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OREGON: Fair tonight and Wednesday, becoming unsettled Wednesday in the west, slightly warmer in the east.

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CITY TURNS
THOUGHTS TO
THE YULETIDEBusiness Section Takes on
Holiday Garb—Window
Displays Delight.CHRISTMAS BUYING
IN ITS FIRST LAPOrganizations and So-
cieties Making Plans—
Elks Are Preparing for
Christmas Party.La Grande, newly dressed in its
pre-holiday habiliments has turned to
its annual and pleasant task of
preparing for Santa Claus' visit,
which is scheduled to take place
just three weeks from tonight.The business section, in particu-
lar, has made ready for the month
of shopping that precedes Christ-
mas eve, and merchants report
that the holiday buying is already
under way, although it will not
reach its peak for several days.

Christmas Stock on Display

Most of the stores in the city
have on display their Christmas
stock, and several of the larger
business establishments have elab-
orate "toylands" this year, featur-
ing everything in the line of toys,
dolls and other gifts for the small
boy and girl. Needless to say, these
departments are among the most
popular in the store, with both
adults and the children giving them
much of their attention.In other departments, a festive
gift for mother and dad and sis-
ter and brother are arranged.
Gifts of both the useful and the
luxury type are in demand, this
winter with present indications
pointing to a large amount of
Christmas buying, not only from
the La Grande population, but also
from practically every town and
city in Union and Walla-walla coun-
ties.

Beautiful Windows

At night, with several of the
store windows elaborately and col-
orfully decorated and housing a
multitude of gift suggestions for
all members of the family, the
business section presents a particu-
larly festive and Christmas-like
appearance. Many close observers
declare that the displays this year,
for the first week of December, are
the finest in this city's history.

Other Christmas Preparations

are also going ahead with a great
deal of interest.The annual sale of Christmas
seeds for the Tuberculosis associa-
tion is well under way; and the
L. P. O. Elks lodge, the Salvation
Army and other organizations and
churches who share in the annual
Christmas gifts to the needy are
making their plans. Financed by
the days of '49 show, the Elks will
erect a large Christmas tree near
their temple shortly before Christ-
mas, and on Christmas day will be
host to hundreds of children from
La Grande and vicinity. In addi-
tion, the lodge will distribute bag-
kets of provisions to needy families
in this district.Churches are making plans for
their annual Christmas programs,
some of which will be featured by
play, cantatas and other special
features, and social events are al-
ready turning to the Yuletide mas-
tiff.

Mother and Dad Busy

In the homes, mother and dad
are checking and re-checking lists
of friends and relatives, fearful
that one will be unintentionally
overlooked; and little brother and

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MARY COOMBS
PASSES AWAY
IN MAY PARKMary E. Coombs, pioneer resi-
dent of Union county, died yester-
day at her home in May Park, fol-
lowing an extended illness. Mrs.
Coombs was 82 years of age and
had made her home here for the
last 40 years.Funeral services will be held at
2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at
the Holmquist Funeral Home, with
the Rev. J. George Wolk officiat-
ing. Interment will take place in
the family plot in the L. O. O. F.
cemetery.Mrs. Coombs leaves two daugh-
ters, Mrs. E. E. Young, of Hagar,
and Mrs. E. M. Able, of Echo, one
son, Mr. O. Coombs, of La Grande,
besides a large circle of friends.

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WEATHER TODAY

7-39 a. m. 41 above.
Minimum 31 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 62. Minimum 22.
above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER DEC. 2, 1929

Maximum 57. Minimum 29.
above.
Condition: cloudy.P.-T. Institute
To Be Held Here
On Next MondayPlans for Meeting Dis-
cussed by City Council
—Mrs. Glendora Blake-
ly Gives Talk.Mrs. Glendora Blake, of the
state board of health, spoke before
the La Grande City Council of
Parent-Teacher associations at its
monthly meeting yesterday after-
noon in the Sackajawa Inn. Her
subject was immunization from
disease.Mrs. C. P. McPherson, fifth
vice president of the Oregon con-
gress, outlined plans for the insti-
tute to be held next Monday, Dec.
9 at the Sackajawa Inn when Mrs.
Charles Roe, national field worker,
will be instructor. Mrs. William T.
Brice, of Portland, state president
of P.-T. A., and Mrs. Armand Per-
kins of Haines, first vice president,
will attend. Institute hours are
from 9 to 12 and 1:30 to 4 o'clock.
Transportation will be provided to
the Eastern Oregon Normal school
when Mrs. Roe will speak in the
auditorium of the school, from 11
to 12 o'clock. A number of reserva-
tions have been made for the
institute luncheon. Willow Parent-
Teacher association were the
largest in attendance yesterday.Delegates are invited to attend
the institute from Baker, Emathit
and Union counties. The following
have been appointed as chairman
for the institute: Mrs. L. M. Shafer,
luncheon; Mrs. L. Billings, Imbler.

