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THE WEATHER OREGON: Generally cloudy to night and Wednesday. Temperatures below normal. Moderate east to north winds on the coast.

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KELLOGG TREATY IS RATIFIED TODAY

MORE BIRTHS DURING YEAR THAN IN '27

La Grande Population Is Swelled in 1928 by 263 Young Arrivals

BOYS OUTNUMBER GIRLS ON RECORD

Most Births Take Place in the Shortest Month of the Year, With April, July Next

That La Grande's birth rate is increasing in a healthy manner is shown by the statistics for the last year, which have just been completed by Mrs. Elizabeth Carney from reports received by the city health officer, Dr. A. L. Richardson.

In 1928 there were 263 births in La Grande which is an increase of 15 over the year 1927 when a total of 248 births were recorded. More boys were born than girls during the year. That fact is in keeping with the national figures, which show a greater number of boys born and a greater number dying than girls.

50 Girls, 71 Boys During the last six months of the year 50 girls were born and 71 boys first saw the light of day. The most popular months for babies to be born in La Grande are February, April and July, the figures show, for in February of this year 29 girl babies and boy babies were born, April and July for second place in the popularity contest, with 27 babies each to their credit.

March babies are popular, too. Twenty-two were registered into the world on that month in La Grande. December is the month when the fewest babies are born.

In 1928 only 18 babies were born in December. January is the beginning of a new year but the increase also was low. Last January the number was but 19.

The merry months of May and June are among the most unpopular, for last year in La Grande, 29 children were born and in June there were 12. August, September, October and November each contributed 19 new sons and daughters.

No Twins in Half Year Believe it or not, during the last six months not one pair of twins has been born. There was one set of triplets born at Union.

None of the 1928 babies is going to have to celebrate Christmas and his birthday at the same time. One baby was born the day before Christmas and another the day after. No babies came to earth here on the Fourth of July, but there was a New Year's baby—just one.

Most Popular Names The names Charles and William were the most popular for the little boys. There were four of each name. James and Raymond came

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SCHOOLS WILL START SECOND PERIOD MONDAY The first semester of the 1928-29 school year is drawing to a close in local schools this week, with examinations and enrollment in order during the remaining days.

At the high school Principal E. D. Towler has made the following arrangements for the final week of the semester: Regular final enrollment for present students, 8:45 to 9:15 a. m. on Thursday.

Regular final enrollment for new students other than eighth grade graduates from La Grande schools, at the office Thursday if possible. Eight-A graduates from city schools will enroll at 1:45 p. m. at the L. D. S. Recreational hall on Thursday.

High school students will be dismissed at noon Thursday and regular classes starting the second semester, will begin at the regular hours on Monday morning. Report cards will be given out Friday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—25 above. Minimum—18 above. Condition—Cloudy.

Chamber Urges Appropriation For Stock Show

Legislature Asked to Give Financial Aid to Eastern Oregon Exposition Held at Union

Passing of a resolution asking the state legislature to aid the Eastern Oregon Livestock show, several short talks during an open forum period, a brief talk by the Rev. F. O. Hess, of the First Baptist church, and two excellent songs by Richard Dykhus accompanied by Jack Hlatt at the piano made up the chamber of commerce luncheon program in the Sacajawea Inn today at noon.

The resolution concerning the stock show aid was presented by F. B. Appleby and it asked that a "substantial appropriation" be provided for the exposition, in order that its benefits to the livestock industry and to boys and girls club-work may continue. It was unanimously passed.

Mr. Hess, a special guest of the organization, pointed out the many good features of this city and urged boosting of the things most beneficial to the community. Following this A. R. Hunter, of the national parks committee, spoke of activities of his board in investigating the chances of establishing a national playground in the Wallowa territory. He said that the committee is working on a plan of procedure and expects to have this ready for presentation shortly. He also pointed out the advantage that a national park would bring to Eastern Oregon in the way of tourist movement.

A. W. Nelson suggested that more attention be paid at the weekly meetings to what the chamber is actually doing and George H. Curry urged that the Eastern Oregon Normal school receive more advertising. Mr. Appleby, H. E. Coolidge and Secretary Charles Malheur also spoke briefly. Mr. Coolidge telling of an investigation concerning prospects for the normal school. The latter stated that further action can not be taken until faculty announcements, etc., are made.

H. E. Brady, president, was chairman of the meeting and Mr. Hess returned thanks.

Three Coasting Hills Provided; Warning Voiced

Another coasting hill has been added to the two already provided for La Grande children, but with that extension comes a warning that unless coasting is restricted to the three hills, barricades will be taken down and all streets thrown open to traffic.

