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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair and continued cold tonight and Saturday. Moderate easterly winds on the coast.

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TEMPERATURE AGAIN DROPS IN LA GRANDE

Minimum This Morning 6 Below With Weather Clear and Calm

CITY IS WARMEST IN EAST OREGON

Other Nearby Towns and Cities Report Colder Weather; No Immediate Relief Seen

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Includes La Grande, Coquiam, Hilgard, North Powder, etc.

Although La Grande's temperature climbed to 24 above zero yesterday under the influence of bright sunshine...

The minimum reading during the last 24 hours was six below and at 7:30 o'clock this morning the temperature was still 6 below here.

Warmest in East Oregon Yesterday, with one below, La Grande was the "warmest" spot in Eastern Oregon...

The official minimum at Meacham during the night was 24 below zero, according to the state highway department.

No Immediate Relief The official weather forecast from Portland this morning gave no indication of any immediate relief.

Roads are in good condition in this district, according to reports. With less wind, there has been practically no drifting during the last 24 hours.

CALIFORNIA FREEZING LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8 (AP)—Southern California was shivering in freezing temperature early today while snuggles pots were burning in the citrus regions to meet the cold of winter.

Y CONFERENCE FOR BOYS TO BE HELD HERE In April of this year for the first time since La Grande has been without a Y. M. C. A. will conduct an older boys' conference here.

WEATHER TODAY 7:29 a. m.—6 below zero. Minimum: 6 below. Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 14 above, minimum one below. Condition: clear.

WEATHER FEB. 8, 1928 Maximum 41, minimum 24 above. Condition: Rain .05 of inch, snow traces.

United States National Bank Founded in '09

La Grande Institution to Observe Its 20th Anniversary Tomorrow; Resources Increase

The 20th anniversary of the United States National bank will be observed quietly tomorrow by officers of the institution who point to a strong and steady growth since the bank opened its doors Feb. 5, 1909.

N. K. West, who has been a merchant in La Grande for more than 30 years and who now operates one of the most modern ranches in the valley, was the first president of the U. S. National. William Miller, local realtor, was vice president, and T. J. Scroggin, who is now vice president, was cashier when the bank started business.

Today Aug. J. Stange, head of the Mt. Emily Lumber company, is president, Mr. Scroggin is vice president, Lester H. Bramwell is cashier and C. L. Thompson is assistant cashier.

The bank has occupied the same building and same location throughout its 20 years but the building was remodeled in 1918 at an expense of \$40,000 and now has one of the most modern and attractive banking rooms in all Eastern Oregon.

Substantial increases in resources have marked the growth of the bank from the start. In 1909 when the first call for a statement was received, the resources totaled \$251,045. In 1914 this had increased to \$928,873. In 1919 the total was \$1,215,423. In 1924 the figure was at \$1,590,115 and the statement for this year showed total resources of \$1,706,921.

Officers of the bank are particularly pleased at the growth in savings deposits. Mr. Bramwell states that they have increased from \$522,109 in 1924 to \$770,052 on Jan. 1, 1929. Over \$100,000 of this growth was made in the last year.

Present directors of the bank, in addition to Mr. Stange and Mr. Scroggin are, A. L. Richardson, J. J. Foley, U. G. Cook, George T. Cochran, C. W. Noyes, C. A. Binaman and A. J. Van Valkenburg.

First Ward And Imbler To Play For M. I. A. Title

Tonight will see the close of the hard fought M. I. A. basketball tournament which has been occupying the interest of fans in the city this week. Imbler and the First Ward teams will vie for final honors tonight in the L. D. S. Recreation hall.

Last night the Second Ward defeated Mt. Glen with a score of 9 to 14. The same evening the First Ward won from Imbler and Imbler beat the Second Ward 11 to 12.

Club Gathers At Bohnenkamp Home

The Presbyterian Men's club met with Lynne Bohnenkamp at her home, during the evening with Gene Walker, of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power Company, as speaker, bringing a most interesting review of the organization, work, and development of the company, also telling of the remarkable advancement in the application and uses for electricity. Mr. Walker aroused much interest and called forth many questions which he answered.

Mrs. Bohnenkamp served dainty refreshments at the close of the program. C. M. Humphreys, who was to have been host to the club, has been ill for several days, but is improving.

County Court Lets Three Contracts

Contracts were let yesterday afternoon by the county court for three La Grande business firms for materials for the repair and construction of Union county roads. The contract for all went to the Eagle Oil company, the gasoline to the Fletcher Oil company and the pipes to the La Grande Concrete Pipe company.

