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OREGON: Rain west and local
snows and rains east portion to-
night and Wednesday, moderate
temperatures.

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DEATH TAKES
SUPPORTER
OF LINCOLNGeorge W. Allen, Civil
War Veteran, Passes on
in La Grande HomeFUNERAL SERVICES
HERE WEDNESDAYDeath Comes Two Months
Before 64th Wedding
Anniversary; Was Resi-
dent Here 38 YearsGeorge W. Allen, a resident of
Union county for the last 38 years
and one of the oldest Civil war vet-
erans in this part of Eastern Ore-
gon, died at his home about 5
o'clock yesterday evening. Mr.
Allen had been ill for a consider-
able time and of late, his condi-
tion had been precarious.He was one of the few survivors
of the American citizenry who
voted for Abraham Lincoln for
president.Funeral services will be held
Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock
at the Stouffgrass & Zimmerman
mortuary. Burial will take place
at the Masonic cemetery.Born in Illinois
Mr. Allen was born in Wood-
stock, McHenry county, Illinois on
July 7, 1845 and was married to
Mary H. Aund in Waukon, Iowa
June 26, 1865, after serving in the
Civil war.They came to Oregon in 1890 and
located at Union, where he resided
for eight years. He then came to
La Grande which was his home
for the last 38 years.Mr. Allen leaves no widow and
two children, Mrs. A. C. Haynes
and John Allen. Two children
preceded him in death, a son,
Frank E. Allen, and a daughter,
Gertie C. Kennedy. He also left
two grandsons and one grand-
daughter.Married Nearly 64 Years
Last January Mr. and Mrs. Allen
quietly observed their sixty-third
year of married life at their home
on Jackson street.During the war, Mr. Allen was
with Co. A, 27th Iowa Volunteer
Infantry and saw two years of
strenuous service before he was
discharged because of a long and
severe illness. At the age of 14
he was a member of the La Grande
chapter of the G. A. R., 27 years.After his marriage and before
coming to Oregon, Mr. Allen lived
in Mitchell county and also in
South Dakota.Mrs. Allen is two years younger
than the deceased.MUSICIANS TO
STUDY LOCAL
WAGE SCALEThe maintenance of wage scale
and working conditions of musi-
cians are to be studied by the La
Grande Musicians' Protective as-
sociation, of La Grande, during the
winter meetings of the organiza-
tion.The membership of the nation-
al protective association is one of
the largest in the American Fed-
eration of Labor, says Andrew
Luttrell, secretary of the La Grande
chapter of the organization.The association is a branch of
the American Federation of Music.
There are 50 members in the local
branch which has been organized in
La Grande for the past eight
years.The other officers recently elect-
ed are: Kenneth Gekeler, vice
president; H. E. Oakland, re-elected
secretary; board member, William
Andri.Kenneth Gekeler is retiring
president.Diphtheria Case
Is QuarantinedOne diphtheria quarantine was
lifted and another case was quaran-
tined yesterday and today. The R.
P. Underwood home at 2797 North
Birch was released. The disease
proved fatal to Mrs. Underwood
and her two sons, Dale and Gordon,
were also ill but recovered now.The new case is at the George
Sull home just across the street
from the Underwood home. Mr.
Sull became ill two days ago and
was quarantined yesterday, accord-
ing to police records.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—25 above,
Minimum: 24 above,
Conditions: cloudy, snow
traces.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum: 49, minimum 22
above,
Conditions: rain 92 of inch,
WEATHER DEC. 11, 1928
Maximum 22 above, mini-
mum 4 below zero,
Conditions: Rain 3.5 of inch,
snow two inches.Ministers Make
Plans For Next
Summer SessionSix-acre Tract of Mount-
ain Land May Be Pur-
chased for Interdenomi-
national MeetA six-acre tract of mountain
woodland is to be the scene of
what will probably be an inter-
denominational conference next
summer when young people from
Union, Walla Walla, Baker and Umatilla
counties gather in the Lost-
time canyon.This was decided at a meeting
in La Grande yesterday attended by
ministers and church workers from
Portland, Corvallis, Union and
Walla Walla counties.A beautiful six-acre tract of land
in the heart of the Lost-time canyon
has been leased for the camp. It
is located near Eagle Cap moun-
tain and Chimney and Francis
lakes in the canyon of the South
Fork of the Walla Walla river.It was decided that if the con-
ference next summer proves suc-
cessful buildings will be erected on
the conference site. The Rev. Wal-
ter Van Noy, of Portland, will be
chairman of the conference.Mr. Van Noy attended the meet-
ing yesterday. The following were
also present: The Rev. Weston E.