Police Chief A. C. Haynes has authorized placing barriers on Sixth street at L and M, on Pennsylvania avenue from Second street to a point alongside the back of the Seidman and Zimmerman mortuary, and on Washington avenue from Walnut to Cedar. No cars will be allowed on these three coasting sites.

"We don't want any coasting on Spring avenue or any other street except the three we have designated," Mr. Haynes said, "and if the children fail to co-operate with us, we will simply open all coasting hills to automobile traffic and that will end their coasting."

City League to Start Bowling

A city bowling league, at present composed of four or five teams, but which hopes to add more teams in the near future, will begin play tonight at Ware's. It is intended to bowl three times a week. The O. W. shops, Warren's Silver Grill and other teams are already enrolled and the league invites any other team to join.

Fire Department Dance Wednesday

The annual benefit dance given by the La Grande fire department will be held tomorrow night at Zuber hall, with the Star Novelty orchestra playing. Members of the department today said that proceeds from the dance will go into the sick relief fund of the department.

Dancing will begin at 9 and continue until 12 o'clock. Tickets are now on sale.

HEAVY WORK LOOMING FOR LEGISLATURE

None of Bills Dealing With Major Subjects Yet Introduced

HOUSE, SENATE ARE ORGANIZED

First Signs of Serious Disorder Shown This Morning Over Patronage Issue

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15 (AP)—The house of representatives this morning passed the resolution submitted by Representatives Glen R. Metsker of Columbia county and Charles W. Robinson of Clatsop county asking the widening of the lower Columbia river highway from Portland to Stevenson, nine miles from Astoria, a distance of approximately 58 miles. The road at present is 16 feet wide black top and the resolution asks for the addition of concrete sidewalks.

A second resolution passed by the house authorizes the secretary of state to furnish, at house expense, either Bull Run or other pure water for drinking purposes in the house. The resolution followed the reading of a letter from the secretary of state in which he offered to furnish Bull Run or other water at the expense of the house. Among the offers received was one from the mayor of Bend who would furnish Tumalo water.

House Rules Adopted Adoption of the house rules of the 34th session with a few minor changes and additions, the second reading of house bills one, two, three, and four, and their referral to the committees on revision and on repeal of laws, and the first reading of house bill 141, introduced by O. E. Potter of Lane county, were followed by a motion for adjournment until three o'clock this afternoon.

Representative Potter's bill, the only one dropped into the hopper this morning is a bill for an act to provide for the recording of certified copies of instruments of

WALTON LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS

The La Grande chapter of the Izak Walton league, at its first annual camp held last night in the Sacajawea Inn, elected officers for the coming year, recommending two changes in game laws and decided to hold meetings monthly.

C. O. Murchison, who served as president since the chapter was organized a few months ago, was succeeded by Roy Farnam as chief executive. Tracy Hollister was elected to the vice presidency and Dr. J. E. Woodell was re-elected secretary. Richard Claycomb was named treasurer.

The board of directors for the coming year follows: H. E. Coolidge, L. H. Bramwell, Tom Maxwell, W. K. Gilbert and Dr. B. G. McCall. The executive officers will also serve on the board.

Suggest Two Changes The league recommended that the deer season begin each fall on Sept. 29 and end on Nov. 1 instead of the present dates, and also recommended that the grouse season begin Sept. 19 and continue until Nov. 1.

The meeting, with 44 in attendance, found much enthusiasm expressed in reference to future activities.

If Dog Is 8 Months Old, County License Necessary, Officials Say

Question: When is a dog old enough to be licensed? The state and county say eight months, and with that in mind, county dog license tags will be necessary only for those dogs that are eight months of age or older, according to County Clerk C. K. McCormick.

The tags are on sale now and dog owners are urged to acquire them before Mar. 1. After that date all persons purchasing licenses will have to pay double. At present the rate is \$1 for males and \$2 for females, but after March 1 it will be \$2 for males and \$4 for females.

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Airplanes Used For Smuggling Aliens to U. S.

Five Men Under Arrest and Two Machines Confiscated by Federal Agents in California

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15 (AP)—There were the old days when Chinese, bound hand and foot, worth \$300 each delivered were dropped from foreign tramps into speed boats in San Francisco Bay to be pushed ashore, or to be dropped into Davy Jones' locker when the spotlights of immigration patrol boats flashed too near.