A board of road viewers was appointed to inspect the market road at Alice and Lower Cove. The purpose of the board is to help in taking steps to acquire the title to the road by the county. The members of the board are: E. D. Morgan, Charles Pyle and J. A. McKenzie.

Roman Treaty To Be Signed Monday

ROME, Feb. 8 (AP)—Signature of the treaty of conciliation and concordat between the vatican and the Italian government has been postponed from Sunday until Monday morning.

NEW INCOME TAX MEASURE FILED TODAY

Includes Corporations and Omits Property Tax Off-set Provision

GOVERNOR SIGNS TEACHERS' BILL

Consolidation of University and State College Is Plan of Senator Bell, of Eugene

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8 (AP)—Both houses of the thirty-fifth legislative assembly are expected to adjourn at the close of the afternoon sessions today until 11 o'clock Monday morning.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8 (AP)—Another income tax bill, which is said to be one of several that will appear in addition to the measure sponsored by the property tax relief commission, was introduced in the house today. Attached as introductory were the names of Representative Norton and Senator Hall.

One point of difference from the commission bill introduced Thursday by Representative Carlin is that the Norton-Hall bill applies to corporations as well as personal incomes, while the Carlin measure omits corporate income. That the Norton-Hall bill is a city tax off-set, while the Carlin bill has a property tax off-set to 75 per cent of the assessed income tax.

The rates under the Norton-Hall bill are: first taxable thousand, 1 per cent; second thousand, 2 per cent; third thousand, 3 per cent; fourth thousand, 3 per cent; fifth thousand, 3 per cent; and over \$5,000, 4 per cent. Exemptions are \$100 for single persons, \$250 for married persons and \$400 for dependents.

The rates under the Carlin bill are 3 per cent up to \$500; 4 per cent between \$500 and \$10,000; and 5 per cent over \$10,000. The exemptions are the same in both bills.

Bill Becomes Law Governor Patterson today signed the teachers' retirement fund bill.

TIGERS PLAY AT IMBLER TONIGHT

La Grande High Will Be Host to Pendleton Buckaroos on Saturday

To give the team a proper send-off for its two basketball games this weekend, a pep assembly was held in the high school this afternoon. The Tigers are to play at Imbler this evening and tomorrow night one of the big contests of the season will take place on the L. D. S. Recreation hall floor.

The opposing team tomorrow night will be the Pendleton Buckaroos, who have fought La Grande for supremacy since way back when—and the honors are fairly evenly divided in basketball. With La Grande already winner of a game in Pendleton by one point, a win for the Tigers would give them a lead. The Buckaroos, however, are anxious to break even and are hopeful of avenging the January defeat.

The Pendleton-La Grande game will start at 8:30 o'clock. Reserved seat tickets may be secured at \$1.00.

125 Elks Present At Observance Of Past Exalted Rulers' Night

One hundred twenty-five members of the Elks' lodge in La Grande gathered last night at the local temple for the celebration of past exalted rulers' night. Four candidates were initiated by the past rulers and a clam feed was held.

The past exalted rulers who composed the initiating officers' list last night and the positions they filled follow: exalted ruler, Hugh Brady; leading knight, H. E. Goodidge; esteemed loyal knight, De Lisle Green; esteemed lecturing knight, Lester Bramwell; esquire, Jack Peave; secretary, H. J. Ritter; inner guard, Dean Crowe; Tyler, Henry Hess.

California Talks A program of short talks was enjoyed. E. R. Mann, of Stockton, Cal., a visiting Elks, was present and talked briefly. Nomination of officers was also held last night. The list of committeemen for the Elks' ball and banquet to be given Feb. 22 has been announced as follows: General chairman, R. J. Kitchener; secretary and treasurer, C. L. Thompson; general committee, Dr. W. K. Ross, Raymond Gray, Frank Black, Robert R. Carey, Robert Williamson, Norman Desler, Ralph Winters, Ray Williams, Tom Ruckman and Ira Kennedy.

General Booth Given Another Period of Plea

"We Are Making Our Last Delay in Settlement," Member Salvation Army Council Says

LONDON, Feb. 8 (AP)—General Bramwell Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, has until next Wednesday to appear before the Army's high council and defend himself against proposed deposition.

