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**THE WEATHER**  
OREGON: Fair in the east and unsettled west portion tonight and Thursday with rains Thursday in the southwest portion and along the coast, continued cold.

## SNOW KING'S GRIP BROKEN OVER VALLEY

Downfall Pauses, at Least Temporarily, Following Blizzard Tuesday

## HIGHWAY REPORTED IN BETTER SHAPE

Road to Wallowa Is Still Closed; Cold and Clear Forecast for Tonight and Tomorrow

The snow king lost a point in La Grande today and Old Sol beams down on the city at intervals, bringing the temperature somewhat higher than usual. Also, the Portland weather forecaster predicts fair and cold weather for tonight and tomorrow, hinting that possibly La Grande won't have any more snow until February.

Satisfied that the present one-month record was enough of an effort, the snow king left here yesterday after a puff of blizzard early in the afternoon and the weather office finds that the snow during the last 24 hours was only a "trace."

**Colder Last Night**  
The temperature was colder last night, dropping to a minimum of 9 above and only gaining one degree by 7:30 this morning. The pause in the snow has given the city crews a chance to get the streets in better shape for travel and the state highway crews have also profited. Today it is reported that the Old Oregon Trail highway is in better shape than for several days, although the road to Wallowa is still blocked by slides.

**COLD BRINGS FAMINE**  
SEATTLE, Jan. 30 (AP)—Cold and snow which continued to hold the Pacific Northwest today have brought three famines in widely separated sections of the region—of water, fuel and cattle fodder.

Residents of Rosland City in Central British Columbia hacked their way into adjacent creeks for their water supply when the reservoir and mains froze. A water delivery system was being instituted for use until warm weather thaws out the system.

Shutting down a score of mills and logging camps in Gray's harbor, Western Washington, has created a crisis in hundreds of homes that cannot find fuel. The hills, which furnish almost all the fuel of the district, have exhausted their supplies, while the scant handful of coal dealers have many more orders than they can meet. To add to their troubles, nearly 6000 men have been thrown out of work in the county by the indefinite closing of the mills and camps.

Cowboys on two ranches in the upper Snake and Salmon river countries of Idaho were preparing to set out on a three-day trek to the lowlands with cattle which are facing starvation. Deep snows have covered the grazing lands of 600 cattle on the two ranches and winter feed supplies are being rapidly depleted. The cowboys will drive all the available horses ahead of

**MRS. RUNYAN LAID TO REST IN BAKER, ORE.**

Mrs. Charles Runyan, of La Grande, who died at Baker yesterday morning, was laid to rest in that city this afternoon, following funeral services in the Baker Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock. Dr. James Craver officiated. Burial was in the Mt. Hope cemetery.

Mrs. Runyan, a well known resident of this city, was born in Baker Aug. 27, 1884, and lived practically all of her life in Baker and La Grande. She left here about a week before her death to be with her sister, Mrs. N. A. Muegge, in Baker.

She is survived by her husband, A. Ross William, and a daughter, Annette, of La Grande; her father, J. H. Cavin and five sisters, Mrs. E. E. Savage, Mrs. W. E. Warrel, Mrs. Muegge, Mrs. Charles Shelton and Miss Mamie Cavin, all of Baker, and a brother, Robert Cavin, of Mesa, Ariz.

**WEATHER TODAY**  
7-29 a. m. -16 above.  
Minimum: 9 above.  
Condition: partly cloudy.

**WEATHER YESTERDAY**  
Maximum 24, minimum 18 above.  
Condition: partly cloudy, snow traces.

**WEATHER JAN. 20, 1928**  
Maximum 48, minimum 22 above.  
Condition: rain, 52 of inch.

## Grange Official Tells Of Market For Farm Crops

J. C. Farmer, of Newbury, N. H., Visits La Grande—Likes Hoover's Farm Aid Plans

The recent construction of a new terminal produce market in Boston, Mass., for the receiving and distributing of western produce, is indicative of the importance of western farm products to the eastern section of the United States, according to J. C. Farmer, of South Newbury, N. H., lecturer of the national grange. Mr. Farmer is in La Grande today.

