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THE WEATHER:

Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Gentle variable winds, mostly north to east.

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TEMPERATURE  
NEARS ZERO  
EARLY TODAYMinimum in La Grande  
One Above Following 26  
Above on MondayOTHER DISTRICTS  
CONTINUE COLDERPendleton 10 Below Today  
—Wasco Orchards Are  
Damaged Badly; Records  
Fall by Wayside

After a day with temperatures ranging from nine above to 26 above—only five degrees under freezing point—the mercury went into another nose-dive here early this morning, finally stopping at one above zero. At 7:30 o'clock the reading showed two above, a gain of one degree since the liquid struck rock bottom.

Yesterday, cloudy skies indicated a possibility of snow in the Grande Ronde valley, coupled with the slightly warmer weather, but this threat was dissipated during the night and today the skies are clear with bright sunshine.

Slimy sidewalks and streets coated with ice which in some cases is several inches deep has caused several accidents to persons in La Grande during the last week, although none of the injuries is extremely serious.

Mrs. Frank Jackson broke her right ankle Thursday when she slipped as she was walking on Fourth street. Her leg is in a cast and it will be necessary for her to use crutches for some time. Mrs. A. Andrews recently sprained her arm, but is recovering nicely.

## Feet Frozen

Peter Johnson, transient, was taken to the city health office by the police today for treatment for frozen feet. One of his feet was in bad condition, it was said.

La Grande, which throughout the cold spell has maintained higher temperatures than other points in Eastern Oregon, continued in its favored position this morning. Pendleton had a minimum of 10 below zero last night and Baker's reading yesterday was below zero.

Over the state records for February are continuing to fall by the wayside, although the weatherman is becoming slightly more optimistic. The prediction for tonight and tomorrow is for fair and little change in temperatures.

In other parts of the northwest considerable difficulty is being encountered. In Yakima sheep men are fighting hard to save lambs. Considerable lambing is under way in Union and Wallawa counties, with most of the lambs being saved.

## Wasco Orchards Hurt

Wasco county orchardists reported yesterday that their crop will be only about 50 per cent normal. Fruit conditions here are still excellent, orchardists report, in which was been panned in by snow, is getting regular service now, although not always right on time. The Cove basketball team played its first game in three weeks Saturday, going to North Powder.

## WOLVES ATTACK 15

VIENNA, Feb. 12 (AP)—Siberian temperatures made the Balkans and southeastern Europe shiver.

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Mr. Cochran  
Remembers Riley  
At University

Perhaps the La Grande person who is the most intimately acquainted with Frank Branch Riley and who is one of the most enthusiastic in praise of him, is George T. Cochran, La Grande attorney, who was a classmate of Mr. Riley's when the two men were students at Stanford university at which both graduated.

Mr. Riley left his alma mater in the class which was graduated two years before Mr. Cochran's. Frank Branch Riley was a member of the college club and was always the attraction of the club wherever it went. In his role as head comedian.

"It is certainly great that La Grande is going to have Mr. Riley here for he is in such demand that it is difficult to book him for speeches," Mr. Cochran says.

WEATHER TODAY  
7:30 a. m.—2 above zero.  
Minimum: 1 above.  
Condition: clear.WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum 26, minimum 7 above.  
Condition: cloudy.WEATHER FEB. 12, 1929  
Maximum 42, minimum 29 above.  
Condition: traces of snow.Programs Honor  
Lincoln On His  
Anniversary DayCourts Close Down in La  
Grande and Exercises  
Are Held in Schools of  
This City

Honoring Abraham Lincoln's birthday anniversary which is being commemorated all over the nation today, Feb. 12, La Grande schools, courts, civic organizations, and business houses have remembered the day with "fitting and proper ceremonies."

While some of the institutions celebrated with programs and ceremonies, others designated the event by declaring holidays. Circuit court interrupted its session today by declaring a vacation as did likewise the offices at the county court house. Lincoln's birthday is a judicial holiday.