"We are making our last delay in the settlement of this important matter," said a leading member of the high council. "The general has been given every opportunity to state his case in full through his counsel, William A. Jo-witt. But it is a fortnight since the chancery court decided he must be heard, and members of the council must return to their distant posts."

Another note in the Army conflict was sounded by Commander Evangeline Booth, sister of the general, who said she was distressed because after six weeks sojourn in England she had not been allowed to see her brother.

She complained that total strangers were allowed to have long conversations with him while she was excluded. She is a leader of the reform element in the Army which is seeking to dispose the general.

Riley Is Supreme Master Of Eloquence

The following interviews are from men who have heard Frank Branch Riley, who will speak at a dinner meeting here Feb. 13:

Charles A. Malbouc: "On three different occasions I heard Mr. Riley give his far famed lecture, 'The Lure of the Pacific Northwest.' To say that he is a supreme master of eloquence, is, I believe, merely to express the ground work of his amazing talents. In my opinion it is his dazzling versatility with which he carries his audiences from the shadows of nightfall into the realm of sublime cloudland, pictured in colors and radiance that no Michael Angelo ever spread on canvases, that impressed me as the greatest feature in his matchless all around work. One may well say that 'to not have heard Mr. Riley's lecture on Oregon's most beautiful gifts of nature, is to never have seen Oregon.'"

A. W. Nelson: "When the blasé Bostonian and the supercilious New Yorker call Frank Branch Riley back year after year to give the same story to the same people he must be good."

"To my personal knowledge La Grande has been trying for ten years to get Mr. Riley here—now the opportunity has come. When he has spoken we will know more nice things about our own country than we ever dreamed of. When he comes to visit again, pictures perfectly painted and clothed in spotless rhetoric, Riley out-bryans Bryan."

"Mr. Riley is entitled to a great turnout."

COCHRAN WINS

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (AP)—Walter Cochran, of Hollywood, Cal., went into the top second place in the world's 182 billiard billiards championship tournament this afternoon by winning a one-sided match from Felix George, of France, by 499 to 153 in 12 innings.

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Decorations: Jess Andrews, Oregon Brandt and Park Taylor. Refreshments: Frank Black and Raymond Gray. Music and publicity: Ray Williams and Robert R. Carey. Program: R. J. Kitchener, Lester Bramwell and Claude Berry. Floor committee: Norman Desler, Harry Williams, Sam Ruckman, Herbert Browning, Ira Kennedy, W. M. Nelson. Ticket committee: Ralph Winters, Bob Williams, Tom Ruckman, Dr. Ross, Ira Kennedy, Clyde Webb, Art Jones, Fred Spawnt, Otto Gerber, Dave Osborne, J. C. Higgins, Sherman Williams, F. E. Rohan, Roy Farnam, Marcus Ruesch, Merton Childers and Bill Wilson.

At 11 o'clock Exalted Ruler Jess Andrews will give the toast.

REPARATIONS EXPERTS WILL MEET IN PARIS



The experts above pictured will aid in the attempt to settle the German reparations problem in Paris, Feb. 9. The map shows the Rhineland areas occupied by troops. J. P. Morgan and Owen D. Young represent the United States in the reparations conference.

VARIETY AND COLOR DUE AT INAUGURATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—Promises of variety and color in the presidential inauguration ceremonies has assumed definite proportions with the announcement by the inaugural committee that 22 state governors have reserved space for themselves and relatives in the parade.

At the same time the committee announced other entertainment features on the tentative program of events—among them being concerts, air stunts by army and navy fliers, and a great display of fireworks on the mall.

Many of the executives, the committee said, will come with escorts garbed in gay uniforms. On Sunday, March 3, special services will be held in all Washington churches.

Murderer Will Be Executed In Mexico Saturday

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 8 (AP)—Jose De Leon Toral, confessed assassin of President-elect Alvaro Obregon, spent what probably is his last day of life incarcerated in a cell at the penitentiary today.

Harring unexpected developments sometime before noon tomorrow he will be taken to a courtyard within the penitentiary grounds and shot by a firing squad as execution of his crime in a restaurant at San Angel last July 17.

An exchange of telegraph messages between President Portes Gil and officials of the federal district wafted away what faint hope Toral might have had of life.

Remove King To Craigwell House

LONDON, Feb. 8 (AP)—Official announcement was made today that if the weather is favorable, King George will be taken to Craigwell House, near Bognor, at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

His majesty has progressed satisfactorily in the opinion of his physicians, to warrant his removal to the seashore.

