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THE WEATHER OREGON: Fair but with valley fogs tonight and Sunday, no change in temperature. Gentle easterly winds on the coast.

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POPULATION ESTIMATE IS 11,236 HERE

Increase Since Federal Census 1920 Approximately 42 Percent

SURVEY INCLUDES MANY INDICATIONS

Total Figure Includes Families in La Grande But Outside of Corporate Limits

POPULATION SURVEY Percentage of Increase in 1928 over 1929

La Grande is entering the year of 1929 with an estimated population of 11,236 persons, according to an exhaustive survey just completed by The Observer.

This figure, while slightly less than the estimated population here in August, 1927, when a previous survey was made, is favorable because it represents a considerable increase during the last several months. It is generally believed that about a year ago, when the lumbering mills were shut down, that a few score families moved from this city because of lack of work, bringing the population down from 750 to 1,000 persons.

Steady Increase Expected With the normal school work progressing most observers believe that the increase manifest during the last several months, will continue, although not at a "boom" pace—rather a steady, healthy gain.

The estimated population of 11,236 includes all persons actually living in what is known generally as La Grande. This total is not restricted to corporate limits, instead it extends to those thickly populated parts on the edge of the city limits which are legally outside of the municipality boundaries.

How Estimated

The estimate was arrived at in brief, by indicative figures which place the city's growth at 42 per cent since 1920, when the last federal census was taken. The federal census was 5,913 and it was estimated at that time that approximately 1,000 persons were living in thickly populated sections adjacent to the city limits.

Going still further into the matter, The Observer estimates that of the 11,236 persons, a total of 2,816 live within the corporate limits of the municipality. Immediately adjacent are the other 1,429. This is arrived at by estimating that the 1,000 outside the limits in 1920 has increased 42 per cent in keeping with those inside the limits. With that in mind, it is expected that, unless the city limits are extended before next year, the federal census of 1930 will show about 16,000 persons in La Grande, as the government count will of necessity be restricted to the legal limits of the city.

Phone Users

In 1920, when the federal census was taken, there were 1,537 telephones in use in this district. On the first day of August, 1928, there were 2,212 telephones in operation. The figure for August, 1928, was taken by The Observer because records of the company are now kept at the West Coast headquarters in Everett, Wash., and it would require several days to obtain the latest. During that period, however, an increase of 276 telephones was noted, which represents an increase of 18 per cent.

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WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—14 above. Minimum: 14 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 23, minimum 11 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER JAN. 12, 1929 Maximum 59, minimum 34 above. Condition: Rain .48 of inch, snow one inch.

Tigers Defeat Joseph Quintet; At Union Tonight

Visitors Fall Before La Grande Attack 25 to 9; Wallowans Are Held to Three Baskets

The Tiger squad won its fourth straight interscholastic basketball game last night from Joseph, holding the visitors to three total baskets all made in the last half. The final score was 25 to 9.

Joseph relied mainly on a defensive game but was unable to stop the La Grande attack, which netted 19 points in the first two periods while Joseph was converting one free throw.

In the last half the Joseph five, facing entirely different lineups, gained a little speed, scoring eight points while La Grande was calling up six.

Eleven Tigers Play Wallwanger, Tiger forward, was high point man with 11. Marr, of Joseph, was second with eight. Eleven Tigers took part in the game, which was somewhat slow. At no time during the contest was La Grande's lead menaced.

Tonight the Tiger's journey to Union, where they play the Bobcats at 8:30 o'clock. Last night Union won at Baker 32 to 14 and a close contest is expected this evening.

At the game last night the new bleachers at the Recreation hall were used for the first time. Student body members are seated upstairs and general admission ticket buyers are now easily accommodated downstairs.

Accompany the Joseph team was (Continued on Page 5)

Lumber Company Directors Finish Their Inspection

The directors of the Mt. Emily Lumber company, who assembled in La Grande for the annual meeting on Thursday, completed their inspection of the local plant and business conferences yesterday.

C. H. Stange, of Merrill, Wis., and E. W. Ellis, of Eagle River, Wis., are two directors who returned last night. A. H. Stange, of Merrill, Wis., founder of the Stange Lumber and Timber Co., expects to return to Wisconsin Monday. C. J. Kinzel, another director, has been in La Grande for several weeks but expects to go east tonight or tomorrow.

Aug. J. Stange, president of the local company, says that the directors were occupied with routine business and with the usual matters handled at their annual meetings.