Programs at School.  
In the schools the day was recognized with programs and gatherings. At 1 o'clock an assembly was held by the La Grande High school with a patriotic ceremony.

The girls club sang civil war songs, by declaring holidays. Circuit court interrupted its session today by declaring a vacation as did likewise the offices at the county court house. Lincoln's birthday is a judicial holiday.

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Tigers To Play  
Baker Bulldogs  
Tomorrow Night

The La Grande Tigers will wind up their pre-tournament season here Friday night with a game with Union in the L. D. S. Recreation hall beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Tomorrow night the Tigers will go to Baker, this game being moved up from Saturday because of a sub-district tournament in Baker this weekend.

The sub-district tournament here will begin next week.

Grade school games are also being played with Central, Riveria and Greenwood tied at 500 per cent. Central won from Riveria 3 to 2 and lost to Greenwood 4 to 2. Last night Riveria defeated Greenwood 6 to 4. There are six more games to play.

Plaintiff Wins  
Case; Black On  
Trial Tomorrow

Circuit court yesterday afternoon closed with a verdict for the plaintiff in the amount of about \$119 in the case of Giles vs. Whitehead, suit for \$131.91 alleged due for labor. In the case the defendant set up a counter claim in his answer asking for the amount of \$600.

Court will be resumed Wednesday when the case of the state vs. Fred M. Black, charged with manslaughter, will go on trial. Black was arrested following the fatal shooting of Leonard Olsen, Lostine farmer, during the fall deer season, the defense alleging that Mr. Olsen was mistaken for a deer and that Black did not fire a shot that hit the victim. Black was tried on a similar charge in Wallawa county but the jury disagreed. The defense then received a change of venue to Union county.

Court did not meet today because of Lincoln's birthday anniversary being a judicial holiday.

Traveling Across  
Continent On \$1.80

Jack Good, who wagered \$500 that he could go from San Francisco to New York in 29 days, starting with only \$1.80, passed through La Grande this morning—his fourth day of traveling—headed east.

"I have 75 cents left," he said, "and am confident that I can make it to New York within the next 16 days."

Good is accepting rides anywhere and any way they are offered, and has made his way from Frisco to La Grande on automobiles and trains. He is reporting at the main towns and cities along his route and is in Portland yesterday morning.

Gasoline Blaze  
Is Extinguished

Explosion of a can of gasoline in the Young and Williams garage on Jefferson at 6:25 o'clock last night called out both fire trucks. The damage was not heavy but paint on one car was burned and considerable chemicals were used by the fire department before the blaze was extinguished. The recall was sounded at 6:49 o'clock.

LONE EAGLE  
FORCED DOWN  
NEAR HAVANAColonel Lands Plane at La  
Fe Bay, 100 Miles from  
DestinationNEWS OF SAFETY  
ENDS ANXIETYLindbergh En-route from  
Belize to Cuba on Return  
Trip After Blazing  
Airmail Route

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 12 (AP)—Colonel Lindbergh landed at La Fe Bay off Western Cuba at 3:55 p. m., Pan-American officials announced here at 5:02 p. m.

La Fe is a small seaport town about 100 miles west of Havana, a provisional air mail service station is maintained there by the Pan-American Airways.

The colonel had been expected to reach Havana from Belize, British Honduras, at 1:45 p. m. and efforts to locate him were begun when he did not put in appearance with his customary punctuality.

## OVERDUE AT HAVANA

HAVANA, Feb. 12 (AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, expected at Havana from Belize at 1:45 p. m., did not put in an appearance at 2:15 o'clock although a close watch was being kept for him.

George Grant Mason, Havana manager for the Pan-American Airways, evinced no worry about the colonel's safety, expressing the opinion that the famous aviator, on his return air mail flight, may have landed near Cozumel Island, on the coast of Yucatan, fearing a possible storm over the Caribbean sea.

Mr. Mason also said that he did not believe Col. Lindbergh would change his itinerary and fly directly to Miami without first stopping in Havana.