With the arrest of five men, two airplanes and the alleged breaking up of a \$500,000 alien smuggling ring, federal agents today revealed the modern version of the "smuggling racket" with its methods as romantic and daring as the ship-and-sea technique and far faster.

Three Names Withheld The names of three of the men arrested here were withheld by the federal immigration officials. The other two are John T. Henry, 35, and Frank Smith, 23. Smith claims to be the nephew of a Denver superior judge and related to a Colorado state senator. More than 250 Chinese have been smuggled into California during the last four months from Mexico, the federal agents reported.

The aliens they say, were landed from ships out of China, either in Mexico or Central America and made their way to the border. One thousand dollars was the price to get into the United States. When a plane load was ready for shipment, the officers said, the Chinese would be herded into an open field across the border at night. A plane with no lights would swoop down out of the skies and land.

Like sacks of spuds, Hoan's voices would whisper in the dark, money would change hands, and the blind, half terrified Chinese would be dumped into the plane. Like so many sacks of potatoes, with a roar the huge smuggling bird, with its human cargo would be up in the air soaring northward through the sky.

Most of the takeoffs were made near Michael, officers said. The aliens were landed, the federal agents said, at lonely ranches near San Francisco, San Bernardino and Sacramento.

Officers said that six planes (Continued on Page 5)

La Grande Woman Called by Death

Chelle French Prouty died at the Grande Ronde hospital early this morning following a lingering illness. The funeral will be held in the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

She was born July 22, 1891, and was 27 years, five months and 24 days old. She had made her home in this valley for the last 18 years. She graduated at the La Grande High school in 1922 and had worked for Jack Oliver for six years. She is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Prouty, and four sisters, Mrs. George Way, Lydia, Beulah and Ulla, all of Island City.

Salvation Army Officers Coming

Brigadier A. E. Baynton, Salvation Army divisional commander for the Oregon and Southern Idaho division, with headquarters in Portland, will be in La Grande all day Wednesday, Jan. 16. It is announced today. While in the city he will inspect the books and local corps work. He will be accompanied by Adjutant Roland Eberhardt, formerly a La Grande resident and now the division young peoples secretary. The brigadier and adjutant will conduct a public meeting at the hall Wednesday night, and everyone is invited to attend this service.

Royal Invalids Making Progress

LONDON, Jan. 15 (AP)—The three royal invalids at Buckingham palace were making progress at noon today. It was stated authoritatively that King George's very slow progress was continuing.

Queen Mary's cold was much better and she had practically recovered from her indisposition. Prince George's cold was also much better.

SIX DEATHS DUE TO COLD IN MID-WEST

Zero Weather, Wearing a Shawl of Snow, to Remain Another Day

STREETS CLOGGED, TRAVEL TEDIOUS

Below-freezing Temperatures Reported As Far South As Arkansas—Too Cold for Hockey

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 (AP)—Zero weather, wearing a shawl of snow, continued her unweleome visit to middle America today, with little likelihood of her leaving for another day at least.

Snow covered most of the mid-west, following yesterday's heavy fall, masking icy pavements in the cities and blocking railroads and highways in the open country.

There were half a dozen deaths attributable to the cold, and innumerable accidents. One of these critically injured in automobile crashes in Chicago was Lou Kosloff, one of the city's theater orchestra leaders and entertainers. His skull was fractured.

Temperatures fought their way from nine below zero Sunday night to a high of nine above last night, then began a gradual drop in keeping with the prediction of "slightly colder" today. Slow rising temperatures are promised for Wednesday through most of the midwest.

The six-inch snowfall in Chicago offered a serious traffic problem, clogging street and drives. Tons of snow were removed from the downtown streets during the day and last night, and were dumped into Lake Michigan. Ongoing streets, however, afforded tedious and treacherous travel.

Killed by Snowplow A Chicago and Northwestern railroad engineer was killed by a snowplow at Minnesota Junction, Wis., after a desperate struggle in which he clung to the plow for more than seven miles before finally dropping exhausted, in its whirling path.

Two fishermen lost for several days on Lake Superior have not been found, but three others, missing since Thursday on Lake Michigan, were safe today at Charlevoix, Mich., having been located by coast guarders.

At Milwaukee the cold became so acute that a scheduled hockey game between Marquette university and Chicago Athletic association had to be postponed.

Chilly in Arkansas Below-freezing weather was reported as far south as Arkansas, but it was the north-central states that took the brunt of the cold. Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin points reported temperatures averaging around eight below zero last night.

