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THE WEATHER: OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday with rain in the west and snow and rain east option, normal temperatures.

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LEGION SHOW STARTS YEAR IN LA GRANDE

Curtain Goes Up on Last Night Matinee With Shriek of Whistles

42 ENTERTAINERS DO THEIR STUFF

Watch Parties, Dances Close in Time for Attendance at Arcade; Evening Fairly Quiet

QUIT NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The arrival of 1929 was celebrated in La Grande, following the usual custom. Watch parties, most of which ended in time for attendance at the American Legion's Midnight Matinee, dances, etc., and the blowing of whistles and sounding of other noisy instruments greeted the new year. Police report that on the whole the midnight hour was quiet, with few disorders and a minimum of trouble.

With the last wild shriek of the whistles, the final song of the bells and the other midnight racket and noise here last night which loudly proclaimed to the world the birth of a new year, the Midnight Matinee, annual American Legion matinee and vaudeville, began. The excellent performance which included in its cast forty-two black-faced entertainers, officials and specialty act performers, was shown to a capacity audience. Eager to enter into the spirit of the occasion, members of the audience at times rose to a hilarity and exuberance of spirit matching that which was broadcast by the snappy program of the show. They clapped enthusiastically at a specially good number and roared at clever jokes and kept time with their feet as they tapped the floor in accompaniment with the even time of the ukelele players.

At times loud shouts or the toot of a horn or the noise of a whistle rose above the singing and the noise of the players. Clever jokes, clever puns, individually and in dialogues, kept the audience laughing.

Protected by the black masks which covered their faces the minstrel men had their fun with local men, many La Grande celebrities coming in for a share in the personal remarks. The early part of the program was devoted to acts staged by La Grande collegians in musical and comedy skills. The foolery of the young men in the stunts—they acted with poise and naturalness—quite took the audience by storm. The older men of the minstrel who were sublime in the art of acting like giddy characters in a

ONLY 3 HOMES QUARANTINED AS 1929 COMES

Although sickness, particularly influenza, has been more or less general in La Grande during the last two months, La Grande went into the year of 1929 this morning with only three homes under quarantine for contagious diseases.

Mrs. Kenworthy Dies in Portland

"Grandma" McGee Kenworthy, of Portland, a well known resident of Elgin for many years, died in Portland Monday morning, according to word received in La Grande.

GRADE SCHOOL ROOMS OPEN TOMORROW

Three grade school rooms in the La Grande High school building will be open for occupancy tomorrow morning at the regular time, J. T. Longfellow, superintendent, announced this morning. The three rooms have been held in other buildings following the high school fire. Pupils of Miss Hule, Miss Hering and Mrs. Gable are asked to report at the high school tomorrow.

WEATHER TODAY 7-30 a. m.—33 above. Minimum—28 above. Condition—Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 43, minimum 21 above. Condition—Snow.

WEATHER JAN. 1, 1929 Maximum 35 above, minimum 8 below zero. Condition—Rain 32 of inch.

Motorists From 39 States Stop Here Last Year

Total of 750 Register at Chamber of Commerce Office; This Is Only A Portion of Tourists

Persons from 39 states in the Union, from distances as far as 3800 miles and as close as the border of Washington and Idaho, families, individuals, persons looking for work, persons looking for pleasure, others looking for scenic beauty, old and young, wealthy and poor—all have passed through La Grande during the past year. These tourists, for that is mostly what they are, number 750, or rather, this is the total who registered at the Union county chamber of commerce during the last 12 months. All tourists do not register here—some stopping at Baker, Pendleton or Ontario when they enter Oregon.

One car was registered from Alaska, one was from Alberta, Canada and two were from British Columbia. More cars came from Idaho than from any other state. There was a total of 261 automobiles from there. Washington is a close second with 215.

The persons coming from Washington were mostly commercial in intent, chamber of commerce officials say. Nearly all the persons coming from east of the Missouri river were sight seeing tourists. For the most part they were of a well-to-do and cultured class, officials report.

