

MERCURY ONE BELOW ZERO EARLY TODAY

First Severe Cold Weather in La Grande in February for Years

MEACHAM REPORTS MINIMUM 39 BELOW

Union - North Powder Highway Blocked for a Time But Was Opened to Traffic This Morning

MINIMUM TEMPERATURES

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Includes La Grande, Enterprise, Meacham, Elgin, Pendleton, Sheridan, Wyo., Billings, Mont., Pocatello, Ida., Spokane, Wash., Baker, Reno, Nev., Modesto, Cal., San Francisco.

Eastern Oregon shivered last night and today in its second severe cold wave of the winter and, incidentally, the first bit of sub-zero weather in La Grande in February for many years.

Although the official thermometer here only registered one below as a minimum, it seemed much colder because of a penetrating wind. Street thermometers varied all the way from five below to four above during the night.

Meacham 39 Below. Cold records for the season are believed to have been shattered at Meacham, where the government thermometer registered a minimum of 39 below.

In the Grande Ronde valley there was considerable wind during the night and between Union and North Powder, the state highway department reports that the Old Oregon Trail was blocked by drifts for a time.

More Cold Predicted. With the weather forecast for tonight and tomorrow still "fair and cold" there seems no immediate prospect of a warmer period.

In reaching one below, the mercury here dropped 19 degrees in less than 24 hours.

COLD WAVE GENERAL. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7 (AP)—While a severe storm was central over Arizona, icy blasts sweeping down from the north held far west in the grip of winter, the weather

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DR. McCALL IS MAIN SPEAKER AT A. L. MEET

Dr. R. G. McCall at a meeting of the American Legion last night at Human hall described the experiences of the rescuer party which made the trip into the mountains to bring Charles E. Buckner, fatally injured airmail pilot to La Grande. Dr. McCall paid tribute to Phil Brockman who made the trip over 15 miles of snow to get help for the pilot.

Plans were made for attendance at the district conference to be held at Wallawa Feb. 16. State Commander Ben Fisher, of Marshfield, and State Adjutant Moses, of Portland, will be in attendance, it is said.

Announcement was made of drum corps practice which will start in a few days. Plans were made to increase the size of the corps. Competition at the state convention at Salem will be very keen this year, it was stated.

After the meeting the auxiliary members served tammals and coffee.

WEATHER TODAY. 7:30 a. m., 11 above zero. Minimum, 1 below zero. Condition—Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY. Maximum 18, minimum 11 above. Condition—Clear.

WEATHER FEB. 7, 1929. Maximum 19, minimum 32 above. Condition—Clear.

Band, Quartet To Provide Music At Riley Dinner

Will Be Biggest Entertainment of Year; Tickets for Dinner in Great Demand

The La Grande Municipal band and the old chamber of commerce quartet, two of the most popular musical features ever afforded in the community, will provide the musical entertainment at the Frank Branch Riley dinner in the Sacajawea ballroom next Wednesday evening.

The chamber of commerce quartet will sing several selections that made them the most popular musical favorite of the community before G. L. Dutton, tenor, moved to Portland. Mr. Dutton will come to La Grande especially for this event.

The other members of the quartet are Elmer Stoddard, Sherwood Williams and George Birnie. Tickets in Demand.

Tickets for the dinner, which is open to the general public, are already in great demand. Over 125 tickets have been purchased and interest in the affair indicates a capacity crowd will be in attendance.

Frank Branch Riley, who will provide the feature entertainment, is prominent in music, dramatic and civic affairs in Portland and Oregon. He is one of the most successful mountain climbers in America and a former president of the famous mountaineering organization, the Mazamas.

Speaking of Mr. Riley's ability as a lecturer, Roy Fraser, superintendent of the Arbuckle Institute, New York, says: "Riley has more magnetism, more fire, more fun and more genuine affection for his subject material than any lecturer I ever heard in New York."

The committee in charge emphasizes the fact that there will be no charge for the evening's entertainment except for the dinner, which will be \$1 per plate.

Pendleton Team Will Play Here Saturday Night

With a golden opportunity of winning two straight games against a traditional rival, the La Grande High school basketball team is eagerly awaiting Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock, when the referees' whistle will start them into a return battle with the Pendleton Buckaroos.

The game will be played in the L. D. S. Recreational hall and tickets may be reserved at Glass Drugs Saturday.

In the first game between Pendleton and La Grande, played at Pendleton, the Tigers scored only their points by one point. For several years the two teams have broken even on the maple court and, with a victory at Pendleton in their scrap bag, the Tigers are hopeful of winning at home.

On Friday night the team will journey to Imbler for a basketball game.

