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THE WEATHER OREGON: Unsettled, snows east, rains west portion tonight and Saturday, slightly warmer in the interior of the north portion tonight.

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CONDITION OF ROADS MUCH BETTER NOW

Old Oregon Trail Highway Is Open Throughout This Division

WALLOWA ROUTE NEARLY PIERCED

General Travel May Begin By Sunday; Warmer Weather Causes Snow to Start Melting Here

Weather conditions throughout this district were improved today with the coming of warmer weather following a three inch snowfall last night. The state highway offices announced at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon that the Old Oregon Trail highway is open again to the east of here and that cars may travel from La Grande to Baker. It was also stated that the highway has been almost opened between here and Wallowa and that a stage driver is attempting the trip today. It is expected that the La Grande-Wallowa Lake road will be open to general travel by Sunday.

Four Feet of Snow. The three inches of snow last night brought the January total to 48 1/2 inches, just over the four-foot mark which is the heaviest one-month snow on the weather records here, which date back to 1886.

The temperature began growing warmer yesterday and last night's minimum was 26 above. At 7:30 o'clock this morning it was one degree above freezing point and street thermometers were registering 45 above early this afternoon—the warmest weather in the last two weeks.

Snow is melting considerably over the city and some farms are expressed of a strong thaw.

PORTLAND SNOW MELTING. PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Fear of an less storm was dispelled here today as Portlanders awoke to the musical dripping of melting snow from the eaves of their houses. The weatherman, it was found, had not played false to "public" in predicting warmer temperatures.

Occasional rain was predicted for tonight and tomorrow.

The Oregon State Motor association today reported the Columbia river highway blocked by drifts of snow at Wallowa and Omeeta George. Nineteen automobiles were trapped at Malhotra Falls, unable to proceed in either direction, the report stated.

Although highway crews were working steadily, no definite time has been set for the opening of the highway. The alternative route, the North Bank highway, also was blocked east of the Washougal bridge, but Washington highway crews said it might possibly be opened by late afternoon.

In general, the highway situation throughout the state was improved today.

Bonnie and Newport, however, were experiencing a silver thaw, with traffic in those districts held up for an indefinite period.

CHAIRMEN OF SCOUT EVENT NAMED TODAY

The chairman of activities for the Boy Scout anniversary week banquet to be held next Friday at Multnomah Falls, were announced today. Mrs. Lee Hanford will be general chairman of the affair. The dinner is to be in the Methodist church in La Grande and a program will be held during the evening.

John Piper, of Spokane, regional scout executive, will be in La Grande at that time, and will participate in the program. The women named to assist are: Mrs. George Lyman, No. 3; Mrs. Koeherspatz, No. 4; Mrs. C. F. Stephenson, No. 15; Mrs. Lee Walker, No. 18; Mrs. E. Heasler; No. 14; Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. W. C. Perkins.

Walter Bean will have charge of the entertainment.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—23 above. Minimum: 26 above. Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 27, minimum 19 above. Condition: snow 3 inches.

WEATHER FEB. 1, 1929 Maximum 42, minimum 23 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

Tigers On Trip Over Mountains To Play Bucks

10 La Grande High Basketball Men Leave for Pendleton; Play Wallowa Here Saturday

Two automobiles carrying the 10 members of the La Grande high school basketball squad left for Pendleton shortly after noon today. In the round-trip they will play the Wallowa High school quintet at 7:30 tonight. The cars were driven by Coach Ralph Christie and Nyle Lewis, business manager of the associated students of the high school. The men who are making the trip are: Braden, Wolfe, P. Newlin, V. Newlin, Walsinger, Roe, Faus, Thompson, Rugg and Patten. A pep assembly was held at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the high school to give the men a send-off. Play Wallowa Saturday. Saturday night in La Grande the local team will meet the Wallowa team at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Wolfe, principal of the high school at Baker, will be the referee that night. A preliminary game will be played at 7:30 o'clock the same evening when the sophomores and juniors clash. Francis Newlin will officiate.