A large proportion of the car owners registered were persons looking for work. The occupants of such cars consisted mostly of entire families moving bag and baggage to greater fields. Those from greater distances were smaller groups.

Forty-six more automobiles were registered in the year 1927 than were in 1928, the figures show. The decrease during the past year is not considered great, however. One car was registered from the state of Maine, a distance of 3800 miles from Oregon. Massachusetts claimed one car, from a distance of 3580 miles. One Vermont citizen wandered out to Oregon traveling

Four Boys Held In Jail Here On Robbery Charges

Four boys, averaging 16 and 17 years of age, are held in the city jail this morning, facing serious charges. The arrests were made yesterday by the city police, with District Attorney Carl Helin co-operating, according to Chief Clint Haynes.

Julie Mason and Gene McClain are charged with the holding up of P. J. Lilly sometime ago, when the contractor reported that he was robbed of \$2 and a blizzard. A .25 caliber automatic pistol was taken from Mason, the police say, and they recall that McClain is under parole from a sentence to the reform school. McClain was one of a group of boys taken before Judge U. G. Couch some time ago on charges of stealing cars and robbing stores.

Jim Mutchler and Lester Stellman, who police say are also under parole from the same case in which McClain figured, are under arrest on charges of robbing an Elgin store, Mason also faces this same charge. Mr. Haynes said this morning that Mutchler and Stellman confessed to taking A. C. Palmer's car to Pendleton Friday night.

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By J. W. Crabtree (Secretary, National Education Association)

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Nazarene Rally Scheduled Today

The zone rally of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Church of the Nazarene was scheduled to be held in La Grande today, with representatives present from Halfway, Richland, Baker, Enterprise and Wallawa. Two speakers listed on the convention program were Miss Agnes Gardner, who has been a missionary in India for years, and the Rev. A. E. Sanner, district superintendent, who is to make the evening address. Meetings were scheduled, it was said this morning, for 10:29 a. m., 1:20 p. m. and 7:20 p. m.

NATION GAY AS NEW YEAR MAKES DEBUT

From Sidewalks of New York to Golden Gate, Americans Jovial

FEW DEATHS DUE TO CELEBRATION

Stray Bullets Wound Several Persons; Vicious Snow Fall Hits Mid-west As 1928 Fades Out

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (AP)—The sidewalks of New York and her churches attracted thousands to welcome the New Year. The ancient chimney of Trinity mingled with the squeak of tin horns as 1929 was born while crowds, beyond the scope of traffic police surged through Times Square.

Gaiety was the keynote of the city's welcome to the new year and cafes, restaurants, night clubs and hotels were taxed to capacity to provide for the merry-makers. Raids by imported federal prohibition agents were made in Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx and on Long Island. So widespread was the celebration that the raids were more or less local to the district in which they occurred.

FRISCO JUBILANT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1 (AP)—As manufacturers of neo-annual

HAPPY WARRIOR GIVES UP REINS

Franklin D. Roosevelt Succeeds Al Smith As New York Governor

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1 (AP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt became governor of New York today. He is a democrat. A previous governor Roosevelt—Theodore, a relative of Franklin—was a republican.

Alfred E. Smith, four times governor of the state and candidate for president in the last campaign, retired to private life. The public career of "The Happy Warrior" ended with completion of his third consecutive term as governor. What he intends to do has not been disclosed. There have been reports that he will be a banker after a vacation somewhere in the south.

It was Roosevelt who christened Smith "The Happy Warrior" at Houston. It was Smith who persuaded his friend "Frank" to run for governor.

Before his family and guests at the executive mansion, Mr. Roosevelt last night took the oath of office, which became effective at midnight. The administration of this oath was a precaution against leaving the state without a governor overnight prior to Mr. Roosevelt's inauguration today.

