

WINDS BLOCK HIGHWAYS IN THIS SECTION

Snowplows Attack Heavy Drifts from La Grande to North Powder

SNOW KING BACK IN VALLEY AGAIN

Area Around Spokane Is Coldest Since 1899; Frozen Rain in Portland; Schools Dismissed

WEATHER DEVELOPMENTS

Highway crews hope to have La Grande to Wallawa Lake highway open by Tuesday. La Grande to Baker section of Oregon Trail closed this morning, winds continuing. Road to Pendleton still open to travel. Railroads keeping all tracks clear of snow by using rotary plows. Minimum temperature in La Grande last 36 hours 9 above. Spokane, Wash.—Lowest temperatures in 20 years with 15 below here yesterday and one suburb reporting 23 below. Weather forecast for tonight and tomorrow: "Snows in Eastern Oregon, warmer, strong southeast winds." Portland, Ore.—Three inches new snow, frozen rain. Minimum 18 above. Mid-Columbia district snow from 20 inches to six feet deep. Hood River schools are dismissed.

Apparently of the belief that the last 48 hours in La Grande, during which time only "traces" of snow fell, constituted a long enough vacation, King Winter turned his attention again to the Grande Ronde valley during last night and today. Traces of snow fell here early this morning and a strong wind, accompanied by snow, was playing havoc with state highways between La Grande and Baker. On top of that, the morning weather report from Portland predicted snows in Eastern Oregon tonight although the weather is expected to warm up a few degrees. Strong southeast winds are forecast.

Hails Kept Clear All railroad tracks in this division are being kept clear of snow by the use of rotary plows, Supt. W. H. Guild stated this morning. The state highways, however, are not so fortunate.

The road between La Grande and North Powder was thoroughly blocked during last night and more snow was drifting this morning. Snowplows sent out from La Grande early this morning had not reached Union by 9 o'clock and (Continued on Page 5)

MRS. BARNES PASSES AWAY THIS MORNING

Mrs. Georgia Mason Barnes, 72, mother of Mrs. A. R. Hunter, of La Grande died this morning about 5:20 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Barnes had been ill for a considerable period of time.

The body is at Bohnenkamp's mortuary and will be taken tonight to Lewiston, Ida., where burial will be held Saturday.

Mrs. Barnes was born in Atchison, Kan., coming to Southern Oregon when she was 12 years old. In 1874 she was married to Dr. E. W. Barnes and has lived in North-eastern Oregon since that time. Dr. Barnes died in 1921.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Hunter, of La Grande; Mrs. Charles Frasier, of Lewiston, Ida.; and Mrs. A. B. Hanna, of Portland, and two sons, A. L. and E. Barnes, of Los Angeles.

Stove Explosion Calls Out Firemen

The city fire truck was called to a dwelling place at 1302 Eighth street at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. On arrival the firemen found that a stove had exploded but that no damage had been done. The place was owned by Fred Johnston.

WEATHER TODAY 7:20 a. m.—25 above. Minimum: 16 above. Condition: cloudy, snowy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 29, minimum 9 above. Condition: cloudy, snow traces.

WEATHER JAN 31, 1929 Maximum 42, minimum 22 above. Condition: clear.

18 Violators Of Liquor Laws May Pay Out \$14,500

Senior Prohibition Investigator Completes Local Survey for Government Department

Eighteen persons in the La Grande district who have been convicted of violations of the liquor law sometime in the past now face additional penalties amounting in all to about \$14,500.

The information was made by F. A. Hazeltine, senior prohibition investigator, who has completed his work here and who left yesterday for Pendleton, accompanied by his wife. Mr. Hazeltine owns a newspaper at South Bend, Wash., but is working out of Washington, D. C.

Some Violators Missing In speaking of his survey of liquor law violators, Mr. Hazeltine said that he has only selected those known to have more or less property. Many of the violators he found "badly broke," out of the district or dead. He declares that the mortality rate is so high among violators of the liquor laws that they are a poor risk for insurance companies, as prohibition agents, who have long been rated as poor prospects because of the class of people they have to deal with. He says that the deaths of the violators are due to drinking too much of their own liquor or to rows among themselves or their associates in crime.