Two railroad employees were fatally injured last night while at work. Vito Belantorno, 35, section hand, was struck by a train in Winnetka while he cleared

PRESBYTERIAN CLASSES WILL BEGIN JAN. 16

The second annual School of Missions at the Presbyterian church will hold its opening session on Wednesday evening of this week. The fellowship supper is to be at 8:30 o'clock in the social room of the church and will be followed by short devotionals and class work.

Last year the average attendance for six weeks was 73 in classes. E. E. Hurley will be in charge of the men, Mrs. H. H. Cleaver of the women, the Misses Alice and Grace Snook of the children under nine years, Mrs. L. C. Bower, the children from nine to 11, Mrs. W. E. Buchanan, the children from 12 to 14, and the Rev. J. George Walker, pastor, will have in charge those from 15 to 23.

All Presbyterians and friends are invited.

GETS MESSAGE



Mrs. Beatrice Houdini, widow of the late Harry Houdini, stage magician, has accepted as genuine a "message" transmitted to her from her dead husband through Rev. Arthur Ford, pastor of the First Spiritualist church at New York. Her husband, she says, promised to send her a spirit message if possible.

STORY UNSHAKEN IN KEYES TRIAL

Jacob Berman Declares He Paid \$40,000 to Escape from Prison

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15 (AP)—Jacob Berman's testimony that he paid \$40,000 to keep out of San Quentin after the crash of the Julian Petroleum company, and that Ben Getzoff the tailor, told him "Ann Keyes got it all" stood unshaken today in superior court after a relentless cross-examination of the witness by Keyes himself, former district attorney, and chief figure in the present bribery-conspiracy trial.

The high light of the trial thus far was reached when Berman, who was said to have taken \$2,000,000 out of Los Angeles in \$1,000 bills while assisting in the wreck of the Julian company, painted a picture of "Keyes falling out" as the reason why he turned state's evidence against Keyes and the five other defendants, with whom he said he conspired.

Third Person Involved The dialogue between Keyes, acting for the time being as his own counsel, and Berman, was carried on in the third person. The "bright young man" apparently more composed than his interrogator, said he "believed Keyes was getting the bribe money, because Ben Getzoff said he would put me behind a screen and let me see Keyes get the money."

"But you didn't trust Ben Getzoff, did you?" asked Keyes. "No, I didn't trust him," replied (Continued on Page Four.)

BANDITS KILL TWO AND HURT U. S. OFFICER

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 15 (AP)—A sudden flaring of bandit activity in the northern jungles has resulted in the wounding of an American medical officer and the killing of two guardsmen. Lieutenant William H. Smith, medical officer, and three members of the Guardia Nacional (the American officered national guard) were wounded. It was believed that several of the outlaws had been killed.

The clash occurred in the vicinity of San Juan De Tegucigalpa in the province of Nueva Segovia near the Honduran border. The outlaws were armed with a machine gun and bombs.

Smith Will Speak Over Radio Jan. 16

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP)—A guest to coast broadcast of 20 radio stations, with WJAE of New York as the key station, will be used on Wednesday evening for broadcast of a talk by former Governor Alfred E. Smith. He will begin to speak at 8:30 o'clock, eastern time.

Mr. Smith has not revealed the topic of his talk.

Air Armada To Participate In Naval Maneuvers

Pacific Battle Fleet to Join Atlantic Ships and Army in Vicinity of Canal Zone

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 15 (AP)—Carrying the lightest air armada in the world, the battle fleet will steam from the San Diego-San Pedro area for Panama today for joint maneuvers with the Atlantic units and with the army, in the vicinity of the Canal zone.

More than 200 planes of the most modern type, none more than nine months old, are to go with the fleet which in itself numbers approximately 80 surface and submarine craft of all types. The giant aircraft carriers Saratoga and Lexington are taking approximately 170 of the planes, the rest being planes carried by the battleships and cruisers.

Nearly 200 Planes Included in the aerial fleet now assembled are 90 Boeing fighters, 36 Martin torpedo planes and 44 Vought corsairs. All are equipped with air-cooled motors and embody the last word in aerial engineering.

Some of the planes have only been received during the past week, notably some of the corsairs, and a large new Sikorsky amphibian. A dozen battleships, an equal number of submarines and their tenders and about 40 destroyers, together with tugs and other auxiliaries, will steam from the rendezvous off the coast today. The destroyers and aircraft tenders will assemble in Coronado Roads, joining with the battleships and fleet train early this afternoon for the trip south.

