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OREGON: Rain and snow
east portion tonight and Tuesday.
warmer tonight. Strong southeast
and south winds.

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TWO LUMBER COMPANIES CONSOLIDATE

NEW COMPANY FORMED WHEN FIRMS MERGE

Headquarters of Million
Dollar Organization to
Be in Baker

MOVE FROM THIS
CITY NEXT MONTH

Elmer Stoddard Elected
Vice President—Will
Transfer His Residence
to Baker

Consolidation of the Stoddard
Lumber company of Baker and the
Grande Lumber company of
La Grande and Ponderosa, was con-
sidered at separate meetings of the
boards of directors of the two
companies, to be known as the
Stoddard Lumber company, is cap-
italized at \$1,000,000 and will in-
clude the holdings of the two busi-
ness concerns in both Baker and
Union counties.

Officers of the new company
were elected as follows:
Joseph Stoddard, of Baker, presi-
dent; Elmer Stoddard, of La
Grande, vice president; Howard
Stoddard, of Baker, treasurer; and
Guy Hill, of Baker, secretary.
Elmer Stoddard was president of
the Grande Lumber company and
Howard Stoddard was secretary of
the same firm.

Headquarters in Baker
Headquarters of the new company
will be in Baker. Consolidation of the two firms
brings together two of the oldest
lumber companies in Eastern Ore-
gon and the consolidated company
will be one of the largest in this
part of the state. The Stoddard
Lumber company began operation
in 1920 as a partnership in North
Powder and the Grande Lumber
company was purchased

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DAN CAMBLIN PASSES AWAY ON AUTO RIDE

While he was motoring with his
niece, Mrs. Sidney Hapner, and
her husband, in the St. Ger-
main, yesterday afternoon, Dan
Camblin, owner of a fruit farm
near Creswell and an old-time
rancher of the John Day region,
died of heart disease. He expired
while carrying on a conversation
with his relatives.

Mr. Camblin was afflicted with
heart trouble for many years, re-
lative report. He was 76 years of
age.

He had been visiting his brother,
George Camblin, who is living
with Mrs. Hapner.

Mr. Camblin is survived by his
wife, several children and grand-
children and other relatives. He
will be buried at Weston beside his
son. Fred Streeter, of Creswell,
his son-in-law, will arrive here to-
day. The body is at the Snodgrass
and Zimmerman mortuary.

Funeral services will be held
at the mortuary here Wednesday
morning at 10 o'clock.

NO PAPER TOMORROW

In order to allow the 29 fam-
ilies of The Observer to enjoy
their Christmas Eve, there will
be no issue of the paper tomorrow
afternoon. This is in accordance
with the custom of giving a holiday
day to the newspaper force.

WEATHER TODAY

7:20 a. m.—23 above.
Minimum: 13 above.
Conditions: mostly clear.
WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 23, minimum 12
above.
Conditions: clear.

WEATHER DEC. 24, 1927

Maximum 25, minimum 22
above.
Conditions: partly cloudy.

Christmas Programs Given In La Grande Churches; Cantata Is Presented by Ladies' Triad Choir

The glad spirit of Christmas
came into its own in La Grande
churches yesterday with nearly
every church in the city devoting
part or all of its program to ob-
servance and celebration of the
Yuletide.

Last night Ladies' Triad choir,
directed by Mrs. A. L. Richard-
son and with Mrs. R. G. McCall
playing the service, rendered the
Christmas cantata "Bethlehem" by
Bill to a large and appreciative
audience in the First Presbyterian
church. Each number was a mes-
sage of Christmas faith, promise
and inspiration in itself and group-
ed with the others and the Scrip-
tures, emphasized an interpretation
of the promise and advent of the
Christ. The finale found Mrs.
Daisy Robbs singing the solo, "It
Came Upon the Midnight Clear,"
and the soprano and obligato in
"Gloria to God," assisted by the
entire choir. Other services yester-
day followed the Christmas
theme.

The Sunday school Christmas
program at the Presbyterian
church will be given tonight at
7:30 o'clock. W. B. Pickett is
serving as superintendent in the
absence of Mrs. Turner Oliver, and
Miss Margaret Anson is in charge
of the program. There will be a
Santa Claus, treats and goodwill.

Lutheran Program
The Lutheran school
gave a Christmas program last
evening which was well attended.
Boy Scout troop No. 11 gave the church
a large American flag, Carl John-
son making the presentation. Then
Woodrow Ostland led the audience
in the pledge of allegiance, fol-
lowed by "America the Beautiful."

