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PAYMENT OF
TAXES ABOUT
NORMAL HEREPercentage Slightly Less
Than 1927 But Total
Cash Is MoreLARGER SUM TO
COLLECT IN 1928\$768,041.28 Received By
County Collector on
Dec. 1, Leaving \$124,-
294.86 to Be PaidAlthough a large sum of money
has been paid, the total percent-
age of taxes delinquent in Union
county this year is slightly more
than last year, according to figures
prepared today by the collecting
office.The comparisons were made as
of Dec. 1, 1927 and Dec. 1, 1928.
During the present year the money
received up to the beginning of the
last month of the year was \$768,-
041.28. As the 1927 taxes, which
are payable this year, were in the
amount of \$892,330.14, the amount
remaining delinquent Dec. 1 was
\$124,294.86.

13.9 Per Cent Unpaid

The delinquent taxes represented
13.9 per cent of the total taxes
due, although since Dec. 1, Deputy
Sheriff Amos Helms states, this
percentage has been reduced to
about 12.5 per cent, as delinquent
taxes are being paid up almost
daily. The delinquent tax notices
were only mailed out a few days
ago and many more payments are
expected to be made in the near
future.

More to Be Collected

Last year, the delinquencies on
Dec. 1 amounted to \$144,799.37,
which represented 13.2 per cent of
the total, which was \$869,580.92.
The sum \$22,755.19 less than the
amount to be collected this year.
The increase in the money to be
collected accounts for the fact that
\$12,259.70 have been paid in this
year above last year's figure al-
though the percentage was less.Tax collections throughout the
year have been about on par with
last year and reflect a steady con-
dition among the property owners
of the county. It is pointed out.CAR BELONGING
TO W. LANSING
DAMAGED MOSTIn the traffic accident that oc-
curred near La Grande yesterday,
the car driven by State Traffic
Officer Walter Lansing, of Baker,
was the most severely damaged. It
was turned over. The damage is
estimated at from \$400 to \$500.Cars driven by Hugh Sprout, of
Toloe, and a North Powder woman,
which went into the ditch due to
skidding on the slippery road,
were less badly damaged. A fourth
machine, whose driver was un-
known, also went into the ditch
about 20 minutes after the other
three but was not damaged and
proceeded on to La Grande as soon
as it was assisted back onto the
road.The car driven by Mr. Sprout
slipped off the shoulder of the road
and, in trying to right it, the driver
lost control and the machine side-
swiped Mr. Lansing's car. No one
was injured although Mr. Sprout
was hurt through the top of his
machine.TURKEY SHOOT
NEXT SUNDAY
AT LONE TREEThe second big turkey shoot of
the season given by the La Grande
chapter of the Isaac Walton league
will be held Sunday, Dec. 16, at
the Lone Tree trap grounds, begin-
ning in the morning, according to
announcement by Dr. J. E. Wood-
ell, secretary. A large number of
excellent turkeys have been se-
cured.The first turkey shoot was held
the Sunday before Thanksgiving
day.CHEER LEADER KILLED
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 14—
(AP)—Randolph Knight, 29, soph-
omore, and head cheer leader of the
University of Tennessee, died last
night from knife wounds he re-
ceived to have been inflicted by a
Negro hotel female vendor.WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—39 above,
Minimum: 29 above.
Condition: cloudy.WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 35, minimum 29
above.Condition: cloudy, traces of
snow.WEATHER DEC. 11, 1927
Maximum 29, minimum 11
above.