Shields, Presbyterian minister, of
Walla Walla; Dr. Boudinot Stealy, of
Portland; the Rev. Monroe Everett,
student pastor of Oregon State col-
lege at Corvallis; the Rev. J. George
Walsh, Mrs. A. T. Hill, president of
the Grande Ronde presbytery, of
La Grande; and the Rev. J. C. Hays,
pastor of the La Grande church.Another meeting of the confer-
ence committee is to be held soon.W. D. Vaughn Is
Elected State
Vice PresidentW. D. Vaughn, manager of the
Sawtooth Inn in La Grande, has
been elected one of the vice presi-
dents of the Oregon State Hotel as-
sociation.Mr. Vaughn has received notice
of the appointment made at the
convention which met in Portland
Dec. 7 and 8. The meetings are
held annually.None of the La Grande hotel
men were able to attend the con-
vention at that time. Mr. Har-
ding, of Roseburg, was elected presi-
dent of the association.Supreme Judges
Affirm Knowles
In Two OpinionsSALEM, Ore., Dec. 11 (AP)—
The opinions handed down by the
supreme court today included:Left Wright vs. B. A. Phillips,
appellant; appeal from Union
county suit to restrain defendant
from maintaining dam in channel
of stream. Opinion by Justice
Hagan. Judge J. W. Knowles re-
versed.Henry C. Hanson vs. Albert L.
Jordan, appellant; appeal from Wal-
lawa county suit to recover money.
Opinion by Justice Brown. Judge
J. W. Knowles affirmed.Scout Board Of
Review ThursdayA board of review of the Eastern
Oregon Boy Scouts is to be held
Thursday night at the chamber of
commerce offices. A court of hon-
or will be held the following even-
ing or Friday. It is announced by
H. Russell Scott, scout executive.Dairymen Discuss
Herd BettermentWays of improving their dairy
herds were discussed yesterday af-
ternoon by La Grande dairymen
who held an association meeting in
the city hall. Methods and means
of testing cows were considered.
All members of the organiza-
tion were in attendance. H. H.
Anderson, president, was in charge.Salvation Army
Plans Relief WorkThe Salvation Army is laying
plans to take care of a number of
families with Christmas dinners
and winter relief work. Investiga-
tions of families in need are going on
by Captain Pack personally and
each family reported will be inves-
tigated and proper information
placed on file.The Salvation Army will com-
pare list with the R. P. O. Elmer
lodges and others so that there will
be no duplication of effort. It is
our desire to see that every needy
family will have a Christmas din-
ner, but we are also desirous that
there will be a perfect co-opera-
tion and that all duplication be
avoided. The Christmas kettles were
placed on the street corner last
Saturday morning and were placed
out again today to remain until
Christmas. Captain Pack said.WARNING IS
SOUNDED BY
R. J. GREENTime Has Come to Call a
Halt, He Tells Chamber
of CommerceOVER-CROWDING
IS SEEN LOCALLYBelieves That More Ex-
pansion at Present
Would Be Unwise; Tax-
es Said at Limit"I don't want to be the prophet
of pessimism but the time has come
to call a halt." With this state-
ment, R. J. Green warned the
chamber of commerce at its forum
luncheon in the Sawtooth Inn to-
day at noon that, in his opinion,
there is an overcrowding in cer-
tain lines of business in this city
and that further expansion under
present conditions would be un-
wise.Charles Weightson, of the Van-
ney Air lines, was scheduled to
speak today but an accident at
Pasco this morning prevented him
from attending. H. E. Brady pres-
ided of the chamber announced.
He then called upon some of the
members to speak.Sounds Warning
Mr. Green declared that there
are too many homes, too many
buildings and too many business
houses of certain types in La
Grande and also that taxes are at
a limit. He stated that he does
not believe that the chamber of
commerce should sponsor new re-
tail firms. Mr. Green also said
that there are too many street im-
provements and that the city com-
mission should call a halt.Turning from this part of his
talk, Mr. Green spoke of industries
particularly fitted to the Grande
Ronde valley. He pointed out that
sheep and dairy cows can be re-
sistibly raised here, but he also
stated that there is not enough hay
grown in the valley to permit win-
tering of many head of sheep. The
valley needs irrigation and more
alfalfa, a cheese factory and a vin-
eerie factory, he said, among other
things.Malibou Talks
Following this Charles Malibou,
secretary, spoke briefly and out-
lined the chamber's policy in re-
ference to inquiries from retail
firms. "We try to encourage new
industries," he said, adding that
when inquiries are made concern-
ing business lines already well re-
presented here, a fair and square
statement of the local situation will
be given for the out-of-town in-
quirer. "The chamber of com-
merce has not been responsible for
one concern locating here to the
detrimment of others during the last
10 months," he concluded.Preceding Mr. Malibou and Mr.