Snowfall Aids Employment In City This Winter

With continuing heavy snows in La Grande and Northeastern Oregon, many men here who have been unemployed have found an abundance of work, cleaning off the snow from tops of buildings and homes and helping in the clearing of railroad tracks, roads, sidewalks and highways. The unemployment condition last winter in Portland, Tomorrow he will attend the meeting of the Oregon Normal school board of regents in Salem to complete settlement of an agreement concerning the grading and filling of the ground at the Eastern Oregon Normal school site here.

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Commissioner to Meet With Board Of Regents Feb. 2

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Slusher, Weaver Buy The Imperial

Slusher and Weaver, formerly of Enterprise, today took possession of the Imperial Billiard parlors on Depot street, which they purchased from Jess Tryon, who has been proprietor of the business place for the last four years.

It is stated that the two men came here with very good recommendations, having had considerable experience in this business. Mr. Tryon has no immediate plans for his future although he expects to go to Las Vegas for a vacation sometime soon.

Committees Prepare For Ball, Banquet

The annual R. F. O. Elks ball and banquet, which will be held at 7:30 o'clock the evening of Feb. 22 at the La Grande, was further discussed at the weekly meeting of the general committee in the Elks temple last night. The Star Novelty orchestra will furnish music for the ball, which will take place in the temple immediately following the banquet.

The ticket committee members are functioning and report excellent response. Other committees are making preparations for the event.

The members of the lodge also met in regular session last night with a large attendance.

Marshal Foch Is Improved Today

PARIS, Feb. 1 (AP)—Physicians attending Marshal Ferdinand Foch this morning announced that his condition, after a slight relapse yesterday, was "quite satisfactory." It was said that if the marshal really had a slight congestion of the lungs yesterday he certainly had none today.

STATE RESTS ITS CASE IN KEYES TRIAL

Lengthy Verbal Battles Between Attorneys Delayed Testimony

PROSECUTION IS WINNER IN MOVE

Both Tax Assessor And Attorney Are Allowed to Appear As Rebuttal Witnesses

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1 (AP)—The state rested its case at 10:45 this morning after the presentation of rebuttal witnesses in the bribery trial of former district attorney Asa Keyes and two codefendants. Lengthy verbal battles between attorneys in the trial of Asa Keyes, former district attorney Ben Getzoff and E. H. Rosenberg, for alleged conspiracy and bribery carried the completion of testimony over until today.

Strenuous objection was made by the defense to permitting Ray Nugent, deputy county tax assessor, and Attorney Joe Ford to appear as rebuttal witnesses for the state. After several hours of argument, the state won in both instances. Nugent said that Ben Getzoff, taller, who had been indicted by defense testimony as a man of

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REPORT IS MADE BY GRAND JURY

Five True and One Not True Bills; Fred Black Case Be Tried Here

The Union county grand jury called into session Wednesday morning by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, returned a report late yesterday of five secret indictments and one not true bill. The not true bill was in favor of Earl Watson, who had been charged with assault. This freed him of the charges. Following its report, the jury was dismissed.

The circuit court term for February will begin Monday with some civil cases set for the first week. Change of venue in the case of the state vs. Fred Black, charged with manslaughter, the result of the slaying of Leonard Gisen at Lostine last October during the deer season, has been granted by Judge Knowles and the case has been set for trial in La Grande, Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 9 a. m. At the recent trial of Black in Walloua, with honest head, who was dismissed after being out 24 hours. Application for change of venue was made by the defense. Black is a transient linotype operator.

Harry Newberg, who was arrested with Black, was found guilty and was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary.

