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OREGON: Cloudy tonight becoming unsettled Thursday, slowly rising temperatures west portion.

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CHRISTIANS WILL ERECT NEW CHURCH

Structure of Elgin Stone Will Replace Building at Penn and 7th

WORK TO BEGIN IN NEAR FUTURE

Expect Cost to Be Between \$25,000 and \$30,000 With Completion Early in Summer

A building project, which has been planned for several years, was announced today by the Central Church of Christ, which plans to erect a new structure on the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Seventh street.

Members of the congregation hope that actual work on the new church will begin within the next 30 to 60 days. In order to make room for the new building, the present church will be moved from the site. It was built in 1909 or 1901 across from the Sommer hotel building and was moved to Seventh and Pennsylvania about 18 years ago.

Present Church Inadequate The congregation, which has been steadily increasing in recent years, finds the present church inadequate and for the last few years a determined effort has been made to secure sufficient funds for a new building.

At present, about \$14,000 or \$15,000 in cash and pledges is on hand, which is regarded as large enough to warrant erecting a new building.

Tentative plans provide for a structure 52 by 110 feet, covering the entire church lot. The parsonage, which formerly occupied a part of the lot, was moved away several months ago.

It is possible that the new church will be done in an English design and it will be erected of Elgin stone. It will provide a much larger auditorium, additional space for Sunday school rooms and for a pastor's study and other necessary rooms. Present plans provide for a full basement and some of the Sunday school rooms may be placed in that part of the building.

Definite plans have not been made, although general arrangements have been decided on. Charles B. Miller, La Grande architect, expects to begin work on the blue prints within the near future. The structure is to be completed, it is said, during the late spring or summer months.

BURLESQUE IS FEATURED AT ROTARY MEET

A very entertaining and witty burlesque of a discussion carried on yesterday noon before the chamber of commerce by H. J. Green and F. R. Appleby, was featured at the Rotary club meeting today at the La Grande hotel, with Warren K. Gilber, representing Mr. Appleby and Clyde H. Settle representing Mr. Green. Waves of laughter and applause greeted the two speakers during their arguments.

J. H. Pearce, who has just returned from a visit to Salem, spoke interestingly of the workings of the state legislature, also stating that Union county's delegation is particularly fortunate in receiving important committee appointments. Jack Hlatt furnished two excellent piano numbers.

Extra Dynamite Costs Him \$15.00

Because he had one ton too much dynamite loaded on his truck, Howard Wynne, of Everett, Wash., was arrested yesterday and fined \$15 and costs this morning in the justice court in La Grande.

Mr. Wynne is on his way to Harper, Ore., near Ontario, with the dynamite which will be used for the government irrigation project there, he says.

The load included 22,260 pounds of dynamite and law allows only 20,000 pounds on the highways. Mr. Wynne stated this morning. He expected to resume his journey early this afternoon.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—4 above. Minimum: 3 above. Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 22, minimum 10 above. Condition: cloudy, traces of snow.

WEATHER JAN. 23, 1928

Maximum 25, minimum 27 above. Condition: cloudy.

City's Health Conditions Good, Officer States

Only One Quarantine Case Here; Influenza Now Past History in La Grande

For this time of the year health conditions in La Grande are unusually good, reports Dr. L. E. Richardson, city health officer. One unusual feature of the health record at this time is that there is but one quarantine case in the city, a diphtheria case, according to the records.

There is no flu now and very little of any other type of illness, Dr. Richardson says. Last Sunday was a record one because no serious accidents were reported at that time. Usually Sunday is a "pneumonia" day for the doctors, who are called to take care of victims of automobile, sledding and other kinds of accidents.

The coming of cold weather has had nothing to do with the decrease in the number of flu cases, the doctor believes. Flu can flourish in any kind of weather, hot or cold, he said.