Only one egg in every 10 used in New England is produced there and but 25 per cent of the vegetables consumed in New England are grown at home, Mr. Farmer says.

One of the great differences between farming conditions in New England and in the west is that of marketing. In the east the source of supply is always close to large cities while in the west markets are at great distances, he says.

**No Alfalfa In East**  
Alfalfa is one of the great western farm products while the crop is not grown successfully in the east. Farm land in the west is level and not rocky as a rule, while the same is not true generally of eastern farm land. Dairying, poultry raising and apple growing are three of the principal farm industries in New Hampshire, Mr. Farmer says.

The national grange is appreciative of Mr. Hoover's act in planning to call a special session of congress to consider farm relief, Mr. Farmer avers. "Farming conditions are of vital importance to the nation. It is the biggest single industry."

**Need for Aid Great**  
The need for farm relief Mr. Farmer finds great in all sections of the country. In Maine, for example, the potato growers are suffering from low prices. In the southern states, the peanut growers are having to compete with the Japanese growers who can employ cheap labor.

"American markets should be for American farmers first. We need a tariff for all or tariff for none," he asserted. "First, we want tariff adjustments so that it will protect the farm people. Second, by the use of the grange depository plan to handle the surplus products, seasonal surpluses could

**Church Council Organized For Coming Season**  
The English Lutheran church council, in a meeting held last evening, organized for the coming year and made plans for the campaign to start Feb. 19 to pay off the indebtedness. The pastor, the Rev. Leif H. Awe, and his congregation, will be assisted in the campaign by the Rev. W. E. Brinkman, of Portland.

The following officers were elected last night: Walter Pohman, secretary; Frank Wurl, financial secretary; N. Nelson, Fred Pohman, and Jim Schilling, members of board of trustees. The pastor is permanent chairman of the council and Mr. Schilling was designated as vice chairman. The office of treasurer is for two years, and Mr. Wurl is now starting his second year in office.

**Orders Placed For Furniture At School Meet**  
At a meeting of the school board last night orders were placed for two pianos and for 352 opera chairs to replace similar equipment destroyed in the fire which damaged the La Grande High school building several months ago.

Orders were placed for the purchase of two grand pianos from the Eastern Oregon Music company. One piano, a small grand, will be used in the upstairs music room in the school, and the large grand will be used in the auditorium.

The chairs will be placed in the high school auditorium. They were ordered from the John W. Graham company, of Spokane, and will arrive in La Grande within the next three weeks, it is expected. The chairs are of hardwood and are manufactured in the east.

**Sells Interest In C. J. Breier Store**

E. A. Stravens, who has been manager of the C. J. Breier store here for the last 14 years, has sold his interest in the business to the Breier company, he announced today. Mr. Stravens has not made his plans for the future as yet.

Gerald E. Spenser is manager of the store at present.

## SEITZ WINS CONTRACT ON HIGHWAY JOB

Bid of \$20,507 on La Grande-Hilgard Section Project Is Accepted

## STATE PLANS BIG OILING PROGRAM

Total of \$1,225,000 to Be Spent for Oiling, Repairing and Resurfacing of Highways

PORTLAND, Jan. 29 (AP)—A lengthy and costly road oiling program for this year was adopted by the Oregon state highway commission here late yesterday at its regular monthly session. The program calls for an expenditure of \$1,225,000, for oiling, repairing and resurfacing of portions of practically all important highways of Oregon.

Four contracts were let for supplying approximately one hundred thousand cubic yards of crushed rock for road repair work. These contracts were let as follows:

For Baker-Pleasant Valley section of Old Oregon Trail, \$47,914, to Joslin & McCallister.

Seitz Gets Contract  
Hilgard-La Grande section of Old Oregon Trail, \$29,507, to Clyde B. Seitz.

The Dalles-John Day section of Columbia River highway, \$64,694, to H. E. Schmeer & Company. Missouri Bend on Alsea highway, \$11,256, to Meyes & Company.

The commission hopes approximately \$250,000 of the sum necessary for maintenance of state highways will be provided from federal aid funds, with the state making up the difference.

