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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair but with low clouds and fog tonight and Wednesday, continued cold. Gentle, variable winds.

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C. T. LINDSAY IS APPOINTED FIRE CHIEF

Succeeds C. O. Murchison, Who Resigned from Municipal Office

OTHER CHANGES IN DEPARTMENT

L. L. Snodgrass Resigns from Call Men; Richard Thomas Employed As Full-time Fireman

La Grande has a new fire chief today, C. T. Lindsay, better known as "Curley," who has been acting assistant chief for the last few years. It was announced by City Manager W. C. Crews, who appointed Mr. Lindsay last night after Fire Chief C. O. Murchison's resignation, submitted Saturday, was accepted.

Mr. Snodgrass said, "I feel that Mr. Lindsay is competent and the logical man for the position." No action was taken on Mr. Murchison's resignation over the weekend but the matter was taken up at last night's regular monthly fire meeting in the municipal building, which was attended by members of the city commission and the city manager as well as call men and full-time firemen.

Mr. Snodgrass Resigns Coinciding with the resignation of Mr. Murchison, a resignation also was submitted by L. L. Snodgrass, assistant fire chief of the call men, but Fire Chief Lindsay said today that he has not accepted it as yet.

Richard Thomas, who has been employed by the city engineer for the last five or six years, was this morning employed to fill the vacancy in the full-time firemen.

It was also announced this morning that no assistant fire chief would be appointed, but that the responsibility during Mr. Lindsay's absence will be placed on all of the men, with each one acting as assistant at different times.

Mr. Murchison was first employed by the department in February, 1929 and was appointed chief in April, 1918, holding that position continuously since then.

Mr. Lindsay was employed by the department on February 13, 1922.

Mr. Snodgrass has been identified with the department since its reorganization Jan. 21, 1926.

The resignation submitted by Mr. Murchison, who has not announced his plans for the future as yet, follows:

"January 5, 1929  
"To the Hon. Commission and General Manager:  
"I hereby tender my resignation as chief of the La Grande fire department to take effect January 5, 1929.

"I wish to thank the commission and general manager for the support that they have given me in the past.

"Very truly yours,  
(Signed) C. O. Murchison.

OFFICERS OF ENCAMPMENT ARE SEATED

Star Encampment No. 291 L. O. O. F. held installation of officers last night.

X. E. Brazz, D. D. G. P. acted as installing officer. The following were installed: chief, patriarch, Frank McPherson; high priest, Henry McGoldrick; senior warden, Joe Oliver; junior warden, Paul Yeck; scribe, Henry Winburn; treasurer, C. E. Brazz; guide, J. Kochenparger; first watch, James Moss; second watch, George Hall; third watch, Albert Loeck; first guard of tent, J. A. Arnieckel; second guard of tent, W. M. McClure; inside sentinel, A. B. Houston; outside sentinel, Harrison Davis; A. H. Harvey re-elected to three year term as trustee.

Explorer III, SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5 (AP)—Miss Louise A. Boyd, Arctic explorer and sports woman, was reported seriously ill at her home here suffering from pneumonia.

WEATHER TODAY 7-30 a. m.—18 above. Minimum—11 above. Condition—Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 27, minimum 11 above. Condition—Partly cloudy.

WEATHER JAN. 8, 1929 Maximum 47, minimum 25 above. Condition—Clear.

Resort Company To Sell \$75,000 Preferred Stock

G. L. Larison, La Grande, Re-elected President at Meeting Held Here Last Night

The board of directors and a group of stockholders of the Wallowa Lake Wonderland met last night in this city to discuss plans for the summer of 1929 at the lake resort and to discuss reports on the year 1928. A resolution was passed calling for the sale of \$75,000 worth of preferred stock in the corporation.

Election of officers and the board of directors was held. G. L. Larison, president; J. C. Macpherson, vice president; H. E. Dixon, secretary, all were re-elected.

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New Teacher To Takes Up Duties Here on Jan. 18

A new teacher is to join the staff of the La Grande High school for this year. Miss Catherine Sartain, of Eugene, will arrive here Jan. 15 to begin her duties as instructor in English and head of the dramatics department of the high school.

Miss Sartain was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1927 and last year did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin. She received a scholarship to that University.

