

SENATE PASSES CRUISER BILL

FIRE DAMAGE DURING YEAR AT \$120,433

Report of City Chief for 1928 Shows 88 Blazes in Twelve Months

FLAMES MENACED MUCH PROPERTY

Careless Smokers Caused Five and Children Playing with Matches Caused Six Fires

The annual report of the fire chief, which has been filed with City Recorder J. E. Stearns, reveals that the actual fire loss in La Grande during 1928 amounted to \$120,433.43, as compared with a loss of \$19,461.95 during the year of 1927.

This is explained largely by the fact that the high school building and the county court house both suffered heavily from fire during the summer and fall.

During the year there were 198 fire calls, of which seven were false alarms. Many of these calls were "scarees", the actual fires during the twelve months amounting to 88.

Causes of the fires included: unknown 16, sparks falling on roof 9, grass 9, defective flue 8, children 2, spontaneous combustion 5, smokers 5, car on fire 5, defective wiring 4, overheated stove 3, incendiary 3, carelessness in burning trash 2, exploding paint or oil barrel 2, hobbs fire in vacant room 1, movie film burning 1, hollow's on candle carelessness 2, carelessness in furnishing bed 1.

The report reveals that during the year property valued at \$652,553.92 was at risk. When compared with the loss, which was about one-fifth of that in danger, city officials declare that the amount of property saved speaks well for the efficiency of the fire department.

Insurance paid during the year amounted to \$102,528.11, leaving about \$18,905 complete loss.

The loss was as follows: on buildings \$81,932.48, on contents \$28,549.15. The buildings were insured for \$271,711.85 and the contents for \$126,650.

During 1927 insurance loss was only \$15,956.95 out of \$216,490 insurance at risk.

During the last year the department purchased 1,000 feet of two and a half inch double jacket fire hose.

The two trucks drove 151.7 miles to and from fires, the La France traveling 129.7 miles. The average speed to fires by the La France was 29.8 miles per hour and the Stutz traveled at 25.8 miles per hour.

The number of call men in service was 15 and they received \$1,569.25 for their work.

MASONS WILL MEET MONDAY IN PENDLETON

Masons from Northwestern Oregon will be guests of the Pendleton Masonic lodge next Monday night at a banquet at 6:30 o'clock and at a meeting following.

George T. Cochran, past grand master of the Masonic order and associate worthy patron of the Order of Eastern Star has been invited to speak at the meeting Monday.

All Eastern Oregon Masons are invited to attend the meeting.

Legion, Auxiliary To Meet Wednesday

The La Grande post of the American Legion will host its monthly meeting tomorrow night at Honan hall, according to announcement today.

The ladies' auxiliary will hold a meeting the same evening in the hall and following the two business sessions, the men and women will join for a social evening. The auxiliary is planning an entertainment and will also serve luncheon.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—39 above. Minimum—19 above. Condition—Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 29, minimum 21 above. Condition—Cloudy, traces of snow.

WEATHER FEB. 5, 1929 Maximum 48, minimum 33 above. Condition—Cloudy.

Medical-Pondosa Movement To Be Opposed By Club

Chamber of Commerce Vote Indicates Valley Sentiment; Camp Fire Official Gives Talk

That the people of the Grande Ronde valley will oppose the annexation by Baker county of Medical Springs and Pondosa, was indicated today when the Union county chamber of commerce, without a dissenting vote, passed a motion to appoint a committee with authority to prepare arguments against this movement.

The matter was brought before the chamber at the noon luncheon in the Sacaajawa Inn by President Hugh E. Brady, who stated that he understood that a bill asking for a two-county vote on the proposed annexation was to be introduced in the state legislature today. The committee appointed to formulate plans to oppose the move consists of Robert S. Bakin, F. B. Appleby, George T. Cochran and George H. Currey.

The chamber of commerce also endorsed a movement for a mining bureau for Oregon, sponsored largely by Baker and Grants Pass. Miss McKellar speaks.

Miss Janet McKellar, national field worker for the camp fire organization, was the main speaker of the program, and in an interesting and instructive talk, she pointed out the benefits that result from organization of camp fire groups.

"No boy or girl will choose unwholesome things for his or her leisure time if the wholesome things are attractive," she said, adding that camp fire work is very attractive to the girls. She urged that the support of the men of the city be given to this movement, which has had a very successful year in La Grande.