Fruit Is Stolen From Cellar On East N Avenue

Having almost 100 quarts of jams, jellies, and all kinds of berries and other fruits, stolen from one's cellar is nothing of a serious nature, especially when one has spent many days and nights over a hot cook stove in the summer months canning them.

That very thing happened to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Shultz, of La Grande, Thursday at noon their cellar is nothing of a serious nature, especially when one has spent many days and nights over a hot cook stove in the summer months canning them.

Investigation showed that from 75 to 100 quarts of fruit were gone. It was taken sometime Thursday morning or Wednesday night, Mr. Shultz believes. The family was away from the house Thursday morning and heard no noise in the house during Wednesday evening, they report.

The Schultz home is located at 1904 East N Avenue. They did not notify the police.

Plan Discussion At Chamber Meet

At next Tuesday's members' forum of the Union county chamber of commerce, to be held at the Sackville Inn at 8:00 p. m., the program will consist of several sessions by R. J. (Dick) Dykhus of La Grande. Following this will be an open discussion by members as to the principal activities which they feel should be featured by the chamber during the coming year; also anything that any one has to say or suggest about the chamber's work in general, community and county activities, and what should be done to bring Union county and La Grande to the fore.

M. I. A. Team Wins From Cove Quint

In a fast, clean game played last night in the Maccaes ball at Cove, the M. I. A. Second Wall basketball team, of La Grande, defeated the Cove Athletic club team by a score of 20 to 22.

CHAIN STORE COMBINE IS CONFIRMED

Merger Includes 413 Groceries in the Pacific Northwest

Organization Capitalized at More Than \$8,000,000; Will Be Mac-Marr Stores, Inc.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12 (AP)—Official confirmation of a grocery merger combining 413 chain stores in the Pacific Northwest into a central corporation capitalized at between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000, was received today from Ross McIntyre, head of the International Sales & Produce company, who will be president of the new firm. Charles E. Marr of Spokane will be his assistant.

The name of the merged chain will be the Mac-Marr Stores, Inc. The merger includes: 88 Marr stores in Seattle and Spokane; 70 Piggy-Wicky stores in Spokane; 20 MacLean stores in Tacoma; 25 Stone stores with headquarters in Portland; 65 Thrift stores, 47 Eagle stores, and 98 Twentieth Century stores in Portland and other Oregon cities.

Other grocery men who will be officers in the new firm are Leland (Continued on Page 5)

At a tiny hamlet in the Cascades at the eastern end of the \$14,000,000 tunnel—Berne, Ralph Boyd, president of the Great Northern railroad, will be introduced by Graham McNamee, dean of radio announcers. A brief program at Berne will precede the passing of the official train through the tunnel.

The tunnel, the fifth longest in the world and considered the finest of its kind, was built in the record-breaking time of three years. Previous five years was the average time for such a project. Unlike the four European tunnels which surpass it in length, and the six-mile Moffat bore in Colorado, its American rival, the Cascade is lined from end to end with two-foot walls of concrete.

Lessons Mileage The new route through the granite rock will eliminate 18 miles of winding track and six miles of snowdrift. It cuts 500 feet from the height to which trains had to climb to pass through the now discarded three-mile tunnel.

The new bore runs from an elevation of 2,347 feet at its western end to 2,881 feet on the east.

CASE NEAR JURY AT ENTERPRISE

Attorneys Arguing Black Trial; Newberg to Be Sentenced Monday

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 12 (Special to The Observer)—The testimony in the case of the state of Oregon against Fred Black, charged with the shooting of Leonard Olsen, a Loring, during the deer season, was concluded today in the circuit court here with Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, of La Grande, presiding.

The attorneys for the state and the defendant have started their arguments and court room observers predict that the case will go to the jury late this afternoon. The court denied a motion for acquittal entered by the defense.

Harry Newberg and Black were arrested following the fatal shooting of Mr. Olsen near their camp one evening during the deer season. Newberg was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter earlier this week. Both he and Black said that they thought they were shooting at a deer.

The court had set this morning at 10 o'clock for the sentencing of Newberg but today it was postponed until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Frank McCulloch Realty Speaker

Frank McCulloch, of Baker, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the La Grande Realty board held yesterday at noon. Mr. McCulloch is attorney for the world war veterans state aid commission. He spoke to the members of the board on subjects relating to the work.

Routine business was transacted at the meeting.