Mrs. Northcott Prevented From Giving Testimony Grandson Wants

COURTROOM, Riverside, Cal., Feb. 1 (AP)—Gordon Stewart Northcott in his story told from the witness stand today, attempted to account for bones and other evidence found by investigators at his Wineville, Cal., chicken ranch. Northcott mentioned on several occasions the murders of the two Winslow boys and a Mexican lad, of which he is accused, but made no admissions regarding them. He said they were discussed by Sanford Clark, his nephew, himself and his parents on the basis of newspaper accounts.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Feb. 1 (AP)—Just what part Mrs. Sarah Louise Northcott, self-admitted "grandmother" of Gordon Stewart Northcott, is to play in the Canadian youth's effort to escape the hangman's noose, was shrouded in doubt today. The 42-year-old woman, who with honest head, who testified from the witness stand that she is not Gordon Stewart's actual mother, although she is "the only mother you ever knew," has been prevented by court ruling from giving the testimony which Northcott has asserted he most desires from her—testimony regarding her reasons for pleading guilty and accepting a life sentence for the murder of nine-year-old Walter Collins of Glendale, Cal. Northcott also is under indictment for the slaying of the Collins boy, but is not at present on trial for that charge. The present charges against her involve the killing of Lewis and Nelson Winslow and a young Mexican, whose name the state has been unable to establish.

Rambling Story Young Northcott, having in hand Gudgum withdrawn the woman

Snow Slide Near Perry Derails 9 U.P. Freight Cars

No One Injured in Accident; Track Cleared for Other Trains 3 Hours Afterwards

The first serious snow slide to occur on this division this winter derailed nine freight cars one mile east of Perry at 2:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon, according to a report from railroad officials today. The slide, resulting from an overhanging drift, pushed the cars from a passing eastbound train, missing the engine by five cars. J. B. Smith was at the throttle.

Fifty-eight men were called to the scene to shovel snow and the track was cleared by 6 o'clock in the evening, with no delay to other trains, it is reported.

No one was injured in the slide and the amount of damage to cars and contents has not been announced as yet.

SIX KILLED IN WRECK HENDERSON, Ky., Feb. 1 (AP)—Five members of two train crews and an employee of the American Express company, all of Louisville, Ky., were reported killed eight miles from here this morning when passenger train No. 146 on the Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis railroad crashed head-on into a freight. The men killed were buried in the wreckage and only one body had been recovered.

The dead (all of Louisville): W. B. Bush, engineer of the passenger train. Clyde Hall, fireman of the passenger.

J. A. Dell, baggage man of the passenger. John D. Harder, engineer of the freight. Hewitt B. Maysey, fireman of the freight.

Allton E. Buckley, brakeman of the freight. The wreck occurred about 3:55 a. m., according to reports. Passengers who were awake when the crash occurred said the train seemed to be going slowly. There was a sudden grinding of brakes, they said, and then the impact. Both engines were demolished and one baggage car was smashed. The wreck burst into flames immediately after the crash.

The wreck occurred in the cut at a sharp curve. Wrecking crews from here and from Louisville (Continued on Page Four.)

INTRUDER IS KNOCKED DOWN BY ZIMMERMAN

Doyle Zimmerman, who makes his home in the Lyman apartments, was awakened during last night by the noise of breaking glass and getting up to investigate, found an intruder in his apartment. As he stepped into the living room, he was hit over the shoulder with a radio loud speaker and then Doyle went into action, knocking the man down twice before he escaped. The police were notified and later arrested Clarence Munley, who is held today on an open charge.

The person who entered the apartment broke the glass in the door and then turned the knob from the inside.

WEDDING BELLS TO RING?



Runners that Gilda Gray, famous dancer, is to wed her manager, C. D. Krepps, have been revived since Gilda's recent divorce from Gil Boag, New York night club operator. This picture, taken recently, is said to be the only picture ever taken of Gilda and Krepps together. Krepps' home is in Chicago.

