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FRIGID WAVE
STILL GRIPS
EAST OREGONSecond Night of Six-below
Weather in La Grande
TerritoryOUTLOOK IS FOR
COLD NEXT WEEKMeacham Not So Cold As
Friday With Only 12
Below; Smudge Pots
Busy in California

TEMPERATURES OVER THE WEST	
La Grande, Ore.	6 below
Pendleton, Ore.	20 below
Baker, Ore.	12 below
Mecham, Ore.	12 below
Pocahontas, Ida.	10 below
Spokane, Wash.	8 below
Vancouver, Wash.	8 below
Portland, Ore.	19 above
Boise, Ida.	2 above
San Jose, Cal.	4 above
San Diego, Cal.	24 above
Los Angeles, Cal.	24 above
Seattle, Wash.	26 above

The weather man is pessimistic. After three nights of sub-zero weather in La Grande, the weekly weather forecast arrived this morning from San Francisco with these cheering (or) words: "The outlook is for fair weather with temperatures below normal but moderating in California early in the week." And the forecast for tonight and Sunday is "fair and continued cold."

However, the weather man resented a little and said that the cold north winds are likely to disappear soon—but he didn't say just how soon.

6 Below Here
The minimum during last night was the same as the day before—six below. The official thermometer registered four below at 7:30, which was a climb of two degrees. The maximum yesterday was 17 above.

Meacham was much warmer during last night, with the mercury stopping its downward flight at 12 below, following two nights of 12 and 14 below, respectively.

WEATHER FORECAST
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning Feb. 10th, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:
"Fair western states."
"The outlook is for fair weather with temperatures below normal but moderating in California early in the week."

CHILLY IN CALIFORNIA
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9 (AP)—Smudge pots were fired throughout the citrus districts of Southern California last night to aid in the fight against freezing weather, which kept the mercury down to an average temperature of 25½ degrees.

Temperatures at major points in the citrus belt early this morning were: Corona, 32; Riverside, 26; Hemet, 25; Redlands, 25; Ontario, 26; Upland, 27; Pomona, 26; Azusa, 26; Covina, 25; Whittier, 25; Orange, 26; San Fernando, 25; Santa

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INSPECTION OF
COMPANY WILL
BE ON FEB. 20

With federal inspection of Company E, 18th Infantry, set for Wednesday, Feb. 20, the La Grande O. N. G. unit will devote drill period on Monday evening to preparation for this event. The scheduled for Monday night includes a preliminary inspection.

Colonel C. M. McMurray, of the 7th Infantry, Vancouver Barracks, will conduct the inspection here Feb. 20 and will also inspect the Headquarters unit at Union the same day.

Sergeant Merton Childers won the manual of arms competition among non-commissioned officers. The tent-pitching competition is still under way.

Corporal Farrell Murray has been appointed to mess sergeant.

Five recruits have been taken into the company the last week, bringing it to full strength.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—4 below.
Minimum: 6 below.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 17 above, minimum 8 below.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER FEB. 9, 1929
Maximum 46, minimum 12 above.
Condition: clear.

Coin Is Removed
From Esophagus
Of Glenn Day, 3Child Unable to Eat for
69 Hours; Successful
Operation Performed
by Dr. L. B. Bouvy

Little three-year-old Glenn Day, who swallowed a five-cent piece while at play Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock, is now on the road to recovery after being unable to eat for 69 hours. The coin, first located by X-ray in the child's esophagus, was removed by Dr. Leo B. Bouvy with special instruments yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The successful operation was performed without loss of blood.

Glenn was unable to eat and was losing weight and strength rapidly but now has a good chance to recover. He is the son of the representative in La Grande for a Portland evening newspaper.

A baby of this age has a very small esophagus and, at the location where the coin gives pressure on the esophagus, the tube is much smaller than in the rest of its course, Dr. Bouvy explains. The natural muscles constrict around a foreign body and make it impossible for nature to remove it.