Rural Route Out of La Grande Is Extended, Serving 15 More Families

Announcement of the second extension of rural postal service from La Grande, so far this year, was made yesterday by Postmaster Ralph Huron, to become effective Feb. 1. It will include 67 persons in 15 families in La Grande's rural district.

The increase in the mileage of rural mail carriers' route is due to the improvement of the roads in the territory to be served, says Mr. Huron.

Will Dedicate Great Northern Tunnel Tonight

President-elect Hoover and Other Dignitaries to Speak Over Big Radio Hook-up

SEATTLE, Jan. 12 (AP)—As the first scheduled train pulls its way through the longest railway tunnel in America—the Great Northern railway's eight-mile bore through the Cascade in Western Washington—the nation will listen in over a radio hook-up tonight in which four cities on either edge of the continent will broadcast along with two unheard-of mountain villages.

President-elect Herbert Hoover and Johnson B. Campbell of the interstate commerce commission, are to speak from Washington, D. C.

General W. W. Atterbury, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, will talk from Philadelphia; orchestral numbers will be broadcast from New York, and Mrs. Ernestine Schumann-Heink is to sing from San Francisco.

Tunnel Cost 14 Millions At a tiny hamlet in the Cascades at the eastern end of the \$14,000,000 tunnel—Berne, Ralph Boyd, president of the Great Northern railroad, will be introduced by Graham McNamee, dean of radio announcers. A brief program at Berne will precede the passing of the official train through the tunnel.

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Two Diphtheria Cases Reported Here on Friday

After a period more than two weeks without a new case in La Grande, two more diphtheria quarantines were placed on the north side by local policemen yesterday.

The home of Charles S. Haves at 1311 N. Avenue and the home of J. D. Larson at 1902 W. Avenue were placed under quarantine, according to police records.

Mrs. Haves is ill and it was reported that one of the children is ill at the Larson home.

Queen Mary Kept In By Slight Cold

LONDON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Queen Mary had a slight cold and is keeping to her room, it was stated at Buckingham palace this afternoon.

The queen has not been outside of Buckingham palace for the past two days. In view of the extremely cold weather, it was considered advisable for her to remain within her suite and not to risk exposure to the cold.

The king's condition remained stationary but without any indications that anxiety had increased and the royal family expressed satisfaction that there had been no retrogression.

The week now ending is the eighth of the king's illness.

FARM RELIEF, TARIFF WORK NEXT SPRING

President-elect Hoover Plans to Call Extra Session of Congress

LEADERS ABANDON PRESENT EFFORTS

Decision for Special Meeting of Law-makers Follows Conferences in Washington

By James L. West (Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—President-elect Hoover, as a result of his conferences with republican congressional leaders, is expected to call an extra session of the 71st congress in the early spring.

Such a session is considered to be inevitable irrespective of whether farm relief legislation is enacted before March 4 because a revision of a number of tariff schedules, industrial as well as agricultural, are to be made.

It is the desire of those who will be leaders in the next administration to get this out of the way as speedily as possible so that there will be the least disturbance in the industrial and agricultural world.

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It is explained that no general tariff legislation is contemplated, but merely a revision of a number of existing schedules in the form of an amendment to the Fordney-McCumber act.

Changed conditions since 1922 when the present law was spread upon the statute books are regarded as having made alterations in some existing duties not only desirable but necessary. These changes might be made under the flexible tariff provision. But at least this method has proven a slow process and so many revisions are contemplated that action by congress is viewed as essential.

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GASOLINE WAR SPREADS INTO NEARBY TOWNS

PORTLAND, Jan. 12 (AP)—The price cutting epidemic that has been raging for days through Portland and Gasline retailing circles and has brought the price of motor fuel from 21 1/2 cents a gallon down to 15 1/2 cents, has spread beyond the city limits to nearby communities.

In Gresham several stations are offering gasoline under the 15 1/2 cent price. Oregon City, Tigard, Beaverton and other communities are said to be feeling the war.

Liquor Leads To Arkansas Shooting

CAMDEN, Ark., Jan. 12 (AP)—The wrath of the father of a 15-year-old girl to whom liquor is alleged to have been served along with about 75 other students at a party held by Camden High school students at a roadside near here last fall culminated yesterday in a shooting affray in which the proprietor of the roadside was wounded critically.

Alex Hardin, 25, the proprietor, today lies at a hospital in a serious condition with four bullet wounds in his body and F. E. Sullivan, the girl's father, is in jail charged with the shooting. Little hope is held by hospital officials for Hardin's recovery.