The purpose of Mr. Hazeltine's investigation was to bring about enforcement of aged laws (which have never been removed from the statute books) which provide that persons selling or making intoxicating liquors shall be liable to imprisonment for not more than one year and a fine of not more than \$1,000. (Continued on Page 5)

Camp Fire Girl Field Worker To Visit This City

Miss Janet McKellar, of New York, national field worker for the Camp Fire Girls, will be in La Grande Feb. 5, 6, and 7. Plans for her coming have been completed by the board of sponsors and the guardians' association, of La Grande, and an elaborate program is announced.

Local officials are hoping for a large attendance at the evening meetings especially since these meetings will afford opportunity for adults to become acquainted with the guardians' association, of La Grande, and the work in general. All interested persons are invited.

The program will begin Tuesday at noon when Miss McKellar will speak at the chamber of commerce luncheon. That afternoon she will also address the girls of the La Grande Neighborhood club.

At 4 o'clock Miss McKellar will meet camp fire girls and guardians at the La Grande hotel. That evening from 7 to 9 o'clock teachers, guardians and all La Grande persons interested in adolescent psychology are invited to attend a meeting to be held at the Lutheran parsonage to hear Miss McKellar's lecture.

The program for Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. with a mass meeting in the L. D. S. Recreational hall of the girls of La Grande High school and of the seventh and eighth grades of the city.

At noon Miss McKellar will address the Rotary club members and that afternoon she will appear before women's societies of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Catholic churches.

The evening will be devoted to a guardians' meeting at the Lutheran parsonage. Feb. 7, Thursday, a luncheon for guardians and the board of sponsors has been planned. In the evening a mass meeting will be held at the Lutheran parsonage. Arrangements for private or group conferences with Miss McKellar may be made through Mrs. Loeff H. Awe.

"Pay Off" Night Is Observed By City Commission

Following the sale of \$18,327.76 in improvement bonds last week, the city commission last night cleared up expenses for the issue and allowed final estimates to contractors in the eight districts for which the bonds were issued.

P. J. Lilly received \$243.52, Clyde R. Seltz \$1,098.24, Warren Construction company \$418.24 and Hartenbower Brothers \$742.90. For printing the bonds, A. W. Nelson received \$79.50 and for an approving opinion, \$49 was paid to Teal, Winfree, McCulloch and Schuyler, of Portland.

Considerable discussion of the electrical and plumbing codes resulted in the commissioners urging that Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay and City Manager W. C. Cross call meetings with electricians and plumbers so that all may be thoroughly understood the provisions.

A rooming house license was granted Mrs. Beacie Higgins for 1408 Washington avenue and a pool hall license was granted Shuster and Weaver for their place on Depot street.

EINSTEIN



The latest work of Prof. Albert Einstein (above), originator of the theory of relativity, was published yesterday. It had been explained in advance as dealing with the relations between gravity and electro-dynamics and was said to have required 10 years for its completion. The work consists of a 6-page pamphlet titled "Zur Elektrodynamik Felder." The price is one mark, about 25 cents in American coin. The pamphlet consists of word and mathematical formulae which are totally incomprehensible to the ordinary layman. A learned professor of the Prussian Academy of Sciences described the work as a "very hard nut to crack," and said it called for the most careful study by the most expert mathematicians.

LYCEUM ARTIST ENTERTAINS HERE

Second of Series Held at Church Under Auspices of High School

The need for giving not getting, for light and shade in life—happiness and trouble to make contrast and to bring appreciation, for brains and personality and not looks for fighting against war and such evils, are a few of the items of life which C. L. Burgderfer, of Battlecreek, Mich., inculcated into his entertainment program last night when he appeared at the Methodist church before a large audience of high school students and townpeople.

Mr. Burgderfer's characterization program was popular and met with great applause from the audience during the evening. His subtle weaving of "moral" talks into the artistry of his "making up" and "lightning transformations" before the audience, disarming it at times with a timely joke or a speedy bit of "sermon," was cleverly done.

Perhaps the most popular number on the program was the "original creation" by Mr. Burgderfer (Continued on Page 5)

Carl Ebert Will Succeed Mr. Helms

Today is the last day which "Spud" Helms will spend as tax collector and deputy sheriff for Union county. Tomorrow he will begin work at Perkins Motor company.

Carl Ebert, of La Grande, will take Mr. Helms' place in the sheriff's office. Mr. Ebert is already at work at the office getting acquainted with the business.

