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OREGON: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably rain in the extreme northwest. Warmer to night. Moderate southwest and west winds.

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MOST FRUIT TREES OKEH AFTER COLD

Outlook in Grande Ronde Valley is for Excellent 1929 Crop

SOME ISOLATED DAMAGE REPORTED

Cove and Elgin Districts Stand Weather in Good Shape — Peach Yield May Be Small.

Although a few reports have been heard of fruit trees being damaged by the recent cold weather, particularly near Imbler and Pumpkin Ridge where some growers say cherry trees have been hurt, the fruit situation in Union county at present is regarded as excellent with bright prospects of a big crop next summer and fall.

Karl J. Stackland, Cove orchardist, told an Observer reporter this morning that there has been no damage done to fruit trees in the Cove district and that every thing looks all right there. "It is hard to imagine that there is damage to any trees in the county," Mr. Stackland said.

Elgin District O. K. Fred Z. Terpany, apple grower of Elgin, said that there has been no damage in the Elgin district to his knowledge and that prospects are good for an excellent crop. Scott Harris, of Elgin, also reports no damage.

Some of the trees in the Elgin district are partly covered with snow and in some orchards, where there are large drifts, there may be some slight breaking of limbs. It is also said that there is a possibility of isolated cases of winter kill.

The outlook for peaches in this valley and elsewhere in the inland empire is not good, local orchardists believe, pointing out that after the mercury drops below 19 below zero, the peach crop is severely damaged. The peach crop in the Grande Ronde, however, is not a major one.

Heavy Damage in Wasco Reports have been received here from other points of heavy damage to fruit trees, particularly in the Wasco country where a 50 per cent loss was reported.

In the Yakima and Milton-Freewater districts, the weather has been quite severe with warmer days that may have caused the sap to rise in some trees, increasing the chance of damage. In Union county there is no sign of sap rising in the trees, according to reports, which lessens the chance for damage.

THIRD BLAZE EXTINGUISHED AT 1101 O AVE.

A third fire in three days at a two and a half story home at 1101 O avenue was reported at 4:40 o'clock this morning and the firemen, upon arrival, found a blaze in a bedroom on the upper story, according to Fire Chief C. T. Lamsey. The flames burned through the roof and required a considerable length of time to control.

Two fires were extinguished in the home, which is owned by Mrs. Brenda Mires, Saturday night, one in the basement and another on the first floor.

Pantomime To Be Thursday Event

A pantomime of the birth of Christ, the characters to act in costume and the stage setting consisting of colored lights and other appropriate factors, is to be given Thursday night Feb. 21, at the Lutheran church by the Lutheran Choral society.

The interesting program being prepared will include solos, duets, and numbers by the choir. The members of the society are selling tickets to raise money for the fund to attend the affair.

A similar pantomime was given two years ago by the society and those who witnessed it remember it as an excellent program.

The choral society has grown in membership during the last several months. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Ben Turner and Mrs. Walter Johnson joined the group.

La Grande Will Play Elgin At 7:30 On Friday

Joseph Draws a Bye for Sub-Tournament Here This Weekend — Wal-lowa Matched with Cove

Drawings for the sub-district basketball tournament to be played in the L. D. S. Recreation hall here Friday and Saturday were made at the high school last night with representatives from various schools present.

Three games are to be played Friday, one in the afternoon at 2 o'clock between Wallowa and Cove, and two in the evening as follows: La Grande vs. Elgin, at 7:30; Enterprise vs. Imbler at 8:30. Joseph, the seventh team, drew a bye and does not enter play until Friday morning, when three games will be played.

Tigers Play Elgin The Saturday morning schedule follows: 9 a. m. Winner of Wallowa Cove vs. winner of La Grande-Elgin; 1 p. m. Winner of Enterprise-Imbler vs. Joseph; 11 a. m. loser of Wallowa Cove vs. loser of Elgin-La Grande. The loser of the Enterprise-Imbler first round game draws a bye for the second round. Do posters expect both Wallowa and La Grande to win in the first round and then face each other at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

The third round, Saturday afternoon, will have games at 2 and 3 o'clock, and then in the evening a final game at 8:30 o'clock.

May Be Surprises Wallowa, if she wins from Cove and La Grande, is sure of entering the Union tournament undefeated. Joseph is in a peculiar position because if she wins from the winner of the Enterprise-Imbler game, she, too, will be eligible to enter the tournament if she won from Elgin and Wallowa without further games, but if the Tigers lose from Elgin and then lose to Wallowa, two more games will be necessary. Two defeats eliminate any team.