McLARNIN WINS

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (AP)—Fighting in his "lucky" ring, Jimmy McLarnin, blue-eyed Irish last from Vancouver, stepped back among the topnotchers last night by whipping Joe Glick, tough Brooklyn lightweight, into defeat in a blood-tinged 18-round battle at Madison Square Garden. The striking struggle, before a capacity crowd of more than 19,500, reopened the Garden to boxing after the death of Tex Rickard.

LUNCHES WITH PRESIDENT

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WINSLOWS WILL GIVE TESTIMONY

Parents of Two Boys, Believed Slain at Murder Farm, to Testify

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 12 (AP)—Having finally given up hope for their missing sons, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Winslow, of Pomona, Cal., are scheduled to take the stand Monday to aid in the forging of the chain of evidence on which the state is basing its effort to hang Gordon Stewart Northcott, accused torturer and slayer of young boys.

Lewie and Nelson Winslow, the state contends, were victims of Northcott at the latter's chicken ranch at Winville, near here. The other slaying for which Northcott is on trial was that of an unidentified body was found along a roadside near Puerto del February.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow have not until recently admitted the possibility of their sons having been numbered among the victims of the Winville "murder farm," even when summoned as witnesses against the young Canadian they maintained their hope of yet finding Lewis and Nelson alive. As the state built up its evidence in the "headless Mexican case," however, their hope waned, and called for appearance on the stand Monday they have indicated that they have abandoned hope of seeing their sons alive.

The state yesterday produced a 22-caliber rifle and a box of cartridges, found in Northcott's Britania street home in Los Angeles, and by testimony of Edmund Cressman, Los Angeles ballistics expert, established that a bullet found in the body of the decapitated Mexican boy was fired from a rifle of the same make, caliber and model.

STATE LIQUOR FINES DURING YEAR \$154,845

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12 (AP)—During 1928 fines assessed as a result of the activity of the state prohibition department totaled \$154,845.50, says the annual report of George Alexander, state prohibition commissioner. Operatives destroyed 15,875 gallons of liquor and 56,243 gallons of mash, seized about 180 stills, and confiscated 22 automobiles. Arrests numbered 126.

Receipts of the department for the year totaled \$59,000, the maximum amount allowed by law, all additional receipts going to the counties. Expenditures for the year were \$52,148.73. The largest expense item was salaries, for which \$35,578.37 was paid out. It cost the department \$7,423.24 to operate automobiles.

Fear Marauding Indians May Have Murdered Eleven

Expedition Into Sierra Madre Mountains Long Overdue; Lone Horseman on Trail

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Jan. 12 (AP)—A lone horseman, Polhemus Jensen Valdez, commissioned by the president of Agua Prieta, Mexico, today rode through the snow-covered Sierra Madre mountains, back tracking a returned member of the Pimbre expedition of 11 men which officials fear has been massacred by a wild band of Apache Indians.

First news of the punitive expedition led by Francisco Pimbre, Mexican rancher, which set out from Agua Prieta eight days ago to wipe out the band of marauding Indians, was received last night when Ramon Quejada, one of the expedition, was brought back to the town, half-delirious by a Chinese vegetable grower. From the disjointed story of Quejada it was learned that he left the expedition last Wednesday morning 40 miles east of Rubayo.

The expedition, which set out on horseback led by Pimbre, to avenge the death of his wife, killed by the Apache band, and in hope of finding his son, kidnapped by the Indians in an ambush two years ago, should have returned several days ago, according to its plans.

Quejada said the expedition had entered the Sierras through the Bañito Gap before he left it. Fear was expressed along the border that the party may have been surprised by the Apaches as they forced their way through the deep snow.

Fears for Their Safety President Rogelio Loreta expressed grave fears for the safety of the expedition with the return of Quejada. He ordered Valdez to start immediately and back-trail Quejada into the Sierras and report to me in Agua Prieta, Jan. 14. This is authority for you to commandeer transportation. The message reached Valdez at dusk and he left to overtake the Pimbre expedition at once.

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Sub-Zero Cold Wave, Snow Grips The Middlewest

CHICAGO, Jan. 12 (AP)—New low temperatures for the year were in prospect for the mid-west today as snow and sub-zero cold gripped eight states.

The thermometer dropped to two degrees below zero early today in Chicago. Tonight was expected to bring the new low record for the year.