Game Birds Of Valley In Need Of Food, Report

An organized effort to care for game birds in the Grande Ronde valley during the present cold snap, which with the deep snow, has impoverished the lives of pheasants and others, is being made by the Izaak Walton league of La Grande, farmers of the valley, the state game commission and interested sportsmen but more co-operation and assistance is needed, it was said today.

Feeding has been done for several days but it is feared that there are several flocks of birds that have not been reached. Anyone knowing of starving birds is asked to call Main 43 and ask for Roy Farnam, president of the Izaak Walton league, or 427-W, and ask for Secretary J. E. Woodell.

"There is no chance at all for the birds to get food except through such action," Mr. Farnam said today. "The club is making an effort to care for the birds and we will appreciate any assistance that can be given. Many farmers are feeding now, some of them through co-operation with us."

Weather Turns Colder, Mercury Down to 3 Above

After a brief moderation, following an equally brief sub-zero period, La Grande temperatures took another plunge last night, stopping at 3 above zero—the second coldest night of the winter. At 7:30 o'clock this morning the mercury recorded showed 4 above.

In some parts of the city wind last evening drifted snow to some extent although in most residential sections it has not been difficult to keep sidewalks and streets comparatively clear.

The weather forecast for tonight and tomorrow reports unsettled weather, with slowly rising temperatures in Western Oregon. It gives no indication as to whether the mercury will rise in Eastern Oregon.

Former La Grande Woman Is Killed

Word has been received in La Grande of the death of Mrs. Alice Palmer, formerly of La Grande, Mr. Palmer was secretary of the old commercial club here.

An excerpt from a newspaper clipping sent to Miss Margaret Anderson, of La Grande, says: "Mrs. Alice Palmer, 72, was killed on the Pacific highway near Hubbard about 9:20 o'clock Sunday evening when she was struck by an automobile driven by I. W. Brown, of Portland, said to be the son of an Oregon City banker. Mrs. Palmer, with her husband, William Palmer, was crossing the pavement on the way home across the highway from a neighbor's."

"Brown used his brakes and tried in every way to stop his car, according to witnesses, but was unable to avoid the accident. Dr. Hempstead, of Aurora, was called but Mrs. Palmer succumbed to injuries and shock about an hour after the accident. Her right ankle was crushed, chest bruised and she received internal injuries. "Mrs. Palmer is survived by her husband, three brothers and one sister, Charles Mills, Ford, Ida, Forest Mills and Henry Mills, Aurora, and Mrs. John Blosser, Hubbard."

REBELS KILL U. S. MARINES IN NICARAGUA

Skirmish With Outlaws Northeast of Yali Leaves Three Dead

DETAILS MEAGRE CONCERNING FIGHT

Reports in Honduras Indicate That General Sandino Is Planning a Big Offensive

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 23 (AP)—Latest advices from Northern Nicaragua state that three marines of a patrol of seven which clashed with outlaws northeast of Yali in the department of Jinotega on Monday, were killed.

Those killed were privates Everett A. Rector, of Des Moines, Iowa, whose death had previously been reported, Rastus Collins, of Lyons, Va., and George T. Oswill, of Miami, Fla.

First word of Rector's death was brought to marine headquarters by a messenger yesterday while additional advices received today told of the deaths of the other two. Only meagre details have been received of the fight.

Steps toward declaring martial law in the northern departments are being taken by the Nicaraguan authorities and the training of volunteers for service in the region is going on rapidly.

A messenger brought word to marine headquarters that Private Everett A. Rector had been killed in action by outlaws. He had no details of the combat which occurred northwest of Yali in the department of Jinotega. It was presumed that in the patrol, one of the outlaws had been killed, and another had fled to a telegraph line.

Planning Offensive. Dr. Francisco Mallena, surgeon for the rebel forces of general Augustino Sandino, said in Honduras.

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TIGERS TO PLAY BAKER ON FRIDAY

250 Reserved Seats Will Be on Sale; Students to Have Balconies

The La Grande High school basketball quintet will play the Baker High school loopsters Friday night in La Grande. The game will begin at 7:30 o'clock. For the first time this year reserved seats can be obtained for a basketball game, said E. D. Towler, high school principal.