A pep meeting will be held by the student body tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, preliminary to the weekend games.

Miss McKellar Is Guest At Luncheon

The story of the origin of the Camp Fire Girls' organization in America was told by Miss Janet McKellar at the noon luncheon today of the Guardians' association and the board of sponsors of La Grande at the La Grande hotel.

MR. RILEY



Frank Branch Riley, who will speak in La Grande next Wednesday night at the Sacajawea ballroom at a dinner for the chamber of commerce and the general public, is often called "The Educator and Poetic Voice of Oregon."

HILGARD SCHOOL HOUSE DESTROYED

Fire Causes Loss of from \$2,500 to \$3,000 in Sub-zero Weather

The Hilgard school house, a two-room, well-built structure, was destroyed by fire this morning, according to a report received by E. A. Sayre, county superintendent of schools.

With the weather several degrees below zero, a hot fire was built in the stove and shortly afterwards about the time for school to take up—the flames were seen.

Some insurance was held on the building and it is estimated that it will take from \$2,500 to \$3,000 to rebuild the structure.

REGENT MEET REPORT MADE BY A. T. HILL

Considerable discussion of a proposed ordinance incorporating an electric wiring code and a vital report by President A. T. Hill of the meeting of the Oregon Normal school board of regents Feb. 2, which he attended, were features of the city commission meeting last night.

A letter was also received from the regents stating that they wished to express appreciation for the appropriation and further, that the appropriation be extended to include "the courtesy and co-operation shown by the city of La Grande at all times."

Triplets Born In Portland Yesterday

PORTLAND, Feb. 7 (AP)—Five boys who comprised the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Miller had two little sisters and another brother today following a series of events at a hospital here yesterday.

A nurse had no sooner told Miller "It's a girl" than she was back again with "It's two girls." Then a third bulletin read "and the little girls have a brother."

Northcott Makes Plea to Jurors

COURTROOM, Riverside, Cal., Feb. 7 (AP)—As Gordon Stewart Northcott addressed a jury today in an effort to convince the 12 men that he should not be hanged for the alleged murders of young boys at his Wineville ranch, officials expressed opinions that telegram Northcott said he received from Winfield Clark in Canada could have no bearing on the case.

CARKIN BILL GOES BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Property Tax Relief Commission Rushes Action in Salem

CHANGE PLANS ON INTRODUCTION TIME

Appearance of Lobbyists Believed Cause; Used Car Problem Makes Its Appearance

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7 (AP)—Hastily summoning the available members of his property tax relief commission together for a final conference on the long-debated tax measure just before noon Representative Carkin secured their consent to introduction of the measure in the house and the bill is scheduled to drop into the hopper this afternoon.

It had not been planned to present the bill for several days, or until other revenue measures proposed had been pushed further along their way toward enactment because of its controversial features.

The sudden appearance of opponents of the property tax offset provision of the bill in the lobby to work on members of the committee and legislature who never were strong for the income tax bill as drawn is generally credited with having inspired the decision to rush the bill in at once and get the deliberations over it out into the open.

Third Proposal. The income tax measure is the third of the proposals of the tax relief commission to be dropped into the legislative mill.

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He Told 'Em There Was A Fire Anyhow

It was 4:30 o'clock this morning. The weather was below zero.

All was still in the fire department until the telephone tinkled alarmingly. One of the firemen dashed to the instrument and took down the receiver.

"Hello, is this the fire station?"

"Hello, sir, first Good-bye!"

"Plumbergated, the fireman frantically barked a question into the transmitter and caught the man at the other end of the line in time: "Where do you live?"

"I'm not sure, maybe in phone book. Good-bye." And he hung up!

But the fireman, too busy to do much laughing then, rang central and she told him from what part of town the call came.

The fire truck rushed over to the Harris apartments on Pine street and put out a small blaze that had started in the wood box. The only damage was a hole burned in the floor.

After the firemen returned to the department, with the fire extinguished, they began to realize the funny side of the conversation over the phone and are still laughing.

"But we hope the next person knows where he lives," one of them remarked to a reporter today.

Two Dozen Beacon Lights Now In Use Between Boise And Pasco

There are 24 beacon lights between Boise, Ida., and Pasco, Wash., according to A. I. Hoover, of La Grande, member of the department of commerce airways service.

The beacon lights which guide the night fliers must be oiled and greased. When one of the 1000 watt globes burns out it must be replaced.

On either side of each "clear" colored beacon light is a red globe whose duty in life is to flash signals to pilots the red flashes point the direction of the next beacon light.

The beacon lights in Union and Baker counties have been in use for the last seven months, Mr. Hoover says.