Green, H. B. Parker, of the local
credit bureau, gave an interesting
report.COLUMBIA RIVER
HIGHWAY CLOSEDPORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11 (A.P.)—The Columbia river highway
was closed to traffic today by a
slide at Mosier, Ore., reports re-
ceived by the Oregon State Motor
association said that the road would
be closed before midnight. Traffic
was routed across the Bridge
of the Gods at Cascade Locks.
White Salmon to Lyle on the
North Bank road and across the
river again by ferry to Ilwaco,
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some ice on the east side of the
mountains.The Tillamook road was open
from Portland.Heavy rains along the Pacific
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Dies Early TodayAugust Engel, 78, passed away
this morning at the Grande Ronde
hospital after an extended illness.
He made his home in the Laid
Canyon district for the last 17
years.Funeral services under the di-
rection of the L. O. O. F. today will
be held at the Bohemian moun-
tains at 2 o'clock Thursday after-
noon. Interment will take place in
the Odd Fellows cemetery.Mr. Engel is survived by one
daughter, Mrs. Lillian Gulickson,
three sisters, six brothers and five
grandchildren. His son and wife
preceded him in death.Annual Christmas Rush Is Nearing
In Post Office-Peak Due in WeekThe peak of the year's postal
service in La Grande is rapidly ap-
proaching. During the three days
Dec. 18, 19 and 20, more mail is
sent out of the city than at any
other time of the year. The 23rd
of December is the busiest day for
mailing mail, the postal clerks say.Christmas mail has already been
sent from La Grande to practically
all countries of the world—to
India, Africa, China, Sweden, Nor-
way, the continental countries and
islands of the Pacific, according to
Postmaster R. R. Huron.According to John H. Bartlett,
first assistant postmaster general
of the United States, the last mailFriendship Of
Chile, America
Is Made FirmerHoover's Visit to South-
ern Republic Finds
President Waiting for
Him at the DepotSANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 11 (AP)—
The additional friendship be-
tween the United States and Chile
which has existed since the foun-
dation of the republic was exhib-
ited anew today in entertain-
ment provided for President-elect
Hoover. The festivities celebrating
this goodwill visit included a
luncheon at the presidential palace
arranged by President Ibáñez for
Mr. Hoover. Members on the
Chilean cabinet and immediate
members of the Hoover party were
invited to all.While Mr. Hoover was being en-
tertained and conferring with
Chilean officials, American busi-
ness men in this country today ex-
pressed the view that the visit of
Mr. Hoover, while devoted entirely
to the promotion of goodwill,
would prove to be of infinite ben-
efit to the commercial relations be-
tween the two countries.600 Millions Invested
One American said that more
than \$600,000,000 of American
capital was already invested in
Chile, and that Chileans realizing
the extent to which Mr. Hoover
had promoted the relations between
the two countries, would welcome
a further influx of American
money for the development of nat-
ural resources. Regret was ex-
pressed that it was necessary for
Mr. Hoover to limit his visit to two
days and officials and others
mapped out a crowded program for
the final day of his stay.Mr. Hoover was unusually hon-
ored on his arrival when President
Ibáñez went to the railroad station
to meet him. This was under-
stood to be only the second in-
stance in which a president of
Chile has so acted; the previous

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Gift Suggestion
Edition Will Be
Issued ThursdayWith merchants of La Grande
describing and illustrating their
newest gift suggestions preliminary
to the big shopping rush of the
last 18 days, the Evening Obser-
ver will appear Thursday with its
annual Christmas Shopping Edi-
tion.A special Christmas cover, de-
signed by W. C. Both, of Chicago,
will decorate the first page of the
first section, and the issue will in-
clude a number of special Christ-
mas features written to interest
those who are preparing for the
holidays. Special advertising is be-
ing prepared to urge people to tell
the people in the Grande Ronde ter-
ritory the what, why and how much of
gift shopping.Christmas shopping is already
under way to a satisfying extent
according to numerous business
men. A few reports report slow
gift buying due to the lateness of
Thanksgiving day this year, but
there are other stores that say that
they are making gratifying gains
over the volume of last year.There are many things to indi-
cate a greater volume of Christmas
business this year than ever before
and the next two weeks will see
the peak of the season shopping,
everyone agrees.August Engel, 78,
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three sisters, six brothers and five
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Car Is ThwartedAn attempt to steal City Com-
missioner A. T. Rife's car failed
last night when police appeared on
the scene just before the thieves
started the automobile. They
escaped, however.The car had been taken from the
garage and someone in the neigh-
borhood saw this happen, imme-
diately telephoning the police, who
rushed to the Hill residence just in
time to prevent the attempted theft.Dr. Murphy Speaks
To Scout TroopDr. Roy Murphy visited Boy
Scout Troop No. 14 last night and
talked to the boys on stars. It had
been planned to hold the meeting
outside so that the constellation
groups in the sky could be seen as
the talk was given explaining
them, but cloudy weather pre-
vented this.The meeting was held in the
basement of the Presbyterian
church with 14 boys in attendance.
