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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Unsettled, rain to-
night and Tuesday west and local
snow or rain late tonight or
Tuesday east, bottom no changes
in temperature.

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NEW YEAR'S
EVENTS WILL
BE VARIED

Bacchanalian Color Not
in Local Evidence As
Night Nears

GOTHAM - CHICAGO
SMACK PARCHED LIPS

La Grande's Program in
Finished Condition for
Night of Frivolity, Clos-
ing Out Old Year

Bacchanalian revelries may be
seen in metropolitan centers but
careful survey of the social pro-
gram as it is made up for La
Grande tonight does not reveal a
recreation to New Year of the sort
Chicago and New York contem-
plate. Varied schedules of fun and
frolic are framed this afternoon
from coast to coast.

Hip pocket parties may not be
wholly missing here, yet not in-
ordinate and law-abiding programs
are manifestly set up this after-
noon and if the past police records,
and the general inclination among
La Grander to be happy yet de-
corous govern tonight's festivities,
1929 will be ushered in without
the lavish clinking of gold and the
popping of corks that one would
expect in the metropolitan centers.
Dances, prayer meetings, card par-
ties, neighborhood midnight
hunches, tooling whistles, church
watch nights—and, perhaps, pre-
cious headaches—will form a
cross section of what one may ex-
pect in and about La Grande.

Watch Night Parties Stated

Chief among the church func-
tions for this evening are an Eng-
lish Lutheran watch night program
beginning at nine o'clock and the
First Methodist Episcopal church
program consisting of an official
board meeting coupled with a con-
gregation reception beginning at 9
o'clock.

For the most part local churches
observed New Year programs yes-
terday, large audiences greeting the
pastors. Reports this morning in-
dicate that the spectre of the empty
pew was largely dissipated at both
morning and evening services.

Students to Entertain

To some 40 young men and wom-
en, New Year's will mean a night
ride to Portland. Most of the Uni-
versity of Oregon students are en-
tertaining tonight, and Oregon State
college students will also find them-
selves in the more prosaic task of
staying in a swaying berth crossing
the Blue Mountains while parents
and friends at home are joining in
the joys of the hour.

Midnight Matinee Ready

Traditional soundings of seeping
stirns and the blaring blasts of
railroad whistles will not only be
the locally accepted signal that
1928 has passed on and 1929
stands among us newly born, but it
will be a cue to raise the curtain
on the Midnight Matinee which
will be the first semi-public and
social affair on the new year. This
function has come to claim the
attention of more people than can
crowd into the Arcade theater and
give a zest to New Year celebra-
tions that has a metropolitan twang
to it. Cafes and coffee shops will
be thronged with guests from mid-
night to well into the cold gray
dawn of the morning after.

Firemen to Give Dance

An event of tonight of interest
to many persons in La Grande
will be the 35th annual dance sponsored
by the L. F. E. & F. at
Zuber hall. Henry Hickey and

RADIO DEVICE
MAY INCREASE
AIR PROGRAMS

CHICO, Cal., Dec. 31 (AP)—J.
E. Barnes, linotype operator here,
announced today he had perfected
a device for transmitting two or
three messages on the same wave
length without interference.

Barnes said the principal of his
invention was the same as that
used by telephone companies in
sending several messages over one
wire.

He asserted that his invention
will make possible an indefinite in-
crease of broadcasting channels
and solve a problem which has
been studied by radio engineers for
years.

Snow Blankets
Union County

The very thing that kiddies
and some older folks, too, have
been waiting during the last
days, occurred yesterday. It
snowed—snowed in abundance,
but the thermometer was out
and snow and ice does not mean
the same thing here. Generally
speaking, Government readings
showed a minimum temperature
during the night of 21 and a
freezing of 20 which makes traffic
difficult about La Grande today.

Flu Wanes As
Mumps Increase

While the decrease in the
number of influenza cases in La
Grande has been very rapid, the
number of mumps cases is still
considerable, says Dr. A. L.
Richardson, city health officer.
There have been hundreds of
cases of mumps in the city and
there have been more adult
cases during this epidemic than
for years, Dr. Richardson states.
Usually the mumps cases are
confined mainly to children, but
this season many adults, men
and women, have become af-
flicted with the malady.

Two Buildings To
Be Repaired Soon

During the past week two build-
ings, one involving a considerable
sum of money have been re-
paired.

Woman Foiled In
Non-Stop Flight

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., Dec.
31 (AP)—The monoplane North
Star, owned by Mrs. Anne U. Still-
man, took off from Roosevelt field
at 12:14 p. m. today for a 2,500
mile non-stop flight to France.

The plane, a biplane, was forced
to land at Mitchell field after be-
ing in the air three minutes.

Oliver Lehoultier, the pilot,
who rode with Lewis A. Yancey,
navigator, had reached an altitude
of about 400 feet over Garden City,
a short distance from the field,
when the motor revolutions drop-
ped from 1,300 to 1,100 a minute.