The special instrument that was used in the delicate operation was invented by Chevalier Jackson, who was Dr. Bouvy's professor at the University of Pennsylvania, and they are only rarely used in a city of this size. However, when they are necessary they often result in the saving of a life.

The operation yesterday recalls one in Cincinnati, Ohio recently when a small boy was removed from a three-year-old child. The Cincinnati case attracted nationwide attention.

**Large Crowd To
Hear Address By
Riley on Feb. 13**
With nearly two hundred reservations already made, a capacity audience is indicated for the dinner next Wednesday evening in the Sackawewa ballroom when Frank Branch Riley, lecturer and humorist of Portland, will address La Grande people. The committee emphasizes the fact that the dinner is for the general public, men and women both, and that the evening will be strictly informal.

People who have heard Mr. Riley previously are enthusiastic over his coming to La Grande and are urging their friends to make reservations for the dinner if at all possible. Combined with music by the old chamber of commerce quartet and by the municipal band, the Riley after-dinner address promises one of the most delightful and entertaining evenings staged here for many years.

Although famed for his oratory and regarded as one of the most able lecturers in America today, Mr. Riley is known in hundreds of eastern cities for his qualities as an entertainer and humorist. Having made more than 15 transcontinental tours lecturing on the Pacific Northwest, he has a great fund of amusing experiences and observations that make his after-dinner speeches real laugh-fests. He thrills and amuses all in the same instant.

In a letter from the head of the Oregon City club to the governor of Oregon a few years ago, this tribute was paid Frank Branch Riley following an address in the New England city:

"Mr. Riley's magnificent and inspiring lecture was delivered to an audience of Boston's leading and representative citizens, which filled our great auditorium to its capacity. Throughout the lecture the enthusiasm ran high with frequent outbursts of hearty applause. New England is indebted to you all for this rare treat."

Dinner tickets, at \$1 per plate, can be purchased or reserved by phone at the chamber of commerce or Observer offices. A special menu including fried spring chicken or fish and other inviting dishes has already been completed by the Sackawewa.

S. D. Crowe's Team
Wins Championship

The championship of the volleyball series for the teams playing at the La Grande hotel goes to S. D. Crowe's team. In the final series of games last night, Dr. Ray Murphy's team won the first two games which made the victories even. Mr. Crowe's team then won the third game giving it the championship by a lead of one. The losing team will entertain the winner at dinner sometime next week.

Court Adjourns
Over the Weekend

Circuit court for this week ended yesterday afternoon with a directed verdict for the plaintiff in the case of Williamson vs. Harry Hoffman. The case was a suit for the amount of \$329.

Court will be resumed at 9 o'clock Monday morning with the opening of the case of Giles vs. Whitehead. It is a suit to collect \$12.51 alleged due for labor.

HERE FEB. 13



Frank Branch Riley, famous speaker, who will be here for a dinner meeting Feb. 13, is also noted as a successful mountain climber. He is a former president of the nationally famous Mazamas, mountaineering club.

TIGERS DEFEAT
IMBLER 29 TO 14La Grande High to Meet
Traditional Rivals Here
This Evening

The La Grande High school basketball team scored another victory last night at Imbler, winning 29 to 14. Tonight the Tigers will play the Pendleton Buckaroos at 8:30 o'clock at the Recreation hall here. Before this game the sophomores and Troop will play the final game. Tickets for tonight may be reserved today at Glass Drugs.

Imbler took a early lead last night but by half time the La Grande squad was ahead, continuing to increase its lead. Markers was high point man with 11 markers and lost one free throw because a teammate stepped over the line.

Summary	
La Grande (29)	(14) Imbler
Braden (11)	F. Ledbetter
Wallsinger (10)	F. (8) Fehr
Bugs (6)	C. Choate
Zundel (2)	G. (3) Perry
Faus	S. (3) Masters
	S. Oliver
	S. Lewis

Score by Quarters	
La Grande	1 2 3 4
Imbler	3 6 13 7—29
Referee: McKinnon, of Imbler.	