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The provisions in cities and states for retirement allowances for the more adequate teacher-tenure regulations have increased teaching efficiency throughout the nation. The legal and medical professions now place the teaching profession on a par with their own. There is excellent team work in the profession. The conditions which followed

California And Georgia Tech In Gridiron Classic

South Is Pitted Against West in Football Game Being Played at Pasadena This Afternoon

By Victor G. Sidler (Associated Press Sports Writer) PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 1 (AP)—Upon this football city, on this day a bower of roses, the eyes of a football world centered today, watching the lashing combat of East and West in the annual New Year's day gridiron classic.

A struggle for the mythical supremacy of a nation, this crucial test that is the Rose Bowl classic brought together the Golden Tornado of Georgia Tech, unstoppable in its season in the Southern conference, and the Golden Bears of California, stopped once, but powerful nevertheless. So intense was the interest in this struggle of the south's mightiest gridiron machine and one of the west's most powerful aggregations that a record number of some 70,000 held tickets to the picturesque Arroyo Seco bowl. The seat sale for the game exceeded by many thousands any of the past. Grid coaches from all sections of the country were among the postboard holders.

The zero hour of 2:15 p. m. of a clear, typical football day was the signal for the mighty effort of the stalwart Bears. With an impregnable line through which Stanford, alone of several college foes, was able to score to swing the pendulum of intersectional supremacy westward as Oregon State, Stanford and Southern California already had done this season. The zero hour likewise marked Tech's effort to attain the brilliant heights reached by Alabama in two previous tournament of roses.

The general opinion was that the game was a toss-up with the breaks deciding whether the east or the west chalks up a triumph. California's strong defensive game had a rival of no mean caliber in the Tornado's forward wall. The Bears boasted a versatile running attack in addition to its strong defense with Benny Lom, passing, charging and kicking halfback and Charles Schmidt, crashing full as its keymen.

The big storm of the south swirled mainly over the triple threat activity of Warner Mitchell. No All! Pre-game statements by the respective coaches, Clarence "Nits" (Continued on Page 3.)

Pierce-Marvin Wedding Event Of Last Night

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 1 (Special)—Miss Cornelia Marvin, for 23 years state librarian, was married at her country home near Eola, Polk county, last night, to ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande. The Rev. Norman Kendall Tully, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Salem, officiated.

The only guests at the ceremony were Miss Marvin's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Shade, her uncle and aunt, Henry Moody and Mrs. F. W. Selee, all of Salem, and her brothers, George Marvin and Fred Marvin of Tacoma, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce will make their home on a ranch in Union county, it is reported here. Mrs. Pierce recently resigned an state librarian.

Negro Convict Burned on Pyre Near Rome, Miss.

ROME, Miss., Jan. 1 (AP)—Slow death on a funeral pyre after being at the mercy of a mob for seven hours was the penalty exacted of Charley Shepherd, 41-year-old negro convict, for the murder of J. D. Duvall, employe of the state prison farm, and the abduction of his 18-year-old daughter, Ruth. Shepherd, cursing his captors almost with his last breath, was lynched a short distance from a road near here last night. While a crowd estimated to number 2500 looked on silently. He was pinned to a pile of logs, over which gasoline was spread and a torch applied. Reports were that life was not extinct for almost an hour after the flames first began to lap at his clothing.

The negro took full blame for his crimes, absolving his two bunkmates who had been suspected of complicity. His last act was an attempt to escape. When the long line of automobiles stopped at the place where he was to be put to death, Shepherd was sitting between two men, one holding a rifle and the other a pistol. With a sudden movement, he seized the rifle, but his attempt was cut short by a blow over the head with the pistol.

Duvall, about 60 years old and the father of eight children, was found murdered on the floor of his dining room. His throat had been slashed with a butcher knife and he had been beaten on the head with an ice pick and hammer. Ruth Duvall, pretty high school girl, was missing. She made her way the following day to one of the camps and told of being held captive by Shepherd, a trusty who lived in a cabin in the rear of the dining room. Shepherd was serving a 20-year sentence for manslaughter for killing another negro.

