

SNOW RECORD CHALKED UP OVER NIGHT

Four and Half Inch Fall Brings Total for Month to 45 1/2 Inches

MOST IN ANY ONE MONTH SINCE 1886

La Grande to Baker Highway Again Opened By Plows; Wallowa Road Closed for Days

A flurry of wind and snow, of blizzard like proportions, swept through La Grande just after 1 o'clock today for a short time. The storm was also felt over the valley but did not last long enough to blockade highways.

An additional four and a half inches of snow, which fell in La Grande late last night, put January, 1929, in the all-time record breaking class. Weather records, which have been kept in the municipal building since 1886, fail to show any single month with more snow than this January—and there are still two and a half days left to go with more snow predicted for tonight.

Up to last night the total was 41 inches. Here are the heavy snows since 1886 that fell in any one month:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Total Snow, Snow in One Month. Rows include 1898, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929.

January and February, 1916, hold the all-time two-month snow record with a total of 80 inches, or six and two-thirds feet.

Record-Breaking Period

Incidentally, the last two years have been noted for "fuzziness". A year ago the rainfall was 25.47 inches, compared with a five-year average of 19.14 inches. Last summer all heat records since 1886 were broken. The only record remaining uncracked is the two-month snowfall mark of 1216.

Snowplows are being used on streets and highways day and night in an effort to keep the roads open for travel. The state highway department shops announced this morning that the La Grande to Baker section of the Old Oregon Trail had again been opened after being blocked by drifts during last night. The section between La Grande and Pendleton is open and one-way traffic is now required only in occasional stretches. Between La Grande and Wallowa lake snowdrifts cover the highway in the canyon for about a mile, Oscar Cutler, state engineer, reports. It will take several days to clear this road, it is believed.

No Extreme Cold

Although parts of the Northwest have been experiencing extreme cold the last few days, La Grande has escaped this. The minimum temperature last night was 18 above and at 7:30 this morning the mercury was up to 23 above.

Outside of inconvenience to travel, collapsing of roofs of two La Grande garages, and the difficulty of game birds finding feed, the snow has done practically no damage.

FIREMEN HOLD ANNUAL CLAM FEED MONDAY

Members of the La Grande fire department, city officials and guests gathered back of the fire trucks in the city building last night at 7 o'clock and enjoyed the annual mid-winter clam feed. Firemen have been planning for the event for some time and it was declared that the feed was one of the best in years, and besides, no fire alarms interrupted the busy work of the knives, forks and spoons.

Mrs. Runyan Dies In Baker Today

Word was received in La Grande this morning that Mrs. Charles Runyan, well known resident of La Grande, died at Baker at 5:30 o'clock this morning. She had been ill for some time, it is reported, and went to Baker about a week ago to be with her sister. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Baker.

K. of P. Turkey Feed Held Last Evening

More than 100 Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters of La Grande attended the turkey feed held here last night at the K. of P. hall.

Seal Sale Report Nearly Complete

A total of \$718 has so far been reported from the sale of Christmas seals in Union county held under the auspices of the La Grande Neighborhood club, according to Mrs. C. E. Gump, county chairman of the drive. All but five schools have reported and as soon as the money from those schools is turned in total figures will be available.

WEATHER TODAY

7-29 a. m.—23 above. Minimum—18 above. Condition—Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 24, minimum 13 above. Condition—Snow, four and a half inches.

WEATHER JAN. 29, 1928 Maximum 29, minimum 23 above. Condition—Rain, 1 1/2 inch.

February Term Circuit Court Begins Monday

Calendar Drawn Up by Judge J. W. Knowles—Grand Jury Session to Be Held

The calendar for the February term of circuit court in La Grande has been set by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles and the trial of the cases, all of which are civil actions, will begin Monday, Feb. 4.

The Union county grand jury will also meet Monday and if any criminal cases are to come before the circuit court during the coming session, this will be decided at that time.

The court will meet in the Odd Fellows' temple at 101 Elm street. The first case will be that of Charles Eldridge vs. the Blue Mountain Transportation company, scheduled for Monday, Feb. 4.

Other cases follow: Friday, Feb. 8, S. H. Williamson vs. Harry Hoffman; Monday, Feb. 11, C. H. Plun vs. August Erickson; Monday, Feb. 11, Ollie Giles vs. W. C. Whitehead.

The docket for the coming term does not include so many cases as usual, officials at the county clerk's office announce.

Annual Meeting Of Bank Is Held; Board Reelected

The annual meeting of the La Grande National bank was held at 10 o'clock this morning in the bank building, at which time the board of directors was re-elected.

The members of the board followed: A. T. Hill, F. L. Meyers, Robert S. Bakin, W. G. Sawyer, John C. Macpherson, H. E. Coolidge, J. C. Swadlow, J. P. Conley and Earl Zedel.