E. B. Kendrick also spoke briefly, endorsing Miss McKellar's statements and asserting that camp fire work is particularly deserving of support.

Brockman, Hero, May Get Medal For Brave Trip

Shortly after the airplane crash in the mountainous country back of Cove, The Observer carried a news story to the effect that a movement was likely to materialize in order to secure recognition for Phil Brockman, Blue Mountain trapper, who plodded 15 miles through deep snow to give word of injuries to Harold E. Buckner, Varney airmail pilot.

Yesterday it was announced that a Carnegie medal will be sought for Mr. Brockman. Charles T. Wrightson, Boise business manager of the Varney air lines, is preparing the necessary data.

Mr. McKelver lived about four hours after the crash. Mr. Brockman's partner, Jack Hamby, being with him at the time of death.

Damage Suit On Trial Today In Circuit Court

Early this afternoon testimony for the plaintiff was being taken in the circuit court in the case of Earl Chandler and Mary E. Chandler vs. Neal Crawford, a damage suit.

Yesterday afternoon three arraignments were held. E. H. J. Dush was arraigned on a charge of receiving stolen property. He pleaded not guilty today and will be tried later.

H. M. McCoy and Allen Crader, both of Imbler, charged with burning with intent to injure an insurer, were arraigned yesterday afternoon and will enter their plea in court Thursday.

Hi-Dads To Plan For Hoop Tournney

The Hi-Dads, at their regular meeting tonight, will arrange to give assistance in the sub-tournament to be held at the L. D. S. Recreational hall here on Feb. 22 and 23, when teams from Union and Wallawa county will play to determine who will enter the district basketball tournament at Clifton the following weekend.

Grand-Dad J. E. Reynolds urges that all members attend. The meeting will begin at 7 o'clock in the city hall.

PHONE MOVE ADOPTED BY THE SENATE

Busy Day in State Legislature With 91 Bills Filed in House

BRANCH BANKING BILL INTRODUCED

Moving Picture Censorship Is Again Revived; Compulsory Potato Grading Proposed

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5 (AP)—Notwithstanding an attack by Senator Klepper on the Dunne telephone investigation memorial in which he branded it as farcical and declared that the governor has power to make the investigation through the public service commission, the senator voted for the memorial and it was adopted by the senate unanimously today.

The memorial calls upon congress to adopt the Johnson investigating resolution for a nation-wide probe and to appoint an Oregon senator on the committee. Passage of house bill 200, by Holborn, providing for the forestation and reforestation of logged off lands in Oregon through reduced tax assessment valuations on lands in the process of reforestation, after a debate lasting through almost the entire afternoon round-ed off a busy day for the lower house of the legislature Monday.

Only eight votes were cast against the measure. In support of which both Speaker Hamilton and Representative Carlin, chairman of the property tax relief commission, took the floor.

Interest in the bill centered, however, in the 91 bills which were dropped into the house hopper to get under the wire before the twentieth day deadline on the introduction of measures floor. The deluge of proposals brought the

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FORM LEAGUE AT MEET LAST NIGHT

Purpose of Organization Is to Develop City and Valley Prosperity

Organization of the Union County Development league was completed at a meeting held last night in the city hall, according to an announcement made this morning. Purpose of the organization as explained by S. L. Thompson, who has been employed as manager, and to promote the market for Grande Ronde valley agricultural products and to develop community activities and prosperity.

Various people spoke at last night's meetings urging different means of developing the community and safeguarding the existing resources and investments in La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley.

Plans were discussed for conducting an educational advertising program as a means of helping solve community problems in the future.

250 Names Drawn For Justice Court Jury List For Next Eleven Months

The jury list for the justice court of La Grande has been prepared and includes the names of 250 persons who will act as jurors for 1929 in the cases which come up for trial in this tribunal.

In the preparation of a jury list account is taken of many persons whose type of occupation exempts them from service on the jury. Occupations include the following: lawyer, doctor, dentist, optometrist, police and sheriff officers, court attaches, active members of a voluntary functioning or paid fire department, peace officers, and non-commissioned officers of the national guard.

Women who do not desire to serve on a jury are exempted by filing a declaration. For men who wish to decline the service it is necessary to show cause and to have it accepted by the court.

