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### THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy and rain and snow west portion tonight and Saturday, no change in temperature.

## XMAS PLANS COMPLETED IN THIS CITY

### Elks to Distribute Gifts to Children At Noon on Dec. 25

### GIVE BASKETS TO FAMILIES SUNDAY

### Many Churches Throughout the City Announce Special Programs Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

La Grande's plans for Christmas have been practically completed and, although the arrival of Saint Nick is not scheduled until Monday evening, the city as a whole is knee deep in the Yuletide spirit. This morning, the La Grande B. P. O. Elks lodge No. 431, announced that its distribution of baskets of provisions for the needy families of this territory would begin at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, so that the baskets would arrive in plenty of time to prepare a Christmas dinner. However, the baskets contain provisions for several dinners, insuring the needy families of sufficient food throughout the holiday week.

### Children's Treat

It was also announced that the Elks Christmas tree for the children, to be held at the intersection of Washington and Depot by the Elks temple, will begin at noon on Christmas day—Tuesday, Dec. 25. Last year 2,000 children were present at the tree.

Churches will swing into their Christmas celebrations in earnest this weekend, although one or two programs have already been held. The Episcopal church will have a school children's Christmas tree at 7 p. m. Monday and at 11:30 the same evening will hold Midnight Mass. Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller will sing a solo and "A Christmas Song" will be given by the Rotary club quartet. The remainder of the program follows: anthem "Holy Night" (Howley) by the choir, Christmas carols, organ numbers by Mrs. H. N. Ashby; recitation "Volx Kommet" (Hottel); oratorio "Fantasia" (Mozart) and psalms "Hallelujah chorus" (Handel). The pastor will give a short address on the subject of Christmas.

### Carols To Be Given

The annual Christmas cantata arranged for women's voices by Paul Bliss is being carefully prepared by the Triad choir of the First Presbyterian church, in charge of Mrs. J. L. Richardson, director. This will be given Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock and will make the evening of special interest. The cantata in the cantata are the chorus and solo work.

A Christmas festival will be instituted by the Christmas tree program to be given by the Sunday school in the evening of Dec. 23 at the English Lutheran church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. A Christmas service will be held on Tuesday, at 10:30 o'clock, which will be given by the choir for the occasion.

A Sunday school program will be held at the Baptist church Sunday evening, it is announced, and a pageant-play in five scenes, entitled "Following the Star" will be given at the First Central Church of Christ Sunday evening. There will be 25 costumes in the cantata. The Christmas pastor will deliver his Christmas sermon Sunday morning.

Midnight Mass will be held at the Catholic church and masses will also

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## NEW FUEL CO. IS ORGANIZED IN LA GRANDE

Monty Witty and Gearhart Stackland, both well known La Grande valley residents, have opened a business establishment on Jefferson avenue near the Pacific Fruit company. They are at present handling several lines of fuel and later expected to expand their business to include other stocks.

Mr. Witty and Mr. Stackland will make La Grande their home, and Mr. Witty's family, now at Cove, will come here in the near future. Mr. Witty is also a former resident of Helix. Mr. Stackland has made Cove his home where he has been identified with the fruit business for many years.

### WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—18 above.  
Stations 12 above.  
Condition clear.

### WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 29, minimum 11 above.

Condition clear.

### WEATHER DEC. 21, 1927

Maximum 24, minimum 9 above.  
Condition cloudy.

## Action Against Billups, Dunham Postponed Today

### Hearing Will Not Be Held Until Monday Because of District Attorney's Absence

Ray Billups and Les Dunham, of Wata Wells, are still being held in jail today on an open charge, following the death of Franklin Hall, of Minam, in an automobile accident at Island City early yesterday morning. Billups was driving the car and Dunham was with him in the front seat. The machine, headed toward La Grande, failed to make the turn and crashed on the river bank, fatally injuring Mr. Hall, who had been in the back seat.

Billups and Dunham appeared before Justice of Peace Hugh E. Brady this morning, but, after a consultation with their attorney, the hearing was postponed until Monday, District Attorney Carl Helm is now in Portland attending a state convention and officers do not wish to take action until he returns.

Billups' coroner E. L. Ralston, who has been investigating the case since this afternoon that he would not decide as to an inquest until the district attorney returned.

Officers stated today that, although Dunham is held on an open charge, they are keeping him as a material witness.