With the double elimination plan followed, there may be surprises in the tournament with seven teams represented in the chart, school officials say.

Cave to Rehearse R. C. Garcia, who has refereed at Union championship tournaments, will be the official at the sub-district tournament and he will bring an umpire from Eugene. William Pearce will be timer and Nolan Skiff scorer.

The student body will handle the ticket sale, which begins tomorrow. There will be no reserve seats.

Two teams have already won their places in the Union tournament.

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National Guard Inspection To Be Held Feb. 20

Preparations for the federal inspection of the La Grande unit of the Oregon national guard were completed at last night's drill. The inspection will be held Wednesday evening in the armory at 8 o'clock, with Colonel C. M. Murray, Seventh Infantry, Vancouver barracks, as the inspecting officer.

A preliminary inspection was held last evening by Capt. W. A. Bean, commanding officer of Company E, 18th Infantry.

Headquarters company at Union will be inspected earlier tomorrow evening and tonight Company G, at Pendleton, is to be inspected.

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Walter Pierce Will Speak At Pioneer Dinner

The program for the pioneer banquet to be given in the Sae-Juan Inn the evening of Feb. 20 at 7 o'clock, has been completed and was announced today as follows:

Music, addresses by George T. Cochran, Walter M. Pierce and Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, and vocal solo by Raymond O. Williams.

Tickets are on sale at Glass Dress and the Sae-Juan and the banquet committee urges all to attend, whether a member of the organization sponsoring the affair or not.

Takes Needle Out Of Child's Hand She ran a needle into her hand this morning and it disappeared entirely all except a string of white thread which was fastened in the eye. And she went to the doctor and he had to cut the needle out by the thread.

The little girl is Marjorie La Velle, seven years old, and the accident occurred at 9 o'clock while she was playing in her home. La Velle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Hayes.

STORM HALTS RESCUERS OF HUNGRY 400

Food Supply of Miners Near Silverton, Colo., Reported Exhausted

FLOODS MENACING THE OLD WORLD

Many Are Already Forced From Homes With Danube over Banks—Widespread Havoc Reported

DURANGO, Colo., Feb. 19—(AP)—The grim spectre of hunger hung over 400 miners snowbound in a little settlement above the Sunnyside mine near Silverton, Colo., following a raging blizzard that swept rugged Animas canyon last night and caused suspension of all efforts to reach the community.

The supply of eggs, bread, butter and meat has been exhausted for two days. It was learned in a telephone conversation.

Railroad crews have worked night and day to penetrate huge snow avalanches that have blocked the entire district around the mine since February 3, but they were forced to seek shelter in last night's storm.

The real danger in the situation is reported to be in the possibility of new slides, which might take days or weeks to remove.

EUROPE PACES FLOODS LONDON, Feb. 19—(AP)—Flood terrors replaced rigors of bitter cold over a large part of Europe today. It was feared that when the toll of the inundations, real and prospective, was complete, it would equal or surpass that of the cold.

The Danube and tributaries swelled over their banks and forced many from their homes. Melting snow and ice caused disastrous floods in Macedonia and Thrace. Rumanian rivers overflowed, while rising temperatures in northern

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SCOUT PROGRAM AT FORUM LUNCH

Chamber of Commerce Hears Brief Talks by Boys, Sponsors

The chamber of commerce forum luncheon was devoted to a boy scout program today at noon, several scouts and their leaders making brief talks. Judge H. E. Brady, chamber of commerce president, turned the gavel over to A. W. Nelson, who presided during the afternoon session. Although Judge J. W. Knowles by early afternoon had not returned thanks after George S. Birnie led in the singing of "America."

Seven scouts spoke during the five-hour hour, each telling something of the achievements required before certain rankings are earned. Buddie Reynolds told of what it means to be a tenderfoot scout. Max Stoddard discussed the second class scout. Roland Heasler, the first class scout; Howard Lyman, the star scout; Claire Thomas, the

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Senator Borah Answers Reed's Attack On Prohibition in U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19—(AP)—The long awaited debate between Reed, of Missouri, and Borah, of Idaho, became a reality in the senate Monday as the Idahoan undertook a defense of the prohibition law in reply to a two-day assault upon it by Reed.

Senator Borah gained the floor after he had listened to his colleague devote two hours to a denunciation of prohibition as a law that could not be enforced and that none respected.

Praises Senator Reed Borah began by recalling that it was he who on Saturday requested extended debate on the pending Jones bill to increase prohibition law violation penalties, because he felt it was well for the country to have discussion from time to time of the prohibition question. He then paid tribute to the Missourian who leaves the senate on March 4.