The election of officers will be held at a second meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

School Board Will Meet This Evening

The school board will meet tonight to discuss the purchasing of equipment for the auditorium and stage of the La Grande high school building.

About 16 desks and chairs to be used by the teachers to replace those burned in the 1928 fire have arrived in La Grande. Five of them are already installed in the classroom at the high school building, according to members of the board. The rest of the desks will be kept in storage until other classrooms in the high school building are ready for use.

Mrs. Johanna Gangloff Begins Her 93rd Year Of Life This Morning

One of La Grande's best loved and respected pioneers, Mrs. Johanna Gangloff, today began her 93rd year of life, spending it quietly at her home facing on Fourth street just across the street from the former location of the brick house in which she resided for many years before she moved from it because of expansion of the city's business district.

All Farm Land Then

This city was all farm land then. The Grandy house stood where it still stands until the building of La Grande hotel caused its removal from the corner of Fourth and Adams.

In Excellent Health

Mrs. Gangloff, who remembers La Grande from its infancy, is in excellent health. Her eyes are failing slightly but she is still able to see very well.

Mrs. Gangloff came to the Grand Ronde valley back in the 60s, when the little village on the hill was first beginning to blossom. Since that time she has watched the coming of the railroad and the removal of the local business section to present day La Grande, and finally witnessed the growth into a thriving city of more than 11,000 persons.

Up until late last spring she made her home in a brick residence back of the postoffice with the coming of the Montgomery Ward & Co. store, she moved into the former Herman Segrist home across Fourth street.

Mrs. Gangloff was born Jan. 28, 1837, near Heideberg, Germany, and came to the United States around Cape Horn, after spending her childhood on the continent. For

SEVEN BIDS RECEIVED ON TRAIL WORK

State Highway Commission to Award Contracts This Afternoon

MEETING HELD IN PORTLAND TODAY

Will Resurface 1.6 Miles of Hilgard-La Grande Section of the Old Oregon Trail

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)—Contractors crowded into the court house here today to hear the reading of bids for the few jobs left by the state highway commission. There was little road work, the largest job being for 8.5 miles of resurfacing the Baker-Encina section of the Old Oregon Trail. Nine bids were received for this work, which includes the furnishing of 31,800 cubic yards of broken stone for maintenance.

To furnish 6,700 cubic yards of crushed gravel for maintenance purpose on Missouri Bend section, Alsea highway, seven bids, and for supplying 45,000 cubic yards of broken stone for maintenance of The Dalles-John Day section of the Columbia River highway 13 bids.

To build bridge over Pacific highway 2 1/2 miles south of Canyonville, seven bids, for resurfacing 1.6 miles of the Hilgard-La Grande section of the Old Oregon Trail and furnishing 14,000 cubic yards of broken stone for maintenance.

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VALLEY SUITED FOR RAT FARMING

C. C. Clemente Tells the Commerce Club of Fur-bearing Industry

C. C. Clemente, of the Intermountain Fur farms, was the speaker at the chamber of commerce luncheon at the Sacajawea Inn today at noon, telling the membership present of the importance of muskrat fur in this country. His talk was both interesting and instructive.

He stated that a recent survey showed that conditions in the Grande Ronde valley for muskrat farms are almost ideal and discussed the project in which he is interested to some extent. He also told of the great increase that may be expected from muskrats provided they are given the right kind of care.

Dr. Ray Murphy presided in the absence of Judge H. B. Brady, president of the chamber of commerce.

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IN THE NEWS



Here are two men who have been in the news of the last week frequently: Capt. George Fried (upper), and the Rev. Henry Bilker (below). Capt. Fried was on the bridge of the liner America when it rescued the crew of the British freighter Teesbridge. Three years ago his President Roosevelt rescued the crew of the freighter Andino.

NO INDICATIONS OF CRIME, CLAIM

Elder Northcott Testifies in Trial of His Son in Riverside, Cal.

COURTROOM, Riverside, Cal., Jan. 29 (AP)—"I have never seen anything there that would indicate that there ever had been a crime committed," Cyrus Northcott testified from the witness stand today, testifying regarding alleged conditions from witness stand today.

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"Blow Out The Light, Diogenes—He Is Found"

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 29 (AP)—Dear Diogenes, Blow out your lantern and take a load off your feet. Here's Ralph Campbell, the man you've been looking for.

Campbell, a taxi driver, found \$500 in his cab. He remembers a passenger who might pass for it, so he looked him up. Sure enough, he was right, so he returned the money.