THIRD LYCEUM
NUMBER TO BE
GIVEN FEB. 14

Announcement was made today by the La Grande High school student body that Anthony Lawer, author, artist and lecturer, will appear here next Thursday night at the First M. E. church at 8 o'clock as the third entertainer in the lyceum sponsored by the students.

Reserved tickets may be secured at Glass Drugs after 8 o'clock next Thursday morning.

Among other features, Mr. Lawer will give a lecture, "The Undiscovered Indies," according to advance notices.

Pendleton Youth
Is Found Guilty

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 9 (AP)—Ralph Skell, Pendleton youth, was convicted of killing Bob Linsner, by a jury in circuit court here last night. He will be sentenced Monday on a manslaughter count.

Linsner died last August from knife wounds. The stabbing resulted, it was testified, from an argument over possession of a gun.

Feed Birds With
Fast-Flying Plane

HALESBORO, Ore., Feb. 9 (AP)—After usurping the realm of the birds, the airplane has now been called upon to save them from destruction.

Throughout this district and for the first time in Oregon history, a plane is flying, spraying down over a wide area grains of life-giving wheat to the pheasants, quail, song birds and the lowly sparrow, desolate on the relentless blanket of snow and ice on the countryside.

HEIR TO ESTATE DIES
OREGON CITY, Feb. 9 (AP)—The heir, so he was informed two years ago, to a \$2,000,000 estate in England, Frank Nelson died here yesterday, a victim of heart attack. He had been a watchmaker here for 18 years.

LEGISLATURE
FROWNS AT
ANNEXATIONBaker Expresses Fear
That Ponderosa-Medical
Springs Move to FailSTRAYER, SWIFT
SEND IN REPORTNot Likely to Pass, They
Say, Because of Precedent
Involved; Transfer
Suggested

Fear that the bill for the annexation of Medical Springs and Ponderosa by Baker county will not be successful, is being expressed in Baker and the two communities, it was learned here today.

The following story appeared in the Baker Democrat-Herald:

"The bill empowering Baker county to annex two townships of Union county, including the Ponderosa and Medical Springs communities, is not likely to pass the legislature, according to word received today by P. J. Powers from Senator W. H. Strayer and Representative A. V. Swift. Members fear similar movements in other counties if a precedent is set, the Baker members declared.

Suggested Transfer.
"It was suggested, however, that the transfer might be arranged satisfactorily between Baker and Union counties if agreement could be reached concerning the transfer of part of Union's indebtedness to Baker along with the taxable property of the two townships. Mr. Powers, who launched the movement along with other Ponderosa-Medical Springs people, was to confer with Judge Baird this afternoon."

From all indications, Union county people will oppose the proposed annexation very strongly.

PHONE BILL FILED

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9 (AP)—The legislature's telephone puzzle took on new complications during the closing hours of the fourth week of the session Friday afternoon and brought forth the first promise of definite relief to phone users of Oregon who have been complaining of high rates and arbitrary practices by the telephone company.

The relief suggestion took the form of a bill by Senator Upton directing the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company to file with the state Public Service Commission not later than July 1 of this year a new tariff schedule in which the rates shall not exceed 75 percent of those now in effect, and declares the present rates to be "unjust, unreasonable and unlawful."

Senator Upton holds that if the Public Service Commission, a creature of a legislative act, has the authority to fix rates then that authority also obtains to the legislature itself.

Following close on the heels of Senator Upton's bill to consolidate the University of Oregon and the Oregon State Agricultural college under a single board of regents.

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First Ward Five
Is Victorious In
M. I. A. Tourney

The First Ward basketball team came out victorious in the M. I. A. championship game last night. It defeated Imbler 26 to 5. Donald Lamb was referee. The First Ward received the championship cup following the game last night.

The next M. I. A. game will be played next Thursday night at Baker when the all-star team meets the Athletic club of Baker.