THE CENTER OF ATTENTION



Bomb Exploded In Chicago As 1929 Starts

CHICAGO, Jan. 1 (AP)—The new year was hardly four hours old when its first bomb, a black powder "pineapple," exploded. The bomb had been planted in the doorway of Gus Fraga's combination coffee shop and barber shop at 447 North Clark street, not far from the loop. Damage was slight.

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THREE HURT IN NORTH POWDER OVER WEEKEND

By Mrs. Ethel Forsstrom (Observer Correspondent) NORTH POWDER, Ore., (Special)—Three boys at the T. E. E. "C" plant Saturday ran pills into their limbs. Eamon Vandevanter was injured in the leg and Wayne Sencerbox and Allen Wickes were injured in the feet. Wickes received a severe cut, making it necessary to take him to the hospital.

The Correll family were Baker visitors Saturday. Mrs. George Hickey, of Corvallis, arrived Saturday by train to be with her father, Frank Hutchins, sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ledbetter, of La Grande, were North Powder visitors Saturday. Ruth Augustus, of La Grande, visited relatives here Saturday going on to Baker to spend the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Stovalls returned Sunday from Roseville, Cal., where they visited Dr. Irvine's family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Olsen and the twin boys are confined to their home, ill of the flu. Audrey and Bud Forsstrom, Helen Mary Grissom and Grace Kelley will leave Tuesday for Eugene.

About a foot of snow fell during the day Sunday.

AIRPLANE BEGINS ENDURANCE TEST

Takes Air at 7:24; Hopes to Stay Up Until Engine Wears Out

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 1 (AP)—The army's tri-motored Pooker endurance plane Question Mark took the air at 7:24 o'clock this morning in an attempt, by means of aerial refueling, to remain aloft until its engine wears out.

The army refueling plane piloted by Lieutenant Odus Moon preceded the Question Mark into air. Captain C. Baker was at the controls of the endurance plane as it taxied down the field and swung aloft. The take-off was made after a short run, and the huge plane was maneuvered aloft without difficulty. Dawn was barely discolored when the Question Mark was wheeled from its guarded hangar, and the engines warmed up.

The refueling plane circled the field landed and again took the air at 7:32 a. m. This time it was followed by the official photographers plane. Observers of the army air service pronounced flying conditions ideal this morning. The night visibility was 20 miles and the day visibility at the take-off was pronounced perfect.

The giant plane, upon which the war department has spent much effort preparing for the test, headed northward into a 30-mile wind. It circled the upper half of the valley, rapidly climbing to an altitude of 3,900 feet. At that elevation the first refueling was begun.

King's Progress, Although Slow, Is Continuing

LONDON, Jan. 1 (AP)—A hopeful view of the illness of King George was taken by Sirpen Mary today in a New Year letter to Sir Kynaston Studd, lord mayor of London, in this letter she said: "The king's illness must take its long, arduous course, but please God, I may look forward to a lifting of the clouds and to a happy realization of the nation's faith and hope."

This hopeful expression by His Majesty's faithful consort, who is visibly worn by the long weeks of anxiety and close attendance upon the monarch's sick chamber, followed bulletins from the medical attendants which recently have been indicating conquest of the king's actual disease and a centering of effort upon the upbuilding of his sadly depleted store of strength.

Little Real Improvement. But there is still no indication of any worthwhile improvement in his state of extreme exhaustion, which medical pronouncements have dwelt upon so frequently—and this, it was understood, was a source of disappointment at the palace today. The bulletin issued at 11:15 a. m. was typical, it read: "The king has had a good night. The general and local conditions are unchanged."

The extreme weakness of the royal patient makes his progress even slower than had been expected and this fact is causing concern.