Mail Carriers Face Difficulties With Snow Piled High Over Valley

Broadcast about the state during the winter of heavy snows have been newspaper tales of harrowing experiences of postmen and rural mail carriers battling through snowdrifts, and storms, struggling to carry to the mail hungry population daily letters, papers and packages.

Most of these yarns of winter heroism from abroad, however, in no way compare with the activities of the rural mail carriers right here in La Grande. While mail carriers in Portland battle through a few inches of snow the La Grande carriers struggle through a few feet.

Carrying with them on an average of 100 pounds for each of the two routes, the two rural mail carriers each with a helper, start out each morning at 5 o'clock for the hard trip which takes them from 27 to 28 miles into the country on a laborious journey which requires eight hours of work.

The rural mail carriers are making the trip now any way they can, by horseback, sleigh and automobile. Clad in heavy rubber or leather boots, chaps, leather coats, caps, spurs, with the mail placed in leather pouches fastened on to the saddle, they mount the horses and begin the journey through the great snowdrifts.

Narrow Escape There is a story of experience such as many times has caused tragedy. Two days ago a fearful blizzard was raging in the county

EXPENSES OF COUNTY ARE CHECKED UP

Semi-annual Reports of Clerk and Treasurer Cover Half of 1928

ROADS, HIGHWAYS RECEIVE \$59,107

Market Roads Allowed \$38,541.12; Election Cost \$2,279.84; Sheep Killers Dent Purse

Many interesting facts concerning the finances of Union county and the various funds are contained in the semi-annual statement of the financial condition of the county prepared by County Treasurer Florence Bacon and the semi-annual report prepared by County Clerk C. K. McCormick.

Mr. McCormick's report is of particular interest because it shows the amounts and number of claims allowed, etc., from June 1 to Dec. 31.

Roads and highways received \$59,107.86 and market roads received \$38,541.12.

It required \$2,279.84 for the cost of registration and elections. Sheep-killing dogs cost the county \$211 which was paid to sheep men to

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Man Found Dead In Snow North Of Enterprise

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 31.—(Special to The Observer)—Herbert Kenville, 26, was found dead yesterday afternoon on the trail crossing the canyon of the Grande Ronde river from Paradise, Ore., to Anaton, Wash., 50 miles north of Enterprise. His body was lying face down in the snow but there were no marks of violence.

Jeff Snyder, who lives on the river trail, saw the body and hastened to the first farmhouse, to find that the dead man was the oldest of the farmer's own family.

Mr. Kenville was working near Lewiston in the fall and was taken ill of a white fever. It is thought that he may have started home and set out across the canyon on foot not realizing his weakened condition and the difficulty of the trip through the new snow, and that his heart failed him as he toiled through it.

Gun Club to Plan For Summer Shoot

The La Grande Gun club will hold a meeting at the indoor rifle range in the basement of the Spaeth building on Washington avenue tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. All shooters who are interested in the 1929 Oregonian telegraphic shoot are urged to attend.

Grand Jury Call Issued Yesterday

The county grand jury was called into session yesterday by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles. No report had been made early this afternoon.

Governor Johnston Pleads Not Guilty

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 31 (AP)—Henry E. Johnston, suspended governor of Oklahoma today pleaded not guilty to eight impeachment articles and announced himself ready for immediate trial.

The announcement was made in the senate court of impeachment by Thomas H. Owen of Oklahoma City, one of Johnston's attorneys. Trial on all of the eleven charges returned against him by the house of representatives, was set for February 11.

Marshal Foch Has Had Setback, Word

PARIS, Jan. 31 (AP)—Marshal Ferdinand Foch, who had been recovering rapidly from his recent illness, has had a setback and must remain complete rest.

REED MAKES STRONG PLEA FOR CRUISERS

Raps Brookhart, of Iowa, Who Is Opposed to More Warships

ORATORY FLOWS IN SENATE HALLS

Limitation of Debate Begins Monday and Early Vote Is Expected After That

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—When it came time to take up the cruiser bill again today many senators were still thinking of Senator Reed's speech yesterday in support of the measure and of the reply of Senator Brookhart, of Iowa.

Aside from the speeches themselves, there was the fact that Reed, democrat, Missouri, retired from public life at the end of this session and his address may have been the last in which he called into play the wit and command of vigorous phrases that have given him fame as an orator.

"Peace treaties will not arrest bullets," Reed declared, "wars of today are no longer wars of valor but of machines; valor half armed cannot resist valor full armed; the opinion of the world is determined by the policies of other nations and all are armed."

