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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair tonight and Sunday with cloudy with rain extreme west portion; no change in temperature. Strong southeast winds.

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CHURCHES OF
CITY ARRANGE
FOR YULETIDEMany Programs to Be
Given in La Grande
Next 3 DaysSPECIAL SERVICES
SET FOR TOMORROWMusicales, Christmas Tree
Programs, Pageants
and Other Features an-
nounced

With so many Christmas programs scheduled in the various churches, particular interest is attached to tomorrow's services.

Many Sunday school programs have also been arranged, some in the daytime and some in the evening. Several also are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday.

Baptist Church

W. A. Mauger, of Baker, will speak in the Baptist church tomorrow morning and Bethel Trill and Verle Haman will sing a duet. The Rev. F. O. Hess, who is recovering from an illness, expects to return to his pulpit the first Sunday in January.

The Sunday school program to be given in observance of Christmas Sunday evening follows:

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

By the Congregation

Prayer

Scripture Reading, Luke 2:8-20.

Song, "Away in a Manger"

Baptists' Dept.

Recitation, Charles Brooks

Recitation, Ida Jones

Song, "Just a Baby"

Primary Dept.

Solo, Jane Williams

Song, "Shine Out O Blessed Star"

Exercise, "What Will You Give to Jesus?"

Exercise, "Snowflakes"

Six Girls

Song, "Peacefully Sleep"

Young People's Chorus

Song, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Offering

Reading, "How Did I See the Messiah"

Recitation, Wilma Lilly

Recitation, Ellen Terrace

Recitation, Josephine Gehman

Recitation, Florence Lilly

Song, "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Congregation

Recitation, Hugh Hunter

Recitation, Richard Pinc

Pageant, "The Christmas Story"

Group of Young People

Miss Bertha Bantz will appear on the program with some violin numbers which have been specially requested.

Episcopal Church

Sunday's services at the Episcopal church follow:

8:00 a. m.—Holy Eucharist.

9:45 a. m.—Church school.

11:00 a. m.—Morning prayer.

Christmas, "Preparation for Christmas"

Mrs. H. N. Ashby, at the console.

Prelude, "In the Colonnade"

Offertory, "Pastorale" (DeHayes).

Postlude, "March" (Hill).

7:30 p. m.—Evening service, followed by a pageant, "Bethlehem," given by the children of the church school under the direction of Mrs. Oliver Riley.

Miss Phyllis Barnes will be at the console.

Monday evening at 7 p. m. the school children's Christmas tree

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GEM, VALUED

AT \$250, SOLD

FOR ONE 'BUCK'

That diamonds are not always taken at face value by the layman was demonstrated in La Grande this week. A ring, set with a gem valued at \$250, was lost, found and then sold for one dollar.

According to the police records the diamond ring, which is the property of a woman at Mt. Lake, was lost Saturday night. Jim French found the ring and sold it to Henry Belmer. Yesterday when Mr. Belmer found out about the value of the gem, he gave the ring to its owner.

But the police records show that a valuable stone was purchased for just 1-250 of its worth.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—18 above.

Minimum: 15 above.

Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 20, minimum 13 above.

Condition: clear.

WEATHER DEC. 22, 1927

Maximum 28, minimum 8 above.

Condition: cloudy.

Suit For \$5000
Filed Against
County Court

Ethel M. Kerns Takes
Action in Portland Court
Because of Building of
Market Road

Papers were served this week in Portland in the case of Ethel M. Kerns vs. F. G. Couch, W. W. Stevens and W. R. Ladd, et al., as the Union county commission, and Julius Fisher and Bechler, Middlebrook and Heberling, Inc., a corporation, it was learned today. The complaint was filed Tuesday in the circuit court in Portland. The papers were served on the commission when they were in western Oregon to attend a state convention.

Miss Kerns asks \$5,000 damages from the defendants as the result of the building of the Lower Cove market road through her farm property a year ago.

When the county court was about to enter upon her premises, following the filing of a condemnation suit under which the court believed it had authority to go ahead with the project, Miss Kerns filed an injunction to prevent the building of the road. Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles denied this injunction and it was appealed to the supreme court, which sent the case back with instructions to the county court to amend their pleadings. The case again came to trial, before Circuit Judge Lee, who ruled that under the supreme court decision, the county court would need to establish more definite jurisdiction, but allowing the court 20 days to arrange for this and also leaving the completed road open for travel.