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Free Movie And Elks' Tree For Kiddies Tuesday

About 2,000 children are expected
to attend the Elks' Christmas
tree program tomorrow at noon at
the intersection of Washington and
Depot streets when candy, nuts and
gifts will be distributed by the
lodge. Last year this number was
present and it is expected that as
many, possibly more, will partici-
pate this year.

The Elks started their deliveries
of baskets of provisions to the
needy families of this territory yester-
day, so that they would receive the
baskets in ample time to pre-
pare Christmas dinners.

Proceeding the Elks tree, the an-
nual Christmas day tree show for
children will be given at the Star
theater, beginning at 10 o'clock.

The management, Meyers and
Grunlich, announce that the tickets
will be ended in plenty of time to
attend the Elks tree.

Two Boys Hold Up P. J. Lilly; Get \$2, Billfold

During the last week or two sev-
eral revolvers have been reported
stolen in La Grande and the police
believe that two of these went
into use for the first time over the
weekend.

P. J. Lilly, local contractor, of
12th S. avenue, was held up by
two boys on 11th S. avenue, between
Greenwood and 12th S. streets, last
night.

The two boys were both armed
with revolvers. Mr. Lilly reported
to the police that he lost \$2 and a
billfold.

An investigation is being made
with the hope that the young band-
its may be captured.

Diphtheria Causes Death of Girl, 9

Little Ruth Marjorie Jones died
yesterday morning at the home of
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur
W. Jones, 1421 Jackson avenue, of
the effects of diphtheria. Fun-
eral services were held this after-
noon at 2:30 o'clock at the Snod-
grass and Zimmerman mortuary.
Burial took place in the Masonic
cemetery.

She was born Aug. 5, 1919 and
is survived by her parents, two
brothers and other relatives and
friends.

This is the third death here in
the last month attributed to diph-
theria.

NO INQUEST OVER ACCIDENT VICTIM

Coroner Reaches Decision
After Conference With
District Attorney

Decision was reached today by
County Coroner F. L. Ralston, fol-
lowing a conference with District
Attorney Carl Helm, to hold no in-
quest over the body of Franklin
Tall aged resident of Minam, who
was fatally injured in an automo-
bile accident at Island City last
week.

Ray Phillips, driver of the car,
and Lee Dunham, his companion,
both of Wells, Walla, are being
held here on an open charge.

District Attorney Helm said this
morning that it was uncertain
whether any action against the two
men would be taken today. Mr.
Helm returned yesterday morning
from Portland, where Oregon dis-
trict attorneys, in annual con-
vention, elected him president of the
association.

Alice A. Parker Called Beyond

Alice A. Parker, a resident of
La Grande for 15 years, died at 1
o'clock this morning at the home
of her son at 2005 East Prom-
enade, following a long ill-
ness. She was born May 13, 1858
and was 70 years seven months and
11 days of age. She is survived by
her husband, G. W. Parker, other
relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services will be held
Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock
at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman
mortuary. Burial will be in the
Masonic cemetery.

Weatherman Promises White Xmas; Early Morning Wind Does Damage

La Grande may have a white
Christmas day after all. Early this
afternoon the sky had clouded over
and there is a chance for a late-
morning snowfall.

The official weather forecast, re-
ceived at Portland at 3 o'clock this
morning, follows:
"Oregon: rain in the west and
snow in the east portion tonight
and Tuesday; warmer tonight."

A Fighting Chance
If the forecast is correct—and
it has been usually right—then the
traditional white blanket may
stretch over the Grande Honda val-
ley before Santa Claus finishes his
annual nocturnal visits to all good
little boys and girls.

No snow has been experienced in
La Grande during the last several
days, although the weather has
been seasonably cold. The show-
ers have been clear, however, with
plenty of sunshine.

Strong Wind
During the early hours of the
morning, before daylight, a strong
wind swept the city, with enough
force to break one of the large
plate glass windows in the Oak
Furniture company store and to
blow down the B. P. O. Elks
Christmas tree at Washington and
Depot streets.

Outside of this, very little dam-
age was done although cardboard
boxes, etc., were blown from al-
tars in some cases.

Last night, with a minimum of
18 above, was one of the "warm-
est" in the last week.

KIDNAP GANG HELD GUILTY IN CHICAGO

Jurors Refuse to Cringe
As Threats Are Made
Against Their Lives

JUDGE COMMENDS
THEIR COURAGE

Angelo Pettitti and An-
drew Cappellano Get 25
Years in Illinois Peni-
tentiary

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Fear
of revenge by friends of two con-
victed kidnapers of Billy Ranieri
today caused the police to post
guards about the homes of the ju-
rors that convicted the kidnapers
Sunday morning.