Seen 75 Miles. On a clear night when the atmosphere is dry the ray of one of the lights can easily be seen for 75 miles and on a foggy, damp night it can be seen for about 75 feet, Mr. Hoover says.

Boy Scout Week To Begin Over Nation Friday

Anniversary Will Be Observed in La Grande—Plan Dinner and Court of Honor Tomorrow

Tomorrow will see the launching of the biggest week in Boy Scout activities in the year.

Plans will be reserved for 350 persons for a banquet at the Methodist church tomorrow night.

In the Eastern Oregon council in 1929 there were a total of 850 scouts and 153 scout leaders.

Mr. Scott mentioned the board of review which is a duty of keeping the standards of scouting high.

Plans for 1929 are rapidly being worked out, Mr. Scott announces.

Boys who have been made Eagle scouts during the year are Edwin Kirby, Clair Perkins, Paul Walker, Robert Ramsey, Virgil Kochenparger, W. J. Briggs, Woodrow Duggerell.

Earlier scouts in outlying districts of the council are: George Gilkison, of Union; Marshall Woodell, of Baker; Ellsworth Crossop, of Baker and Willis Shuler, of Enterprise.

At the court of honor tomorrow night, which will be attended by parents and friends and others interested in scout work, the following awards will be made:

Tenderfoot—Wallace Knappele, Donald Higgins, Paul Martin, Wayne Gooderham, Jim Ingerson.

Second class—Howard Nelson, Maurice Alexander, Lawrence Hillmore, Cleon Coalwell, Marion Reynolds, Rodney Johnson, Kenneth Webb, Donald Stitt, Donald McHugh.

First class merit badge—Arnold Beck, Harry Karna, Jay Salkfield.

Second class merit badges—Arlyn Beck, Marion Heyndes.

First class merit badge—Edwin Briggs, Lawrence Hillmore, Vergil Kochenparger, Clare Thomas, Lon Johnson, Adam Leighton, G. Clifton Baxter, W. J. Briggs, Carl Coleman, Howard Lyman, Fred Reaman, Everett Reynolds, Russell Nelson, Carl Lombard, Woodrow Danerell, John Miller, Kenneth Webb, Garth Cross, Euan Martin, Wilford Stitt, Rollin Hessler, Clair Perkins.

The star scout badge as awarded to the first class scout who has qualified for five merit badges, the following scouts will receive:

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HOUSE PUTS ITS O. K. ON CRUISER BILL

Measure Calling for 15 New Warships Goes to the President

AIRPLANE CARRIER ALSO AUTHORIZED

No Revision Made in Bill in Spite of Alabamian's Attempt; Britten Keeps Floor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—The naval construction program calling for 15 cruisers and one airplane carrier was sent to President Coolidge today with house approval of senate amendments.

The amendments were accepted after an unsuccessful attempt had been made to revise the measure to give the president authority to suspend building of the cruisers if an agreement should be reached between principal nations to define the rights of belligerents and neutrals at sea.

Representative Huddleston, democrat, Alabama, proposed the change but Chairman Britten of the house naval committee, refused to yield him the floor to permit the amendment to be offered.

SEEK MORE PROTECTION. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Declaring conditions in the wool manufacturing industry are similar to those in the cotton textile business, Nathaniel Stevens, vice president of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, today advocated additional tariff protection for high grade woolen yarns and fabrics.

Mr. Stevens told the house ways and means committee on resumption of hearings on wool rates that based on the present raw wool duty, low grade woolen manufactured products have sufficient protection, but that some of the finer higher grades need slightly higher duties because of the relatively large labor costs.

The only rate the witness suggested was an increase to ten per cent in the differential between woolen fabrics and finished garments.

INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZED. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—The senate today approved a resolution by Senator Schiff, republican, Minnesota, calling for an investigation into the white paper situation.

Schiff introduced the resolution after publication in Editor and Publisher a newspaper trade magazine of charges that a group of men controlling the white paper business of the world, had purchased a controlling interest in a chain of American newspapers.

The resolution was drawn to determine whether these men were seeking to create a monopoly in newspaper supplied to small publishers.

JENSEN FORCED N. Y. MICHIGAN, Feb. 7 (AP)—A "Hoodoo" that trailed Martin Jensen from the time he broke the 4000 yard flight record finally forced him down at 2:10 this morning with less than half his goal achieved.

In the Bellanca monoplane green flash he set out to beat the record of 35 hours and 25 minutes established by the late Ivoxy Thomas. He took off at 9:04 a. m. yesterday in the face of adverse weather conditions and at the time of his landing had been in the air 37 hours and 45 minutes.