The jury list follows: H. M. Bradshaw, E. Brasel, John B. Broomfield, W. E. Buchanan, James A. Bugg, D. Charbonneau, Joe Clark, H. L. Clausen, Elmo Clegg, Dale Cox, R. A. Crawford, T. H. Crane, Oscar Crossen, Wm. Day, E. J. Dush, L. F. Dunn, B. M. Durand, Fred Eames, C. J. Eaton, Guy Ellis, E. L. Evans, C. H. Gassett, Harry Gibson, C. G. Griffin, C. G. Green, J. H. Harvey, F. C.

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Col. Lindbergh Completes Hop To Nicaragua

Second Day of Flying Mail Plane Finds More Distance Covered By American Aviator

MANAGUA, Nac., Feb. 5 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, flying the Miami-Panama mail plane, arrived here at 3 p. m. at 10:45 (3:45 p. m. E. S. T.).

REACHES TEHA BOSTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, who took off from Belize, British Honduras, today, on the second lap of his air mail flight to Panama, arrived at Teha at 9:43 a. m., a radio message received here by the Tropical Radio and Telegraph Company reported.

Col. Lindbergh left Belize, capital of British Honduras, at 8:10 a. m. Honduran time, or 2:10 a. m. Eastern Standard time, arriving at Teha at 9:43 a. m. Honduran time. He took just one hour and 33 minutes to make the 125-mile hop from Belize to Teha.

The colonel planned to refuel at Teha and then to continue in a direct flight to Managua, capital of Nicaragua, where he will spend the night.

BELIZE, British Honduras, Feb. 5 (AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh (Continued on Page 5)

Riley Wonderful, Says Local Man Who Knows Him

In view of the fact that Frank Branch Riley will be in La Grande the evening of Feb. 13 for an address before the chamber of commerce and the general public, three persons who have heard him were interviewed today. Their opinions on Mr. Riley follow:

H. O. Wilcox: "The Union county chamber of commerce is lucky to have a man of Mr. Riley's ability and reputation come to this city. When I heard Frank Branch Riley I considered him one of the best speakers in the United States. He is equally as wonderful to know personally as he is to hear as a speaker."

L. S. Weeks, of the Union Mortgage & Investment company: "I don't know of anyone I enjoy more than Frank Branch Riley. He is just one fine speaker. I have heard him several times in Portland. He has the ability to tell the right story in the right place. He is one of the best speakers in the northwest."

Mr. Riley is one man who is doing more good in advertising the Northwest than any other man in the world in connection with those facts that have to do with the up-building of the Northwest than any other man. His talks are indeed far-reaching in their influence."

Hugh Brady: "The coming of Frank Branch Riley will mean that the people of La Grande will begin to understand what they have in the way of resources. Mr. Riley has real stage presence, a fine voice and has had a wide experience as a lecturer and platform speaker. He was well known in Portland and the west prior to his becoming a platform lecturer in the east. He has a striking appearance and the ability to hold the attention of his audience."

K. P. Lodge Plans Membership Drive

Plans were made for a membership campaign to be conducted during the year by the local Knights of Pythias lodge when the local lodge met last night. Part of the evening was spent practicing ritualistic work.

An announcement was made concerning the meeting next Monday night which all members are urged to attend. Initiation of new candidates will be held at that time.

Baker Chamber In Annual Meeting

A number of La Grande members of the Union county chamber of commerce were in Baker last night attending the annual meeting of the Baker county chamber of commerce. Those who attended were: George Huntington Curry, Charles Malbrock, Ray Williams and Hugh Brady. Robert Withenby and C. J. Caldwell, both of Union, as well as men from other Union and Baker county towns were there.

Mr. Thomas, executive news editor of the Oregonian at Portland, was the main speaker of the evening.

The roads between La Grande and Baker were in excellent shape, according to the La Grande guests at Baker.

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HAWKS SETS NEW RECORD ACROSS U. S.

Former War Aviator Wings Way to New York; Beats Goebel

LANDS ON GOTHAM FIELD 2:59 TODAY

Accompanied by Mechanic on Trip, Part Which Was Made During the Hours of Night

CURTIS FIELD, N. Y., Feb. 5 (AP)—Captain Frank M. Hawks arrived at 2:59:29 o'clock this afternoon after a non-stop flight from Los Angeles.

