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WEATHER DEVELOPMENTS

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O-W. branchline train held at Wallowa Saturday night because of snowdrifts.

La Grande to Wallowa lake highway closed by slides.

Old Oregon Trail open to travel but blizzard reported in progress near Union and Hot Lake this afternoon.

Baker-Unity highway opened. Game birds being fed over the valley.

Snow and cold predicted for tonight and Tuesday.

Following a comparatively quiet weekend, La Grande had a bit of sunshine today and warmer weather, which melted snow to some extent and packed it firmer in the open.

Just before noon today the mercury was nearing 40 above on street thermometers and it was still climbing.

The severe cold was predicted Saturday has not materialized yet although the minimum last night was 13 above zero. At 7:30 a. m. the mercury was up to 19 above.

Snow over the weekend brought the January total to 41 inches. A check of weather records today showed that this month has already tied the January, 1916 mark, although the winter as a whole is not nearly so severe as the one 13 years ago, when more than 10 feet of snow fell in La Grande.

The weather bureau in Portland predicts more snow for tonight and Tuesday with continued cold.

Blizzard Bagging The Old Oregon Trail highway is open to one-way travel today, although a blizzard is reported to be raging in the vicinity of Union and Hot Lake. The state highway to Wallowa lake is still closed by slides in the canyon.

Oscar Cutler, division engineer, is inspecting the slides today.

The city street department expects to put a state snowplow into operation this evening, according to Orville Wright, superintendent. His crew has been grading streets but the snow is so deep in some sections that the grader cannot be utilized.

Railroad Has Difficulties The railroad, which has escaped most of the difficulties, had a little trouble over the weekend up the branchline. The train that left here Saturday morning made the trip to Joseph but on its return, had to be held at Wallowa all night because of slides in the canyon, which were cleared by a rotary.

The train arrived here early yesterday afternoon. Another train was made up here Sunday morning and made the regular trip to Joseph and back.

Two rotary snowplows, two dozers and one flanger have been at work on the O-W. In this division during the last few days, and the tracks have been cleared and are in good condition today, according to Supt. W. H. Guild. The area covered included the territory between Gibson and North Powder and the Joseph branch. The snow on the tracks at Kamela was six feet deep and on the hill at Telocaset it measured three feet.

The Pendleton-Pilot Rock-Hesper road was still closed this morning but state highway crews hoped to have it open later today. The Baker-Unity road, closed during the weekend, has been cleared.

Feeding Birds John E. Bates, working for the state game commission, is feeding Chinese pheasants and other game birds on the Pierce game reserve and finds it necessary to use snowshoes in order to reach the feeding grounds. Anyone knowing of birds in the north end of the county that need looking after should notify

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WEATHER TODAY 7:29 a. m.—13 above. Minimum: 12 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 28, minimum 12 above. Condition: partly cloudy. Traces of snow.

WEATHER JAN. 28, 1929 Maximum 47, minimum 23 above. Condition: rain, 12 of inch.

Enrollment In Schools Now At 2,284 Students

Five Per Cent Increase Over Last Year Revealed by Check of City's Schools

Enrollment in La Grande, at the end of the first week of the second semester, totals 2,284 students in the high school and the four grade schools of the city.

This is a five per cent increase over last year's enrollment at a corresponding time according to a check completed by the superintendent's office.

The number of students on Jan. 21, 1928, was 2,181, making the increase this year 102. La Grande High school has had an enrollment of 648 since the first of the school year. The actual attendance is often smaller than this figure, however.

Central Has 650. The largest enrollment is in Central school which amounts to 650. Greenwood has an enrollment of 494, it is in 304 and Willow 188.

The greatest increase in enrollment has been shown in the high school and in Central. There are 94 more students in the high school this year than last and 62 more in Central.

The decrease in the greatest in Riverina, with Greenwood second and the smallest decrease in Willow school according to the figures.

There are eight more boys than girls registered in the public schools this year. Last year there were 14 more girls than boys. For the last 20 years the proportion of boys and girls has varied, alternating between the two groups.