A total of 250 reserved seats will be available for that night. All down stairs. Business men's tickets will admit to the reserved section without extra cost providing the owners have them reserved. The seats are all gone, he says.

Students wishing admission to the reserved seat section on their student body tickets must pay 50 cents extra, it is announced. The student section will be in the balcony where room for 600 students has been provided.

A preliminary game may be played Friday night, but no definite announcement is yet ready concerning it, according to Coach R. W. Christie. A game may be scheduled for Saturday night also. Definite announcement will be made tomorrow, Mr. Christie said.

Prisoners Organize Burlesque Government Behind Steel Bars

Did you know? That election of officers was held in the combined city and county jail in La Grande recently? That every prisoner who enters the jail must take a bath and wash his clothes the very first thing he does? That he must attend kangaroo court? A court the dictionary says, is "a session of a judicial assembly." That's what the kangaroo court is and its officials are members duly elected from among the prisoners.

They have everything in the judicial kangaroo assembly—everything from a city health officer to a special investigator. The following officers were elected: circuit judge, Bonnie Harris, charged with being intoxicated; county clerk, "Red" Munley, in Hempstead, of Aurora, was called but Mrs. Palmer succumbed to injuries and shock about an hour after the accident. Her right ankle was crushed, chest bruised and she received internal injuries. "Mrs. Palmer is survived by her husband, three brothers and one sister, Charles Mills, Ford, Ida, Forest Mills and Henry Mills, Aurora, and Mrs. John Blosser, Hubbard."

Atlantic Claims One Vessel And Endangers More

Search for Teesbridge Is Abandoned; Steamer Is Rushing to Aid of the Freighter Florida

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP)—The storm-lashed Atlantic today was believed to have claimed one ship while it reared mountains of seas against the rescuers of two others in distress.

Search for the British freighter Teesbridge with her crew of 30 was abandoned when rescue vessels could find no trace of her 300 miles east of Cape Race, Newfoundland.

On the bridge of one of the rescue ships, the America, was Captain George Fried, hero of the rescue of the crew of the British freighter Antiope three years ago. The other two headed for the disabled vessels were the President Harrison of the Dollar Line and the German freighter York.

The Teesbridge, bound from Fowey, England for Philadelphia, went out of 2 O'S. Sunday. The freighter Maine of the Atlantic transport line responded. Reaching the position given by the Teesbridge, Captain J. T. Hutchinson searched in vain for the ship or her lifeboats, then resumed her voyage yesterday.

A message received at 1:45 p. m. from Captain George Fried of the steamer America, said that the ship was still searching for the disabled freighter Florida. The America's position was latitude 39, longitude 38, whereas the position last given by the Florida was latitude 38:05, longitude 61:02.

Nearing Freighter. The United States Lines steamer America reported at 2:20 p. m. that she was heading for the crippled freighter Florida on radio bearings and expected to reach her at 6 o'clock this evening.

The message indicated that the Florida was using her emergency radio to communicate with the rescue ship, which is equipped with a radio direction finder similar to that used two years ago by the America's captain, George Fried, when he saved the crew of the freighter Antiope.

Shortly after Captain Fried's message a wireless was received from the German steamer York saying that she had abandoned the search for the Florida and that the President Harrison, the third ship to start to the rescue, had continued to port because of fuel.

Sharp Hog Advance In Chicago Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 23 (AP)—Under the influence of a stronger demand from shippers, the hog market here today scored the sharpest advance of the season. Closing 50c higher than yesterday's average. A few loads of choice butchers went over the scales at the close for \$9.50, the highest price paid since last October. Bulk of run of choice butchers of all weights went at \$2.24 to \$2.85, while some of the plumper kinds sold at \$2.90 to \$3.10. Cattle and sheep were steady.