Nothing definite has been heard of the flier since 7:10 o'clock this morning when he was reported sighted over Cozumel Island, a three hour hop from Havana. Much

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MOST OF DINNER  
TICKETS TAKENChamber of Commerce  
Quartet Unable to Sing  
at Riley Banquet Here

There are only a few reservations remaining but these must be made before noon tomorrow for the Frank Branch Riley dinner to be given in the Salsavaya ballroom at 6:45 o'clock Wednesday night, it is announced today. However, there will be room for at least 150 who are unable to get tickets or who cannot attend the dinner, but who can come at 8 o'clock and hear Mr. Riley's address. Approximately 350 reservations have been made.

Everybody is invited and urged to attend—if not for the dinner afterwards at 8 o'clock to hear the speaking. The dinner is being sponsored by the chamber of commerce and The Observer.

A telegram was received today from G. L. "Sonny" Dutton, from Portland, stating that although he had planned to be here tomorrow night, business calls him to San Francisco and he will be unable to sing for the dinner. The old chamber of commerce quartet has been cancelled but another musical feature will be arranged. In addition the La Grande band will play.

## Interest has been high for the last several days in La Grande and it is assumed that Mr. Riley's address will be delivered before a capacity crowd.

Government Hunter Accounts For  
325 Predatory Animals In County

During the last two years the Union county government hunter, A. D. Kinnison, who says his home is "wherever he puts his hat," has trapped in this county 325 predatory animals consisting of coyotes and bobcats.

Mr. Kinnison spends his winters in Union county first in one section and then in another, setting traps, collecting the trapped animals and skinning them. The hides are sent to the biological survey in Portland where they are sold. The proceeds of the sale being sent back to Union county.

## Where He Finds Them

Some of the haunts for these animals in the winter are North Powder, Telocamel, Union and Milam. Mr. Kinnison says. These spots seem to be natural "hang-outs" for coyotes because they likewise are hangouts for sheep and rabbits. The regions are characterized by sage brush and bluffs.

Deserting the use of his automobile at this season Mr. Kinnison travels by train and uses snowshoes and skis to reach his traps. He has 25 poison stations in the county from Kanab to Powder River. Poisoned horse flesh is used for bait.

Mostly Coyotes  
Two-thirds of the predatory animals which Mr. Kinnison has caught during the last two years are coyotes, he says. He has been employed in this county for two years. Stanley G. Jewett, of Portland, predatory animal inspector for Oregon, is his "boss."

Most counties in the state employ two government trappers. Mr. Kinnison says. His work this year has not been so heavy as it was last year because during the former year the predatory animals were pretty well "cleaned up."

America Facing  
Competition Of  
Serious NatureCanadian and Argentine  
Wheat Strong Factor—  
Russia Held Not Likely  
to Export Much

ARLINGTON, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—The necessity of open river transportation on the Columbia river from Lewiston, Idaho, to the Pacific ocean, was voiced today by the Inland Empire through the Columbia basin wheat conference on the second day of its three-day session here.

ARLINGTON, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—America is faced with serious competition in its wheat industry by Canada and Argentina, in the opinion of W. A. Schoenfeld, northwest representative of the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics, who addressed the Columbia basin wheat conference here.

Russia is not likely to become an immediate serious factor in the wheat wars of the world, Schoenfeld said, because of lack of marketing and transportation facilities. Lack of these two requisites, the speaker said, make improbable large exports from Russia at this time.

The conference opened yesterday for a three-day session. All delegates have been formed into seven committees to report on matters to come before the convention.

## Chairmen Named

Chairmen of these committees are: Transportation, W. H. Harrah, Pendleton; production, H. B. Pinkerton, Moro; warehousing and credit, Sam Thompson, Pendleton; crop insurance, J. B. Adams, Moro; legislation, Charles A. Harth, The Dalles; grain inspection and market news service, Roy Ritter, Pendleton; weed control, Berry Johnson, London.