The jury which convicted An-
gelo Pettitti and Andrew Cappella-
no of the kidnaping and fixed
their punishment at 25 years im-
prisonment, was escorted home un-
der police protection and police-
men were assigned to watch over
the jurors' homes while other po-
lice guarded the homes of
Frank Ranieri, father of the kid-
naped boy, Mike Disto, threaten-
ed with death for testifying for the
state and the state prosecutors.

Judge Gentzel, who also reciev-
ed a death threat, refused protec-
tion.

He commended the jurors for
their patriotism and courage in
trying the case and thanked them
for their "service to the country."
Tony Cappellano, son of Andrew,
charged with kidnaping, was ac-
quitted.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 (AP)—The
kidnaper, the racketeer, and the
highwayman gauged 527 notches
on their pistol butts this year.

Last year they carved 476
notches.

The 527 slayings for the final
year ending Dec. 1, statistics com-
piled by Coroner Herman N. Bun-
desen show, are nearly half the
number of deaths caused by auto-
mobiles in Cook county.

BEANS ARE TO TAKE PART IN LEGION SHOW

The Bean brothers, Pole and
Lima, are two of the featured
which have been added to the
program of the "Midnight" Matinee
to be staged New Year's
eve at the Arcade theater under
the auspices of the La Grande post
American Legion.

Another important part of the
program will be the appearance of
Nephthys, of La Grande, in a
group of bird imitation and whist-
ling solos.

A program of snappy songs and
clever gags has been prepared for
the musical, according to Dr. Ray
Murphy, chairman of the matinee.
Two pupils of Miss Miriam Hall,
La Grande dancing teacher, Jane
Stange and Sally Siegrist, will per-
form with special dances.

There will also be several num-
bers by University of Oregon and
Oregon State college students, Dr.
Murphy says.

The next rehearsal for the mat-
inee will be held Wednesday night
at 7:30 at Hulan hall.

Prince of Wales On Hunt Today

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The
Prince of Wales went hunting to-
day with the Queen's hounds, the
first time that he has been in the
field since his return from Africa.

The recent improvement in King
George's condition was stated to
have warranted his going further
afield than Buckingham palace.

COOLIDGES SET EXAMPLE WITH QUIET CHRISTMAS



Christmas in the White House will be as simple and unostentatious as in thousands of other
American homes. President and Mrs. Coolidge will participate in dispensing Christmas cheer to
Washington's needy. Their son John will return home for the celebration. Mrs. Coolidge (above, in
white) is shown dispensing baskets for the Salvation Army.

Hoover Opens His Gifts Before Christmas

U. S. S. UTAH, Dec. 24 (AP)—
Homeward bound from his tour of
good will of Latin America, Her-
bert Hoover turned his thoughts to-
day to Christmas which will be
celebrated aboard ship tomorrow
in true American style.

Before sailing from Rio Janeiro,
the Utah took aboard a Christmas
tree and decorations. Ships car-
penters were busy today setting up
the tree and also tables on the
quarterdeck for a general dinner
for the Hoover party and the ship's
officers. Many presents were
brought aboard the ship to enliven
the spirit of the occasion.

Novel Experience

To most of the Hoover party,
Christmas day aboard a ship was a
novel experience but to Mr. and
Mrs. Hoover it was nothing un-
usual, since their first Christmas
after their marriage was on a ship
board while they were enroute to
Cuba and they had been at sea
several times since then.

Upon boarding the ship, Mr.
Hoover found a number of presents
awaiting him as well as others of
his party and he opened all of
them. Among them he found a
doctor's degree from Brazil uni-
versity as well as a certificate as
honorary chairman of the Brazilian
Red Cross, enclosed in a handsome
portfolio.

Other Gifts

Other gifts included books on
engineering and other subjects, a
dozen boxes of cigars and a picture
of Rio Janeiro. This picture he
probably treasured most highly as
he was most impressed with the
Brazilian capital than any other
port visited in the long years of
his travels.

In bidding farewell to Rio Je-
neiro, Mr. Hoover stood on the
deck as the Utah passed out to
sea, with a somewhat display of
tears.

As Mr. Hoover sailed away the
whole Brazilian capital was ring-
ing with cheers and praises for
him. The general opinion was
that he carried with him the great
friendship, admiration and es-
teem of the Brazilian people.

Christmas Trees For U. P. Trains

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—
Christmas trees will be placed on
bound trains from the trains tonight
Christmas eve. It was announced
today by the U. P. that the trees
will be placed on the trains to
Portland, and a real tree to
Astoria.

The U. P. Pacific will furnish
the trees and the decorations and
the passengers will do the rest. The
trees will remain on board over
Christmas day.

A tree will be placed on board
the outbound Portland limited at
Pendleton.