Contracts for the construction of three bridges were let by the commission. These contracts included: Bridge over Gate creek at Vida on the McKenzie highway, \$17,012, awarded to Rixson Brothers.

Canyon creek bridge on Pacific Highway, \$2,992, to Rixson Brothers.

**Bridge Held Up**  
Bridge over McKenzie river, \$46,970, to Northwest Construction Co.

**LA GRANDE HIGH TO PLAY BUCKS**  
Basketball Team Goes to Pendleton Friday, Wallowa Here Saturday

The La Grande High school basketball team will play two games during the weekend. The first will be at Pendleton Friday night at 7:30 o'clock and on Saturday night at 8:30 the Tigers will meet the Wallowa High school quintet in the L. D. S. Recreational hall here. A preliminary game at 7:30 o'clock will be played by the sophomores and juniors.

The La Grande men are in good condition, according to Coach Ralph Christie. If the roads to Pendleton are in good shape the trip will be made by automobile, he says. Otherwise the men will go by train.

Pendleton has a strong team this year, it is said, although Baker won from the Bucks in a first encounter. Baker in turn defeated La Grande. Wallowa won from the Tigers two weeks ago at Wallowa.

**Two-Day-Old Baby Is Called Beyond**  
Barbara Jean Day, the two-day-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Forest M. Day, died at her home here this morning. She was born Jan. 27.

## Judge Hardy Is Questioned On McPherson Case

Defendant in Impeachment Hearing Testifies of His Relations With Angelus Temple

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29 (AP)—A short distance from where her white robed choir yesterday sang hymns in a mighty chorus of exaltation, Mrs. Alice Temple McPherson, spiritual leader of Angelus temple today, prepared to hear testimony concerning her \$2,500 "free will" offering to Superior Judge Carlos S. Hardy. That check, she testified, was not a part of the "right-the-devil" kidnapping fund.

Hardy who is faced with impeachment charges for accepting the "love offering" told the legislative committee that his interest in the work of the famous evangelist was attributable to his "preaching." He heard Mrs. McPherson in 1923, he said, and his interest gradually increased until he consented to sit unofficially with the board and advise on church matters.

"I saw a tremendous number of people at Angelus temple," the jurist said, "of the class I felt I could work with, and I felt I would like to take part. I have always been responsive to the evangelical type

**Small House Burns; Save Three Others**  
The first fire in several days in La Grande occurred at 4:30 o'clock this morning when the department truck was called to the Jack Bush house on the alley just off Spruce street near S avenue. It was impossible to save the building, Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay reports, but three other buildings, which were scorched by the flames, were saved from destruction. It is estimated that the loss will be about \$100. There was no insurance. The cause is unknown.

The recall was sounded at 5:45 o'clock.

**A. A. Hendricks To Attend Club Meet**  
Tonight at 8 o'clock, A. A. Hendricks, president of the Union Pacific System Athletic league, and W. P. White, O-W. unit athletic director, will be guests at a meeting of the local athletic club.

"We are expecting a large attendance as these men have important information to give concerning the athletic league," says Jimmy Rosenbaum, one of the officers of the local organization.

**O-W. Officials In City For Meeting**  
Miss Avis Lobdel, of Portland, director of women's activities for the O-W. railroad, and S. A. Brentnall, general secretary, and J. H. Brinkman, general secretary, are in La Grande today. They attended a meeting held at noon at the La Grande hotel when the 12 women employees of the O-W. were in attendance.

**Elect Officers Of Bank Tuesday**  
The officers of the La Grande National bank were elected for the coming year at a meeting held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass & Zimmerman mortuary. Burial will take place in the Cove cemetery.

**Harry Gent Dies At Elgin, Oregon**  
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Mr. Gent was born in 1861. He is survived by his wife, Beada, and two brothers, one in California, and Simon Gent, of Elgin.

**Methods Interesting**  
Interesting methods are used in the grade schools to help the weak children in the first grade, the middle sized ones in the middle grades and the almost grown up one in the eighth grade to know music, because "the more we understand music the more we appreciate it," as W. W. Nussbaum, music director, explains to his students.