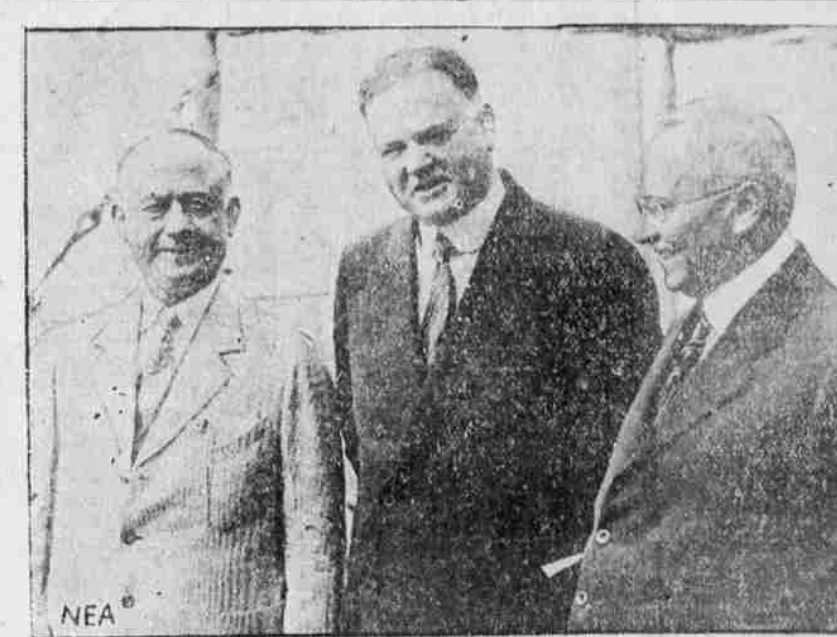
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C. M. Humphreys
To Get Picture
Of Mr. HooverReceives Award Because
His Precinct Cast Best
Percentage of Votes for
Republican ChiefA committee composed of J. M.
Pearce, republican central commit-
teeman for Union county, and L. A.
Wright, announced today that C.
M. Humphreys, chairman of voting
precinct No. 16, in Union county,
is to be presented with an auto-
graphed picture of Herbert Hoover
and his dog.The gift is to be made by the
state republican committee and
expected to arrive in La Grande
early next week.The award is made to each pre-
cinct committeeman in each county
in the state whose precinct had the
largest percentage of votes cast for
Mr. Hoover.The percentages were calculated
on a basis of the total number of
registered voters within the pre-
cinct. In the winning precinct, 232
votes were cast for Mr. Hoover out
of a total registration of 414. The
percentage of Hoover votes was
56.13.Had the percentages been fig-
ured on the basis of the total num-
ber of votes cast they would have
been higher. A total of a few
more than 320 votes was cast in
precinct No. 16. Figured on that
basis Mr. Hoover received about
23 per cent of the votes cast.Precinct No. 16 was located in
the Methodist Episcopal church and
included territory west of
Fourth street.Precinct No. 8, of which R. J.
Green was chairman, had a total
of 190 votes for Hoover out of a
registration of 361. The percentage
was a little more than 52.5 per
cent.Precincts No. 7, 9 and 11 were
next with percentages of about 50
each.With the exception of precinct
No. 7, all of the precincts having
the highest percentage of votes for
Mr. Hoover, were located west of
Fourth street.The total percentage of votes
cast for Hoover in Union county
was 43 per cent of the total regis-
tered vote.Highway Shops
Ready For Snow
In East OregonAll the snow equipment for use
on the state highways in Eastern
Oregon which is handled in the
state highway shops in La Grande,
is ready. "All we lack now is the
snow. We have had two install-
ments of snow and when more
comes we will be ready for it," say
shop officials.The snow equipment comes into
the local offices during the summer
and is repaired for winter use.Already two truck plows have
been sent to Walla Walla county.
Three will be used in Union county
and six in Baker county. The
number used in Baker is more
than in the other two counties be-
cause of the greater highway traf-
fic in that county. Baker county
has approximately 220 miles of
state highway while in Union coun-
ty there are but 89 miles.Three truck plows have been
sent to Malheur county, one to
Grant, five to Umatilla and one
to Morrow.A number of combination graders
and tractors have also been dis-
tributed to several localities.Life Of Savior
To Be ProtrayedSeveral outstanding programs
have been arranged for Sunday in
La Grande churches.At the Episcopal church, the Rt.
Rev. William P. Remington, bishop
of Eastern Oregon, will preach the
sermon Sunday morning.The "Life of Our Savior," in
scripture and song, will be pre-
sented at the First M. E. church Sun-
day evening, beginning at 7:30
o'clock. A program was re-
hearsed last night and those in at-
tendance gave it much praise.The Triad choir at the First
Presbyterian church is preparing
to present a Christmas cantata
"Bethlehem" the following Sunday
evening, Dec. 22.Scout Court Of
Honor PostponedTwenty-one La Grande Boy
Scouts appeared at the board of
review held last night in the cham-
ber of commerce rooms. The re-
view was conducted by Charles
Hansen, R. E. Westenhaver, Charles
Hansen and E. Russell Scott.Due to illness in this city and
county, the court of honor which
was to have been held tonight at
Hansen hall, has been postponed.
It is likely that it will not be held
until January, says Mr. Scott, scout
executive.BOULDER DAM BILL
PASSED BY SENATEWASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13
(AP)—The Boulder dam bill was
passed late today by the senate.HOOVER GETS
BIG WELCOME
IN ARGENTINAPresident-elect Is Pleased
With Greeting Received
on East CoastANTI-AMERICAN
FEELING ABSENTEnthusiasm of Crowd
Prevents Parade to Em-
bassy; Police Lines Are
Broken DownBUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14—(AP)—
Herbert Hoover was highly
pleased today over the hearty wel-
come given him by the people of
Buenos Aires, the first capital that
he has visited on the eastern coast
of South America. His trip down
the slopes of the Andes and across
the fertile pampas gave him a feel-
ing of exultation at the accomplish-
ment of the people of Argentina.The Argentine government, anx-
ious that no untoward incident mar
Mr. Hoover's visit, continued today
to surround him with a police pro-
tection for their safety. Secret
service men guarded every
avenue of approach. Their vigil-
ance was due to possibilities indi-
cated before his arrival by several
arrests and seizure of arms and
railway maps. Troops and other
guards lined every route over which
Mr. Hoover traveled.