The national average for school enrollment shows a greater number of girls. Mr. Longfellow says, 50 per cent of new students entered the high school at the opening of the new semester this month and these have been counted in on the high school enrollment and are likewise included in the figures from the grade schools from which they were graduated. The percentage of increase over last year, however, remains the same.

"Talkies" to Be Arcade Feature Thursday, Jan. 31

La Grande theater patrons will be introduced to a new phase of entertainment which is the second of a series of lyceum programs to be held in La Grande this winter and next spring.

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The installation, inspection, adjustment, etc., of the equipment has been completed and it is reported to be in first class shape. The equipment, the first of this type in Eastern Oregon, was secured at great expense.

The Kolthoppe directs the action through the screen, producing most realistic effect of speaking, singing, etc. This is the same method as Vitaphone, the same device as used on Vitaphone being used on this machine.

The matinee will begin at 2 o'clock and two shows will take place in the evening at 7 and 9 o'clock. The management urges attendance at the matinee to avoid the evening crowd.

Later on the Pathe Sound news, which was recently contracted, will be a feature at the Arcade.

The theater also announces that continuous performance will be inaugurated Feb. 3, to continue every Sunday as long as the public gives support to the plan.

Pay Checks Here For Guardsmen

The quarterly pay checks for Company E, 186th Infantry, will be distributed tonight at the regular drill period. Capt. W. A. Bean announced this morning. The checks total about \$500 and represent payment for drills during October, November and December, 1928.

The last bidding competition between private which was started last week will be continued tonight. Next Monday the manual of arms competition between non-commissioned officers will be held. Cash prizes are being offered in both contests.

City Bonds Given Approval Today

An approving opinion on the \$19,827.75 issue of city improvement bonds, which were sold to Carl E. Nelson, of Salem, last Wednesday night, was received today, according to J. E. Stearns, city recorder.

The bonds will be sent to Salem later today, he said.

COMING HERE



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CLEMENTE TO SPEAK BEFORE CLUB TUESDAY

C. C. Clemente, of La Grande, will be the principal speaker at the weekly forum of the Union county chamber of commerce tomorrow noon at the Sacramento Inn, according to Charles Malhotra, secretary.

Mr. Clemente will speak on the making of fur bearing animals in Union county with particular emphasis on the growing of muskrats.

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Name Assistant Master of Troop

W. H. Rogers has been named assistant scout master of Boy Scout troop No. 18. Mr. Rogers will take the place of the Rev. H. L. Putnam who has been transferred to a place on the scout committee.

Leslie White is scout master of troop No. 15. The meeting day of the group has been changed from Wednesday to Tuesday nights and the group will meet tomorrow night at 7:20 o'clock at the Christian church, Mr. White announces.

Keyes Case Near Jurors This Week

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28 (AP)—The opening today of the fourth week of the bribery trial of Former District Attorney Ana Keyes and his two co-defendants, disclosed a program indicating that the week probably would see the case put in the hands of the jury.

E. J. Rosenberg, whom the state accuses of giving gifts and cash to Keyes to obtain the dismissal of charges brought against him in the Julian Petroleum corporation fraud case, planned to take the witness stand to tell his own story.

Seven new students enrolled recently in the La Grande Business college and include the following: night students, Jake Miller, Trillian Abby and Mrs. Ebert; day students, Wilma Taskell, Doris French, Mrs. Ethel McKellen and Mrs. Wayman Scott.

One of the students at the college, Ina Mullenburg, has been snowbound in her country home near La Grande for more than a week and has been unable to attend her classes.

WOMAN BURNS TO DEATH AT LOSTINE, ORE.

Explosion Gasoline Lamp Causes Fatal Fire in Scott Home

SON, 9, ESCAPES FROM RESIDENCE

Husband in Barn Doing Chores When Accident Occurred; Building a Total Loss

By Mrs. William Wiggins (Observer Correspondent)

LOSTINE (Special)—Mrs. Charles Scott, about 45 years of age, was burned to death at her home two miles west of this place, Saturday evening at about 6:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Scott was filling a gasoline lamp when it exploded, setting fire to her clothing and then to the home. She was not able to leave the building and was burned to death. It was impossible to make a search for the body until after the embers had cooled some and by that time all that was obtainable was the trunk, the other parts having been burned away.