**To Play In Spokane**  
Next April in Spokane, Wash., an orchestra composed of 200 pieces played by high school students from Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana, is to furnish music for the Northwest Superiors' conference. Five applications from students were sent in from La Grande and each of the applications was accepted. La Grande is the only town to be represented in the orchestra in the territory between Porterville, Ida., and The Dalles, Ore., local school officials report.

La Grande High school graduates

## MUSIC BRINGS ROMANCE



A romance of the Chicago Civic Opera company has flourished with the marriage of Henry Weber (upper left) and Marion Claire (lower right).

**No Diseases In La Grande Now; Diphtheria Over**  
The health conditions in La Grande are better now than they have been during the last few months. There are no serious contagious diseases in this city and the influenza epidemic, which raged for several weeks, has definitely subsided, according to the city health officer.

There are no homes in La Grande under quarantine for diphtheria, smallpox or scarlet fever. A diphtheria quarantine at the J. B. Larson residence at 1005 W avenue was released by the police this morning.

**M. I. A. Tourney To Open Monday; 5 Teams Enter**  
The annual M. I. A. stake basketball tournament will be held in La Grande this year on Feb. 4, 6 and 7, it was announced today. Five teams will enter: First Ward and Second Ward of La Grande, Imbler, Mt. Glen and Union. The First Ward won in 1928 and its first defeat of the title will be at 7:30 o'clock Feb. 4, with Union as the opponent. The second game that evening will find Mt. Glen playing Imbler.

The remainder of the schedule follows: Feb. 6, 7:30 p. m., Imbler vs. Imbler, La Grande Second Ward against one of winners, Feb. 7, 7:30 p. m., two semi-final games and championship game, winner to receive stake cup, although permanent possession of the trophy will require three wins.

A nominal charge will be made for the games. Following the championship game a dance will be held.

Donald Lamb will referee the tournament games.

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## Wallula Cut-Off Is Approved By U.S. Department

Statement Issued Declaring Proposed Route Is Eligible to Receive Federal Aid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—The Department of Agriculture has notified Representative Summers, republican, Washington, that it is favorably disposed toward the construction of the proposed Wallula cut off highway extending from Wallula, Wash., to Umatilla, Ore.

Summers said the highway would follow the south bank of the Columbia river and would shorten the distance between Spokane, Walla Walla and all of the eastern portion of Washington to Portland and all points southwest by about 35 miles. Having been informed that Oregon did not view with favor its proportion of the proposed construction of the project, Summers discussed the matter with Department of Agriculture officials, who issued a statement declaring the route was eligible to receive federal aid.

**APPROVES PLAN**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—The House Rules Committee today approved a plan for sending the deficiency appropriation bill, with the controversial prohibition and tax refund amendments, to conference for the purpose of smoothing out differences between the house and senate.

After the committee decided on this course, Representative Tilson of Connecticut, republican house leader, said the question probably would be taken up in the house tomorrow and that while ordinarily debate would be limited to one hour, he was willing a longer time should be used.

The question was sent to the Rules Committee yesterday after the house had involved itself in a parliamentary tangle.

**Mellon Refuses Money.**  
Secretary Mellon in a letter to Chairman Anthony of the House Appropriations Committee today reiterated his opinion that the proposal to appropriate an additional \$24,000,000 for a highway prohibition would not accomplish the purpose intended.

The secretary said that under the terms of the amendment the fund would not be available for any purpose except that of increasing the personnel of the bureau of prohibition and the Department of Justice. It could not be used for an educational campaign, he declared, and even such essential incidental expenses as rent, office equipment, supplies and traveling expenses could not be paid from it.

**General Booth Wins Point To Retain Office**  
LONDON, Jan. 30 (AP)—An injunction against the high council of the Salvation Army was granted in chancery court today by Justice Eves, preventing it from acting on its resolution deposing General Booth and electing a successor until after a further meeting of the council at which the general will have an opportunity of being heard.

The justice said that a mistake had been made in not giving the general an opportunity of stating his case before the council and that therefore the resolution deposing him could not stand.

The high council prevented from deposing General Booth and electing a successor by the injunction is making plans for a new meeting at which representatives of the general will be heard.