Rankin System Will Be
Taught By Walla
Walla Concern

According to Mr. L. George and
Mr. H. H. H. of Walla Walla,
Wash., a flying school will be
established here within the next
ten days or two weeks. Mr. Geo-
rgie and Mr. H. H. H. were in La
Grande Saturday making prelimi-
nary arrangements for the school,
which will be a branch of the
Walla Walla Flying Club.

Army Watch Night
To Begin at 10:30

The Salvation Army will con-
duct a watch night service in La
Grande tonight from 10:30 to 12:30 a. m.
at the hall at 215 E. 1st street.

Before the watch service, a regu-
lar 8 o'clock meeting will be held.
Open air meetings will precede in-
side meetings. The general public
is invited to attend all sessions.

The sessions tonight will mark
the close of the year's work and
the start of the program for the
new year. Captain Pack will con-
duct meetings every night during
January.

Portland Woman
Killed By Auto

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31 (AP)—
Mrs. C. J. Becker, 69, was dead
today, the eighth auto accident
victim of the year in Portland.
She was killed when an auto driven
by her son, Fred Becker Jr., col-
lided yesterday with an intersection
with a car driven by C. O. John-
son, Vancouver, Wash. Three
others were injured.

The police court docket today
carried names of 150 automobile
drivers arrested over the week end
for traffic law violations.

Copper King
Disputes Ford

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—
Adolph Lewisohn, copper magnate
and philanthropist, disagreed with
Henry Ford. He feels saving is
just as important a part of suc-
cess as spending for self improve-
ment. He has 16 patents for young
men who would plan work and
earn; make a budget; record ex-
penditures; have a bank account;
carry life insurance; own your own
home; make a will; invest in safe
securities; pay bills promptly;
share with others.

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Science Find

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SAYS NORTHCOTT IS SON
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Gordon Sweetser, was the son of an English
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DANIEL BOYD
PASSES AWAY
IN THE SOUTH

Blood Poison Claims For-
mer Enterprise Citizen of
Prominence

RANKED HIGH IN
OREGON POLITICS

News of Demise Reaches
La Grande from Long
Beach; Friends Shocked
By Sudden Death

News of the death of Daniel
Boyd, lawyer, well known resident
of Enterprise for more than 20
years, and prominent in political
circles in Walla Walla and Union coun-
ties, was received in La Grande
this morning.

Mr. Boyd died in Long Beach,
Cal., Saturday following an illness
of several weeks. Internal blood
poisoning is said to have caused
death.

Mr. Boyd with his family had
moved to California last June,
where Mr. Boyd had his law office
in Los Angeles. His death came
as a shock to his many acquain-
tances in this part of the state.

Mrs. Boyd and two of the Boyd
children, Stockton and Catherine,
are living in Long Beach. The
oldest son, Robert, is studying law
near San Francisco. Mrs. Phil
Anderson, formerly Margaret Boyd,
the oldest daughter, lives in Rak-
er. The youngest son, Billy, is
in school in the east.

Mr. Boyd was active in republi-
can party affairs and had been a
delegate to two national conven-
tions. Last June in the direct pri-
maries, he ran for congress to fill
Senator's unexpired term.

He was 54 years of age, friends
say, and he was born in Ohio, lat-
er moving to Indiana. There he
was married to Mrs. Ethel Astell.
It is believed, He attended col-
lege at Wooster, Ohio. Later he
studied law in Washington, D. C.,
before moving to Kentonville, Wash.

Many friends and acquaintances
have been sent to the Boyd
family from Enterprise and La
Grande, it is reported.

FLYING SCHOOL
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Myron H. H. of Elgin, will be in
charge of the school. The instruc-
tors will teach the Rankin system
of flying, which will enable local
enthusiasts to get the famous Rankin
system at home. If arrange-
ments can be made with the gov-
ernment the local airport will be
used.

One Waco plane will be used for
flight work. Lieut. L. C. Allen will
be flight instructor and C. L. La
Demery ground school instructor.

Mr. Georgie and Mr. H. H. H.
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plans for the school.

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Mad Ride In Car
Ends With Driver
Placed in Jail

Escapes But Is Finally
Seized; Police Halt Au-
tomobile and Motorist
Turns to Cunning

John Wade, of near Portland, is
in the city jail following his arrest
yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.
The charge is grand larceny.

The arrest was made following
several hours of excitement which
began about 6:30 Sunday morning.
Persons who happened to be out
of bed at that early hour, and on
Adams avenue saw a Chrysler
coupe come down Adams avenue
toward the central part of town at
a fast rate of speed, police offi-
cials report. The driver, Mr. Wade,
suddenly turned the steering gear
so that the car was headed for a
collision with the roof beam stand
located across from Bohnenkamp's
store, officials said.

The driver jumped out and ran
down Washington avenue. Police-
man Charlie Watkins, who was in
the front seat of the coupe, grabbed
hold on the steering gear just in
time to save the car from crashing
into the building, according to his
report.