### Acts Added To Legionnaires' New Year Show

Several vaudeville acts have been added to the program which is part of the midnight matinee to begin at 12 o'clock midnight at the Arcade theater under the auspices of the La Grande post of the American Legion.

Erwood Hiett and Field Geddes will be featured in a musical act to include popular songs and ukulele solos and duets.

Beneficent pupils of Miss Miriam Hiett will entertain with an act. Hermit Hagart and Robert Guilt, University of Oregon students, will present a skit.

The music soloists participating in the midnight show are practicing tonight at 7:30 at Honan hall.

## Roads In Good Shape Over This Part Of Oregon

Persons expecting to journey by automobile to Portland, the John Day region or other state highway vicinities, during the Christmas holidays, will find the roads in good condition generally, although in some places state highway officials in La Grande advise the use of chains on the cars. They urge careful driving to avoid accidents.

"The roads are generally in good condition in Eastern Oregon. There is little snow at any point, however, in several places the road is slippery due to frost and snow. Between Pendleton and La Grande, particularly, chains should be used and careful driving is urged," states Oscar Cutler, maintenance engineer.

"Between Hilgard and Dead Man's Pass, for a distance of 20 miles there is more snow than in any other Eastern Oregon section," he says.

Traffic at present is 50 per cent less than it was during the summer months, he says.

## Mail And Students Make Trains Late

Due to heavy Christmas mail and influx of passengers going to their homes and to visit friends and relatives during the Yuletide season, many of the trains arriving in La Grande are behind schedule.

The train due to arrive in this city at about 8:30 this morning arrived at 8:45 o'clock.

The southbound 10:25 a. m. train came in at 11:25, carrying five extra cars—three mail cars, one sleeper with University of Washington students and another carrying students coming to La Grande.

## Murderer Hanged At Parry Sound

PARRY SOUND, Ont., Dec. 21 (AP)—John Burrows, convicted of the murder of Thomas Jackson Farmer, after a full year's holiday near here last August 18, was hanged in a spot where in the courtyard of the district jail today.

A biting wind whirled snow down on the courtyard as Burrows walked up the steps to the platform, flanked by a single guard. He objected momentarily to the black cap, but yielded to the hangman's insistence and murmured a short prayer as the trap was sprung.

## HIS CHANCE



Your contribution hits the white plague which you buy Christmas Seals. All the money raised is used in the state for prevention and cure of tuberculosis, and in providing children, like this lad, with opportunity to overcome the dread malady.

## TIGER TOSSERS WIN TWO GAMES

### La Grande First Ward M. I. A. and Imbler High School Are Defeated

Tiger basketball teams took the honors in two games played last night in the G. B. B. Recreational hall.

La Grande High school won from Imbler High school by a score of 27 to 17 in a fast and cleanly played game.

In both games the playing was fast and very few fouls were called on either side, says Ralph Christie, La Grande coach.

The line-up for the La Grande team follows: right forward, Braden; center, P. Newlin; running guard, V. Newlin; toe, standing guard, Wade; left forward, Durkin.

The latter part of the game Walden was substituted for Braden and Pace for Wade. Braden was substituted for Ledbetter.

Jimmy Rosenblum refereed both games and William Peace was timekeeper.

In the game against the La Grande M. I. A. first ward, the score was 18 to 10 for the Tigers. Thompson was high point man with six points. Zuniel was second with five and Walden third with two. Braden made the entire ten points for the M. I. A. five.

The line-up for the Tiger team was as follows: right forward, Stoddard; left forward, Zuniel; center, Buger; right guard, Thompson; standing guard, John Berry.

The line-up for the M. I. A. team: right forward, Braden; left forward, Metcalf; center, Adams; right guard, Hansen; left guard, M. Stoddard.

The substitutes were Graham for Stoddard, Tabor for Berry and Walden for Thompson.

Captain Harrison Wolfe was unable to play because of a sprained ankle which will keep him out of games until after the holidays.

## Elks Elect Two Officers at Meet

Chester Thompson was elected treasurer (read tonight of the Elks lodge last night and Sherwood Williams was elected esteemed lecturer tonight. Both were installed.

Following the installation two boxing bouts were held as features of a successful evening. The bout participated in by Glenn Ford and Sandy Anderson resulted in a draw.

In the second bout Dick Anderson won over Lou Cousins.

## ORDER CAUSE OF DEATH

SEATTLE, Dec. 21 (AP)—Nathan P. E. Haddock, who was killed when his plane crashed near Camp Kearney, Cal., was to have gone on leave last Saturday, but a last minute change in naval orders kept him on duty.