Normal Here To Help Conditions At Monmouth, Ore

SALEM, Feb. 1—The Oregon Normal school at Monmouth was found to operate in a building which is obsolete, improperly fitted for class rooms, and poorly lighted and ventilated, according to a report submitted by a subcommittee of the joint ways and means committee which visited there recently. The committee, which recommended an appropriation, made several other recommendations, relative to raising the non-resident fee to \$20 per quarter for all state normal schools, and to the coordination of attendance and curricula in the three schools so there will be no competition. Itated salaries for the teachers were also recommended.

La Grande School to Help. The report of the committee also stated that the attendance of 878 students is an increase of over 200 per cent since 1926. The proposed normal school at La Grande will reduce the crowded conditions. The dormitory was found in good condition and is stated to be a source of profit.

Representative H. H. Weather, of Union county, was a member of the committee that inspected the institution at Monmouth. Among the several recommendations of the committee on the control of the institution was the suggestion that the three state normals cooperate and not attempt to compete on attendance from various districts of the state, making their enrollment more uniform. Conflicts in the curricula of the various state institutions was also denounced.

Kansas Governor Makes Complaint Against I. C. C.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—Accomplish against the interstate commerce commission for alleged failure to meet promptly and properly requirements of agricultural interest in railroad rate making was made today before the senate interstate commerce committee by Governor Clyde M. Reed of Kansas. He cited particularly the situation as to rates on export wheat from southwestern territory, which he said had to meet the price competition in world markets from Canadian wheat, though he declared that Canadian wheat was being moved to export at rates half as high, distance considered, as the rail charges on the southwestern product.

Governor Reed appeared for his state, and as spokesman for all of the larger farm organizations in the region, in a hearing on a resolution proposed by Senator Capper, republican, Kansas, touching the grain export rail rates. He said that the commission, in previous responses to congressional inquiry on the export grain levels in the United States and Canada, expressed the conclusion that grain rates on this side of the international border could not be reduced to the Canadian basis.

BELIEVED DEAD 50 YEARS MODESTO, Cal., Feb. 1 (AP)—Believed dead for 50 years, the widow and daughter of John Pratt, Modesto pioneer, made known that they were alive and residing in Boston, when litigation today was to begin the disposition of Pratt's \$15,000 estate.

HANG WOMAN AND MAN FOR MURDER

Mrs. Lebouef and Dr. Dreher Pay for Killing of Her Husband in '27

FRANKLIN, La., Feb. 1 (AP)—Mrs. Ada Bonner Lebouef and Dr. Thomas E. Dreher were hanged in quick succession in the parish jail here today for the murder of James Lebouef, the woman's husband. The woman led the way to the gallows, accompanied by Father J. J. Rossau, Franklin priest. The man followed with his spiritual advisor, the Rev. J. A. McCormack, Methodist minister, beside him. Her four children visited Mrs. Lebouef yesterday afternoon and Dr. Dreher was visited by his wife and two daughters.

At Peace "With God" When Sheriff Peot, told Dr. Dreher he would have to hang, the physician replied that he "was at peace with God."

The crime for which Mrs. Lebouef and Dr. Dreher pay the penalty on the gallows stirred Louisiana, not only on account of the murder itself but because of the fruitless legal battles to save a woman from execution.

James Lebouef was killed on the night of July 1, 1927. The husband, superintendent of the Morgan City branch of the Louisiana Public Utility company, was shot while boat riding on Lake Palourde, near his Morgan City home. Five days later his body ripped open so that it would sink and weighted with angle irons, was found by frog hunters. Mrs. Lebouef and Dr. Dreher, together with James Beadle, Morgan city trapper, were arrested soon after and tried for murder. All three were found guilty in August, 1927. Beadle was sentenced to life imprisonment and the others to death by hanging. The state contended at the trial that the woman and Dr. Dreher killed Lebouef so that he could not interfere with their love affair.

The woman went moaning to the gallows, her last prayer preceded and followed by expressions of her tears and an exclamation that the rope was too tight. She cried out "Oh, mother, oh, God, isn't this a terrible thing," but Dr. Dreher shook hands with the sheriff.