The sessions today were devoted largely to a discussion of large transportation on the upper Columbia river. Speakers included W. D. B. Dodson, manager of the Portland chamber of commerce, and H. B. Richards, of The Dalles, state president of the Farmers' Union.

## Seek Daily Report

A demand for more adequate and more authentic market reports developed after Schoenfeld had told the conference of an elaborate system of collection and distribution of data by the government. Several wheat men asked that action be taken to supply daily a radio report of crop and market news.

Value Picture Of  
Pierce At \$600.00

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—Six hundred dollars for a painting of Walter M. Pierce, ex-governor, to be hung in the statehouse. Such an appropriation is asked for in Henderson's House bill 474 introduced to the house of representatives Monday afternoon.

Six other bills were introduced to the house Monday afternoon and three of these are sponsored by Briggs of Jackson county.

Three La Granders  
In O. S. C. Operetta

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Ore., Feb. 12 (Special)—Three La Grande students at O. S. C. will take part in the operetta, "Chimes of Normandy," to be presented by the Oregon State Blue and madrigal club, Tom Bruce, freshman, has a character part, and Frieda Klopferstein, sophomore, and Nelson Anderson, freshman, are members of the chorus.

The chorus will be accompanied by members of the Oregon state symphony orchestra. Late in March the production will be taken to Eastern Oregon. The itinerary of the trip includes presentations at The Dalles, Baker, La Grande, Pendleton, Hood River, Portland and Salem.

M. I. A. Will Play  
Wallawa Thursday

The La Grande M. I. A. will play the Wallawa Athletic club here Thursday night at 8 o'clock. It was announced today. The Wallawa team is as yet unknown and a close contest is anticipated. The M. I. A. also has a game scheduled at Baker, Feb. 21.

Reports received here today state that the Eugene Mohawks, independent champions of Oregon, defeated Baker last night 22 to 16 on a barnstorming trip. There is a possibility, it is said, that the Mohawks may be secured to play a game in La Grande.

Landreth Becomes  
New Superintendent

PENDLETON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Austin Landreth, principal of the Pendleton high school, has been named superintendent of Pendleton schools, to succeed H. E. Inlow, appointed president of the Eastern Oregon normal school at La Grande. The announcement was made last night. No successor to Landreth has been appointed.

## EDISON HALE AND HEARTY AT 82



Here is a remarkable character study of Thomas A. Edison, the famous inventor, who is still hale and hearty as he celebrates his 82nd birthday, which occurred yesterday. Among his guests were President-elect and Mrs. Hoover, Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone. Mr. Edison spoke over the radio at 5:30 Pacific Coast time last night, from his experimental farm in Florida, where he is trying to develop a substitute for rubber.

Pay Tribute To  
Emancipator At  
Springfield Tomb

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12 (A. P.)—Here, where Lincoln lies, commemoration of his birthday anniversary is becoming more and more with the passing years a solemn ceremony.

In other years those who knew Lincoln were numbered by thousands. February 12 became a day on which those men and women polished the memory of the golden moment when they had seen Lincoln pass, had heard him speak, had felt the pressure of his hand.

## Few Survivors

Today, more than ever before, the poster of those who had seen him and who treasured the recollection of those contacts, no matter how casual, became noticeable to a degree. Young men and women who were not yet born when Lincoln died, took leading parts in the day's ceremonies to his memory.

First hand Lincoln stories gave way to historians' comment.

Claude G. Hovora, democratic keynoter at the Houston national convention, was speaker of the day at ceremonies held in the Sangamon county court and Logan Hall, former United States Senator and president of the Lincoln Centennial association was to preside at both day and night programs.

Moonshiner Is  
Shot By Prohi  
Officer Today

TOLEDO, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—Clinton Kelley, 32, a moonshiner, was shot to death by a state prohibition officer here early today after a gun battle in which L. O. McBride, county deputy sheriff, narrowly escaped death. The bullet that killed Kelley was fired by J. J. Zimmerman, state dry agent.