The county court had already taken steps to acquire jurisdiction when the damage suit was filed in Portland by Miss Kerns, county officials report.

The road in question runs for a distance of about three-quarters of a mile diagonally through a 160-acre tract on Miss Kerns farm, it is said.

RAINBOW GIRLS

TO SELL SEALS

Local Order to Have

Charge of Closing Drive

Here Monday

Next Monday Rainbow Girls will be stationed in each bank building, in many of the stores, in the post office and other places which will be the center of attraction for persons visiting in town the day before Christmas.

The Rainbow Girls will be at their booths and stations for the purpose of selling Christmas seals on that one final day and it is hoped "biggest" day of the sale which is under way in La Grande and Union county, sponsored by the La Grande Neighborhood club.

The greater the amount of money taken in the greater will be the proportion which is kept in La Grande for use in the city and county, chairman of the drive say.

Last year the profits resulting from the sale were used to finance such undertakings as free child welfare clinics, dental surveys, the work of the county health nurse, milk for frail children, obtaining free clothing for needy persons, and to help cure tuberculosis patients.

The Rainbow Girls who will sell the seals Monday are: Vivian Kuhn, Julian Smith, Ruth Harrison, Marie Baxter, Edna Brown, Bernice McKinley, Margaret Anthony, Mildred Charlton, Edna Towery, Pauline Conrad, Alice Milne, Lavell Richey, Beverly Gure and Barbara Gure.

Mrs. G. N. Tarkington, mother adviser, is helping the girls with the plans.

Eagles' Christmas

Tree Sunday Night

The annual Christmas tree and program given by the Eagles lodge will be at the Eagles hall Sunday night at 7 p. m., according to B. T. Edwards.

The committee in charge reports the program and all things progressing in fine shape. Michael Albert and Mr. Edwards head the committee.

Salvation Army

To Assist Needy

Plans are being completed in connection with the Salvation Army Christmas effort, and the Christmas dinner will be given out on Monday. Captain Pack has compared the list with the B. P. O. Elks, so as to avoid duplication.

Any one knowing of needy families are urged to send in the names right away so as to avoid any possibility of them being overlooked. The Salvation Army telephone number is Main 558.

URGE INCOME
TAX AS HELP
FOR FINANCES

Property Tax Relief Com-
mission Takes Action
This Afternoon

HEATED SESSION
PRECEDES MOVE

Rollcall Vote 8 to 3; A. R.
Shumway, of Milton,
Makes Minority Report
for Grange

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP).—The property tax relief commission, after a very heated session today voted to recommend an income tax to the coming session of the legislature.

Around the phrase "property tax offset" there waged a battle lasting several hours and in which personalities were hurled and as-fighting words spoken. The resolution was adopted by a vote of eight to three.

Resolved, that the property tax relief commission recommends the enactment by the legislature of an income tax on individual incomes with a property tax offset which will produce approximately \$1,000,000 in net revenue to the end that taxation on tangible property may be reduced.

This was the recommendation of the sub-committee having the income tax matter in hand.

When this report was read A. R. Shumway, of Milton, moved a minority report that favored "a graduated general income tax with no property tax offset."

Speaks For Grange

Mr. Shumway spoke for the Oregon grange, he said, and declared that organization is willing that the legislature try out an excise tax and a tax on intangibles for two years to see what that plan will do towards reducing property tax.

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Carl G. Helm Is
Elected Chief
Of Prosecutors

State Association of Dis-
trict Attorneys Honors
La Grande Man During
Convention

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP).—District attorneys of Oregon in convention today adopted a resolution placing themselves squarely behind a state wide crime survey to be undertaken by the University of Oregon, and a resolution asking the federal prohibition director to cancel all permits for manufacture and sale of wine tonics until such time as the manufacturers made public the ingredients.

Carl G. Helm, Union county, was elected president of the District Attorney's association, S. E. Nelson, Morrow county, vice president, and Stanley Myers, Multnomah county, secretary.

District Attorney Helm, a resident of La Grande, is to begin serving his second term in office here Jan. 1, being re-elected at the November