Don't interrupt, Mr. Diogenes, that isn't the full of R. Campbell positively refuses a reward. Wouldn't even listen to it. And then—get this, long—he drove right down to the city company headquarters and offered to reimburse the company for the extra mileage run up the meter by reason of the return of the money to its owner.

Isn't you glad your search is over, Mr. Diogenes?

Aimee Witness In Judge Hardy Hearing Today

Refuses to Answer Question Concerning Ormiston; Says \$2,500 Was "Love Offering"

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29 (AP)—Superior Judge Carlos S. Hardy today after an investigating committee of the state legislature had dismissed its first witness in the morning session, Aimee Semple McPherson. A noon adjournment was called and the jurist was asked to appear this afternoon.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29 (AP)—Aimee Semple McPherson, celebrated pastor of Angelus Temple, today had smilingly checked off efforts of a special committee of the state legislature to revive her kidnapping, subsequent escape from her captors and trek across the burning desert sands into Douglas, Arizona, in 1926.

A happy witness before the five solemn assemblymen, the bronzed-haired chief exponent of the four-square gospel gave a new characterization to the \$2,500 check paid out to Superior Judge Carlos S. Hardy, who is threatened with impeachment proceedings for accepting it.

"A Love Offering" The money was a "love offering," Mrs. McPherson testified. She said it was not a part of the "Right-the-Devil" fund which her congregation raised to defend her against charges of subordination of perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Although the hearing is for the purpose of determining whether Judge Hardy was "practicing law" while on the bench and accepting a fee for legal advice, on which question an impeachment action hinges, she attempted revival of the famous kidnapping story by cross-examination of the light house evangelist is the real spark which overnight has re-kindled public curiosity in the Angelus temple transaction. While her followers sang hymns and prayed, several hundred persons straggled to hear the dialogue when Mrs. McPherson took the stand.

Electric Question. "Do you know Kenneth Ormiston?" The effect of this question was electrifying. It came suddenly from Chairman Little in the midst of some routine questions about Angelus temple finances. Ormiston is the former temple radio operator for whom a nationwide search was conducted when the evangelist disappeared. Mrs. McPherson straightened in the witness chair. Her attorney, Cromwell Ormsby leaped to his feet.

"Don't answer that question Mrs. McPherson," he ordered. Ormsby then addressed the committee, saying the question had no bearing on the hearing. The lawyer was told that he was overruled and that the witness must answer the question. Ormsby again turned to the evangelist.

Refuses to Answer. "I instruct you not to answer" (Continued on Page 5)

Early Building Of Cruisers Is Coolidge Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The senate today agreed to limit debate on the cruiser bill beginning next Monday.

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Bans Take Medicine Through Deep Snow

OGONTO, Wis., Jan. 29 (AP)—Unable to get through with even a horse and a light sleigh, two boys made a 12-mile round trip Saturday on skis to carry medicine to Circuit Judge David G. Clason, who is ill at his farm home. The sking judge had been marooned for nearly a week and his plight was described over the telephone. The boys were Richard Clason and Junior Harvey.

HOOVER AND SMITH HAVE BRIEF VISIT

Demo Standard Bearer of 1928 Calls at Belle Isle Home

WISHES LUCK TO PRESIDENT-ELECT

Two Distinguished Men Discuss Recent Campaign; Hoover Greets Ex-governor Cordially

By James L. West (Associated Press Staff Writer) MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 29 (AP)—President-elect Hoover and Alfred E. Smith spent 25 minutes with each other today at the Hoover vacation home on Belle Isle, mostly reminiscing about events in the spectacular campaign last fall in which they were the principals.

Wearing his celebrated brown derby and formal morning clothes, the democratic standard bearer of 1928 reached Belle Isle promptly at 11 a. m., the hour for his appointment with his victorious opponent. His inevitable cigar was very much in evidence as he stepped from the car in which he had driven from the Miami Biltmore hotel at Coral Gables, where he has his headquarters.

Accompanying the former governor were John J. Raskob, chairman of the democratic national committee, and William F. Kenry, lifelong friend. Smith led the way up the short concrete walk to the door of the sun parlor, where he and his companions were greeted by Lawrence Richey, secretary to Mr. Hoover.

The president-elect in white trousers and shoes and a double-breasted blue serge coat stood just within the doorway and shook hands first with his late opponent and then with the other two. The visitors were made comfortable in two large easy chairs and the president-elect and the democratic leader did most of the talking.

Wishes Hoover Luck Gov. Smith said afterwards that he had congratulated Mr. Hoover and wished him luck.

"And I meant it," he added, emphasizing each word. "We talked about some of the funny things that happened during the campaign," the former governor went on, explaining that Mr. Hoover related some of his own experiences that gave him amusement and that he did likewise.

"Mr. Hoover looked well," was the comment of the distinguished visitor.

Their First Talk This was the first talk the late