In Kelley's house was found a still, two barrels of mash and 15 gallons of moonshine whiskey.

Three officers, McBride, Zimmerman and Ed Payne, night marshal, acting on a tip they had received, visited the house near here shortly after midnight.

McBride crashed his shoulder against the door, springing the lock. The door cracked open but a few inches, and immediately three shots rang out from the inside. The bullets grazed McBride's temple and blackened the side of his head. McBride fell to the porch stunned.

Zimmerman, who believed his companion had been killed, ran to a window and fired three shots through the drawn curtains.

Kelley cried out "I'm shot," and the officers entered. The moonshiner had a bullet through his heart.

Promise Bribery  
Disclosures Of  
Startling NatureBen Getzoff Confesses  
Additional Crimes; Six  
New Persons Involved  
in Graft Case

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 12 (AP)—Promised bribery disclosures that "will rock the very foundations of the county" were expected to issue today from the office of District Attorney Burton W. Pitts, who made that prediction after hearing new names of alleged bribery conspirators from Ben Getzoff, convicted "go-between" in the fixing of criminal cases with former district attorney A. Keyes.

Pitts announced that Getzoff had made a "complete confession," to him naming three former employees of the district attorney's office under the Keyes regime, a prominent attorney, two well-known politicians and the seven original defendants in the Julian trial, as 13 members of a "case-fixing" ring.

## Grand Jury Hears Story

Pitts laid the matter before the grand jury yesterday afternoon, but said he would not ask for indictments until he had "checked" Getzoff's story, which he was confident would be corroborated. He made known that four additional "gifts" worth \$3,000 are charged against Keyes, and that the sum of \$151,000, heretofore not mentioned, was asserted to have been split between the conspirators.

"Keyes was the actual extortionist," said Pitts, "and Getzoff only a go-between." I am going to break my neck to get corroboration of his story and I am quite sure that we can, and the city and county will be rocked to its very foundations when I assemble this evidence."

## Tailor Confesses

Getzoff's purported confession was made in the district attorney's office yesterday. The Spring street tailor, who was convicted with former district attorney Keyes and Ed Rosenberg on charges of conspiring to give and receive bribes last Friday, expressed a desire yesterday to talk and later in the day he was given the opportunity. In the parlance of the underworld he was said to have "delivered the works."

Pitts was closely guarding the names of the six hitherto unnamed persons said to have been named by Getzoff. The seven original defendants in the Julian "fixing" case were Keyes, Getzoff and Rosenberg, who were convicted Friday, Jacob Herman, the "bright boy" who turned state's evidence Charles Reimer, Jack Rosenberg and Dave Getzoff, whose cases were dismissed by the state for lack of sufficient evidence.

"Getzoff is a very sick man," said Pitts. "Once during the taking of his confession he swooned and

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Germany Cannot  
Pay Under Dawes  
Plan, Is Report

PARIS, Feb. 12 (AP)—The Associated Press learned on good authority today that Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the German Reichsbank, told the reparations experts this morning that Germany could no longer pay at the present rate under the Dawes plan.

At this afternoon's session, he continued to present Germany's position on the problem of reparations before the "Young committee."

Lindbergh Will Wed  
Miss Morrow

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 12 (AP)—United States Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow today announced the engagement of his daughter to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh.

General Pershing  
Ill Of Influenza

CHERBOURG, France, Feb. 12 (AP)—General John J. Pershing, arriving here today aboard the steamship Leviathan, was suffering from influenza and had considerable fever.

The general was forced to give up his intention of motoring to Paris and took the regular boat train, planning to go to bed immediately on his arrival at the capital. In addition to the famous war-time commander, many others on the Leviathan were suffering from influenza.

Two Children Are  
Burned To Death

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 12 (AP)—Trapped in their bed when the house suddenly became a mass of flames, two Tacoma children, Donald Mae Bailey, 8 months old, and Marion Bailey, 2, were burned to death last evening. A third child, Arthur Lee Bailey, 4, escaped and ran to neighbors to spread the alarm.