He declared the combination of ice and rain that he had faced all day and night culminating in a series of petty annoyances caused him to give up the attempt.

OREGON WILL BE 70 ON THURSDAY

State to Celebrate Birthday Anniversary With Elaborate Program

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7 (AP)—The state of Oregon will celebrate its seventieth birthday next Thursday evening, February 14, with a governor's reception, a joint session of the senate and house of representatives, with an elaborate program, and finally with a dance.

The birthday party will open in the statehouse at eight o'clock next Thursday evening with music by the 55 piece Oregon national guard band.

From eight to ten, the governor, president of the senate, speaker of the house and other state officials will receive guests in the governor's office.

The formal reception will close at ten and at that time a joint session of the two houses will be called in the rotunda on the first floor.

Man Frozen Near Pendleton Today

PENDELTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Bob Smith, ranch hand, was found frozen to death on the Pilot Rock-Ukiah highway early today. Smith is said to have been searching for lost cattle and apparently lost his way. A party left Pilot Rock this afternoon to return the body here.

REJECTS BILL. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—By a vote of 19 to 1 the house military affairs committee today rejected the Madden bill to lease Muscle Shoals to the American Cyanamide company.

Lindy Is Guest Today On Board U.S.S. Saratoga

Naval Officers Seek His Opinion on Air Problem—Colonel to Fly Back to U. S.

PANAMA, Feb. 7 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh was a guest today aboard the U. S. S. Saratoga, airplane carrier, while that ship participated in maneuvers of the Pacific fleet.

He will return here tomorrow, and prepare for departure Sunday on a return flight to the United States. This will reverse the route of his flight from Miami, Fla., which ended yesterday at 4 P. M. at Cristobal.

Colonel Lindbergh's visit aboard the Saratoga was by special arrangement and in compliance with a desire of naval authorities that he be taken along to give his opinion of a naval air problem.

Spain's Isthmus. To attend the maneuvers he flew across the Isthmus last night from Cristobal to Panama, where he boarded the Saratoga.

Official quarters were somewhat at sea as to whether he would take mail back with him to the United States.

More than 30,000 letters are ready for the return flight, but only a few were received from Ildefonso Alfaro, minister at Washington, that the postoffice department had informed him it had been planned on this trip to carry mail only from the United States.

It was said the flight from Miami had been only a trial affair and that no arrangements had been made for a return airmail flight in the strict sense of the word, but that such transportation of airmail from Central American countries to the United States would be possible when the service was arranged on a permanent basis.

Despite this, however, government authorities continued its plans to send mail back to the United States aboard the plane.

Colonel Lindbergh's three-day trip from Miami was completed when he landed at Cristobal after hops which carried him through the day from Managua, Nicaragua.

He delivered 250 pounds of mail to the authorities at Franco field, and then had his old trouble with chattering crowds repeated.

The crowds massed around his plane and it was only with difficulty he was able to make his way among them.

He reported excellent weather and flying conditions on the trip yesterday. Stops were made at Punta Arenas, Costa Rica, David (Panama), and Panama City. He arrived at his destination on time to the minute.

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Two Burned To Death When Gas Bucket Explodes

ASHLAND, Ore., Feb. 7 (AP)—Johnny Fields, 5, was fighting for his life in a hospital today following an explosion and fire in the remote cabin home of his parents late Tuesday which claimed the lives of Alice, 5, and John, 2, Johnny was severely burned when he endeavored to rescue his 5-year-old sister from the flaming home.

The explosion, which rocked the tiny lumber village of Lincoln, near here, was caused when Mrs. Fields kindled a roaring fire in the stove prior to doing the family laundry.

A quart can of paraffin was standing near the stove. An Mrs. Fields left the cabin, sterrile explosion partially wrecked the home and sent a shower of flames throughout the close quarters.

She was slightly burned endeavoring to rescue the children. Ernest Fields, brother of the father, rushed through the burning cabin and pulled a rot-bearing Jean through the flames.

MAY REOPEN WORLD COURT, BAKER STATES

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 7 (AP)—Newton D. Baker, secretary of war under President Wilson, in Omaha today said he would undertake that "both the president and president-elect are in favor of attempting to reopen the world court."

"In my opinion," Mr. Baker said, "the world court would accomplish more in two years than we could hope to do otherwise in a dozen years."

Mr. Baker, with Mrs. Baker, is en route to Honolulu for a month's vacation.

Bids Opened For County Furniture

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Adherence by the United States to the world court may depend upon the success of an unofficial diplomatic mission to be undertaken by Elihu Root, former secretary of state and an authority on international law. Mr. Root will seek an understanding among world powers on America's reservations to the court.