## AITCHISON IS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

### Oregon Man, Re-nominated for I. C. C. Position, Answers Questions

### ECONOMY PROGRAM CAUSE OF DELAYS

### Objections With Drawn After Quizzing; Other Nominations Also Approved Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The nomination of Clyde R. Aitchison, of Oregon, to a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, was approved today by the Senate Interstate Commerce committee after objections to his confirmation had been withdrawn.

The committee also gave its approval to the confirmation of Claude R. Porter, of Iowa, and Patrick J. Farrell, of the District of Columbia, to be members of the commission.

There has been no fight on the nominations of Farrell and Porter.

### Objections Withdrawn

Senator Wheeler, democrat of Montana, who was instrumental in delaying a vote in the committee for Aitchison's nomination, announced today that his complaints had been satisfactorily answered by the commissioner's testimony.

The senator had felt that Aitchison had had an unduly long telephone conference for an unreasonable time. Aitchison asserted that the budget bureau's efforts to carry out President Coolidge's economy program were largely responsible for the delay.

He declared he wrote a letter to the budget bureau detailing that the proposed cut for the 1924-25 appropriation would not permit the commission to go ahead with its subsidizing of telephone companies, express lines, electric railroads, and so forth, authorized by congress about 15 years ago. Notwithstanding this letter, he said, the appropriation was a cut 20 per cent that year.

## Local Teachers To Attend Convention

A number of La Grande public school officials will attend the meeting of the 29th annual convention of the Oregon Teachers' association to be held in Portland Dec. 27, 28 and 29. Several of the teachers have important positions on committees of the association.

L. J. Towler, principal of the La Grande High school, is chairman of the committee on reorganization and on Friday of the convention week will give the committee report at the department of high school principals meeting.

Mrs. McEachran, principal of central school, is a member of the resolutions committee and will be in attendance at the meeting of the committee on Wednesday of the convention week.

A. J. Longfellow, city superintendent of schools, expects to attend the convention. A number of other teachers also expect to be there.

## Hungry Cougar Attacks Indian

SPOKANE, Dec. 21 (AP)—A hunger-maddened cougar with two cubs attacked, killed and mangled George Solomon, Weimart Indian, a report reaching Colville, Wash., said today.

The aged Indian who was partly blind, was described as a brother of Coyote chief, Red Jones, and Indian Wilson of the Colville and Spokane tribes.

## King George Making Satisfactory Progress, Bulletin Today Indicates

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—"His Majesty had a quiet day," said the 8:15 p. m. bulletin issued by the king's physicians tonight. "The general conditions show a very slow though favorable course."

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Today's bulletin from Buckingham palace on King George, one of the briefest yet issued, brought the satisfactory news that he had passed a restless night, concluded in being built up his strength from the extreme exhaustion caused by his prolonged and grave illness.

The bulletin, taken in the light of yesterday's lengthy and much-sided optimistic report by the king's physicians, was felt to indicate that there was nothing appreciable to add to what on the whole was considered a favorable situation.

"This morning's bulletin is good. The king has had a peaceful night. There is no appreciable change to be noted."

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## Miss Gore Wins Essay Prize In Local Contest

### Writes Best Article on Building And-Loan Associations; Two Other Prizes Awarded

Miss Marjorie Gore, of 364 Alder street, won the \$25 first prize offered by the La Grande Building and Loan association for the best essay written by a high school student on the subject of building and loan associations.

Second prize, of \$15, was won by Leo Johnson, 2202 Island avenue, and third prize, of \$15, went to Miss Edith Elizabeth Moser, 1703 Washington avenue.

Presentation of the prizes was made at a one o'clock assembly this afternoon at the L. D. H. Recreational hall by Wm. Smith, who is associated with the local organization.

Preceding the presentation announcement was made of the high school holiday vacation and a Christmas carol and some school songs were sung.

The essay written by Miss Gore follows:

### Utic Value of Building and Loan Associations in Their Local Communities

A Building and Loan Association is an incorporation which is subject to the laws of the State in which it is situated, having for its purpose that which the title implies. It has a stipulated paid-up capital and is managed by men whose integrity warrants the State Corporation Commissioner's permission to operate such a company. Primarily it is a financial institution which, under proper management, pays a fair return on the investment of the stockholders. Secondly, it is a pooling of financial resources, enabling the corporation directors to finance legitimate improvements which are protected by real estate first mortgages.