Warren Scott, nine-year-old son, was able to get from the house, and ran for neighbors who lived half a mile away. Mr. Scott was in the barn doing the chores at the time of the accident.

Besides her husband and son, Mrs. Scott is survived by her mother, Mrs. Hazen, of Joseph, and two sisters, Mrs. Edgar Hoot, of Lostine, and Mrs. Edgar Marvin of Joseph.

TWO BURNED IN CANADA WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 28 (AP)—A man and his wife were burned to death at Duck Bay, Manitoba, Saturday when their home burned to the ground, a special dispatch from Winnipeg related today.

The victims were a Mr. and Mrs. Lamerand, aged settlers. The flames raged neighbors, who rushed to the assistance of the couple, too late. Lamerand's body was found near the door. That of his wife was found in bed.

Secretary Wilbur recommended today to congress that it create a \$5,000,000 naval airstrip base on the Pacific coast. The secretary suggested an initial appropriation of \$2,000,000 to start the work.

Resume Tariff Hearing. Resuming consideration of agricultural tariffs, the house ways and means committee today heard further pleas for changes in duties on vegetables.

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Extra Session Problem Comes Before Leaders

Fight With Democrats Over Limiting Work to Tariff Revision Held Likely

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—A message from Herbert Hoover to President Coolidge endorsing the president's naval views and denying statements inferring the contrary, was read to the senate today by Chairman Hale of the senate naval committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Herbert Hoover is going to bump into a fight with the democrats on his proposal to limit the intended extra session of the new congress this spring to the consideration of tariff and farm legislation.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader, sounded the war cry today with a declaration against the president-elect's proposal which he terms unconstitutional.

Robinson's Position. "There are many things on which legislation will be needed if the extra session is called," said Senator Robinson, "and certainly there is no constitutional method by which the senate can be limited in the exercise of its legislative duties."

However, republican leaders are looking confidently to the power of an overwhelming majority in the house to carry out the limitation scheme. It is considered that if the house republican leaders finally decide only to organize the necessary committees for consideration of the tariff and farm relief that no other legislation can be put through there, Republicans will have a majority of almost 100 in the house.

House Holds Power. The senate can go ahead and pass all the bills it wants in the extra session but if the house majority refuses to consider them they cannot become law. House leaders do not intend to consider anything but tariff and farm relief in deference to the wishes expressed by Mr. Hoover in his conference with this month.

The Hoover administration's scheme can be upset only by a coalition of democrats with a healthy size block of republican votes in the house. House democrats are gauging the prospects but their hope is faint.

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HOOVER AND SMITH MAY HAVE VISIT

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FORMER GOVERNOR IS NON-COMMITTAL

Objects to Newspaper Men "Pestering" Him While He Is Vacationing in Florida

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 28 (AP)—President-elect Hoover said today he would be "most happy" to see Former Governor Alfred E. Smith, who is spending part of his vacation time at Coral Gables, only a short distance from the Hoover home on Belle Isle.

Mr. Hoover's statement, made in reply to a question from a newspaper correspondent, follows: "By all means I should be glad if Governor Smith has time to call. I should be most happy to see him."

Advised of Mr. Hoover's statement by telephone, the former New York governor said he had not statement to make.

"Will you see Mr. Hoover," he was asked.

"I said there was no statement," the democratic leader replied. He added that he was interested, but that he was in Florida for a vacation and objected to newspaper correspondents continually calling him on the telephone.

An effort to bring the president-elect and Mr. Smith together through a third party was undertaken today by Hamilton Wright, press agent for Miami, who called at Hoover headquarters. This request was flatly refused, advisers of Mr. Hoover taking the position that they would not become a party to what they termed a "publicity stunt."