Doubt Expressed

Mr. Hoover and members of his
party seemed inclined to doubt that
they had been any pilot against
him. The enthusiasm which giv-
ing the president-elect indicated
there was no anti-American feeling
on the part of the people. This
enthusiasm prompted Mr. Hoover
to issue this statement:"I could imagine no more won-
derful introduction into Argentina
than through the Andes. One is
plunged at once into a realization
of its greatness, its splendid devel-
opment and its magnificent re-
sources. As a student of human
advancement, I have a feeling of
exultation at the accomplishment
of the people of Argentina to which
I have been witness. I am deeply
grateful for the genuine spirit of
kindness and welcome extended me
by President Frigoyan and evinced
by the many thousands of
people along the way here."The enthusiasm of the greeting
continued on page 2.SEAL SALE NETS
\$309 UP TO DATECampaign Is Progressing
Over Country in Spite
of DifficultiesThe sale of Christmas seals
sponsored by the La Grande Neigh-
borhood club in Union county, is
showing favorable results, accord-
ing to reports of the chairman of
the sale. A total of \$309.41 has
been received to date and a gain
of about \$400 has been made with-
in the last week. It is reported.Due to the flu epidemic in the
county considerable difficulty has
been encountered in finding a suf-
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seals at the various booths about town.Mrs. J. H. Ray, representing the
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Lee Hanford, who is ill.Flu Death Toll
Jumps To 50 In
The NorthwestSeattle Fatalities Most
Numerous; Sixty-six
New Cases, One Death
in Portland TodaySEATTLE, Dec. 14 (AP)—The
"flu" death toll in the Pacific
Northwest jumped overnight to
more than 50 when Seattle health
officers disclosed that more than
40 persons had died here in the
last few weeks of influenza or
pneumonia.Most health officers, although
admitting that "flu" and the grippe
were prevalent, declared that the
disease had not attained epidemic
proportions. It apparently has
spread most extensively over Cen-
tral Washington, although Spokane
and Seattle, on either side of the
state, have suffered the heaviest
death tolls.PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—
Sixty-six new cases of influenza
and one death were reported to the
city health bureau today. Michael
McKenzie, 59, died at a hospital.
There were 209 influenza cases of-
ficially reported in the city today.LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14 (AP)—
To dispel rumors that a slight at-
tack of influenza had been fatal,
Clara Bow, motion picture star
will speak over radio station KXN
at Hollywood Sunday night be-
tween 7 and 8 o'clock, it was an-
nounced today.Dawes Will Head
Big Bank CombineCHICAGO, Dec. 14 (AP)—Vice
President Charles G. Dawes will
become chairman of the joint
board of directors of the combined
Central Trust company and the
Bank of America, whose merger
was announced yesterday, after his
retirement on March 1.W. O. Clinger Buys
Grand Hotel LeaseW. O. Clinger, owner and man-
ager of the La Grande hotel in
this city, has purchased a lease on
the Grand hotel at Roseburg, Ore.,
where he becomes owner and
operator of the hotel.Mrs. Clinger is in Roseburg and
will have charge of the manage-
ment of the hotel. It is a 110-room
structure built by Mr. Clinger about
five years ago. He sold the lease
and has purchased it again.Mr. Clinger expects to go to
Roseburg next week to spend a few
days on business in connection with
the Grand hotel.Car Damaged But
Occupants UnhurtAbout 10 o'clock last night a
four door sedan owned by C. W.
Hunting, of La Grande, and oc-
cupied by Mr. Hunting and B. H.
Chisholm, skidded on the icy pave-
ment on the highway, went off the
grade and turned over. The men
managed to crawl out through a
window. Neither was injured but
the car was severely damaged. It is
reported.The accident occurred near Perry
as the men were driving back
from La Grande from Condon. A
wrecker was sent from La Grande
to bring the damaged car into
town.Car Stolen From
Island City FoundA car, belonging to Mr. Vol-
swinkel, of Island City, which was
stolen Wednesday night, was found
late yesterday back of the tele-
phone company building, accord-
ing to the police reports.The two cars stolen from W. F.
Starnell were found yesterday.
The sedan was discovered at Island
City in a ditch and the coupe in
the railroad yards.A sedan was also stolen in Pen-
dleton last night.Local Credits And Buying Power
Aided, August J. Stange BelievesThe importance of a community-
owned building and loan associa-
tion as a means of helping credit
and buying power was pointed out
today by Aug. J. Stange, head of
the Mr. Enilly Lumber company.Mr. Stange had read the "creed"
advanced by the La Grande Build-
ing and Loan association and made
the following comments:"Both as an employer and a citi-
zen of this community, such ideals
find a hearty response and are un-
qualified endorsement. Associa-
tions of this kind are taking their
place in community life through-
out the country to a greater degree
than is generally contemplated, as
is indicated by a recent report
made up by George L. Hill, vice-pres-
ident of the American Savings
Building and Loan Institute of New
York City, in which he states that
"There was deposited in 1927, the
sum of \$7,178,000,000 in building
and loan associations and in
which he estimates the deposits by
1937 to reach the staggering sum
of fifteen billion dollars."In view of such successful
growth in other localities, I believe
La Grande will do well to encour-
age and support a local association
for it is apparent that civic inter-
ests are emphasized through their
operation. I understand that it
has been designed desirable to in-
crease the service of the La Grande
Building & Loan association in or-
der to enable them to operate on
a larger scale and to distribute the
ownership among the greatest
number of business men and indi-
vidual investors. This creates a
real community institution and ap-
peals to me as a forward step in
the right direction. It will inspire
confidence and will give them an
opportunity to develop a home-
owning citizenry which will profit
in every line of business and
in relation to credits and buying
power. This should also discour-
age the purchase of outside invest-
ment securities which do not build
up our own community."