The first organization of this nature was founded in Pennsylvania in 1821. The growth of similar companies has been so great that, during the last year, one and one-quarter billion dollars were loaned thus financing three hundred and sixty thousand buildings and providing one and one-half million people with homes of their own.

These associations not only centralize financial resources, add strength to the realty market, keep local capital at work in the home field, based in the steady growth of the community, but provide a source of investment for the individual.

## Release Turks From Sacajawea Inn On Monday

Monday afternoon, the day before Christmas, from 2:30 to 2:30 o'clock, 15 live and squawking turkeys will be tossed off the roof of the Sacajawea inn on Adams avenue to be caught by La Grande persons who would like a turkey for Christmas dinner. The first one to catch each turkey will become its owner.

Twenty La Grande stores and business concerns are co-operating to feature the novel turkey stunt, the like of which has never before been seen in La Grande, as far as old-timers can remember. It is believed that even back in the 30's no such stunt was a feature of Christmas time.

The turkeys will be started off by Capt. Hays, La Grande chief of police. They will be light in weight, averaging about six pounds each.

For that reason, it is believed that many of the birds, being tame, will be caught by the children, a report reaching Colville, Wash., said today.

A large crowd of people is expected to come to the Sacajawea inn to participate in the fun and to endeavor to capture one of the turkeys.

## BOULDER DAM BILL SIGNED BY COOLIDGE

### Provides for Reclamation, Flood Control and Power Project on River

### SIX STATES MUST RATIFY MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—President Coolidge today signed a bill authorizing construction of a bridge across the Columbia river at or near Arlington, Ore. L. L. Montague was named as builder.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—President Coolidge today signed the Boulder dam bill making effective the act providing for a reclamation, flood control and power project on the Colorado river.

The president affixed his signature before a gathering of representatives of the Swings-Johnson bill, who were brought to the executive office by Senator Johnson and Representative Swing, California republicans, who for years had led the fight for enactment of the bill.

To Cost \$165,000,000

The measure provides that the government shall supply the \$165,000,000 estimated as necessary to construct a dam and accompanying works in Black Canyon. The money is to be repaid under an amortization plan from proceeds of the sale of power.

The signature of the president was the last official act required in providing federal authority for the construction, but either Utah or Arizona of the seven Colorado river basin states must ratify the Colorado river compact for distribution of water before that act can become effective.

## SCREAM SAVES BANK \$15,000; BANDITS FLEE

NOTAMULA, Ariz., Dec. 21 (AP)—A woman walked into the First National Bank of Notamula yesterday and upon glancing up saw a number of people lined against the wall with their hands extended upward, and another group of three men pointing pistols at them. She screamed.

A. B. Hop, president, who with Carl Hays, sheriff, entered the bank in the bank a few minutes later, aided by officers, quickly congratulated the woman. She had saved \$15,000 in currency in the teller's cage which was within grasp of the trio until they fled, fearing the woman's screams would summon police.

## Salem Offered As Base For Airships

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Congressman W. C. Hawley has telegraphed the Salem chamber of commerce that Salem will be given careful consideration by the navy department as the location for a Pacific coast dirigible base. Other members of the Oregon delegation are working in Salem's behalf.

## HEAVY QUAKES HIT MINDANAO ON WEDNESDAY

MANILA, Dec. 21 (AP)—Manila learned today that a violent earthquake shook the greater part of Mindanao Island Wednesday night. One person was killed at Cotabato, capital of the province of that name. Many houses collapsed and fire broke out but it was quickly controlled. An undetermined number of persons were injured.

Damage was estimated at \$100,000. The quakes also was felt in Zamboanga and Cavao, two other provinces of Mindanao, but little damage was done in those areas.

The weather bureau estimated that the quake was centered in the Celebes Sea, 1,000 kilometers south of Manila.

## Jardine Supports New McNary Bill

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SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—The Willamette University basketball squad defeated the St. Paul Company five of Portland here last night 43 to 23.

## WINTER ARRIVES IN MIDDLEWEST RIGHT ON TIME

### Three Deaths Caused by Cold Wave; Today Official Ending of Fall Season

### CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Winter came to the middlewest today just as the Almanac said it would.

Three deaths in Chicago were attributed to the cold and police reported caring for 259 other men and women forced into the various stations for shelter. Three degrees above zero was the lowest temperature recorded in Chicago.