Ace Pendleton Is Taken in El Paso

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 23 (AP)—Ace Pendleton, notorious leader of a gang of southwest bank robbers, was arrested here today. Pendleton, accused of taking part in a series of bank robberies in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, in which several officers were killed, was taken into custody with two women on a down town street.

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OKLAHOMA, Okla., Jan. 23 (AP)—An eight-year-old boy stared into space today as he passed his 200th hour of unconsciousness. Kermit Pooling, Weippe, Ida., schoolboy, suffered a brain injury when his car crashed into an automobile, smashing his jaw against the car. He is being given nourishment through a rubber tube inserted through an incision in his jaw. Physicians have been unable to open his mouth. Frequent tests indicate his respiration and heart beats are normal. He is not declining physically.

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TURKEY ADOPTS U. S. ALPHABET



Copyright, N.Y.A.—London Times. Grownups as well as youngsters are going to school in Turkey now because a new law recently enacted by the Turkish government outlaws the ancient Arabic alphabet that has been in use for centuries and requires everybody to learn to write with the same kind of letters that are used in the English language. Here are Constantinople school children displaying posters in the new Turkish alphabetic characters.

Favor Standard Courses For 3 Normal Schools

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 23 (AP)—President J. F. Landers of the Oregon normal school, will be asked to explain the \$10,000 increase in salary appropriation which he asks in this year's budget before the normal school sub-committee of the ways and means committee makes its recommendations. It was decided in committee meeting Tuesday afternoon.

If the \$10,000 increase is being used to start new courses or new branches of study at Monmouth, then the committee will oppose the increase. Members of the committee on normal schools, Angell of Multnomah, chairman, Senator Elliott of Polk and Robert W. Carl Smith of Marion. Weather-spoon of Union, and Johnson of Benton, express their unwillingness to grant Monmouth new courses which are not offered at the Eastern and Southern Oregon normal schools. Smith of Marion advocated the working out of standard courses for the three schools to avoid competition in courses. Smith also suggested that students from other states be charged higher tuition and that this tuition fund be applied on the salary cost.

303 Still Held In Chicago Prisons

CHICAGO, Jan. 23 (AP)—Of the more than 1,000 prisoners taken in Chicago's greatest hoodlum roundup last weekend, only 303 remained in cells today.

Police promised these would be released by formal court discharge, penalized or identified and booked on a specific charge before midnight.

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FLU EPIDEMIC IS DECREASING OVER COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—A decrease in deaths due to influenza was shown by advices today to the census bureau from 62 cities which reported 995 deaths for the week ending Jan. 12 with 1,218 deaths the preceding week. Sixty-eight cities reported 2,274 deaths from pneumonia during last week and 2,182 during the former period. The general mortality rate for the country at large was estimated at 18.5 per 100,000 population, compared with 13.4 for the corresponding period of last year. The death rate for the week ending Jan. 12 was 20.5. Public health officials said influenza prevalence still is decreasing.

KEYES ON STAND IN BRIBERY TRIAL

Former District Attorney of Los Angeles Answering Questions

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23 (AP)—In a scene dramatic because of its casualness, former District Attorney Ans Keyes, on trial for bribery, was placed on the witness stand in superior court today as the defense opened its fight to clear Keyes and two co-defendants. Keyes, who was the out-there witness since the trial started, today stood out in even bolder relief with the dismissal of charges against three of the defendants, Charles Reimer, Dave Getzoff and Ben Getzoff, leaving Keyes, Ben Getzoff, the tailor and alleged "fixer" and Ed Rosenbier, formerly a defendant in the Julian fraud case, the trio whose fate will rest with jury.

With the announcement that Keyes, at last was ready to confront his accusers, preparations had been completed to handle an overflowing, angry crowd, which was expected to storm the superior court room in an effort to get a glimpse of the former prosecutor. This is the moment the public has been waiting for since the trial started before Superior Judge Edward I. Butler, of Marin county, nearly three weeks ago.