"Those of us who have served with him through the years and have come to know his qualities, know his retirement is a loss to not only this great body but to the country."

"His retirement is the retirement of an ordinary man. It is the retirement of an extraordinary man, a man whose industry, courage and genius has placed him among the foremost men of his day."

"If those who make the law violate the law, the axe has already

Chicago Coroner Threatened Due To Investigation

Indications Are That Some Headway Is Being Made in Search for Valentine Day Killers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19—(AP)—Coroner Herman H. Hurdman revealed today his life has been threatened twice in the past three days, which he attributed to his lively investigation of the St. Valentine's day massacre of seven members of the Moran gang.

Every detective squad member on the Chicago police force totaling 525 men, was called in for questioning in the gang massacre investigation today. Each was asked:

"Where were you last Thursday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock?"

That was the hour in which seven of George (Hugs) Moran's men were lined up in a North Clark street garage and slain.

State's Attorney John A. Swanson issued the order for questioning of the policemen.

"It isn't because Swanson believes the gang killers were led by police detectives," one of his aides explained. "It is because he is absolutely sure that they were not."

Police Commissioner William Russell is convinced that no policeman was involved, but he is lending his assistance to the state's attorneys to clear up the mystery. It is the commissioner's theory that if any of the slayers were uniformed it was as a disguise.

Every squad car that has been sold in the last few years is being traced. In this manner, police believe, they may find that the machine used by the murderers was an witnesses said, a police car, but one that had been disposed of by the department.

Just before this new side of the inquiry was started, David Stansbury, assistant in charge for the state's attorney, made another tour of the North side neighborhood in which the killings occurred. As an incident of the tour a poolroom block from the murder scene was raided and five men arrested. The

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Large Crowd At McCoy Trial In Circuit Court

Before an audience which filled the court room of the La Grande circuit court the morning trial of James McCoy, charged with the slaying of the state vs. McCoy, of Imbler, who is being tried on a charge of burning a barn at Imbler with intent to injure an insurer, State witnesses were: Allan Crader, John Morris, C. M. Hale, Roscoe Neal and Mrs. Allan Crader.

This afternoon the defense began its testimony. Early in the afternoon H. H. Huron, W. B. Leithner, Frank McKennon and J. A. Gaskill had testified.

McCoy was expected to take the stand sometime during the afternoon session. Although Judge J. W. Knowles by early afternoon had not announced that a night session of court will be held, court observers say it is probable that he will do so.

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HOUSE PASSES WHITE BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19—(AP)—Without a record vote, the House today passed the White bill to extend for a year the administrative powers of the radio commission. The measure now goes to the senate.

"The fight against the liquor traffic is not one of ten days or ten years. I am not committed against modification or repeal of the Volstead act. I am only committed against modification or repeal so long as nothing better has been proposed. If there be a better way let's have it."

Supports Prohibition "While no better plan, in my judgment, has been proposed to stand for the scheme as it is. But I am for any plan for better enforcing the scheme."

The eighteenth amendment will stand in the constitution, Borah said, "until the moral forces of the

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LUMBER MEN ARE FIGHTING 'CONSPIRACY'

Seek Help of Western Railroads to Combat Attitude of East

OPEN HEARING IN PORTLAND TODAY

Believe Movement Aims to Oust Western Products in Favor of Building Materials.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19 (AP)—An attempt to knit the organizations of western railroads and western lumber producers into a solid formation to defeat what has been termed a "conspiracy of railroads" east of Chicago against western finished lumber products, was under way here today.

The meeting was attended by more than 100 delegates representing all railroads serving the lumber industry in the west, and the West Coast Lumber association, made up of lumber manufacturers.

Willis J. Walker, of the Red River Lumber company of California, declared he saw in the attitude of eastern railroads a move to keep out western products and substitute for them eastern building materials.

J. J. Saunders, freight traffic manager for the Southern Pacific, told the delegates that the Central Freight association, made up of railroads east of Chicago, has served notice on western roads that no new rate plus than the tariff on lumber plus 10 per cent would be accepted for doors and sashes carried east of Chicago.

The lumber association seeks a parity between doors and sashes and other lumber products. It was suggested, however, that a 1 1/2 per cent additional tariff might be accepted.

Mr. Walker said acceptance of (Continued on Page 5)

J. ROSENBAUM RETURNS FROM CHICAGO TRIP

James Rosenbaum, of La Grande, manager of the DeLo Light Products store, was in Chicago last week when the bombing of the seven gangsters took place. "All we found out about it, however, was what we read in the papers," reports Mr. Rosenbaum, who returned to La Grande yesterday. "Taxi men and others in Chicago don't talk much about it, although they say much is involved in the shooting war that never gets into the papers. Chicago is trying to put the soft peddle on the trouble," he says.

