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THE WEATHER OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Thursday with occasional rains west and local snows and rains east portion. No change in temperature.

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TWO BANDITS CAPTURED BY OFFICERS

ARREST MEN WHO HELD UP MR. GREULICH

John Richard Byng and Ben Robins Confess to Authorities, Report

ONE TAKEN FROM RAILROAD YARDS

Other Captured at His Home Later; All of \$535 Taken from Arcade Is Recovered

District Attorney Carl Helm announced this afternoon that John R. Byng and Ben Robins had agreed to plead guilty in circuit court tomorrow morning to charges of grand larceny before Judge J. W. Knowles.

La Grande had a thrill that mirrored Chicago this morning when two young bandits held up Francis Greulich in the Arcade theatre, about 3 o'clock, and escaped with about \$535. Within an hour and fifteen minutes both the intruders had been captured and had confessed the crime.

Hunted around a box car in the railroad yards with four pistols cocked, officers—who had tracked the two fellows to the car—demanded that they come out. No answer came until one officer threatened to throw a gas bomb into the car and then John Richard Byng, about 24 years of age, appeared at the door of the car with his hands elevated.

Confesses Crime Grimy from the coat that partly filled the freight carrier, Byng was helped to the ground and pled with questions. He refused to answer at first but when Police Chief Clint Haynes "opened fire" verbally Byng said that "Ben Robins" was his partner. "We split the money and he left the box car," Byng said. Tracks, easily traced because of a nail on one shoe sole, led away from the car and Byng admitted that these had been made by Robins.

Byng, after surrendering, handed a roll of bills to the officers, saying that Robins had the other half. Discarded checks, etc., of no immediate use, were also turned over. Byng questioned En route to the police station, accompanied by Five Chief C. O. Murchison, Deputy Sheriff Amos Helms and a newspaper man, Byng was asked "Why did you do it?" "The same reason that anyone else does—to get the money," he readily replied. "Didn't you know that you weren't smart enough to get away?" was the next question. "I never thought of that," the prisoner replied after a pause.

Questioned as to whether they use guns or not, Byng said that they used pipes concealed in their coat pockets, which appeared to Mr. Greulich as if they were pistols.

Robins Confesses While Byng was being taken to the station, Deputy Sheriff Hugo Klinghammer and Chief Haynes were tracing down Robins. They found him at his home on Y ave.

SCHOOLS OPEN AFTER HOLIDAY VACATION HERE

Schools reopened in La Grande this morning after the holiday season with a large attendance, considering the amount of illness in this district.

Three of the Central grades were back in their former class rooms in the La Grande High school building, which were forced to vacate last fall when fire partly destroyed the structure. Superintendent J. T. Longfellow announced that several children were sent home this morning for a doctor's certificate. The state law requires that when a child is absent from school three days because of illness, he must have a doctor's certificate to present to his teacher upon his return.

WEATHER TODAY 7:29 a. m.—21 above. Minimum: 20 above. Condition: snowing.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 25, minimum 23, above. Condition: Rain 29 of inch. snow one inch.

WEATHER JAN. 2, 1929 Maximum 42, minimum 22 above. Condition: Rain 29 of inch.

Move Office Of Lumber Company To Baker Today

Horace J. Nelson, Iola Robertson and T. A. Christensen to Change Residence to Baker

Removal of the Grande Ronde Lumber company's offices in La Grande to Baker was started today, in line with the recent announcement of a merger of the Grande Ronde Lumber company and the Stoddard Lumber company.

The Grande Ronde concern has been operating in and near La Grande for many years. The consolidation was in a way the result of the removal of the plant from Perry to Pondosa, the latter place being easier to reach from Baker. Pondosa, however, is in Union county.

The removal will be completed by tomorrow, it is said. In addition to taking the office fixtures, etc., to Baker, members of the office personnel will also move to the city to the south.