Dr. Murphy is a scout master of the
troop.EPIDEMIC OF
FLU SPREADS
OVER NATIONFive Schools, in Widely
Separated Sections,
Suspend ClassesKANSAS REPORTS
SEVERAL DEATHSOutbreak Not Considered
As Dangerous As in
1918 and 1920; Warn-
ings Issued, However.WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—
Although in the epidemic stage in
some sections, public health ser-
vice officials do not believe the
present outbreak of influenza is as
widespread as those that swept the
country in 1918 and 1920. Nor is it
considered as virulent in charac-
ter for the death rate thus far is
considered low.Nevertheless, influenza is held
responsible for the closing of five
schools in widely separated sec-
tions, though the approach of the
Christmas holidays might have con-
tributed to that.The University of the South at
Sewanee, Tennessee, Culver Mil-
itary academy, Culver, Indiana, the
University of Missouri, Columbia,
the Seminary of St. Therese near
Montreal, Quebec and Lewis, Que-
bec, have suspended classes because
of outbreaks of the disease.Half of Students Ill
No deaths were reported at any
of the schools but at Sewanee half
the students were said to be ill. One
hundred and fifty had the disease
at Columbia and at Culver 68 had
reported to the infirmary since
Saturday.Three other schools also reported
that influenza had made its ap-
pearance on the campus. It was
characterized as an epidemic at the
University of Iowa but classes have
not been ordered to suspend.
Classes are also meeting at Vir-
ginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacks-
burg, Virginia, but students may
be kept home after proving the
presence of health authorities.At the University of Georgia,
Athens, 27 were in the infirmary
with 67 cases reported but classes
are being held.HOOVER MAY FACE
DEFICIT MARCH 4President Approves Tax
Refunds; Puts Crimp in
Hopes for SurplusWASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—
Treasury supplementary estimates
of tax refunds totaling nearly \$55,
000,000 more than originally ex-
pected to be required were signed
today by President Coolidge, who
is apprehensive that a treasury
deficit may result if congress ap-
propriates too liberally.In his budget message to con-
gress, the president observed that
a surplus of \$27,000,000 was in
prospect for the close of the fiscal
year, but he believes now that it
may be wiped out and that the in-
coming president may face a deficit.Suggestions have been made to
Mr. Coolidge that President-Elect
Hoover is anxious that sufficient
funds be appropriated for opera-
tion of the vast governmental ma-
chine, but the president feels that
his successor may encounter great-
er difficulty in the event the treas-
ury runs short of cash. Mr. Cool-
idge said.

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PRESBYTERIAN
GROUP IS TO
HEAR PASTORWhat officials of the Presbyter-
ian church say will be an out-
standing program of the year, will
be held Thursday evening at 8
o'clock sharp, at the Quaker Wes-
tern home in La Grande and the
Christian mission in a movement
there will be the theme. The principal
address of the evening will be
given by the Rev. R. C. Lee, of
Union, who will use Stanley Jones'
famous book, "Christ of the In-
dian World" as a general theme but
supplementing this with other lec-
tures personally gained in the or-
ient, and latter day developments,
under the specific theme of "Chris-
tian Superiority Complex in India".
As a prelude to the main ad-
dress, Mr. R. C. Murphy will
give a dual review of "Meditations
India" which revealed a temple
throughout the world, and un-
usually temperamental history. "A
Son of Mother India" will be
the theme.The review of these Indian books
and the address by the Rev. Mr.