In the city Mr. Rosenbaum was a delegate to the convention of Frigidair corporation, which was attended by 11,000 dealers and salesmen. He was the "farthest away" delegate there. The delegates stayed in the biggest hotel in the world, the "Stevens," which has 3000 rooms and is a complete city in itself, having a library as big as the city library here, a children's playground, grocery and dry goods stores, a theater and the like, he says.

The delegates were two days in Chicago, sightseeing and the other in convention. Mr. Rosenbaum went on the special train which left Spokane. Ten other Frigidair conventions were held in February, too, but the one in Chicago was the largest. Mr. Beecher, president of the corporation, from Dayton, Ohio, was one of the principal personages at the meeting.

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Juicy Beefsteak? No, Just A Pill!

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19 (AP)—A pill having all the qualities of liver will be produced as a substitute for that meat, Dr. Robert Jolly, of Houston, Tex., told a medical meeting of the American College of Surgeons here yesterday.

Busy Week Begins For K. of P. Here Knights of Pythias activities in La Grande for this week are many and various. The program began last night when a group of local members of the lodge went to Baker for the annual roll call.

Among those making the trip were: Dr. H. W. Riley, Claude Berry, Ralph Byers, and Walter Jones.

Last night the local lodge initiated a candidate into the rank of esquire. About 20 members attended the meeting.

Tomorrow night the Dukes will meet for a banquet and ceremony and a number of the Dukes from Baker are expected to be present. All local members are urged to be present.

THESE MEN IN "IF" COLUMN



That small word "if" is right now playing a big part in the possible future of two well known western educators. If Hoover makes two selections for his cabinet, both will be advanced. If Governor General Stinson is on the new cabinet, Dr. David P. Barrows, (above) ex-president of University of California, may succeed Stinson in the Philippines. If Dr. Roy Lymann Wilbur should join Hoover's official family, his successor as president of Stanford University may be Dr. Robert E. Swain (below), executive head of that institution's department of chemistry.

MR. COOLIDGE NOT SURE OF FUTURE

No Decision Made Concerning His Activities After He Steps Down

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—President Coolidge has not yet arrived at a decision as to his occupation after retirement from office, although he has been approached by several persons with proposals that he write syndicated articles for newspapers.

The president regards that field as a fine one, but hesitates to bind himself by the rigidity of regular production. However, he may write occasional articles, dealing with his experiences and observations in public office.

The president has told callers that he is not in a position to make a positive decision at this time. This is in conformity with a previous assertion that he does not feel that his duties as president permit him to enter into any arrangements with an outside interest before his retirement.

Supplemental Budget Coolidge has drawn up for submission to congress a supplemental budget estimate recommending that an additional \$2,427,514 be appropriated for prohibition enforcement in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930.

It was explained at the white house that assurance had been given that opponents of the \$24,000,000 amendment for prohibition enforcement which was attached to the first deficiency bill would be satisfied with the sum recommended by Mr. Coolidge.

Vatican Withdraws Rotary Opposition

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 19 (AP)—It was learned in Vatican circles today that opposition to the principles of "rotary" has been withdrawn by the church authorities.

FRANSES RADIO LONDON, Feb. 19 (AP)—Stanley Baldwin, prime minister, thinks the radio one of the world's most effective peace instruments.

Five Prisoners Saw Way Out Of Ohio Pen Today

Pat McDermott, Slayer of Canton Editor, and Two Other Murderers Make Their Escape.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 19 (AP)—Three life term murderers, including Pat McDermott, slayer of Don Mellett, Canton publisher and two other prisoners saved their way to freedom from the state penitentiary here early today.

They dropped from the roof of the residence of Warden Preston E. Thomas and escaped under cover of a blinding snow storm that soon obliterated their tracks.

Resides McDermott, those who escaped are:

William Young, 40, Washington county, serving a life term for murder.

Mike Jacko, 21, Cuyahoga county, serving a life term for murder.

James Walton, 30, Cuyahoga county, serving a term of 12 to 25 years for robbery.

Joe Russo, 26, Cuyahoga county, serving a term of 10 to 25 years for robbery.

In Blinding Snowstorm The blinding snow storm left officials with no clues as to the direction the men took in leaving the penitentiary. All extra guards were sent out to search near the prison immediately after the escape was discovered and police of surrounding towns and cities were notified to be on the lookout for the men.