As the sun scooted to its winter solstice to give the United States its shortest day of the year and herald the official beginning of winter, cold weather swept into the mid-west from Canada.

Winter officially begins at 8:34 p. m. tonight, but for the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Minnesota and parts of Canada it already has become established.

Devil's Lake, N. D., had a minimum of 18 below yesterday and at Bismarck, N. D., the mercury fell to six below. St. Paul experienced a low temperature of four below while Duluth and Morehead, Minn., each recorded readings of eight below. Zero weather gripped La Crosse, Wis., and The Pas, Man., shivered in 39 below weather.

More snow was accompanied by a slight temperature rise over most of the Rocky Mountain section.

## PORTLAND BIDS FOR WHITE HOUSE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—A drizzle of rain, and freezing temperature today caused ice to form on pavements and sidewalks. The Columbia River highway near here was icy.

## Representative Korell Suggests City for a Summer Residence

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Claims of Portland, Oregon, as site for a summer white house were advanced today by Representative Korell, republican of that state.

"Airways are being laid out," he said, "and trans-continental air travel is just beginning. All of this means that distance between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts has been reduced so that with inauguration of a 24-hour air service the relative distance between Washington and any city on the major Pacific coast cities will not be as great as the distance between Washington and Philadelphia in the days of Washington, Adams and Jefferson."

His statement, inserted in the congressional record added that he was calling the matter to the attention of the house because of recent agitation for a summer white house. He said he was "anxious that the claims of my native city, which are great from the standpoint of health, beauty, convenience, and accessibility, shall not be overlooked."

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## HOOVER VOTE 21,429,109; FINAL COUNT

### National Official Election Returns Given to The Associated Press

### GOVERNOR SMITH GETS 15,005,497

### Republican Victory in 40 States; Increase in the Number of Votes Over 1924 Is 25 Per Cent

Copyright 1928 by the A. P.—WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Herbert Hoover's plurality over Governor Smith in the November election was 6,422,612.

Figures gathered by the Associated Press from the election officials of the 48 states show these totals:

Hoover 21,429,109.  
Smith 15,005,497.

The total vote cast, the largest in the history of the United States, was 36,734,606.

The votes not accounted for in the Hoover and Smith columns went to minor parties.

Minor Party Votes

Norman Thomas, the socialist candidate, received the majority of these votes, polling 267,825. Foster, workers party candidate, got 48,228 and Reynolds, socialist-labor 21,181. Varney, prohibitionist candidate, got almost as many as Reynolds 20,101 and Webb, farmer-labor 6,391.

Mr. Hoover's plurality did not reach the figures registered for President Coolidge in 1924, although the former secretary of commerce polled a much larger vote. In that year Mr. Coolidge received 15,725,914 votes, giving him a lead of 7,338,513 over John W. Davis, democratic nominee. The LaFollette-Wheeler independent ticket, however, had 4,822,856 votes.

Carries 40 States

Hoover carried forty states as against thirty-seven carried by President Coolidge four years ago. Pennsylvania gave him its largest majority—987,786, while Governor Smith's largest plurality was in Louisiana where he had a lead of 113,475. While overwhelmed both in the popular vote and in the electoral college, Governor Smith's total was more than six million higher than the 8,386,503 cast for Mr. Davis in 1924.

Mr. Hoover's vote was higher in every state than that of Mr. Coolidge four years ago with the exception of Rhode Island. This held true in President Coolidge's home state of Massachusetts which was carried by Governor Smith.

States of the one-solid south

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## HIP DICKERSON DIES OF STAB WOUND TODAY

COVINGTON, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Lewis (Hip) Dickerson, assistant Oregon State College athletic coach died at 4 o'clock this morning, as the result of a stab wound, said to have been inflicted last Tuesday by Lanza Bryant, a Corvallis youth, in an altercation over a waitress. Bryant, who was being held on an open charge, was removed to Portland by Corvallis authorities, when sentiment became strong against him.

Bryant will be charged with first degree murder, said District Attorney Fred McHenry. He declared the attack clearly was premeditated.

Dickerson met Miss Mae Troxell when she quit work at the Benton hotel coffee shop Monday night and they encountered Bryant on the street. A rough and tumble fight occurred, according to reports received by local officers, and in the melee Dickerson received a five-inch stab wound in the back, the blade of the knife penetrating one of his lungs.

## SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

Into the last grand scramble are the tardy shoppers tossed. You'd best remember now, that he who hesitates is lost.