Horace J. Nelson, office manager and accountant, who has made his home in La Grande for the last 18 years, will move to Baker, with the two other members of the staff, Miss Iola Robertson, stenographer, and T. A. Christensen, bookkeeper. Mr. Nelson states he expects to return to La Grande frequently for visits, however. When the merger was announced, Elmer Stoddard, vice president of the new company, stated that he would move to Baker in the near future.

Zimmerman And Stalcup Lease Playle Station

Doyle Zimmerman and June Stalcup have leased the Playle Oil station at Greenwood and Adams, taking possession yesterday, they announced today. The station will be operated under the same policy as in the past although the partners will remodel the interior.

Charles Playle and Audmer Playle will be at the station for the next three or four months, Mr. Zimmerman said this morning.

Mr. Service plans to go to Baker within the very near future. Further details will be announced later, it is said.

Baby Boy Born In City on New Year's

New Year came into the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie K. Follett, of Elgin, just as it is pictured—a healthy, rosy baby boy. The youngster was born at the Foley apartments yesterday, the only birth reported in this city the first day of 1929.

The boy, who weighs seven and a half pounds, is doing nicely and the only thing he feels badly about is that his birthday will come so close to Christmas.

Mrs. Thomas Smith Dies in Santa Ana

Mrs. Thomas S. Smith, of Santa Ana, Cal., died at her home there Dec. 31, according to word received in La Grande. Mrs. Smith was for many years a resident of the Grande Ronde valley. She was a pioneer.

She was the mother of Mrs. E. E. Bragg, of Salem, and has other relatives in this valley, in Oregon and California.

Rotarians Hold Weekly Meeting

The joint committee, consisting of Oscar Warnock, W. K. Gilbert and Audmer Playle, staged an entertaining feature at the luncheon of the Rotary club today at noon at the La Grande hotel. The stunt consisted of New Year resolutions of the various members.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in a discussion of welfare problems.

Portland Team To Bowl Here Jan. 6

A Portland Union Pacific bowling team will compete with the local railroad organization here on Sunday, Jan. 6, it was announced today. The group from Portland is expecting to come on a special car. The match is to take place at Ware's bowling alley, it is said.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—The supreme court held today that the decision of the director of the veterans' bureau is final and conclusive in matters relating to the payment of soldiers' bonuses or adjusted compensation.

ARMY PLANE HAS CHANCE FOR RECORD

Question Mark Still Going Strong After More Than Day in Air

MISS BOBBY TROUT TRYING FOR MARK

Los Angeles Aviatix, 18, Takes Off in Attempt to Shatter Women's Endurance Record

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 2 (AP)—The army's tri-motored Fokker airplane out to beat the world's sustained flight record, had been in the air 24 hours at 7:24 o'clock this morning. The plane left the ground at that time yesterday. The plane was nearing San Diego.

WOMAN AFTER MARK METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, Jan. 2 (AP)—A few moments after the army tri-motored Fokker plane, Question Mark, out to beat the world's endurance flight record, roared over this field this morning, Miss Bobby Trout, 18-year-old Los Angeles aviatix, took off at 8:05 in a Golden Eagle monoplane in an effort to beat the women's world air endurance record.

For 20 minutes before the Question Mark appeared, Miss Trout's plane was being "warmed up" and as soon as the giant Fokker swept away, the young aviatix hopped in her "Sports Roadster" plane. A moment later she soared into the air.

Miss Trout's plane has a 50 horse power De Blaud motor and enough fuel for about 15 hours flying.

What She Wore The young aviatix wore riding boots, whipcord riding breeches a brown woolen sweater, green shirt, black tie, leather coat, and flying helmet.

"And don't forget the woolen underwear," the young lady said, as she took to the air.

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1929 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT UNION

Official Vote 19 to 3, According to Report Made District Board Today

The 1929 basketball tournament will be played at Union, Ore., on Feb. 28, Mar. 1 and 2, it was officially announced today by the district board, made up of representatives from Union, Wallawa, Baker, Harney, Malheur and Grant counties.

Ward Hammersley, of North Powder, who was appointed secretary to conduct the vote on the tournament question, reported officially this morning that 22 schools had voted on the tournament. Union has been chosen to host the event.