Captain Hawks' time was 36 minutes and 1 second better than the record set by Col. Arthur Goebel last summer in a similar Lockheed plane. Goebel's record was 18 hours and 58 minutes. Hawks' time in the air was 18:21:59.

Captain Hawks had been expected to land at Curtis Field and a large crowd was waiting for him there. His clear-shaped monoplane flashed over Curtis Field, however, and landed at Roosevelt Field a mile away.

The present flight was the second non-stop flight across the country from west to east to be accomplished, the first being Goebel's. There have been two east-west non-stop flights also.

STARTED LATE YESTERDAY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5 (AP)—Captain Frank M. Hawks, in a Lockheed monoplane, was winging his way through the skies in the dark hours of early this morning in an effort to break the west-east non-stop trans-continental flight record of 18 hours and 58 minutes. The plane made a perfect take-off from the Metropolitan airport here at 5:37:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At 9:08 o'clock the plane roared over Tucson, Ariz.

Captain Hawks is accompanied on the flight by Oscar E. Grubb, mechanic. Loaded with 475 gallons of gasoline and 20 gallons of oil, the plane took off in a run of about 2500 feet. At the start the plane carried a total load, including its own weight of 6130 pounds, officials of the National Aeronautical association said. Weight of the empty ship was given as 2500 pounds and other weights as: Captain Hawks, 170 pounds; mechanic Grubb, 135 pounds; gasoline, oil

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36 Scouts Before Board of Review

The board of review of the boy scouts of La Grande met last night at the chamber of commerce with 36 boys passing before it. The court of honor will be held Friday night following the anniversary banquet to be held at the Methodist church.

The committees in charge of the banquet are hard at work with preparations for this one of the biggest annual boy scout events of the year.

All Teachers Here Enrolled in N. E. A.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5 (Special)—All the teachers of the public schools of La Grande, Oregon, have again taken membership in the National Education association. The report was received from the superintendent of schools, J. T. Longfellow, at the association's headquarters here, by J. W. Crabtree, executive secretary.

This report of 100 per cent enrollment represents 78 teachers who have enrolled for the fourth consecutive year.

In a congratulatory letter to Supt. Longfellow, Mr. Crabtree says: "We are proud of your record of continuous 100 per cent enrollment. It shows a fine leadership on your part and an excellent professional spirit on the part of your teachers. Congratulations to you all and success in your work for the cause of education. The enrollment in the N. E. A. is not more than 193,000 our goal is set for 200,000 in 1929."

Hoover On Fishing Journey With Wood

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 5 (A. P.)—After receiving a few callers at his headquarters this morning, President-elect Hoover called in a Hoover and went fishing with Mark Wood's large land holder of Nebraska.

His general condition was described as stationary.

NEWEST FAD



NEA Miami Bureau

No, this isn't an ad for California! This is a winter bathing beach costume as worn in Miami Beach by Miss Ethel Douglas, of New York. Floridians declare that they are not at all necessary, however, but what's necessary to Dams Fashion?

FAIL TO AGREE ON DRY LAW SUM

House and Senate Conferences in Deadlock on \$24,000,000 Item

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—The house and senate conferences on the deficiency appropriation bill failed to agree today on the senate amendment to provide \$24,000,000 for dry law enforcement.

The \$24,000,000 item was placed in the bill against the wishes of Secretary Mellon, who argued that a plan for expending it should first be formulated. A move to have the house vote directly upon it failed several days ago.

After today's conference the senate conference prepared to return the item to the senate for reconsideration.

The majority of the spokesmen for the house refused to consider the increase in funds for enforcement of the dry law. The senate conference again demanded that the house be given an opportunity to vote directly on the measure.

Chairman Warren, of the senate appropriations committee indicated he might go before the senate again to ask for new instructions but senate leaders doubted whether any material change could be made in the overwhelming vote by which the increase was first ordered.

The bill in dispute also carries \$75,000,000 for tax refunds and \$250,000 for a presidential inquiry into prohibition.

Imbler Defeats Mt. Glen; First Ward Wins 39-14

The dope bucket was upset last night when Imbler defeated Mt. Glen 14 to 13 in the second of a series of M. I. A. tournament basketball games. The same evening the First Ward team defeated Union 25 to 14. Donald Lamb was referee.