Miss Sartain will take the place of Mrs. Weaver, who taught last term. The new teacher comes to this city with an excellent record of achievement. It is announced, while on the university campus she was director of the Junior Yodanis for the year 1927 and she was stage manager one year for the annual drama drama sponsored at the University.

She attained honorable mention in the physical education department and is a Red Cross examiner. She was also secretary of the scholastic club on the campus and is the owner of an Oregon sweater, awarded for athletic achievement.

The curriculum will be somewhat changed in the English department with Miss Sartain's coming, school officials say. She will teach some of the classes now handled by Miss Alice Kippel and Miss Kippel will teach some of the subjects which were taught by Mrs. Weaver.

Officers of the Episcopal church for 1929 were elected at the annual meeting of the church held last night. The following were elected: senior warden, E. Hoessler; junior warden, R. C. Cowling; vestrymen, H. A. Zarbrick, J. H. Russell, A. Milne, G. Ellis and L. L. Snodgrass.

Reports of the financial status of the church were made and the work of the last year was discussed. About an hundred persons were in attendance at the meeting.

Miss Bennett Hurt In Auto Accident Miss Jettie Bennett, of Wallowa, was severely bruised in an automobile accident which occurred late Sunday evening when the coach in which she was riding with three other persons, skidded on the highway about a mile east of Indian, and turned over on one side, according to "Dutch" Barnes, of La Grande.

Frank Shertenlieb, of Elgin, and Horace Littlefield, of Wallowa, were two other occupants of the automobile. They were uninjured.

Work of County Agent H. G. Avery Praised at Chamber of Commerce High praise was given to County Agent H. G. Avery, now away from this county for a year of research work, today at the luncheon of the chamber of commerce by Wray Lawrence, county agent for this county in Mr. Avery's absence.

Mr. Lawrence, in his first appearance before a group of local business men, gave an interesting and instructive talk on the development of agriculture in this county during the last eight years, since Mr. Avery has been employed as county agent.

He pointed out specifically advancement made in wheat growing, potatoes, livestock, boys' and girls' club work, dairying, hay, oats, barley, sweet clover and other lines, and quoted statistics to show production increases in dairy herds due to the work of the cow testing associations.

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SELECT JURY IN NEWBERG TRIAL TODAY

La Grande Man Faces Court on Second Degree Murder Charge

NEW ANGLE COMES INTO COURT ROOM

District Attorney Bureleigh Says State Will Prove Killing Due to Mistaken Identity

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 8 (Special to The Observer)—The jury in the case of the state vs. Harry Newberg, of La Grande, who is charged with second degree murder as a result of the killing of Leonard Olsen, was secured this morning after 20 veniremen were examined.

District Attorney Sylvester Bureleigh, in his statement of the case, said that the state would show that Leonard Olsen, of Lostine, was not killed because the horse he was riding was mistaken for a deer, but because he was mistaken for some other person and that the person killing him intended to kill.

Defense's Statement R. J. Green, La Grande attorney, in stating the case for the defendant, claimed that the testimony would show that Mr. Olsen was killed on account of a white horse he was riding being mistaken for a deer and also that Newberg did not fire the fatal shot.

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles ordered the jury be kept together during the trial.

A good many witnesses and spectators were present at the trial today from La Grande.

The defendant and Fred Black were arrested after the killing of Mr. Olsen, they making the claim that they mistook his horse for a deer the night of the shooting.

Black is also facing a second degree murder charge and his case is scheduled for trial tomorrow, in case of Newberg trial is ended by that time.

Little Change Here There is little change in weather conditions in La Grande over night, with a minimum of 11 above—the same as on the preceding night—being registered. At 7:30 a. m. this morning it was two degrees colder than yesterday at 7:30.

So far this winter no zero weather has been experienced, with the coldest weather occurring early in December, when the mercury fell to four above. The coldest weather this month was Friday and Saturday nights, when a low of 8 above was registered.

First Ward Team Wins From Rivals

In a fast, hard-fought basketball game last night the M. I. A. First Ward hoopers walked away with the honors over their rivals the Second Ward team, 18 to 16. The First Ward men thus got revenge on the Second Ward team which won the game last week 25 to 6. The odds were considered overwhelmingly in favor of the Second Ward team until the dope bucket was spilled last night.