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The consultation of physicians this morning lasted about an hour. New Year's day brought a larger crowd than usual to the palace gates and the people eagerly read the brief announcement.

One of the early callers at the palace was the Prince of Wales. He remained there for some time. The queen's letter to the lord mayor, replied to the customary New Year's greeting of the latter to the king, a custom of long standing.

On complaint of Mrs. Elizabeth Uhl, municipal judge Georgia Bullock issued the warrant last yesterday. Mrs. Uhl in statements to Deputy City Prosecutor Chotiner, asserted that Miss Rubens several times has disturbed the peace of tenants in the court in which she is an attorney and which Mrs. Uhl owns, by peering into their homes at night with a flash light, and by turning off all lights in the apartment court at the main switch. On the night of December 29 Miss Rubens staged a "wild party" at her apartment, and threatened to "get" Mrs. Uhl, the apartment owner, claiming, she asserted further that Miss Rubens frequently used profane language in the presence of other tenants and that she had refused to move when requested to do so. "I am a law-abiding woman," Miss Rubens said, when she learned of the warrant for her arrest. "All these charges are untrue and I will hold to strict accountability all persons making them."

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INHERITANCE TAX AMOUNTS TO \$706,212.58

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 1 (AP)—A total of \$706,212.58 was collected during 1928 in state inheritance taxes in Oregon, State Treasurer Kay reports. This is the largest amount ever collected in this state under the inheritance tax act, or \$43,000 in excess of the largest previous amount.

The total cost to the department in collecting the amount, including interest, was only 1.7 per cent, which Kay believes is lower than the administration cost of any other state activity.

The annual inheritance tax collection is growing constantly. The average collection over the last six years is about \$430,000. Next in the state revenue producing department in the state.

1928 O. K. IN MOST LINES, LEADERS SAY

Accomplishments of Last 12 Months Regarded As Satisfactory

INDUSTRIES HAVE A GOOD SEASON

Merger Movement Expanded Widely; Problem of Over Production Is Being Met, Is Report

By Claude A. Jagger (Associated Press Financial Writer) NEW YORK (AP)—1928's business accomplishments of 1928 as highly satisfactory in most lines, leaders of American industry and business look for even greater achievements in 1929 through elimination of uneconomic units, more efficient organization and scientific research.

Some 200 prominent business men told The Associated Press in statements reviewing trends have thrived markedly during the past year and are consolidating their positions through improvement of their products and development of new markets. In the industries that have not prospered proportionately, independent units are uniting or cooperating to overcome common difficulties.

The merger movement expanded widely in 1928, particularly in the merchandising field, and numerous large consolidations are planned for 1929. The tendency has been toward elimination of wasteful competition and duplication, and absorption or discontinuance of unprofitable units.

The problem of over-production, which has depressed several industries since the war, is being met more satisfactorily than ever before. Many industries have formed associations to compile accurate trade information and conduct research.

Although reduction of unemployment and widespread prosperity increased the nation's purchasing power remarkably, many industries organized to form associations to foster foreign trade.

By Philip Leiby (President, Shreveport Mutual Building Association) SHREVEPORT La. (AP)—Business appears to have every right to feel greatly encouraged and optimistic concerning developments in the immediate future.

While we have just passed through a period of general business depression, the resources and stability of values in all sections of the country are recognized in the financial centers and practically unlimited amounts of money and credits are being made available.

With the exception of scattered local conditions of dullness in the real estate market, values are holding up well. The nation is not yet over-built and there is a healthy demand for residence construction in most growing communities.

One must be impressed by the general feeling of absolute confidence in the great industries and in the large transportation systems and by the fact that in all the numerous trading in stocks and bonds the market action seems to have been purchased by the public for investment and sales are not artificial for the purpose of boosting prices.

Here in the south, our vast natural resources are being recognized. Oil and gas fields of the Southwest and Central South are diverting great factory industries

ALMA RUBENS, FILM ACTRESS, IN BAD AGAIN

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