Jacobs Herman, the "bright young man" of the Julian case, who turned state's evidence, has testified that he paid Ben Getzoff \$40,000 for Keyes to escape prosecution and that Ed Rosenbier told him it cost him \$125,000 to get the case "fixed," with Keyes through Getzoff. Other state witnesses have testified that two automobiles, golf clubs, a chain, lingerie, wrist watches, clothing, \$300 and other alleged gifts were bought for Keyes by the other defendant.

The cases against Charles Reimer, former district attorney's investigator and known as the "shadow" of Keyes, Dave Getzoff, son of Ben Getzoff and Jack Rosenbier, brother of Ed Rosenbier, had been dismissed by Judge Butler on lack of sufficient evidence against them, following a plot by Le Compte Davis, defense, that the testimony of the three was desired in behalf of the other defendants. All three expected to testify as defense witnesses.

Keyes calmly rose from his chair, buttoned his coat and was sworn as he took the stand. The man who the state claims received many bribes from the promoters of the defunct Julian corporation, "fix" fraud charges against them, looked evenly at the spectators and then began to answer his first questions in this new role of defendant.

Prisoner Is Heir To Million Dollars

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23 (AP)—The Examiner says today that Edward K. Hardy, 25, one of the two alleged "putting hands" held in jail here in default of \$29,000 bonds each, is heir to an estate valued at nearly \$1,000,000. Grainger and Glenn Abbott, 29, both of Belvedere, Cal., were held on 20 counts of robbery following their arrest New Year's day, and after they had been identified by several scores of claimed victims.

Two-Day Wreck Toll Mounts To 26; Many Injured

Bellevue Accident Costs 19 Lives; Three Killed at Grade Crossing in Ohio

TWO-DAY WRECK TOLL MOUNDS, Ill.—Two killed, two hurt in train collision. THOMSTON, O.—Two killed five hurt in derailment. BELLEVUE, O.—Death toll now 19 in bus-interurban crash. DAYTON, O.—Three killed, one dangerously hurt at grade crossing.

MOUNDS, Ill., Jan. 23 (AP)—Two trainmen were killed, two were injured and an undetermined number of passengers suffered minor injuries last night when the Floridan, east Illinois Central passenger, train from Chicago to Florida, crashed into a freight train one mile south of Mounds.

The dead are Leo Wallington, 50, Paducah, Ky., engineer on the freight train, and Milton Johnson, negro brakeman of the freight train, also of Paducah.

THOMSTON, Conn., Jan. 23 (AP)—The engineer and fireman and one passenger were killed and five passengers injured when a local train from Waterbury to Winsted over the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, was derailed at Castle's Bridge, several miles north of here today.

DEATH TOLL INCREASES. BELLEVUE, O., Jan. 23 (AP)—The death toll of yesterday's crash between a bus and a Lake Shore electric interurban car mounted to 19 today with the death of Richard Freeman, 30, of Cleveland. The remaining 13 passengers of the bus suffered various injuries.

Following is a list of the identified dead: Louis Flynn, Pittsburg, Pa.; Elmer Almond, 41, South Forest avenue, Youngstown, Ohio; Bela Theiss, 318 Lightner avenue, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Ollie Gren, 27, Detroit; D. Coughanour, 3819 Parkside avenue, Cleveland; R. Rawley, 1446 Roosevelt road, Chicago.

Peter Kingsley, Wakeman, Ohio; William J. Cook, 56, Cleveland; Mrs. W. J. Cook, Cleveland; Harry Gilchman, 626 Perry street, Detroit; J. S. Davenport, 3721 Woodland, Cleveland; Mrs. J. H. Harmon, 73 North Forge street, Akron, O.; Richard Freeman, 30, Cleveland; Terry O'Branski, 251 Nassau street, Brooklyn; Unidentified dead.

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Hoover Looking Forward to Four Weeks Of Rest

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 23 (AP)—A day of rest in preparation for long hours with a rod and reel among the Florida Keys had been arranged for President-elect Hoover today.