Oregon Offering
Four Base Sites

PORTLAND, Feb. 9 (AP)—Naval chiefs selecting a new Pacific coast, desirable base site will find Oregon divided into four sections, each ready to present all possible data on available sites in its area.

The divisions decided upon were Willamette valley district, bordered on north by Woodburn and on south by Eugene; Eastern Oregon; Southern Oregon; and the Columbia basin district, to include all territory north of Woodburn.

DOUBTFUL ABOUT CAT
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Doubt was expressed today by Senator Smoot, of Utah, upon his return from a visit with President-elect Hoover, that Louis B. Gates, of Utah, would be named secretary of interior in the new administration.

400 Attend Boy
Scout Banquet,
Court of HonorBiggest Event of Year for
Organization in La
Grande; Merit Awards
Are Given

Enthusiastic, eager, serious, interested, achievement confident and proud of honors well won, describes in part the atmosphere which prevailed last night in the Methodist church when more than 400 La Grande Boy scouts, scout leaders, fathers, mothers, friends and "those interested," gathered for the launching of the program which inaugurated anniversary week in La Grande part of the nation wide scout program in honor of the organization's 19th birthday.

The event began at 6:30 o'clock when the scouts and friends sat down at the long tables in the basement of the church for a banquet, which had been prepared by the committee of scout mothers, Mrs. W. C. Perkins, Mrs. E. Heasler, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. C. E. McPherson, Mrs. Kochenberger, Mrs. W. J. Briggs, Mrs. George Lyman and Mrs. George Walker.

The food was served by the two groups of captive girls of which Mrs. Lell H. Ames and Mrs. R. F. Tyler are guardians.

Dr. Phy Speaks
At the banquet and at the court of honor Dr. W. T. Phy, president of the Eastern Oregon Scout council, explained to scouts and parents some of the advantages and purposes of the organization. "To build a good government, we must begin at the bottom," he said. The Rev. V. E. Hall gave the invocation.

A program of stunts by scout troops followed the session following the dinner. Troop No. 14, of the Presbyterian church, led. Robert Ramsey, Sam Ashby, Edwin Kirby and Clair Perkins took part in the demonstration showing many of the uses to which a neckerchief can be put. Edwin Kirby explained the work of the neckerchief while the other scouts demonstrated its use as a sling, a bandage and other ways.

Troop No. 2 interested the audience by showing how to make fire without matches, and also showed the way to tie diamond hitch knots. Carl Coleman and Woodrow Darnell were the scouts participating in the No. 3's stunt.

"Oh, what become of the monk the monk the monk," chanted the boys from troop No. 12, as they entertained with a humorous song generally applauded by the audience. The boys in the stunts were: Rollin Heasler, Steven Eaton, Luther Batts, Garth Cross, Marion Bray and Allen Eames.

MURDER FARM
SLAYER WILL
FILE APPEAL

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Feb. 9 (AP)—Gordon Stewart Northcott today professed to have adopted a fatalistic attitude toward his conviction for the murder of three boys at his Wineville chicken ranch.

"It doesn't make much difference," he said as he looked forward to hearing the death sentence pronounced next Monday. "I haven't had a very pleasant life, anyway."

He appeared to have at least partially recovered from mental and physical let-down which gradually overtook him after his conviction Thursday night.

"How do you feel?" he asked. "Fine," he answered. "How do I look?"

"I had to laugh, though," he said "when the verdict was brought in. You could have heard a pin drop in that court room, it was so solemn. You would have thought it was a funeral."

The convicted slayer planned to spend the weekend mulling over plans for an appeal which he says he will file when he is sentenced.

After 13,000 Nights at Home, Rebels
Judge Finally Stops at 90-Day Sentence

CHICAGO, Feb. 9 (AP)—Up to Thursday night of the current week William Kearns, hale and hearty at 82, had avoided the pitfalls that await old men. In the 25 years of his married life he had not looked upon the wine when it was red, blue or yellow; nor had he gambled, nor stayed out nights.