**Two Speakers At Rotary Club Today**  
J. C. Farmer, national grange lecturer, from South Newbury, N. H., and P. A. Hazlett, senior prohibition investigator from the Washington offices, were speakers at the noon luncheon of the Rotary club at the La Grande hotel today.

Both men gave very interesting talks.

**Officials Hint At Perjury Charges**  
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29 (AP)—Facing by the state of perjury charges against at least two witnesses was a possibility today as the trial of Former District Attorney Ben Getzoff and E. H. Rosenberg for alleged conspiracy and bribery was being brought in a close.

District Attorney Byron Fitts announced that he had ordered an investigation and if the evidence warranted perjury charges they would be filed.

## LEGISLATIVE BATTLE LINE ESTABLISHED

Introduction of Two Resolutions Aimed at the Highway Commission

## POWER OF BOARD HELD AT STAKE

Six New Bills Added to Business of House Today; Senate Favors Deschutes Project

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)—The promised battle of battles in this session of the legislature, that over the revolutionary and highly controversial recommendations of the state property tax relief commission, will be introduced with the preliminary exchange of shots Thursday evening before the joint assessment and taxation committees, Representative Carlin announced today.

**SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29 (AP)—**The battle lines along which one of the major engagements of the legislative campaign is to be fought out were definitely established here with introduction in the senate of two resolutions directed at the state highway commission and its policies of road construction, in the opinion of close legislative observers and leaders of the two houses.

The question at issue is whether or not the legislature is to adopt a stand of dictating matters of policy and procedure to the highway commission, or content itself with devising means of supplying the revenue for highway activities formulated from the standpoint of engineering judgement alone.

Contending for policies of dictation in varying degrees Senator Hall and Senator Bell have submitted their ideas in resolution form, the contending for an ultimatum to the commission to issue bonds up to the constitutional limitation and the proceeds be utilized in completing construction of the roads on the state highway program as designated by the legislature and the people. Not one cent of the bond money could be utilized in the reconstruction, rebuilding or relocating of highways under the resolution.

**Hall's Position**  
Senator Hall does not, however, advocate issuance of the full \$12,000,000 in bonds allowable under the constitutional limitation and for which other members of the legislature are contending. There are now about \$8,000,000 in highway bonds to issue, but the original issues outstanding. Additional bonds to the extent of approximately \$4,000,000 have been retired and, according to Hall, should not be reissued. Issuance up to the constitutional limit would allow for a total of \$4,000,000, but Hall takes the position that the only justifiable procedure by which faith could be kept with the people would be to add the amount of the retired bonds to the total of the outstanding obligations, deduct the result from the \$4,000,000 permissible and issue bonds only in the amount of the balance, or about \$5,000,000.

This \$5,000,000 is slightly less than the amount engineers estimate would be required for completion of the Roosevelt coast highway, in which Hall is primarily interested and which is one of the incomplete roads on the designated highway program, placed there by the legislature several years ago.

**Contents Policy**  
Hall's support of the resolution condemns the policy of the highway department expending money on roads not designated in the program before the legislature.

**FLU CAUSING MANY DEATHS IN BRITAIN**  
LONDON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Belfast, Glasgow and Aberdeen have become the centers of the influenza epidemic in the British Isles which has taken a number of lives. At Belfast undertakers reported they had four times as many funerals as before the disease became prevalent and a Belfast firm yesterday purchased more than 100 coffins.

Three deaths occurred in one Belfast family from influenza since Saturday, the victims being James Jackson, aged 86 years, and his sisters Mary, 77, and Jennie, 71. Their brother Robert, a Congregational minister, died a week ago and the sole survivor of the family, Alice Jackson, 70, is in a hospital.

Glasgow's death rate last week from respiratory affections was by far the highest in many years with the exception of the peak period of January 1922. The figures for the past week were 52 per 100,000 of population against 17.7 for the same period last year. Of a total of 1,112 deaths in Glasgow recently, 233 have been attributed to influenza.

**PINT OF MOON COSTLY**  
PORTLAND, Jan. 29 (AP)—It cost James C. Hamilton \$209 and a 30-day suspended jail sentence yesterday to sell a pint of moonshine whiskey to a policeman.