Settled at the J. C. Penney estate on Belle Isle in Biscayne Bay, after their train ride from Washington and the strenuous reception by some 75,000 persons on their arrival in Miami, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover looked forward to a month's diversion before their return to the national capital.

Although Mr. Hoover was accompanied to Florida by a large staff of executives and assistants, he indicated he would devote himself more to relaxation and rest than to consideration of problems that will face him after his assumption of office.

No plans have been made, but it appeared possible Mr. and Mrs. Hoover would make a short tour of the West Indies before their return north.

Aimee And Judge To Have Hearing

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23 (AP)—Subpoenas for Aimee Semple McPherson and Superior Judge Carlos K. Hardy were issued here today at the order of Chairman Walter Latta of the state legislative assembly investigating committee which has undertaken an examination of Judge Hardy's acceptance of a \$2,500 check from the evangelist for "legal advice."

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MERGING OF BUREAUS MAY BE VOTED ON

State Consolidation of Boards and Commissions Is Considered

AMENDMENT PLAN GIVEN SUPPORT

Some Hold Belief People Would Approve It More Readily Than Legislature Members

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22 (AP)—That it would be an easier matter to secure the approval of the people on a plan for the consolidation of boards and commissions of the state government than to secure the consolidation approved from the legislature, is the opinion expressed by members of the house and senate committees on administration and reorganization.

At the first joint meeting of the two committees, held Tuesday afternoon, every member stated that his constituents were in favor of some plan of consolidation or reorganization that would do away with duplications and needless boards and would promote more efficiency in state government.

Favors Amendment. Hector Macpherson, representative from Linn and chairman of the joint committee, favors the plan of submitting a constitutional amendment to the people, the skeleton to be filed in at the 1931 legislative session. The difficulty of passing a plan of consolidation through the legislature lies in the pressure which will be brought to bear, says Macpherson, on the individual legislators by the boards and commissions, each of which will fight absorption. "Every board will want to be the whole and none will consent to play... Jonah," Macpherson told his committee.

Members of the committee also expressed an unwillingness to "pass the buck" to the board of control by giving them a blanket law permission to accomplish consolidation whenever possible.

Senator Schumacher of Washington, member of the senate committee on consolidation, stated that he favored the plan and that he would again make the statement that he was positive he could save the state a million dollars a year by reorganization and consolidation of the two state universities alone.

Macpherson asked members of his committee to read Buck's Manual on consolidation of state government and work out individual plans, each of which will be presented at the next committee meeting.

The governor and members of the board of control will be asked to meet with the committee later.

"Big Bomb" Looms. One of the bombs of the 35th legislative session is scheduled to drop almost any day now in the form of a resolution directing the highway commission to issue road bonds up to the constitutional limitation, according to lobby reports partially confirmed this morning by the supposed sponsors of the measure.

Senator Chas. Hall, of Coos and Curry counties, confessed that he had been requested to join in sponsorship of such a resolution and that, in conformity with his

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NORTHCOTT TO QUIT ROLE OF OWN ATTORNEY

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 23 (AP)—Apparently suffering an attack of melancholia in addition to his physical ills, Gordon Stewart Northcott, accused slayer of small boys, spent a restless night in the detention ward of the Riverside county hospital. The young Canadian, who for more than a week has been attempting to handle his defense as his own attorney, yesterday was granted a continuance until Thursday when a physician testified he was suffering from hysteria and conjunctivitis.

Northcott spent a large part of last night in tears, his cheeks reported, which appeared to increase the inflammation of his already badly swollen eyes. The young Canadian indicated that he has despaired of his own ability to fight the case to his conclusion. He complained that he wanted help.

David Sokol, Los Angeles attorney associated with the defense early in the trial and who withdrew two days before Northcott dismissed the rest of his counsel and elected to handle his own affairs, against the advice of Judge George R. Freeman, visited Northcott in the hospital. Sokol, at the conclusion of a long interview, announced that he would petition Judge Freeman on Thursday to permit him to re-enter the case as Northcott's attorney.