COOLIDGES WILL HAVE QUIET XMAS

Following Tomorrow's
Program, President Will
Go to Georgia Island

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—
Lured by tropical breezes and
abundant opportunity to indulge
in his favorite recreations of shoot-
ing and fishing, President Coolidge
today made preparations for an
early departure for the Georgia Is-
land which he has chosen as the
scene of his Christmas vacation.

Christmas eve found the presi-
dential engagement list blank and
the executive offices closed to call-
ers. By Mr. Coolidge's own de-
sire the day was a holiday for all
government workers in the District
of Columbia, giving them three
consecutive days away from busi-
ness. The president, however, was
expected to spend a large part of
the day at his desk, clearing up
last-minute business matters, in or-
der that he may begin his vaca-
tion unmolested by the press of
public affairs.

Will Hear Vested Choir

This evening Mr. Coolidge will
hear Washington's community
Christmas tree and later will lis-
ten to a vested choir from the First
Congregational church, which the
president and Mrs. Coolidge attend,
sings Christmas carols beneath the
hinge posted at the front of the
White House.

Afterward the Christmas gath-
ering of the people of Washington
are to be presented to the president
and Mrs. Coolidge by members of
the boy and girl scouts.

BAKER PAPER INTEREST IS AGAIN SOLD

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 24.—Hatch
H. Mitchell, editor of the Daily
Journal of Commerce in Portland,
has purchased the interests of 125
and L. C. Crockett in the Morning
Democrat and will take over the
charge of the paper soon after
January 1, next. Mr. Mitchell was
elected vice-president of the In-
dependent Publishing company, pub-
lishers of the Morning Democrat.

The new paper will be associ-
ated with Mr. H. Benson, president,
and for a number of years business
manager of the Democrat.

XMAS TREE FOR DOGS

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 24 (AP)—
A Christmas tree festooned with
feathered and frosted dog images of
the city posted today. Postmaster
Matthew McGarrick said it was in
slight mitigation of a dog's life.

LEAGUE WILL HOLD DISARM CONFERENCE

Move Regarded in Light
of a Christmas Present
to the World

PARAGUAY AND
BOLIVIA AGREE

War Clouds in the Back-
ground As Peace Ef-
forts Gain Headway in
Boundary Dispute

By the Associated Press
A Christmas present for the
world was recorded in the foreign
news dispatches last week by an
agreement among leagues of nations
officials on a program for disarmament.
Experts on the control of
arms manufacturing are to meet in
Geneva, March 11, 1929, and the
preparatory commission of the
league has been summoned for the
middle of April. Both dates were
selected with the idea that the
meetings would be held after Her-
bert Hoover had been inaugurated
as President of the United States.

Another happening of holiday
character occurred when Bolivia
followed Paraguay in accepting
conciliation of their tense dispute
by the Pan-American conference
in Washington.

In its acceptance Bolivia speci-
fied that the first inquiries should
be concerning the fighting early
this month at Port Vanguardia.

Bolivia also pledged league of
nations circles by making reference
to the peace efforts of that organiza-
tion in her acceptance of the
Washington proposal. Leaders of
the league said the whole affair
had showed that its sphere extend-
ed to the Americas and when China
contingent the council on the
outcome of the South American
dispute, they added that the league
had become truly world-wide.

Korland went into the holiday
rejoicing at the improved chance
for health of King George. The
country is also showing Christmas
spirit by rallying to the relief of
distressed families in the min-
istry districts. The government has
appropriated large sums to help
that situation.

WASHINGTON ASSENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—
The Washington government today
gave its assent to the appointment
of American experts to serve upon
the expert committee in the set-
tlement of the German reparations
with the understanding that the
American representatives are to be
chosen and appointed by the allied
and German governments.

The American position on this
question was outlined late today
by Secretary Kellogg to Sir Esmé
Howard, the British ambassador,
who earlier in the day had pre-
sented to the state department
head an inquiry as to whether the
U. S. would participate in the
negotiations.

After the ambassador's call, Sec-
retary Kellogg conferred with
President Coolidge and the answer
of the Washington government
was communicated to Sir Esmé
Howard within two hours of the
time he had made the inquiry.

SLIGHT TREMORS

ST. MICHAEL, Jersey Island, Dec.
24 (AP)—Slight tremors were re-
corded at Jersey last night most
in the eastern districts. There was
no damage.

ALL OF KING'S SONS WITH HIM AT CHRISTMAS

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP)—King
George was doing probably as well
as could be expected today in the
stiff progress from the depths into
which his grave illness had plung-
ed him and there was a united
family at Buckingham palace for
the Christmas holidays.

The last of the three sons who
were in distant parts of the British
Empire when the king was taken
ill returned to the palace today.
The arrival of the Duke of Glou-
cester completed the family party.