Lee, will give our membership a
sparkling program, which every
member should hear, declared C.
M. Humphreys today in announce-
ment of the meeting. The Rev. Mr.
Lee has a personal experience in
the far east, a wonderful capacity
to think and as equally fine gift
of speaking in a gathering of men.
He explained Mr. Humphreys further.
A group of Union business men
are going to be special guests for
the evening.

CARUSO HEIRS

Bequest to two-thirds of a mil-
lion dollars is 8-year-old Gloria
Caruso, pictured at the top. The
New Jersey courts have award-
ed that amount to royalties to the
daughter of the famous ten-
or. Sharing in the remaining
third of the estate is her step-
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Of Settlement of
Dispute in S. A.Bolivia and Paraguay Are
Both Angry and Nearly
at Grips, News from In-
terior IndicatesWASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—
Bolivia withdrew today from the
pan-American conference of arbitra-
tion and conciliation, following
efforts of the conference to settle
the Paraguayan-Bolivian dispute.LUGANO, Switzerland, Dec. 11
(AP)—The council of the League
of Nations today sent a cablegram
to the governments of Paraguay
and Bolivia urging settlement of
their border dispute by concilia-
tion.The council reassembled after
the morning session at 2:30 p. m.
and took up the draft cablegram
which had been prepared amicably
recalling to both governments their
obligations under the covenant to
settle any differences by Pacific
means.BOLIVIANS AROUSED
LA PAZ, Bolivia, Dec. 10 (De-
layed)—(AP)—Mass meetings in
support of the Bolivian govern-
ment's attitude on the Paraguayan
frontier dispute were held yester-
day in many sections of the coun-
try. Volunteers are flooding the
administration with offers of ser-
vice.In Trinidad a full regiment of
1000 men was organized and asked
to be sent at once to the frontier.
Many physicians have offered their
hospital facilities and have volun-
teered to go in person to Chaco in
case of necessity.The school teachers league of
Lapaz requested immediate muster
into the government service. The
men asked to be taken into the
army and the women volunteered
for Red Cross work.The foreign office issued another
communiqué relative to the de-
parture of Elias Ayala, the Para-
guayan Charge d'Affaires. It de-
clared that Senor Ayala's state-
ments that he had been insulted
while on his way to the frontier
were not accurate.

PARAGUAY ANGERED

ASUNION, Paraguay, Dec. 11
(AP)—Mass meetings were held
yesterday and afterwards
groups of university students and
workmen paraded the streets as a
demonstration of farewell to the
caders of the military academy who
are to leave for Concepcion to take
part in military maneuvers.The newspaper El Libertador reports
that many prominent men are vol-
unteering for military service. Among
them were two notable leaders
of the opposition, General Rojas
and Commander Alvaro Pardo.Directors of the banks told the
newspapers that the crisis over the
Bolivian affair had not been felt in
financial circles and that banking
business was normal.Three Murders
Admitted Today
By Jersey ManJERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 11
(AP)—Already under indictment
for the murder of a 1-year-old boy,
Peter Kuddanowski, confessed to
Jersey City police early today that
he strangled a 1-year-old Jersey
City girl last August.A few hours after a Hudson
county grand jury had indicted
him for murder in the first de-
gree in the death of Joseph Stojil-
ic of New York, Kuddanowski told
police he had five-year-old Julia
Miodanowski away from a Sun-
day school picnic at Lake Hopatcong,
N. J., August 19 and after
attaching her choked her to death.He has also confessed to the
slaying of Harry Quinn, 20, a fel-
low worker in Scranton, Pa., in
1924.Chaing Kai-Shek
Invites HooverNANKING, China, Dec. 11 (AP)—
Chaing Kai-Shek, head of the
nationalist government has invited
Herbert Hoover to visit China
as a means of bettering relations
between China and the United
States. The invitation was extended
through the Chinese minister of
Lans, Pa.Sleeping Sickness
Scourge in AfricaLUGANO, Switzerland, Dec. 11
(AP)—A report was submitted to
the council of the League of Na-
tions today saying that sleeping
sickness is a veritable scourge
among the natives of Africa and is
rapidly decimating them. The re-
port was adopted by the council,
which approved campaign by the
league to combat the malady.National League
Re-Elects ChiefNEW YORK, Dec. 11 (AP)—
Club members of the National Le-
ague re-elected President John
Arnold regular for another seven
of four years.

KING GEORGE