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U. S. AIRMAIL PILOT KILLED EARLY TODAY

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Feb. 1 (AP)—A career that embodied piloting in the world war, through air circus stunts to air mail flying came to an abrupt end on the mountain early today with the death of Eugene Coel, 38, Cleveland-Pittsburg mail plane pilot. Coel, it is thought, became lost in the fog hanging over Carnegie, Pa., and circling the fog mistook the Monongahela river for the Ohio river, causing him to fly southwestward to West Virginia instead of northward to his home port, 26 miles from Morgantown, a few miles from Carnegie.

The plane was seen over Morgantown shortly before midnight. Next a crash was heard and searching parties started out. Early today the plane, mail intact, and the pilot dead in his cockpit, was found in a clearing atop a mountain peak. In his pocket was found a note: "Failed to stop at Youngstown because of darkness." The plane had turned over in landing.

Reporter Recalls Perjury Warning By Judge Hardy

Member of 1926 Grand Jury Says Judge Told Him to "Lay Off the Aimee Case"

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 1 (AP)—After listening to a prayer at Aimee's temple last night, warning her "blessing and speed on her trip north," Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, left by automobile for San Francisco with the intention of flying from that point to Eugene, Ore., to catch a train for Vancouver, B. C., to fulfill an engagement. Indications were today that the legislative hearing investigating the \$250 check presented to Superior Judge Charles E. Hardy as "love offering" during the investigation of the "kidnaping case" in 1928, would continue here for about two weeks. The committee has been swamped with messages from persons requesting permission to testify concerning the disappearance of the evangelist and subsequent denial of charges against her and her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy.

Recalls "Perjury" Talk An interview with Judge Hardy, in which the jurist "warned" him against the "dangers of perjury" was related from the witness stand by Wallace Moore, former Santa Barbara newspaperman. Moore, armed with a large scrap book, told of his assignment in June, 1926, to locate and stop a certain automobile in which Mrs. McPherson and Kenneth Ormiston, former Angeles temple radio operator, were reported to be traveling south.

It was the following August, he said, when Judge Hardy saw him at the newspaper office. Moore described at considerable length how the publication of his story had been followed by visits from hundreds of people who asked him about it and said he "yessed and yessed them in death" to keep them from knowing what he really thought about the automobile incident.

"Same Line of Chatter" "Judge Hardy never told you to say it was not Mrs. McPherson, did he?" asked Joseph Falner, representing Mrs. McPherson. "No, he did not," said Moore. "Judge Hardy gave me the same line of chatter that the rest of them do. I was used to it. I asked my city editor what I should tell him and he said he understood Judge Hardy was a good friend of Aimee's and working hard for her, so I let the judge talk."

"Judge Hardy talked about 'Boss' and 'Steve' the so-called kidnapers, and said the Los Angeles police were busier checking up on the affairs of Angeles temple than they were investigating the kidnaping. He said he had all the confidence in the world in Aimee's story."

"Then he began to talk about perjury, and how serious it was, and how dangerous it was to make identifications. He told me about cases in which innocent men had

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Bok's Gift To U. S. Dedicated By Mr. Coolidge

MOUNTAIN LAKE, Wis., Feb. 1 (AP)—Declaring that the material prosperity of our nation will be of little avail unless it is translated into a spiritual prosperity, President Coolidge today dedicated the Mountain Lake Sanctuary and Singing Tower, a gift from Edward W. Bok to the American people. The sanctuary was established by Mr. Bok as a woodland retreat for visitors from all sections of the country and designed as well to attract birds of many varieties. On it he has erected the singing tower containing a carillon of 61 bells.

A new era, Mr. Coolidge said, has come to America bringing to the people at large what in former days was set aside for the enjoyment of a fortunate and privileged few. From the raw materials, he said, a nation had been created and now the great body of the people was "sufficiently relieved from the pressing necessities of existence" to "give some thought to the art of living." The useful and practical Mr. Coolidge added, was being supplemented by the artistic and the beautiful.