Referring to the Washington naval armaments conference of 1922, Reed said that the United States agreed to "destroy \$600,000,000 worth of the finest fighting craft ever conceived by the brains of engineers. They sank obsolete ships."

He also referred to the armaments of other countries several times in the course of his address, but declared that he bore no other country ill will but he argued that they were armed. It was necessary for the United States to be prepared.

Attacks Brookhart Senator Brookhart had spent a good portion of the day before in attacking the cruiser bill and before he concluded Reed said that in the face of expert opinion that cruisers were vital to a fleet seven senators had sent up contrary opinions, "namely: Rear Admiral Brookhart, Major General Brookhart, Chief of Staff, Brookhart, Chief of the Air Service Brookhart, General Opinion of Mankind Brookhart, General Voice of the World Brookhart and Custodian of the Universe Brookhart."

Iowa Senator Replies Brookhart smiled at this and said: "The senator did not say anything of Mussolini Brookhart." "No," returned Reed, "I love the senator and I am dealing with him (Continued on Page 8)

Frank P. Craig Dies Early Today

Frank P. Craig, 67, of La Grande, died this morning at the home of his sister Mrs. A. Floyd, at 1501 Sixth street, following a long illness.

Mr. Craig had lived in La Grande for 29 years, coming to this city from The Dalles, Ore. For many years he was janitor at the city library here. He was born April 12, 1862.

The body is at the Bohnenkamp chapel. Rotary will be held at the chapel tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock and later that evening the body will be sent to The Dalles where the funeral will be held.

F. S. IVANHOE ILL F. S. Ivanhoe, pioneer Union and Wallawa county attorney, suffered a stroke of apoplexy in his office here today at noon and was taken to his home in an ambulance. His physician reports that it seems to be of a mild type.

OREGON DEATH RATE HIGHER THAN IN 1926

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31 (Special)—The department of commerce announced that the 1927 death rate for Oregon was 1,157 per 100,000 population as compared with 1,124 in 1926. The principal increases in rates in 1927 were from diseases of the heart (from 192 to 214 per 100,000 population) and influenza (from 25 to 33).

The principal decreases in rates in 1927 were from diphtheria and enteritis, under 2 years (from 9 in 1926 to 5 per 100,000 population), pneumonia, all forms (from 72 to 68), whooping cough (from 6 to 3), and diphtheria (from 7 to 4).

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BRYAN III WINS



William Jennings Bryan's grandson already entered politics and won his first election. Here's Bryan Hargrave, 12, just elected to a school commission at Los Gatos, Calif., by dint of his oratory.

TAKE ACTION ON 22 SUPPLY BILLS

Several State Appropriations Favored By Ways and Means Committee

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31 (AP)—Between the state board of control which insists that appropriations for state institutions and departments should be in a lump sum, and certain ways and means committee members who insist they should be by item classifications, a compromise was reached at the committee session last night.

Three heads will be used instead of five. These will be salaries and wages, general expenses and capital outlay.

The committee went into executive session and took final action on 22 appropriations. Also efficiency appropriations made since the 1927 session were approved, totaling \$143,860.84.

Representative Angell and Senator Kiddie as a majority of a subcommittee investigating bills to make the state dairy and food department self-sustaining recommended favorably on the bills.

Favorable reports were heard from sub-committees on the House of the Good Shepherd, the Salvation Army White Shield home, the Louise Home, the Florence Crittenton Refuge home and the Patton Home for the Friendless, all state-aided charitable homes in or near Portland; Senator Mann, and Representatives Potter and Collier reported.

It is probable that a bill will be prepared increasing from \$6 to \$10 the registration fee of resident students at Oregon normal schools and from \$6 to \$20 the fee for non-resident students. The subcommittee will confer with the board of regents. There are four registrations each year.

Getting down to final action on appropriations the committee cut \$5496 from the salary request of the attorney general's office, reducing the approved total from \$67,599 to \$62,103.

Over the protest of Senator Kiddie and Representative Angell the committee, at the instance of Senator Strayer, clipped \$3569 from the \$26,987 asked by the child welfare commission, leaving a total (Continued on Page 5)

Mrs. Northcott Denies Alleged Slayer Her Son

COURTROOM, Riverside, Cal., Jan. 31 (AP)—Climaxing a hectic hour in court during which his efforts to obtain testimony of intimidation from Sarah Louise Northcott failed today, Gordon Stewart Northcott withdrew Mrs. Northcott from the stand and took the witness chair himself. Northcott asked himself questions and answered them on the stand.