Wednesday night two games will be played by the first between Union and Mt. Glen and the second between the First and Second wards. With the dope favoring the First Ward tonight, observers here today are expected to be one of the most exciting games of the tournament which ends Friday.

TOCH ABOUT THE SAME

PARIS, Feb. 5 (AP)—Maurice Toch was able to get some sleep last night after an attack of influenza had disturbed his earlier hours. His physician, Dr. Davson, said Helta-Hoyer, said this morning. The attack left the marshal tired and with an increased temperature, they said.

His general condition was described as stationary.

Main Witnesses For Northcott Give Testimony

Accused Slayer Turns to Minor Witnesses; Verbal Pyrotechnics Mark Monday Session

COURTROOM, RIVERSIDE, Cal., Feb. 6 (AP)—Gordon Stewart Northcott, taking the stand himself for a brief period again today, categorically denied committing any of the murders with which he is charged.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Feb. 5 (AP)—With the major ammunition of his defense apparently exhausted, Gordon Stewart Northcott today concentrated on his self-termed "minor witnesses." A score of these, subpoenaed days ago, have been playing cards and checkers in the courtroom corridors to while away the hours until the young Canadian saw fit to call them to the stand.

At least two of his principal witnesses, however, Northcott has declared he will recall in rebuttal. These include Mrs. Sarah Louisa Northcott, who put in a stormy period in the witness chair yesterday, and Cyrus Northcott, the defendant's father, who is held in custody by the state in connection with the case, but who was called by Northcott as a defense witness.

The young counsel-defendant asked the court to retain Mrs. Northcott, who is serving a life term in San Quentin prison for murder in Riverside, until the close of the trial "so that I may call her again to combat any new facts the state may develop in rebuttal." Judge George R. Freeman withheld his ruling on the request.

Sticks to Story Northcott and Sarah Louisa Northcott contributed a full sheaf of verbal pyrotechnics to yesterday's court session. Northcott tried without avail to shake the previously told story of Sanford Clark, his 15-year-old nephew, the state's principal witness, whom he had recalled for direct examination. The youngster remained unruffled and calm of voice throughout an exasperating questioning by his youthful uncle. When Judge Freeman, snubbing Northcott's effort to inject current personal animosity into the examination, told over the questioning himself for a time, Sanford told the court he had nothing to add or detract from his previous testimony.

Sarah Louisa Northcott, under a grilling cross examination by Chief Deputy District Attorney Earle C. Redwine, became enraged, shook a bony finger at the prosecutor, and shrieked defiance at him. Redwine read to her many excerpts from a transcript of a state he said was made by her on Sept. 29, in which she was quoted as having admitted that she herself killed a Mexican boy and beheaded him, one of the crimes for which Northcott is now on trial.

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Carnes Enters Plea Of Guilty; Gets Five Years

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 5 (AP)—Clinton S. Carnes, former treasurer of the Southern Baptist home mission board, whose disappearance late last summer led to the discovery of an alleged shortage of nearly a million dollars in his accounts and his subsequent arrest in Canada, pleaded guilty in superior court here today to embezzlement and was sentenced to from five to seven years' imprisonment.

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SEVERE COLD CONTINUES IN BALKAN AREA

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Feb. 5 (AP)—Famishing wolves continue to terrorize the country districts. It was reported today that a peasant woman, carrying milk cans, was torn to pieces near the town of Blace in the province of Bosnia. Only parts of her dress and bones were found. Several peasants in that district were also reported to have been frozen to death, the temperature having reached about 25 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

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TURKEY SUFFERING CONSTANTINOPLE

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 5 (AP)—Mrs. Charles E. Allen, wife of the American consul at Constantinople, is among hundreds of passengers who have been stranded in various European trains which have been snowbound in the Thracian hills for the past five days.

The trains are blocked about 100 miles from Constantinople.

WEDNESDAY

PELAGIAE, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 5 (AP)—This city has experienced the most severe cold recorded in 147 years. The whole country was completely snow covered and rail roads are at a standstill.

Famished wolves have raided villages in Ruthenia. In the sand-district relief expeditions have been organized to carry food to several snowbound villages.

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