Bob Stoddard was referee at the game. At the end of the first half the score was 10 to 7 in favor of the First Ward team.

The Second Ward team will play at Inlander tonight.

Habitual Criminal Law Upheld Today

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—Oregon's habitual criminal law, enacted in 1927, which makes it possible to give a life sentence to a criminal, is constitutional, says an opinion of the supreme court today. The opinion, written by Justice Brown, affirms the lower court for Multnomah county in the case of the state against John E. Smith, appellant.

EXPLOSION KILLS ONE SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 8 (AP)—Anton Rathman, owner of a packing plant here, was killed, one workman and a boy were seriously injured, and twenty workmen escaped injury when the boiler exploded today and fell back through the roof of the building among the men.

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Most of Nation Shivering With Mercury Falling

North Dakota Has 26 Below Zero — Freezing Temperatures in Far Southern States

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (AP)—The coldest weather of the winter was experienced by most of the country today.

From the northwest where the temperature dropped to 26 degrees below zero at Devils Lake, N. D., the cold spread eastward and southward to the Atlantic coast and Gulf states.

Blizzards N. D., had a temperature of 24 degrees below zero while temperatures were from 29 to 33 in Iowa.

Chicago experienced the coldest weather of the winter when the temperature dropped to three below with predictions of colder weather.

Transcontinental trains were delayed from one to three hours by the cold but wire communication was unaffected.

In the south, Asheville, N. C., registered the lowest temperature, the mercury there dropping to 20 degrees above zero, Atlanta, Ga., had 23 degrees and Louisville, Ky., and Birmingham, Ala., each had 24. No hope for moderation was held out before the middle of the week.

High winds accompanied the steady drop of the mercury in New York where a low of 18 degrees above zero was recorded with colder weather in prospect.

In Western New York state temperatures were only a few degrees above zero, accompanied by high winds.

INFLUENZA TAKES HERMIT DOCTOR OF JUNIPER

CRAG, Colo., Jan. 8 (AP)—The hermit doctor of Juniper, a small mountain settlement near here, who spurned automobiles, bookkeeping, modern surgery, operating rooms and bills, is dead.

For a quarter of a century or more, Dr. E. A. Arbogast has ministered to the ills of cowboys and homesteaders in this sparsely settled section of the state. His saddle horse carried him to the bedside of his patients and he never had a telephone installed in the lonely cabin in the hills that were his office and home.

The aged physician, 84 years old when he died, never made a charge for his services and lived from the free will offerings of his patients. A wife and "babe" and a quarter of beef, a couple of bushels of potatoes or flour, or hay or grain for his horse made up the offerings, in general.

Dr. Arbogast died of influenza.

Pupil, 12, Will Sue Her School Teacher

REEDSBURG, Wis., Jan. 8 (AP)—Because she claimed, she had to wear a placard around her neck which read: "I am not a good citizen," during school hours, Evelyn Jackson, 12, a pupil at the Kelley school here, is bringing action for damages of \$29,000 against her teacher, Kenneth Seon.

The girl claims she was forced to wear the placard during school hours for a misdeed and that her feelings were hurt to the extent of \$29,000.

SCORES GIVEN FOR BOWLING EVENT SUNDAY

Scores in the O.-W. bowling match between La Grande and Portland teams here Sunday have been worked out and were available for publication today. The results were announced in yesterday's Observer.

Walling, of the Portland team, had the highest individual score in the five-man team competition, with a 581. Noel of Portland was second with 556. Ainsworth of La Grande third with 559 and Deihl of La Grande fourth with 517. Team scores were: Portland 2,973; La Grande 2,882.

In the singles Lamb, Udy, Kirgin, for Portland, and Cook, Deihl and Ainsworth were winners. The highest score in this competition was made by Cook, who got a 569, two points more than Kirgin's 568.

In the doubles the two teams broke even with La Grande winning in the playoff. Udy and Kirgin won from Euckwaller and Hodgins, 922 to 912; Noel and Salmon lost to Deihl and Ainsworth, 948 to 1028, and Lamb and Walling tied Howard and Cook of La Grande, both teams scoring 983.