It is understood that Queen Mary will leave Buckingham Palace a few minutes after the king's departure and, traveling more quickly, will be ready to receive him on the arrival at Craigwell house.

Plaintiff Given Award In Verdict

In the case of J. F. T. Galloway vs. Lafayette Breen, damage suit, the plaintiff was awarded an amount alleged due on an account. The case closed yesterday by circuit court. The amount of the award was about \$25,000.

SCOTT DINNER TONIGHT

At 7 o'clock tonight the annual celebration of Boy Scout anniversary week in La Grande will begin with a banquet in the basement of the Methodist church. The banquet will be followed by a court of honor to be participated in by La Grande scouts.

G. NORTHCOTT HELD GUILTY, FACES DEATH

Convicted Slayer Young Boys to Be Sentenced on Monday

ADMITS KILLING SIX ON HIS FARM

Tells Jailor Five Others Were Murdered by His Father and Sanford Clark

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Feb. 8 (AP)—Gordon Stewart Northcott, convicted slayer of young boys, today stood face to face with the gallows, but he appeared scarcely to realize it. Riverside county jail officers, in whose custody he will remain until superior Judge George R. Freeman pronounces the death sentence upon him Monday, expressed belief that a planned move to seek an appeal from the fatal verdict has served to bolster the young Canadian up. He talked almost incessantly to his guards up to a late hour last night, after the jury which deliberated less than two and a half hours had returned a verdict of guilty against him and had failed to recommend clemency.

Northcott spent a bad 15 minutes just after the jury retired, jail attendants have revealed. He left the court room smiling and apparently confident after the jurymen had filed out to begin their deliberations, but when he had been returned to his cell and was waiting for his dinner, he suddenly appeared very "guilty," guards said. He paced his cell and his hands shook when he gesticulated in characteristic manner as he talked. He seemed annoyed at his momentary lack of control and remarked, "This is the first time in my life I ever have been nervous."

The nervous fit had passed by the time his evening meal, a little more than usual, was delivered to him, and he ate with apparent relish. Back in the court room, he heard read, without a visible tremor, the verdict which meant death. He vetoed Judge Freeman's suggestion that he poll the jury and smiled upon the jurors as he thanked them "for the thoughtful attention you have given me." He waited steadily across the court yard and re-entered his cell joking the meanwhile with his attendants. He appeared to retire, but he appeared "wound up" and discussed the case until a late hour, the special guard posted at the door of his cell said.

Spectators Amazed. In presenting his argument to the jury, the youthful Canadian, who conducted the greater part of his trial as his own counsel, amazed court spectators with his coolness.

"The prosecution," he said, "referred to me as every kind of foul friend under Heaven. They probably will point out how diabolically clever I have been in my plans. But murder, gentlemen, is nothing to laugh at. No person could stand up under the strain in this court room as I have stood up if he were guilty. No person could stand here and look you each in the eye as I am doing and tell you that he knew nothing whatever about these charges, if he were not speaking the truth."

May Depart Clark. Sanford Clark who has been held in custody by the state since the start of the investigations at Northcott's ranch, will, when Northcott's appeal is finally settled, probably be turned over to immigration authorities for deportation to Canada. He has been "loaned" to the

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By a coincidence Denby's resignation from the cabinet came on his birthday, Feb. 18, 1924. Mr. Denby began his public career in 1902 when he was elected to the state legislature as a member of the lower house. He went to congress in 1904 and was re-elected twice. His appointment as secretary of the navy came March 4, 1921. Just prior to that he had been chief probation officer for the recorder's court in Detroit, an appointment he accepted after his return from the world war in which, despite his overweight and the fact he was 47 years old and married, he obtained enlistment in the infantry as a private and was mustered out with a major's commission.

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Harrison Randolph Hanged In Prison

FOLSOM PRISON, Cal., Feb. 8 (AP)—Hanging about and walking unshowered, Harrison Randolph, 24, went calmly to his death on the gallows here at 10 o'clock this morning.

The murder for which Randolph was hanged was cold blooded. After being befriended by Mrs. Pearl Hummelt, of Bakerfield, who hired him to do some odd jobs and then fed him, he strangled her to death.

Morgan, Young And Lamont In Paris

PARIS, Feb. 8 (AP)—J. P. Morgan, Owen D. Young and Thomas W. Lamont, the American reparations experts, arrived in Paris this afternoon aboard a special train from Cherbourg.

The wool growers not only have increased their production under existing rates, he said, but have grown more prosperous than at any time in their history.