At the basketball meeting here in December both Union and La Grande extended an invitation for the tournament. Union has been chosen to host the event.

The story of the coming of the Christ child is told in beautiful strains of music and song, arranged for the three voiced ladies' choir. There will be several special numbers added. The complete program will be announced in a later issue.

Daring Airman on Hazardous Trip Into the North With Anti-Toxin

EDMONTON, Alberta, Jan. 2 (AP)—Flying on an errand of mercy to the far north, an airplane piloted by Captain "Wop" May, was to leave here today with 500,000 units of diphtheria anti-toxin for two Hudson Bay company trading posts, at Fort Vermillion and Little Red River.

The aerial dash with the medicine follows receipt of a message last night that A. Logan, factor in charge of the post at Fort Vermillion, was dead of diphtheria and 200 persons living at the two outposts of civilization would be stricken with the disease.

The anti-toxin was requested by Dr. H. A. Hamman, who is stationed at Fort Vermillion, 500 miles north of Edmonton. The message was dated Dec. 18, and had to be brought by dog team from Little Red River to Peace River, a distance of 147 miles. From Peace River the request for aid was win-tered to Dr. M. R. Bow, deputy minister of health at Edmonton. Logan's death was the only one which had been reported up to Dec. 18, but Dr. Bow feels it is possible others may have occurred since that time as Dr. Hamman indicated the disease was spreading. Capt. May is a pilot instructor at the Edmonton Aero club. His journey is fraught with danger as his plane is equipped only with wheels, and it may be difficult to find a safe landing place in the frozen north. Repeatedly word was flashed by radio last night and today telling those at the two forts to prepare for May's arrival by clearing a landing place and starting a smoke fire to inform the aviator of the field's location. If all goes well May expects to reach Fort Vermillion Thursday afternoon.

Winter Settles Down For Long Stay; Snow Here

Death Due to Cold Weather in Chicago; Frigid Wave Invades Georgia, Freezing Temperatures

Fears that the Grande Ronde valley would experience another "bone dry" summer were partly dispelled with two snowfalls during the last three days. The first fall, a couple of days ago, deposited four inches over the county, another inch fell last night and it was still snowing this morning.

Snow in the mountains melted early last year and a long, dry fall made conditions even worse. Plenty of snow this month and in February would provide adequate water for the coming seasons, it is believed.

The snow is general over Eastern Oregon, according to reports received here.

DEATHS IN CHICAGO CHICAGO, Jan. 2 (AP)—One man was found dead and two more seriously frozen as Chicago and vicinity shivered in the grip of new zero weather which reached its coldest stage at 8 a. m. today. The temperature at that time was 3 degrees above zero.

Some of the outlying sections of the city reported unofficial temperatures of zero and 2 or 3 below.

Chicago was promised relief from the cold tonight with cloudiness, and a minimum temperature of 14 degrees above. The cold wave is moving eastward.

FREEZING IN SOUTH ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2 (AP)—Winter's New Year sortie on the south left sub-freezing temperatures today in much of the area except Florida and a prospect of still colder weather before the feid day.

NAZARENES IN GROUP RALLY ON TUESDAY

The Nazarene church of La Grande held an all-day meeting to begin the New Year, yesterday. A number of out-of-town officials of the church were in La Grande to take part in the program held during the day.

A. E. Sanner, of Nampa, Ida., district superintendent of the Nazarene church, was in attendance and spoke at the meeting last night. Miss Agnes Gardner, of Walla Walla, Wash., returned missionary from India, in La Grande, and addressed an audience at the church yesterday afternoon and another in the evening.

At noon a dinner was served. The group rally was sponsored by the Woman's Missionary society of the church with the towns of Enterprise, Wallawa, Baker, Halfway, Richland and La Grande participating.

Triad Choir Will Give Cantata Jan. 6

The Triad choir of the First Presbyterian church, Mrs. A. L. Richardson, director, is devoting much time to the preparation of the cantata "Bethlehem" by Bliss to be given Sunday evening at the church, 7:30 o'clock. This is the evening of music that was so much appreciated when given on Sunday evening, Dec. 23 that requests were made to have it repeated.