Kirgin, with 234, turned in a best game. Deihl, of La Grande, was second with 222.

TO SUE BROKERS PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—Lomb and Bryant, New York financial firm and agent for the defaulted Overbeck & Cooke company, will be sued for \$2,755,887 by G. Gillingham, trustee in bankruptcy for the latter, on order from A. M. Cannon, referee in bankruptcy. The suit will be brought in the court district having jurisdiction over the members of the company.

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 8 (AP)—Henry E. Almond, 52, political leader and millionaire manufacturer of Vancouver, B. C., died here today after an operation. New Year day.

THE CREW OF THE "QUESTION MARK"



Here's the crew of army airmen who set a new world's endurance record of more than 150 hours continuous flight over Los Angeles and San Diego. Left to right: Major Carl Spats, commander of the monoplane "Question Mark," Captain Ira C. Eaker, Lieutenant H. A. Halverson, Lieutenant Elwood Quesada and Sergeant Roy Hove. They are the first men who have ever spent six days in the air with no interruptions on the ground.

Medics Expect Full Recovery Of King George

LONDON, Jan. 8 (AP)—The British public today accepted the complete recovery of King George as a foregone conclusion. The tense solicitude which formerly characterized the crowds around the gates of Buckingham palace has disappeared.

Last night's bulletin said: "The king had a quiet day. There is no change to report in his majesty's condition. The next bulletin will be issued tomorrow evening."

It was explained for the benefit of the public that the words "No change" did not imply that the king's condition was unsatisfactory but meant that he was holding his own. It was expected today that in the long climb to convalescence—a state which has not yet been reached—there might be several days when no definite improvement would be recorded. As long as there is no setback and the king maintains his strength, it was felt that doctors would not be dissatisfied.

The return to the issuance of only one bulletin a day as at Christmas time was taken as an indication of the doctors' confidence.

Hoss To Reduce Office Expenses

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—Determined to reduce to a minimum during the next two years the cost of administering the state department, Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss has adopted a policy of no salary increases during the fourth coming period and of "docking" the male employees for all time off. Women employees will be allowed one day off each month.

Further, every department head in Hoss' office is urged to eliminate entirely or cut to a minimum all overtime.

Bryant Trial Is Set for January 21

COLEVILLE, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—A plea of not guilty was entered today by Laura Bryant, indicted yesterday on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the Hickerson, Oregon, State college student and assistant football coach, Judge G. T. Hickerson set Jan. 21, 10 a. m., as time for trial.

CLEMENCY MAY BE EXTENDED TO MRS. MILLER

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 8 (AP)—Governor Fred W. Green today indicated that executive clemency may be extended to Mrs. Etta Mae Miller, first woman to be sentenced to life imprisonment in Michigan under the habitual criminal law. She was convicted of four liquor law violations.

"No one expects her to serve a life term," Governor Green said. "She must, however, pay a reasonable penalty for her offenses."

SUPREME COURT IS FACING BIG DOCKET

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—The state supreme court today began the hearing of a new docket of 92 cases, and the last of the list is scheduled for hearing March 5.

The beach river water adjudication case is on the docket.

TWO ARRESTED YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Jan. 8 (AP)—Two men were arrested here today in connection with the slaying Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Chief of near Canal Fulton Ohio of Police McNicholas announced

Death, Or Freedom And A New Chance Awaits Cleveland Prisoner

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 8 (AP)—Death, or freedom and a new chance awaited Arthur Berry, 15-year-old "bad boy" convicted of robbing the mails, as he lay in a hospital here today fighting for recovery from an operation for removal of an abscess from his brain, performed in an effort to correct his tendencies to crime.

With the entry of an order by Federal Judge Paul Jones today deferring execution of a sentence of one year at the Washington army training school for robbing the mails, Philadelphia postoffice, the government enters into the experiment whereby it is hoped the lad can be cured and set right.

Arthur will be given the opportunity, if he recovers, to return to his home, and if he does recover he will go with the good wishes of Miss Irene Nungesser, assistant district attorney who urged that the operation be performed.