Looking into the past, the president saw a constant and inexorable movement in this direction.

Mayer Is Offered Post in Turkey

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1 (AP)—The Times says today that Louis B. Mayer, vice president of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film corporation at Hollywood, Cal., has announced that he has been offered the diplomatic post of ambassador to Turkey by President-elect Hoover. Mayer's statement comes, the Times said, as a confirmation to reports from New York that he had been "offered" the post. He denied, however, that he had resigned from the film company and said he had not reached a decision as to accepting the presidential appointment.

LEGISLATURE IS ADJOURNED TO MONDAY

Senator Upton Protests the Lack of Work Accomplished So Far

CHILD LABOR BILL IS REVIVED TODAY

Senate Passes Bennett's Measure Changing Auto License Year With Unanimous Vote

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—The senate adjourned at 2:20 p. m. this afternoon to reconvene Monday at 11 a. m.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—The house of representatives adjourned today at noon until Monday morning, with Senator Upton protesting the lack of work accomplished so far. The senate was to reconvene at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The effort to add Oregon to the list of five states that have ratified the child labor amendment to the federal constitution, defeated in the 1927 session after a heated debate in the senate, was revived this morning when Representative Gust Anderson, secretary of the Portland labor council, introduced a resolution to place the legislation on record for ratification.

Governor Patterson has signed house bill 154, introduced by Representative Byron, which appropriates \$50 a month for Mrs. Gertrude J. Denny, aged widow of Judge Denny, who introduced Chinese pheasants into Oregon. This appropriation is made by each session of the legislature.

A joint memorial asking congress to change the national banking act to permit the state of Oregon to assess, levy, and collect taxes upon property of national banks in the state on a parity with other classes of property located within the state, was introduced by the house of representatives Thursday afternoon by Anderson, Carlin and Hamilton. The memorial is an attempt to regain the \$600,000, approximately, in taxes lost to the state by a ruling of the federal courts which disallowed the state to tax national bank property on a parity with other classes of property.

Cites Court Decision The memorial cites the recent federal court decision which removed \$15,000,000 worth of property from the tax rolls and says that this tax has been collected since the state was admitted to the union. The only way that the state can assess and collect the \$600,000 in taxes is through a change in the national banking code.

The house passed senate bill 11 which provides for the cancellation of interest and penalties on delinquent taxes on property acquired by the state.

School buses would be exempt from paying the motor license fee if H. R. 323 introduced by McCourt of Multnomah county, becomes a law.

Neill Malarkey of Multnomah Thursday afternoon introduced H. R. 321 which would place members of the supreme court in departments and require that at any election a candidate must designate the department in which he seeks election.

Johnson of Clatsop today introduced to the house a bill which would establish a cream grading system for the state. The bill provides for the licensing of cream graders, the assessment of a tax on butter manufacturers, the keeping of records by creameries and graders.

Bennett Bill Passed Passage of Senator Bennett's bill to change the date of expiration of motor vehicle licenses from December 31 to June 30 was the most important action in the state senate today. It received a unanimous vote and was without debate, notwithstanding the fact that it had been introduced in the senate in 1927.

MASON LEADER PASSES AWAY IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Philip Schuyler Malcolm, grand prior of the supreme council of Scottish rite Masons, southern jurisdiction, died at his home here today.

Since 1911 he had been sovereign grand inspector general in Oregon of the Scottish rite. Mr. Malcolm was a 33rd degree Mason, ranking third in America on the supreme council of the lodge. He had lived in Portland since 1882. He was born in Oswego, New York, in 1847.

Malcolm was a descendant of a long line of men identified with American history, including General Philip Schuyler and General William Malcolm of Revolutionary war fame. He was the great-nephew of Alexander Hamilton.

In 1907 he was appointed federal collector of customs for Oregon and served in that office until 1912.