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Granite Miner Victim of Snow Slide at Night

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 2 (AP)—The body of Gene Gibbs, 25, a miner, was found last night in the Granite district near here under a snow slide, which probably caused his death, according to a report reaching here. His skills were found near the body, which was not more than 100 yards from his home.

According to persons at the Morris mine, near Granite, Gibbs started to go over a trap line to retrieve the day's catch. He is survived by a widow.

Legion Auxiliary Will Meet Tonight

The La Grande post of the American Legion and the legion auxiliary will inaugurate the New Year tonight when each of the organizations holds a meeting at Honan hall to discuss various phases of the year's activities.

Toy Is Removed From Asco Child

CINCINNATI, Jan. 2 (AP)—Surgeons performed a successful operation on Frank Brooks, 18-month-old baby of Asco, W. Va., here late today and removed a toy motorcycle from the child's throat which he swallowed 14 days ago.

BIG GUNS IN PASADENA CONFLICT



The Pacific coast demonstrated its superiority over east and mid-west for all teams when Oregon State and Stanford mopped up New York and the Army while U. S. C. overwhelmed Notre Dame. But southern football also is good, and Georgia Tech nosed out California yesterday, 8 to 7, largely due to a freak play wherein Helgefs, California captain-elect, raced 75 yards to his own goal-line, opening the way for a southern safety. Mitchell (upper left) of Tech, and Benny Lom (upper right), of the Bears, were two of the outstanding players yesterday. Lower left is Paul, Tech's all-American center, who was in nearly every play of the game. In the middle is Capt. Irvin Phillips, of California, all-Cons end, who scored the western touchdown. In the lower right is "Stumpy" Thompson, Georgia luminary, who fumbled the ball that Helgefs snatched up for his ill-fated run. The Associated Press story of the game is on the sport page today.

Manufacturers Must Make Same Price to All

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Manufacturers who make price and offer discriminations among customers are subject to prosecution under the Clayton anti-trust act. The supreme court made the ruling today in a case brought from Indiana by the George Van Camp & Sons Co. against the American Can company.

The Tennessee law fixing the wholesale and retail prices on groceries was declared invalid and unconstitutional today by the supreme court.

Northcott Goes On Trial; Mother Begins Life Term

COURTROOM, Riverside, Cal., Jan. 2 (AP)—Superior Judge O. K. Morton, today disqualified himself to try Gordon Stewart Northcott for the murder of Lewis and Nelson Winslow and an unidentified Mexican lad, at his Wineville "murder farm." Judge Morton requested Judge George K. Freeman, who has been on the Riverside bench for eight years, to take over the case. Both prosecution and defense acquiesced in the naming of Judge Freeman.

OREGON CRUSHES HAWAII 6 TO 0

Archery, University End, Picks Up Fumble, Paving Way for Score

HONOLULU, Jan. 2 (AP)—A crowd of 10,000 spectators saw University of Oregon football eleven win a hard fought battle here New Year's day from the University of Hawaii by the close margin of six to nothing. Bright sunshine prevailed.

Numerous fumbles marred the contest, but the breaks were evenly divided. Oregon's score came as the result of a fumble in the second period when Archer, Oregon end, picked up WHITTE's fumble and raced to the 15-yard line before being halted. On the net play Kitzmiller went over through tackle. The try for point failed when Gould fumbled the pass from center.

Milk Prices Cut Cent in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2 (AP)—Price of milk was cut one cent a quart today by many Portland dairies to meet competition by creameries. The new price is nine cents a quart wholesale; 11 cents retail.

Dairymen, who own their cows and distribute milk only, said they made the cut because creameries, which deal in milk and all its by-products had made a cut of one cent in obedience to an order for an association with which the creameries are connected.