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JOSE TORAL
EXECUTED IN
MEXICO CITYAssassin Ready to Die Be-
fore Facing the Firing
Squad at PrisonKILLED OREGON
ON JULY 17, 1928Nun, Sentenced to 20
Years for Implication in
Crime, Hears Fatal Vol-
ley

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 9 (AP)—Jose De Leon Toral, assassin of President-elect Alvaro Obregon, was executed by a firing squad at 12:35 p. m. today (1:35 E. S. T.).

The execution took place in the courtyard of the federal penitentiary on the outskirts of Mexico City. It had been planned to carry out the death sentence at noon, but the time was advanced until 12:30. The condemned man who was weary and struggling with emotion during the last hours before his execution, spent his last earthly hour with a Catholic priest named Rafael Ruiz Soto, the priest being permitted to remain in the death cell with him.

Ready to Die
Newspapermen interviewed Toral in his cell while the prisoner was eating his last breakfast of chocolate and rolls. He told his visitors that he was ready to die. "My only moment of anguish in these last hours," he said, "was when I held my new born son in my arms for the first time. I wish I could have been alone with my baby, and I wish he could have understood me."

Toral saw his baby for the second time.

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KING GEORGE IS
SENT TO SEASIDERemoved to Craigwell
House So He May Bene-
fit from Ocean Breeze

BOGNOR, Sussex, Eng., Feb. 9 (AP)—King George, slowly recovering from the long siege of illness which has stricken him, was safely removed to Craigwell House near here today in order to benefit from the sea breeze.

His majesty left Buckingham Palace at 10:34 A. M. in a specially designed ambulance in which every contrivance was used to avoid vibration, and his car rolled safely and smoothly into the grounds at Craigwell House at 1:24 p. m. just two hours and 50 minutes later.

Queen Mary was on hand to receive her husband, having traveled from Buckingham Palace by a shorter route. She reached Craigwell House at 12:55 in plenty of time to prepare for the arrival of the king.

Met By Crowds.

Both the king and queen were cheered by small groups of spectators in Aldwick and the royal guests were given a bright welcome at Craigwell House where everything had been in readiness long before their arrival.

The queen had an opportunity of a hurried tour of the house known as "Dunlavin House" before the king's car drove up to the door and found the temperature in his majesty's room exactly at the level required by the physicians, as well as a cheerful coal fire blazing on the hearth.

When his majesty left Buckingham Palace this morning he was weak and pale, but his doctors hope that the fresh Sussex breezes will put color in his face and aid him in his fight toward convalescence.

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After a goodly crop had been sown, he went home, where his wife, who is 80 years old, had been wondering what had happened.

Presidents Of
Railroads Hear
Service DemandPacific Northwest Asks
for a Competitive Train
As Fast As Any in the
Southwest

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 9 (AP)—Presidents of three trans-continental railroads, and the vice president of a fourth line today heard the demand of the Pacific Northwest not only for a 62-hour train to Chicago, but for a competitive train as fast as any gained by the Pacific Southwest.

W. D. B. Dodson of the Portland Chamber of Commerce told railroad men and civic leaders at a meeting here today that while Portland has previously asked only for a 61-hour train, a service that California cities have enjoyed for some time past, these same cities now seek a 48-hour service, and that Portland will battle for this as well.

Executive Present.
The railroad executives at the meeting included Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific, Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific; H. A. Scandrett, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific; W. F. Turner, president of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle, and L. C. Gilman, vice-president of the Great Northern.

Speakers declared fast service to both California and British Columbia made difficult competition for Oregon and Washington in Oriental trade.

George Gottschall, former mayor of Seattle and member of the Reuther Port Commission, said the Canadian Pacific line save faster service from Montreal to the Pacific than trans-continental lines serving Oregon and Washington. Much of the eastern United States' trade was consequently routed by the way of Canada, he said.