Never before, navy men say, has such an array of ships and such a formidable air force been gathered together. Leading the destroyers from San Diego will be the scout cruiser Omaha, flagship of Rear Admiral Thomas J. Senn. Rear Admiral Rodley McLean in the U. S. S. Holland will lead the submarine divisions, while the scout aircraft carrier Saratoga has been selected as the flagship of Rear Admiral Joseph M. Reeves, commanding the aircraft squadrons battle fleet.

North Carolina Youth Says He Helped Slayer

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 15 (AP)—"That's very interesting," said Gordon Stewart Northcott on trial here for the murder of three boys when asked at the county jail on the morning and told of a report from Greensboro, N. C., that Clarence Robertson, 19, had confessed to helping Northcott kill four children in a barn in California. He refused to comment further.

Northcott was awakened by Deputy Sheriff Ben De Credence and told of Robertson's purported confession to Greensboro police. He grinned the deputy sheriff reported and after expressing interest, listened to the report without emotion. "I refuse to say anything," was his only other comment, which he repeated several times, when pressed for an answer to the new alleged quadruple killing.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 15 (AP)—Police were today investigating the case of Clarence Robertson of Greensboro that he helped Gordon Stewart Northcott kill four children in a barn in California. Officials indicated that they gave little credence to Robertson's disclosures.

Robertson gave himself up to the police last night. He said he was formerly in the army and obtaining leave went to the farm where Northcott was staying and that the latter offered him \$2,000 to help kill the children.

Famous Sporting Writer Is Burned

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 (AP)—Fred A. Hayner, nationally known sporting writer, was burned to death last night in a mysterious fire that destroyed his home in Lake Forest, north shore suburb.

Hayner, on the staff of the Daily News, of which he once was sporting editor, went to the basement of his home to adjust the oil-burning heater.

He was trapped by a sudden flare of fire that a moment later swept up through the first floor.

Mrs. Hayner and their sons, Francis, 14, and James, 12, escaped, the children being taken from their smoke-filled room after Mrs. Hayner had run out.

TAKE ACTION AFTER LONG ARGUMENTS

Eighty-five Senators Vote for Ratification Late Today

BLAINE OPPOSES ANTI-WAR PLAN

Borah Reports Treaty in No Way Impairs the Right of Self Defense of Nations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—The senate today ratified the Kellogg anti-war treaty. The vote was 85 to 1.

Senator Blaine of Wisconsin, cast the lone vote against the treaty.

Of the nine absent members it was announced that all would have voted for the treaty had they been present.

The vote was taken after Chairman Borah of the foreign relations committee had read to the senate a report of the committee which said the treaty in no way impaired the right of self defense of any nation.

Monroe Doctrine Considered The report declared it to be the committee's understanding that the Monroe Doctrine was considered as a part of the nation's security and a part of its system of self defense.

Two principal paragraphs of the treaty read: "The high contracting parties solemnly declare in the name of their respective peoples that they condemn recourse to war for the solution of international controversies, and renounce it as an instrument of national policy in their relations with one another."

"The high contracting parties agree that the settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts of whatever nature or of whatever origin they may be, which may arise among them, shall never be sought except by pacific means."

The wind-up of the long controversy did not proceed as swiftly as was expected by the leaders during the afternoon but both sides were confident, however, that the end of the trouble was at hand.

King Sees "Inconstancy" Senator King, democrat, Utah, coupled an exhortation on the treaty with an attack on the cruiser construction bill, declaring it was not only inconsistent but hypocritical to adhere to a treaty to renounce war and at the same time increase the weapons of war.

TARIFF HEARINGS ON WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Calling its second group of witnesses on the metals schedule, the house ways and means committee today received further requests for changes in tariffs on steel products. The committee had 100 representatives.

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CONDITION OF MARSHAL FOCH IS UNCERTAIN

PARIS, Jan. 15 (AP)—Heart stimulants by injection were resorted to for the first time today by the physicians attending Marshal Ferdinand Foch and the condition of the stricken war leader was reported most critical. The heart action was weakening.

PARIS, Jan. 15 (AP)—Doctors attending Marshal Ferdinand Foch decided to issue no communique this evening although one had been promised. They refused to say whether this change indicated hopeful or pessimistic condition. It was learned there had been no recurrence of the heart attack but the kidney complication was causing considerable worry.

Marshal Foch passed a fairly restful night but his condition remained one justifying anxiety. Only two of the six physicians who visited the generalissimo of the Allies yesterday returned to his bedside this morning. They left a few minutes after issuing a bulletin to the effect that there had been a slight amelioration in their patient's condition.