Denies Navy Rumor The statement issued by Chairman Britten of the house naval committee, that the president-elect

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KLAMATH RANGE RIDER ACQUITTED

Man, 60, Freed of Murder Charge; Unwritten Law Enters Trial

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—William Thomason, 60-year-old weather-beaten range rider, was free today. Saturday night a jury had acquitted him of charges on murder of Velay Pearson, Klamath reservation Indian.

The plea of the unwritten law of a woman's honor, entered dramatically into the hearing when Elva Tice, 16-year-old Indian maiden, took the witness stand in Thomason's defense. Elva, a ward of Thomason, testified Pearson, Don Juan of the Red Men on the reservation, had made improper advances toward her and that these advances were made with such regularity that she lived in fear of Pearson.

Thomason shot Pearson to death on the main street of Chiloquena on the night of Nov. 27. The jury was out about four hours.

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Britain Ready To Sign Peace Pact, Its Report

Action to Be Taken With Dominion Governments—Two More Powers Approve It

LONDON, Jan. 28 (AP)—Sir Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, told the house of commons today that the British government proposes to deposit its ratification of the Kellogg pact as soon as the Dominion governments are in a position to do likewise.

Commander Joseph M. Kenworthy, laborite member for Hull, asked if Sir Austen was aware that there were certain criticisms leveled at him "about the reservations attached" to the pact.

Sir Austen said specific ratification by parliament was unnecessary since opinion in both houses from the first has been so strongly in favor of the pact.

CAPETOWN SIGNS TREATY CAPETOWN, Union of South Africa, Jan. 28 (AP)—The house of assembly of the Union of Africa today ratified the Kellogg pact.

JUGOSLAVIA ACCEPTS BELGRADE, Jugoslavia, Jan. 28 (AP)—Acting on the recommendation of the foreign minister, King Alexander of Jugoslavia has signed the Kellogg pact for renunciation of war.

Boy Robber, 17, Shot to Death By Store Owner

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28 (AP)—The body of a 17-year-old boy lay in the morgue here today—the victim of a revolver in the hands of the man he sought to rob.

Four other boys were in jail, awaiting whatever charges were to be placed against them. They were captured after their comrade had been mortally wounded.

Oscar J. Rank, 17, was killed when the five boys were attempting to break into a store at Harton, Clackamas county, after midnight Sunday morning.

Louis Nelson, 17; Hird Barr, 18; Sam Roberts, 17, and George Carter, 17, are in jail. All live in Portland.

As the boys were robbing the store, Harvey Gibson and Andy Tucker, his son-in-law, heard the noise and appeared on the porch nearby. After shouting to the youths, both men opened fire intending to shoot the three from the two automobiles which the boys had stolen and in which they intended to make their getaway.

One of the bullets struck young Rank, fatally wounding him.

BATTLE SNOW 16-FOOT DEEP TO SAVE GIRL

COTTONWOOD, Ida., Jan. 28 (AP)—A small band of cowboys and stockmen pushed their way back home through 16-foot snowdrifts confident today that Narete Aram, 11-year-old daughter of their friend, Jim Aram, would recover her health.

Early this group of cowboys struggled through a blizzard and drifted snow, driving a band of horses ahead of them to get Narete to a hospital here for an operation for acute appendicitis. The horses, all that could be found on farms in this sparsely settled mountain country, served as a snow plow that cleared a path for the sickly carrying the little girl.

Narete was stricken Thursday morning. Her father bundled her in a closed sleigh and set out for this town, which is 30 miles from the Aram ranch. After battling drifts all day, the father and the girl were forced to turn back. That night he called on his friends by telephone. They came, bringing a large band of horses with them. They reached Cottonwood Friday night and the operation was performed Saturday morning.

At the Cottonwood general hospital Sunday attaches reported that Narete's condition was "very good."

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MAIL AVIATOR, PASSENGERS ARE RESCUED

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 28 (AP)—Frank Barber, Oakland, California, pilot of a Boeing air transport plane, which was wrecked in the Huby mountain wilds of Nevada last Thursday regained consciousness for the first time since the accident this morning in a Salt Lake hospital.