Wade was tracked to Conner-
dale, across to Orchard camp
ground, up Adams avenue and fi-
nally was caught about 10 o'clock on
E and Jefferson by Clint Haynes,
local chief of police, and Orville
Wright, street superintendent.

The excitement all came about
as the result of an automobile theft
which occurred Saturday night
about 6 o'clock. Ralph Miller, of
Elgin, reported to police officials
that his Chrysler coupe had been
stolen. Sunday morning a tele-
phone message came from Elgin
saying that such a coupe had just
left that city, reports say.

Mr. Watkins and Ben Hummel,
La Grande police officials, drove
to meet the car and just the other
side of Island City they signaled
for it to stop. Mr. Watkins got
into the car with the driver and
began the ride to La Grande.

It is understood they will live
at La Grande.

According to information given
by relatives of ex-governor in the
Grande Hotel today this morning,
Mr. Pierce and his bride will leave
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TWO NOTABLES TO WED TONIGHT



Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, former governor of Oregon,
and Miss Cornelia Marvin, well known librarian at Salem, who will
be married this evening and who will make their home in La
Grande.

MR. PIERCE TO
MARRY TONIGHT

Ex-governor Takes Miss
Marvin As Bride at 6
Tonight at Eola

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 31 (AP)—
Cornelia Marvin, state librarian,
and Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce
will be married at 6 o'clock tonight
at Miss Marvin's home at Eola,
near here. Rev. Norman K. Tully,
pastor of the first Presbyterian
church of Salem, will perform the
ceremony. Miss Marvin's resigna-
tion as state librarian is effective
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Goodwill Trip
In Two Distinct
Stages, Report

U. S. S. UTAH En Route to
Hampden Roads, Dec. 31 (AP)—
Herbert Hoover's goodwill trip had
two distinct stages in the view of
his associates on the mission. First
in Central America, turning un-
expectedly into what might be
termed political channels, while the
second in South America found
economic conditions as its base,
with questions of better relations
with the United States overlying
all.

During the very first call at Hon-
duras, confounding political factions
were brought together at a recep-
tion with what was expected to be
beneficial results, both sides prom-
ising that they would have more
amiable relations. The same was
true in Nicaragua where political
leaders met in a friendly manner,
with Diaz and Moncada both gen-
erously or readily as favoring the
refugee of American marines, at
least until the local constabulary
could be organized and recruited
full strength. In Costa Rica mem-
bers of the party were given to un-
derstand that an appeal by that
government to the league of nations
for an interpretation of the
Monroe Doctrine in no way was in-
tended as a slap at the United
States.

The plane is so designed that
anyone of its three motors will
keep it in the air. Hence it is
expected to keep going after two
of the engines are worn out.

The longest known endurance
flight where refueling was used

MORE BANKS IN
CHAIN CONCERN

McMinnville Institutions
Taken Over by Oregon
Bank Corporation

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31 (AP)—
The West Coast Bank Corporation
has completed arrangements for
purchase of controlling interest of
the McMinnville National bank and
the United States National bank of
McMinnville. Edgar H. Sweetser,
president of the bank corporation,
said request will be made to the
comptroller of the currency for ap-
proval to merge the two banks un-
der the name of the United States
National Bank of McMinnville, re-
taining the charter of the McMin-
ville National bank. The merger
will give the new bank resources
of approximately \$2,500,000.

King Worries
His Physicians

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP)—The
exhausted condition in which King
George's prolonged serious illness
has left him is presenting a diffi-
cult problem to his physicians,
which they frankly acknowledge in
this morning's official bulletin.

Five of the seven principal doc-
tors who have been attending his
majesty, signed this morning's re-
port, which was more detailed than
recently and although it recorded
a rather disturbed night it an-
nounced some improvement in the
king's appetite and that he is hold-
ing his own as to general condi-
tion.

It was authoritatively stated at
Buckingham palace at 3 o'clock
this afternoon that his majesty was
having a restful day.

King George today entered the
seventh week of his illness with-
out having made sufficient pro-
gress to relieve the anxiety of his
subjects.

Although the public has been re-
peatedly warned by the king's phy-
sicians that his progress must be
very slow there is general dis-
appointment whenever a change
whatever is reported in his condi-
tion.

New measures which the doctors
debated to take in the hope of in-
creasing the king's strength, were
understood today to be intended to
stimulate the heart.

The best that could be said of
the king's condition was that if
there had been no vertigo in-
crease in strength at least there
had been no diminution during the
last three days. Meanwhile ultra-
violet ray treatment was being con-
tinued.

The three elder sons, the Prince
of Wales, the Duke of York and
the Duke of Gloucester, each spent
part of the Christmas week in the
Buckingham field.

Queen Mary also spent the
holidays at the palace on Sunday. She
lunched at the Piccadilly residence
of the Duke of York.

These indications were interpreted
as signs that the royal family
was confident there is no imme-
diate danger to be feared.

Barrimore Takes
Wedding Journey

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 31—
John Barrymore and Dolores Costello
are to have a deferred honey-
moon in the south seas on his
yacht.

Novel Tests By
Big Army Plane
Excites Public