A PRESIDENT AND TWO PRESIDENTS-ELECT



President-elect Herbert Hoover, on his good-will tour of Central and South America, gave a luncheon aboard ship when the U. S. S. Maryland docked at Corinto, Nicaragua. This NEA photo shows him, center, with General Jose Maria Moncada, left, and President Adolfo Diaz, the first Central American chief executive Mr. Hoover met on his tour. General Moncada, like his host, also is a president-elect. His victory as a "Liberal" leader was won while the United States Marines kept order at the polls.

Work And Spend
Is Henry
Ford's AdviceWASHINGTON, Dec. 14—(AP)—
Henry Ford's advice to youth is
to work and spend.On his way to a White House
dinner last night, he stopped long
enough to give this bit of counsel.
In so doing he ran somewhat coun-
ter to an old maxim, and one gen-
erally regarded by most as the laws
of the Medes and Persians: work
and save."You often hear advice given to
young boys that to succeed they
must work and save their money,"
Mr. Ford said. "This is partly
wrong. No successful boy ever
saved any money. They spent it
as fast as they could for things to
improve themselves."As a case in point, he mentioned
Thomas Edison as never having
"any money until he got so much
he couldn't spend it."Whatever his attitude toward
saving, Mr. Ford believes in work.Takes Own Life
After Admitting
Killing FriendCANTON, O., Dec. 14 (AP)—
Mrs. Margaret Holdman, 21, of
Lorain, O., last night fired a bullet
into her heart. A week ago she
killed Vernon E. Fearn, 25-year-
old real dealer, in the door of his
home and shot him to death in
the presence of his wife and child.The young woman's husband,
W. O. Holdman, a furnace sales-
man, was en route with her from
their home at Lorain to the office
of Sheriff Edward Gibson here
when she took her life. She had
confessed everything to her hus-
band and had agreed to surrender
herself.Chance revealed her illicit ac-
quaintance with Fearn during
the last few months. Holdman
picked from a waste basket in their
home yesterday a crumpled suicide
note she had written several days
ago and then discarded. Confronted
with its contents she admitted
she was the lonely young
woman for whom a wide
search was being made.Mexican Bandits
Kidnap 22 WomenMEXICO CITY, Dec. 14 (AP)—
Twenty-two young women were
stated to have been taken from Jalisco
to captive today in the mountain
lairs of bandits who raided the
town of Ajotepetec in that state. The
young women who were abducted
were described as the prettiest in
the town. Federal troops were in
pursuit of the kidnappers.