All three were the children of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bailey.

NEW HIGHWAY  
MEASURE IS  
WORKED OUTControversial Resolutions  
Scrapped in Favor of  
Joint BillPAY-AS-YOU-GO  
BASIS SOUGHT29 Roads Specified to Be  
Completed; Estimated  
Expense of Program Is  
\$19,300,000

## LINCOLN DAY OBSERVED

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—Lincoln's birthday was observed by the 35th legislative assembly of the state of Oregon Tuesday afternoon with a special program in the lower house attended by members of both houses.

The Rev. D. J. Ferguson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Astoria, made the Lincoln Day address. Musical numbers were given also.

## SALEM, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—

Scraping the controversial resolutions which they sought to "direct" the state highway commission to do this and "request" it to do that, the authors of four of the proposals which have precipitated the legislature into a deadlock on highway construction legislation are now joined together in sponsorship of a bill which will provide legislative cooperation with the highway commission, speed up the road program and place it squarely on its feet on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The bill bears the names of President Norblad, Speaker Hamilton and Senators Hall and Bell. It provides that the legislature shall refer to a vote of the people a proposal that the gasoline tax be increased one cent for a period of five years and that the revenue derived from this additional tax shall be devoted solely to new construction work in completing the designated roads on the state highway program.

## Does Not Restrict

It does not restrict the highway commission from applying any other available revenues it may see fit toward construction of the designated roads, nor does it dictate the manner in which the additional tax money is to be applied to the program outlined. The order in which the work is to be carried on is left entirely to the discretion and judgment of the highway commission.

Twenty nine roads, all of them already on the highway map by action of the people, the legislature or the commission are specified in the bill as those which are to be completed through application of the additional income to the highway funds. These roads, together with estimates of the cost of completion compiled by the highway department, are listed as follows:

East Oregon Roads Included  
Tule river, \$740,000; Columbia river, \$150,000; West Side Pacific, \$160,000; The Dalles-Callifornia, \$70,000; Old Oregon Trail, \$240,000; Central Oregon, \$2,550,000; Oregon-Washington, \$15,000; Roseburg coast, \$4,275,000; La Grande-Walla Walla, \$105,000; Baker-Cornucopia, \$350,000; Baker-Unity, \$130,000; Prineville-Central Oregon, \$350,000; McKenzie, \$530,000; Santiam, \$6,740,000; McKenzie-Hend, \$17,000; Willamette, \$2,300,000; Fremont, \$1,050,000; Klamath Falls-Lakeview, \$130,000; Ashland-Klamath Falls, \$100,000; Hood, \$40,000; Astoria, \$50,000; Pendleton-John Day, \$1,250,000; McMinnville-Tillamook, \$32,000; Siuslaw, \$1,150,000; Pendleton-Cold Springs, \$20,000; Umatilla cut-off, \$330,000; Oregon Caves.

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JOHN BINGNER  
PASSES AWAY  
IN PORTLAND

John C. Bingner, former well known resident of La Grande, died in Portland last evening about 6 o'clock. He recently underwent an operation and was apparently recovering when stricken yesterday at St. Vincent's hospital.

Mr. Bingner was 66 years of age. He was born in El Paso, Ill., later made his home in Kansas and then pioneered in Oklahoma when the Cherokee strip was opened, settling at Muskogee, Okla. Mr. Bingner came to La Grande in 1913, living here four years before moving to Portland in 1923.

He is the father of Charles Bingner, of La Grande, and is also survived by his wife, three daughters: Mrs. C. H. Fisher, of Salem; Mrs. C. W. Charbonneau, of Marshfield; and Mrs. C. A. Thomasson, of Portland; two brothers in Illinois and one sister in Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bingner left for Portland last night. Charles and Karl Lynch, brothers-in-law of the deceased, will also attend the funeral, time of which will be announced later.