COURTROOM, Riverside, Cal., Jan. 31 (AP)—Mrs. Sarah Louise Northcott testified from the witness chair this morning that she was not Gordon Stewart Northcott's mother. She hesitated long over answering her son's questions regarding their relationship and her voice when she did speak was little above a whisper.

Yesterday's court session was replete with dramatic situations ranging from a second unsuccessful effort of Cyrus Northcott, 61-year-old father of Gordon, to repudiate previous damaging statements and shield his son to the singular spectacle of the accused slayer grilling his chief prosecutor, regarding confessions he himself made to him.

Deputy District Attorney Earle C. Redwine also told in detail of a confession made by Northcott on board train from Canada on Nov. 29, 1928, when Northcott told of playing an unidentified Mexican, Nelson and Lewis Winslow, Walter Collins and another boy, and an attempted killing by Northcott of the aged Cyrus himself.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 31 (AP)—A Habes Corpus writ to stay the execution tomorrow of Mrs. Ada Bonner Lshoat and Dr. Thomas E. Dreher was denied today by Judge Wayne G. Bush in United States district court.

Defense attorneys planned to carry the fight immediately to the United States circuit court of appeals.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 31 (AP)—The United States circuit court of appeals today refused to stay the hanging tomorrow of Mrs. Ada Bonner Lshoat and Dr. Thomas E. Dreher.

Oust Attorney For Aimee From Hardy Hearing

Ormsby Forcibly Removed from Court Room—More Testimony Given on Kidnaping Case

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31 (AP)—The McPherson kidnaping case, once believed dead, today had leaped suddenly from a legal grave back into the public arena. Two newspapermen blew the breath of life into it.

Any doubt whether a legislative committee, investigating a \$2500 check presented by Angelus temple to Superior Judge Carlos S. Hardy, would revive the famous case was dispelled when Chairman Walter Little announced its intentions to do so.

"We believe that any facts which we may be able to uncover on the admission of charges in the McPherson case will prove valuable to the citizens of Los Angeles county and to the state," he announced in the midst of a battle over the admissibility of two reporters' testimony.

Ormsby Ousted One of Mrs. McPherson's attorneys, Cromwell Ormsby, was no longer representing her at the public hearing, which is being held for the purpose of determining whether impeachment proceedings will be brought against Judge Hardy by the legislature. He was forcibly ejected from the hearing by two sergeants-at-arms when he violently objected to recital of purported conversations between Arthur L. Marek, a Los Angeles reporter, and Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, mother of the evangelist.

"Mrs. Kennedy," said Marek, "said that Mrs. McPherson had told her that she had some advisors who were supposedly helping her on a plan to have the case dismissed. She named these advisors, according to Mrs. McPherson, as Jordan (Mrs. McPherson's former business manager), Tavener and Lavine (three newspapermen), and called them 'her three deliverers.'"

Predicts Dismissal "Mrs. Kennedy told me that Mrs. McPherson had announced over the radio that the case would be dismissed, and that the next day it was dismissed. She also told me that Mrs. McPherson brought her a newspaper with the announcement of the dismissal, and said: 'Mother, I'm sitting on top of the world.'"

"Mrs. Kennedy said that in view of the previous attitude of one of the men whom Mrs. McPherson named as her advisors, that she (Mrs. Kennedy) was fearful of (Continued on Page 1)

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GIRL, 17, SETS NEW FLYING RECORD TODAY

MITCHELL FIELD, N. Y., Jan. 31 (AP)—Elinor Smith, 17-year-old "flying flapper" today established an endurance flying record for women of 13 hours, 18 minutes and 45 seconds.

She broke by 1 hour, 5 minutes and 45 seconds the record established Jan. 1 by Miss Bobby Trout of California.

Taking off in an open cockpit plane at 2:17:19 yesterday afternoon Miss Smith spent the lonely hours cruising over the Long Island flying fields, varying her routine but once by a trip over lower Manhattan. She landed at 2:33:55 this morning.

Warmly clad in a heavy flying suit and with her face protected by a chamois mask she apparently suffered no ill effects from the biting winds. A red nose was the only sign of the battle with the elements on one of the coldest nights of the winter.

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