The cold claimed two lives in Illinois yesterday, one of the result of an accident.

Western Iowa was gripped by sub-zero temperatures and in Nebraska mercury tumbled to zero. Thief River Falls, Minn., yesterday reported the coldest temperature in the midwest with 31 below. Devil's Lake, N. D., had 26 below.

STORMY OVER ATLANTIC

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Jan. 12 (AP)—A violent storm, which has been raging over the Atlantic, today lashed the islands closing to navigation the ports of Lanzarote, Santa Cruz and Las Palmas.

Girl Promises To Return to Skirts

PORTLAND, Jan. 12 (AP)—Lorina Gordon, 19, who since Jan. 1, has been masquerading as a boy, today found herself in police custody. She ran afoul of the law when one of her girl friends became embarrassed at the youth in a blouch cap, white sweater and gray trousers. Police detectives arrested her in a downtown hotel after hotel attendants decided she was really a girl and not the swagger boy she pretended she was.

She got "quite a kick out of it," she confided to a police reporter last night. The municipal court today freed the girl upon her promise never again to go on a street in man's garb.

Fair weather in Store Next Week The state banking department has indicated that it will seek amendments to the banking code to bring bank corporation under state regulation and control of the department, and there are persistent rumors of attempts to be made to legalize branch banking in Oregon.

LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE NEXT MONDAY

Faced With Problem of Righting Financial Condition of Oregon

TAX MEASURES TO BE TAKEN FIRST

Governor to Deliver His Message in Afternoon; Other Bills Also Slated for Action

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12 (AP)—Faced with the problem of devising a means of making two dollars ripen where but one grew before on the state's tax revenue treasury, and that without doing violence to the restrictions of the constitutional inhibition limiting tax increases to six per cent of the total of all tax revenues collected during the last preceding year, members of the 35th legislative assembly are drifting into the capital for their biennial 40-day wrangle with Oregon's ever-increasing economic, social and political complications.

Monday morning at 11 o'clock the 30 senators and 69 representatives will convene in their respective chambers to go through the formality of electing and seating Senator L. L. Norblad and Representative Ralph Hamilton, as president of the senate and speaker of the house, respectively, and to ratify the agreements reached at their Sunday night caucuses in a downtown hotel as to minor officers and other details of organization.

Governor Speaks Monday At 2 o'clock Monday afternoon the two houses will meet in joint session to receive the message of Governor L. L. Bateson, following which the announcement of committee assignments by the president and speaker are scheduled; the first bills will drop into the hoppers and the mill will commence to grind.

Among the first bills to be introduced, it is anticipated in well-informed legislative circles, will be measures drafted by thearkin tax investigation committee to carry out its recommendations for reduction of the income tax, an excise tax on intangibles and their companion measures in the committee's scheme for reduction and redistribution of the tax burden. From these and similar proposals of individual members must be wrung the money to meet an existing deficit estimated at all the way from one to two million dollars and provide the wherewithal to keep the state functioning for another two years.

Two Alternatives present themselves to the committees on assessment and taxation, to which will fall the burden of whipping the tax program into shape—either they must slash a cool \$2,000,000 off the aggregate of the state's deficit for the past biennium plus the governor's budget estimates for the next two years, or devise a means of circumventing the six per cent tax increase limitation to allow for the collection from some undetermined source an equal amount of money.

There are some among the lawmakers who suggest that solution of the revenue problem may be accomplished by a determination of the ways and means committee to take the governor at his word on the need for drastic retrenchment and slash still deeper into the budget estimates, which the executive asserts have already been cut to the bone.

Second Major Problem Readjustment of the automobile license fee schedule to reduce the assessment on old cars without impairing the finances of the highway department will provide a second major problem for the session to untangle. No less than half a dozen individual members of the house and senate have indicated their intentions of offering solutions in shape of bills.

Further revision of the state insurance code, a favorite subject for legislative tinkering, will be undertaken if it is indicated, and revision of the blue sky law also legislation suggested by a special commission named by the governor is in prospect.

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Out of the numerous reports of the state reclamation commission which for two years has been striving to effect a reorganization of the bankrupt irrigation districts of the state, it is likely there will come requests for supplementary legislation to relieve these districts of obligations they can never meet, such as their indebtedness to the state for guaranteed interest bonds. It has also been indicated by members of the commission that repeal of the state interest guarantee (Continued From Page 5)