Loss of Sense of Direction Cause Of Reigel's Ill-Fated Run to Goal

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 2 (AP)—Loss of his sense of direction was the factor responsible for the run of Captain-elect Roy Reigel to his own goal posts in the tournament of roses classic here yesterday between the University of California and Georgia Tech, the Golden Bear center explained today.

Reigel denied that he had been hurt and as a result was unconscious of what he was doing. "I was running toward the sidelines and when I picked up the ball, I started to turn to my left toward Tech's goal. Somebody shoved me and I bounced right off into a touch tackle. In pivoting to get away from him I completely lost my bearings.

"I wasn't out of my head at all and I hadn't been hurt. I think I showed that when I came back in the second half and played through."

Reigel displayed a splendid brand of football in the second half.

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Kina Improved In Condition, Report

LONDON, Jan. 2 (AP)—A slight improvement in King George's condition was noted in this evening's official bulletin which read as follows:

"The king passed a good day and there is slight improvement in his majesty's condition."

THREE GIRLS DIE IN BLAZE AT MONMOUTH

Students Burned to Death When House on School Campus Is Destroyed

SIX ESCAPE BY JUMP FROM ROOF

Flames from Illuminated Christmas Tree Cause of Tragedy on New Years Night

MONMOUTH, Ore., Jan. 2 (AP)—A dart of flames from an illuminated Christmas tree spread and burned three girls to death and consumed their dwelling near the Oregon Normal school campus here last night.

Six other girl students of the house escaped when they leaped from the roof of a porch to the ground below. The dead: Miss Evelyn Ohman, Portland. Miss Florence Graham, Newport. Miss Margaret Hemmers, Graham.

Tragedy swept onto the campus on the eve of the opening of school after the Christmas holidays. The girls had just returned to the school from their homes, and classes were to have been resumed today. Trapped by flames The girls had retired for the night and were trapped in the house when the timber-like Christmas tree burst into flames and curtains and other inflammable furnishings.

The six girls who escaped were Gladys McCann, Jean Stevens, Alice Walker, 24, Woodlawn, Wash., Beulah Thomas, Wilma Baker and Lillian Ribbeck of Graham. They crowded through the windows looking out upon the roof of the porch of the building, and leaped to the ground uninjured.

Mrs. Minnie Mack, owner of the building, and mother of the private dormitory, was seriously burned in trying to extinguish the fire in running from room to room in spreading the alarm.

Service Demanded Demoralized telephone service to surrounding towns prevented calls for aid reaching fire departments in nearby cities. Equipment from Independence finally responded, but was successful only in preventing the flames from spreading to nearby buildings. The Mack building was destroyed.

The telephone service was crippled by recent heavy snows and facilities had not been restored for full efficiency.

Two girls registered at the house, whose homes were at Corvallis, were not among those accounted for early today. The ruins were searched to determine whether there were any more victims.

Mrs. Mack said she had lit one candle on a pedestal beside the tree and was carrying the match to light another candle when the flame caught on the tree. The fire leaped up quickly, and Mrs. Mack, screaming a warning to the girls, seized the tree and rushed with it from the house, being badly burned about the hands and body.

Scowling rapidly up the curtains and catching on wall paper, the fire engulfed the old house, trapping three of the girls up stairs in their rooms.

The bodies of Miss Graham, of Newport, Ore., and Miss Ohman were found on the spring of their bed. They apparently had been overcome before being able to escape from the sleeping porch which they occupied.

The body of Miss Hemmers, of Graham, a new student who was to register today for the opening term, was found nearby.

Miss Hemmers was seen, just after the fire started, trying to open a window, but she disappeared in the smoke-filled house before a rescuer was able to reach her.

C. W. Price, and his son, Clair Price, neighbors, saw a girl at a break window, just after the fire broke out. Clair attempted to climb up a water spout, but was stopped by a protruding cornice. He then obtained a ladder and

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PRESIDENT IS BACK AT DESK IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—President and Mrs. Coolidge returned to Washington this afternoon from Sapelo Island, off the Georgia coast, where they spent the Christmas holidays. Secretary Kellogg was among those who greeted the president at the station.