She became interested in the case when the boy admitted taking 60 letters from a mail box of the Ohio cities telephone company containing \$1,000 in checks. He cashed one of the checks but destroyed the others and told Miss Nungesser that he knew of no reason for taking them. After his trial two weeks ago and his commitment to jail sentence was imposed he began to complain of headaches and when Miss Nungesser learned of this she arranged an x-ray examination which revealed the abscess.

The operation was performed a week ago. The boy was to have been sentenced today, but Judge Jones agreed to defer the sentence to await the outcome of the experiment. If the youth does not live and falls again into crime when liberated he will be sent to Washington to serve his sentence on the conclusion that the abscess had no influence on his behavior. But if he finds himself freed of the inclination to do wrong the operation will be considered a success and the charge will be forgotten.

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VICTIM OF STABBER

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—Victim of an unknown assailant who stabbed him in the abdomen with a pocket-knife, B. Isham, 38, was unconscious at the Good Samaritan hospital today. His condition was serious due to loss of blood.

TO RETURN TO U. S. CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 8 (AP)—Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, mother of the famous trans-Atlantic flier, is planning to return to the United States on Jan. 15 after a period of chemistry teaching at the American college. She will go by way of Egypt.

PREDICT NO FARM RELIEF THIS SESSION

Strong Bloc of Hoover Men May Delay It Until After March 4

BORAH GUEST OF PRESIDENT-ELECT

Expect No Statements By New Chief for Some Time — Iowa Recommends D. Pierce

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Beginning a second day of conference, Herbert Hoover chatted over the breakfast table for more than an hour today with one of his outstanding campaign guests, Senator Borah, of Idaho.

Like other callers, Senator Borah was hesitant to report any views of the president-elect or to detail the conversation, but it was understood the discussion included a thorough analysis of the legislative situation and the problems confronting the new administration.

Hale, Watson Visit The day soon found other senators proceeding to the Hoover headquarters at the Mayflower hotel, including Senator Watson, of Indiana, the prospective republican leader of the senate next session, and Senator Hale of Maine, who is fighting for the cruiser bill.

Reports already are going the rounds at the capitol that no statement would be looked for from Mr. Hoover as problems before this session of congress, particularly farm relief, are being discussed.

One development in a conclusion reached by several senators, that the pending McNary farm bill cannot be put through at this session and that an extra session next spring is unavoidable.

Strong Hoover Bloc There is a strong bloc of Hoover men opposing farm relief legislation until the next administration comes into power. This group includes Senators Borah, Jones of Washington and Brookhart of Iowa. Congressman Charles McNary, who has been a strong supporter of the McNary bill, a fight for its passage at this session would be futile. No such support is now anticipated, although those who have conferred with Mr. Hoover have brought no definite word to the capitol.

The situation was given emphasis during the morning when Mr. Hoover received the entire Iowa delegation in the house.

Expect Some Delay The delegation reported that the consensus of opinion in congress was that farm legislation could not be enacted at this session. Afterwards members of the delegation said that Mr. Hoover declared that President Coolidge still was chief executive and that his administration should have to decide its own problems.

Members of the delegation gave Mr. Hoover the name of D. Pierce, of Des Moines, as a candidate for secretary of agriculture in the next administration.

QUIET INAUGURATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—One prediction that was made that was swayed about the return of Herbert Hoover was definitely quipped today when he gave his approval to the March 4 inauguration plans—a simple matter.

Beyond the official ceremony of oath-taking at the capitol the program calls for a parade chiefly of military units. The inaugural ball of other days will be omitted.

VOLCANO TOLL MAY REACH 22, REPORTS SAY

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 8 (AP)—With five bodies recovered from the rain caused by the eruption of the Pleban volcano Caubuyo near Lake Llanquihue, it appeared possible today that the lava had taken a toll of 22 lives.

Dispatches from Puerto Montt said that Carabineros had uncovered reports that five families, totalling 22 persons, were missing. These families lived in the region which was heavily damaged when the volcano erupted last night and since other dispatches said that many injured had been taken from the stricken area to Puerto Varas, across Lake Llanquihue.

All boats on the 30-mile wide lake were pressed into service for the rescue work. After the people had been brought to safety, cattle were being taken from the grazing land upon which the hot ash was pouring. Hot water was also streaming from the snowcapped volcano into the lake.

The disturbance was stated to be subsiding today.

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