Seven other prisoners, including another life term murderer, who were quartered with the five escaped men refused to make the dash for liberty.

One bar on each of three cells was saved in two with a hack saw, an aperture wide enough for a man to crawl through being made. The escape is believed to have been made between 4 and 5 a. m.

Crossed Warden's Roof After the five men left their cells, they slipped along the corridor of their tier, which is in the front of the penitentiary, then mounted to the roof through a ventilator. From there they crawled to the roof of the warden's residence, suspended their improvised ladder made of mattress material, and bed clothing from the roof and slid to the ground, disappearing in the snow filled darkness.

In a statement issued several hours after the escapes, Warden Thomas fixed responsibility on "ignorance and disobedience of orders on the part of officers."

He said that some officer had entrusted the key to the ventilator door to an inmate plumber and had thereby paved the way for a collusion between the plumber and the escaped men.

Thomas also said that the "so-called 6 o'clock count" did not reveal anybody missing while the prisoners who remained in the cells declared that the men had escaped between 4 and 5 a. m.

Mr. Televox Aids Aviators; Turns On Field Lights

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 19 (AP)—Mr. Televox, the mechanical man, has come to the aid of aviators by making dangerous landings on unlighted flying fields unnecessary.

In obedience to the note of a stern air approaching plane the mechanical man turned on the flood lights at the Newark airport last night without the aid of human hands.

Mr. Televox, whose name, freely translated, from the Greek and Latin means "distant voice," demonstrated his ability as an airfield attendant when in repeated tests he flooded the new airport with 24,000,000 candle power in response to the distinct voice of a plane high in the air.

Pete Hirsman, airmail pilot, approached the field from various directions and at different altitudes in the tests, turning on a wind-driven siren as he neared. Each time the sound of the siren reached the field, the mechanical man flashed on the lights.

The device which gives Mr. Televox the similitude of human response to sound is the combination of two recent inventions, the knowledge grid glow and a vibrating reed selector.

Eleven Parisians Succumb to Gas PARIS, Feb. 19 (AP)—Eleven homeless Parisians who sought refuge from the bitter cold in a house in the Batignolles quarter were found dead this morning from asphyxiation, resulting from a broken gas pipe.

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EAST NORMAL SUPPLY BILL IS APPROVED

Ways And Means Committee puts O. K. on \$79,500 Appropriation

CABINET MEASURE PASSED IN SENATE

Kindergarten Bill Wins Way Through House — Senators Engage in First Fight Monday.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19 (AP)—By unanimous vote, after a brief discussion, the senate today did its part towards placing on the ballot at the next general election a proposed constitutional amendment for the establishing of the cabinet form of state government and abolition of the existing form. This was by the adoption of senate joint resolution 16, introduced by a special committee on administration and reorganization of state government.

The measure provides that the executive and administrative functions of the government be performed by the governor with the assistance of the following nine departments: agriculture, labor and industry, financial administration, commerce, education, public works and domain, health and public welfare, state police and military, and legal affairs.

House Passes Kindergarten Bill With a vote of 33 to 26, the lower house Monday afternoon passed the kindergarten bill. This bill, which has been a bone of contention between members of the education committee of the house for the past month, permits the establishment of kindergartens in school districts where a majority of voters desire such schools.

With the approval of items Monday night totaling \$1,685,502 the ways and means committee has finished with the budget for the fiscal year 1930. The committee has recommended that the governor extend work for the past month, permit the Smith-Lever federal act and one of \$5,704 under the Capper-Ketchum act.

Still Under Budget The governor's budget recommendations total \$6,864,660. Items not far approved by the committee total \$6,603,356. Items yet to be passed on total \$213,309.

Budget items approved Monday night were: state budget division \$19,750; state board of control, \$79,371; state printing board, \$15,000; expenses of legislative assembly, \$135,750; labor bureau, \$15,500; public service commission, \$31,750; tax commission, \$30,828; state school for blind, \$55,133; state school for deaf, \$148,727; Eastern Oregon normal school, \$29,500; University of Oregon medical school, \$246,607; state penitentiary, \$318,616; Doernbecher hospital, \$170,000; Eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital, \$102,500; Champeau provisional park, \$10,334.

Facing Other Bills In addition to the recommended budget, the committee has before it miscellaneous appropriation bills entirely outside that document to totaling \$1,399,974.55.

The senate today passed the Marks and Corbett bill providing for the organization of credit unions whereby mutual loan associations may be formed for the benefit of members wishing to borrow money. It is designed mainly for laboring men and as explained by Marks, gets them away from the necessity of patronizing loan sharks.

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