WILL CHARGE FRAUD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—(AP)—
William J. Donovan, assistant to
the attorney general, told a senate
investigating committee today that
fraud proceedings have been pre-
pared against the Sinclair crude
oil producing company which
held a contract for the Salt Creek
reservoir, recently cancelled.

DEADLY GAS DISCOVERED

CHICAGO, Dec. 14 (AP)—A
new gas, so deadly that it would
make war an international epidemic,
has been discovered, Dr. H. H. H.
Jones, widely known research
chemist, told the Chicago essen-
tials club today in a talk on chem-
istry and its future in the bust-
ness world.Dr. Jones said this new gas
caused instant death to any person
who inhaled it.KING IS FACING
LONG STRUGGLEAlthough Critical Phase
Is Past, Time Needed to
Regain StrengthLONDON, Dec. 14—(AP)—(8:15
p. m.) King George's physicians
today issued the following bul-
letin on the king's condition:"The king had a somewhat dis-
turbed day and the general condi-
tion is not quite so satisfactory.
The pulse, however, remains
steady."The latest official word was con-
tained in a message sent by Lord
Stanfordham, the king's private
secretary, on behalf of Queen Mary
in reply to President Coolidge's
cordial message to the king. This
message said:"The queen is most grateful to
you, Mr. President, for your kind
message of which the Maundy well
in due course be informed as soon
as his strength permits. Though
the recent operation successfully
treated one phase of the king's serious
illness, the consequences of the
general infection will entail
weeks of slow and anxious progress
before convalescence can be
reached."This message was more informa-
tive than the morning official bul-
letin which stated:"The slight improvement in the
king's condition noted last evening
is maintained. Any progress must
be slow and difficult."The bulletin was signed by Sir
Hugh Knolly, Sir Stanley Hewitt,
and Lord Dawson of Penn.Indicating the greatly weakened
state that the king must be in after
the trying operations of Wednes-
day, and the effects of infection on
his system, was the fact made
known by the queen's message that
the king had not yet been informed
of Mr. Coolidge's telegram. This
was stated, would be communi-
cated to him only when he gained
a sufficient measure of strength.RELATIONS OF
INDIA TO WEST
ARE EXPLAINEDIndia came in for considerable
discussion at the meeting of the
Presbyterian Men's club held last
night at the home of Gustave W.
De Ray, Murphy, reviewed
"Mother India," declaring that it
is a disgraceful book and was in-
strumental in undoing the spread
of friendship between Asia and the
West. He also reviewed "A Son
of Mother India Answers," which
disproved the greater portion of
"Mother India."The Rev. R. C. Lee, of Union,
spoke on the "Present Status of
Christianity in India." He said
that the Indians have taken to
Jesus as a great prophet and are
accepting his teachings in great
numbers but that they have re-
fused Christianity because of treat-
ment they have received by all
Christians, excepting the mission-
aries. The multiplicity of denom-
inations has also confused them, he
said. Mr. Lee believes that the
only possible solution is to adopt
a "Protestant non-sectarian" na-
tionary policy.The next meeting will be held
Thursday after Christmas at
which time the University of
Washington and Oregon and Ore-
gon State college students will be
in attendance.10 Companies In
Lumber Combine
On West CoastTACOMA, Wash., Dec. 14—(AP)—
A \$100,000,000 combine of inter-
coastal lumber and shipping inter-
ests involving ten of the largest
lumber companies operating on the
west coast had been arranged here,
Morgan J. Doyle, of San Francisco,
counsel for the organization, an-
nounced.The Pacific Atlantic Lumber cor-
poration, as the new consolidation
of interests is to be known, plans
to start operating about the first
of the year, buying, transporting,
marketing and financing lumbering
ventures, Doyle said today.</