5 Miles Difference.

Jay McCune, traffic manager of the Tacoma chamber of commerce, said the average speed of fast trains to the northwest is 31 miles an hour, against 36 miles per hour to California. The average number of stops on northwest routes, he said, is one every 21 miles as against one every 75 miles in the south.

Other speakers were Senator Hastings of Seattle, chairman of the Washington state senate ways and means committee; J. H. Martin, general manager of Rainier National Park company; Thad Stevens, manager of the Tacoma chamber of commerce, and Judge Denney, Seattle, of the Washington Department of Public Works.

Wife of Plane
Manufacturer In
15-Story Plunge

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP)—While her husband dozed in the same room, Mrs. Anthony H. G. Fokker here jumped or fell to her death last night from a window of the 15th floor apartment on Riverside Drive.

The airplane designer awoke when a maid, whom Mrs. Fokker had sent for a glass of water, returned to the room a moment after his wife fell.

Police filed the case as a suicide, although Herbert Reed, secretary and treasurer of the Fokker Airplane company, issued a statement saying Mrs. Fokker had been subject to fainting spells and probably was overcome when she went to the window. He termed the death "an unfortunate accident."

The body, clad in a pink negligee and slippers, was found on the sidewalk in front of the apartment building by a pedestrian who called an ambulance. The surgeon pronounced her dead.

Mrs. Fokker had returned a few hours before her death from Presbyterian hospital, where she had been under treatment for a nervous disorder.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP)—Robert J. Leonard, educator and writer, and a director of the school of education of the teachers' college at Columbia university, fell or jumped to his death this morning from a window of his sixth floor apartment on Morningside Drive.

He had recently had a severe attack of influenza.

Migratory Bird
Bill Is Adopted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—The house today passed the senate bill to fix a 10-year program for the establishment of migratory game bird refuges.

APPROVE HAWLEY BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—The house judiciary committee today approved the Hawley bill to make the federal government a party defendant in a suit to be begun by Oregon for determination of titles to the beds of Malheur and Harney lakes, Harney county, Oregon, and of riparian lands.

THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair tonight and Sunday, no change in temperature. Moderate easterly winds on the coast.KEYES HELD
GUILTY; JURY
VOTES ONCEFormer Los Angeles Dis-
trict Attorney to Ap-
peal CaseCONVICT GETZOFF
AND ROSENBERGThree Accused of Figur-
ing in Conspiracy and
Bribery; Pass Sentence
Monday

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9 (AP)—Asa Keyes, who until last November had been district attorney of Los Angeles county for six years, today was occupying a place where he had sent many another man—into a cell in the county jail. In adjoining cells were Ben Getzoff, Spring street tailor and Ed Rosenberg, stock salesman. The three were convicted on charges of conspiracy and bribery last night at the end of a long superior court drama which followed the collapse of the Julian Petroleum corporation two years ago. All announced that they would appeal.

"This is only the first round," said Keyes. "They allow ten in California."

Out Jury Balloos
A superior court jury composed of ten women and two men pronounced Keyes, Ed Rosenberg, a former Julian defendant and Ben Getzoff, who the state contended was the "fixer" of the Julian case, guilty after taking one ballot last night following 32 days of tense court sessions.

Prosecuted by District Attorney Burton Fitts, who at one time was chief deputy under Keyes, and three deputies, one of whom had called Keyes his chief, the three men were accused by former employees of the Getzoff shop of passing money and expensive gifts to secure lax prosecution of those charged with foul play.

\$125,000 Bribe Charged
Jacob Bernstein, who turned state witness against the men, told the jury that he had paid \$40,000 through Getzoff, the Spring street tailor to Keyes while he was a Julian defendant, and asserted that Rosenberg told him that Keyes had been paid \$125,000 for the dismissal of Rosenberg's Julian indictment.

One of the most tense moments of the trial was that in which Keyes, making his first defense plea before a jury in his own behalf, asked that the twelve men and women "guess no one into the penitentiary."

Keyes was indicted by a grand jury following secret investigation early in November last year, after he had announced his retirement to be effective on December