of Clyde B. Aitchison, of Oregon, to be a member of the Interstate Commerce commission was sent to the senate today by President Coolidge. It is a reappointment.

The nomination of Patrick J. Farrell, of Vermont and the District of Columbia, to be a member of the senate today by President Coolidge. Farrell succeeded Commissioner John J. Dech.

Charles R. Porter, of Iowa, also was nominated for a place on the commission.

15 SHOPPING
DAYS TILL
CHRISTMAS

If you let shopping wait until
The rush comes, there's no doubt
That every purchase you put off
Will shortly put you out.