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Entertainment
Wednesday Night
At M. E. ChurchTomorrow, Wednesday evening
at the First Methodist church,
Buddy Strang and his company
will present an evening's enter-
tainment, which promises some-
thing quite unique, as well as
something quite different from any
program given in this city in a
long time. The evening here is
only possible because of an open-
date in an itinerary through the
northwest.In the first place, Mr. Strang
is a capable artist of considerable
reputation and it is this part of
his program which seems to be
causing the most comment and
anticipation at present. There are
other strong musical features. It
is announced, both vocal and instru-
mental. The bagpipe is an instru-
ment which is seen and heard per-
haps as infrequently as any musical
instrument and its weirdness
has a very unusual and very strong
appeal and fascination. Another
feature prominent in the program,
is the "Lauder Review" when
songs of Harry Lauder are intro-
duced, Mr. Strang appearing in
kilt.A character artist of much re-
pute, Mr. Strang devotes consider-
able time in the imitation of
various classes and characters and
make-up is done before the audi-
ence in the program process.The completed program is strong,
varied and high class, according to
those who have seen and heard Mr.
Strang and his artists.15 Answer Hoop
Call At Normal
School MondayWith 15 men turning out for
the opening practice, held last night
at the L. D. R. Recreational hall, the
Eastern Oregon Normal school
definitely turned its athletic atten-
tion to basketball. Coach Bob
Quinn, while not overly enthusias-
tic about his prospects on the
maple court, hopes to have a fair
team, and is expecting his squad
to increase in size during the next
two or three weeks.It has been necessary to cancel
the game scheduled for Dec. 12
with Ellensburg Normal here, be-
cause of a conflict with the E. O.
N. play, but Quinn hopes to play
them later in the season. The
schedule has not yet been pre-
pared.Among the men turning out yester-
day were: Barger, Beard, Craw-
ford, Devaney, Fuller, McCully,
Pusey, Price, Rust, Sullivan, Wade,
Wolfe, Carden and Houchens.The squad is practicing from 2
to 3:30 p. m. excepting on Tuesday
and Thursday, when the period
is from 7 to 8:30 p. m. After the
Christmas holidays practices will
be held entirely in the afternoon.Mrs. Hunter Acting
Chairman of DriveDuring the absence this week of
Mrs. Ray Murphy, who is in Port-
land, Mrs. A. B. Hunter is acting
chairman of the Union county sale
of Tuberculosis seals. Mrs. Hunter
reports that a splendid response is
being made by families to whom
Christmas seals have been mailed,
and that many of them have ex-
pressed their approval of the plan
of mailing the seals instead of sell-
ing them at booths, etc.Boy Scout Meeting
Tonight PostponedThe scheduled dinner meeting
this evening of men interested in
the future of Boy Scout work in
La Grande, has been postponed be-
cause of the death of Mrs. Hazel
Scott. The meeting will be held
at a luncheon Thursday noon
in the Sackajawa Inn. Mr. Piper
and Mr. Miller, regional and na-
tional scout officials, will be in at-
tendance.

SID GEORGE

Sid S. George, of Eugene, state
Commander of the American
Legion.Lesson officials are in Pendleton
today for a conference and evening
mass meeting, and on Wednesday
and Thursday will be in Athena
and La Grande, respectively, for
similar meetings. On Dec. 6 they
will visit Enterprise for an even-
ing mass meeting and the follow-
ing night will stop at Baker. Sid
S. George, state commander, and
Carl Moser, department adjutant,
head the group of officials to be
here Dec. 5.MRS. PHY PASSES
ON AT HOT LAKEDeath Follows Lingering
Illness—Funeral Serv-
ices Wednesday.Mrs. Hazel Scott. Phy, wife of
Dr. W. T. Phy, passed away at 4
o'clock this morning at Hot Lake,
following a lingering illness. Her
death was caused by encephalitis,
following an earlier attack of in-
fluenza.Mrs. Phy was chairman of the
junior membership committee of
the Oregon Federation of Women's
clubs, and for many months was
an active worker in Camp Fire
Girl circles, holding the position
of secretary of the county guard-
ians' association.Prior to her marriage to Dr.
Phy in December, 1926, she was a
newspaperwoman, and was on the
staff of The Courier in Waterloo,
Iowa, and The Observer in La
Grande. She came to La Grande
in the fall of 1925. Mrs. Phy at-
tended Iowa State Teachers' col-
lege in Cedar Falls.Mrs. Phy is survived by her hus-
band, a son William Scott. Phy, of
Hot Lake, and her parents and
brother and sister of Waterloo,
Iowa.Funeral services will be held at
the Snodgrass and Zimmerman
mortuary Wednesday afternoon at
2 o'clock.

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DEATH TAKES
MRS. HONAN
HERE TODAYProminent Pioneer Lady
Passes On Shortly
After 1 o'clock.FUNERAL TO BE
ARRANGED LATERHad Big Part in Develop-
ment of This City—
Host of Friends Mourn
Her Demise.Mrs. Anna Honan, prominent
pioneer lady of La Grande, passed
away here this afternoon shortly
after 1 o'clock. Her death came
as a sad shock to the community
and to her large circle of friends.
The body is at the Snodgrass
and Zimmerman mortuary. Fun-
eral arrangements will be made
later.Mrs. Honan who was about 85,
came to La Grande about 1870.
Her home was formerly in London,
England. Several years later she
became the wife of George Cog-
gan, the ceremony being performed
in Portland. Mr. Cogan owned a

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MR. McDONALD
ELECTED HEAD
OF K. P. LODGEWesley McDonald was elected
chancellor commander of the
Knights of Pythias lodge last even-
ing when those officers for the
coming year. Plans were dis-
cussed for a district convention
to be held in Elgin last year, to be held
here sometime in February. The
organization will make a trip to
Baker, sometime in the next few
months.Other officers elected were: vice
chancellor, Fred Albertson; prelate,
Irwin Moss; master of work, Don
L. Gaily; master of records and
seal, and master of finance, E. E.
Boyer; master of exchequer, C. K.
McDonald; master at arms, Fred
Miller; inner guard, J. L. Edgar;
outer guard, E. E. Oliver; and
trustee, C. L. Berry.Whitman College
Glee Club ComingLeslie Armstrong, of Whitman
college, at Walla Walla, was in
La Grande today. He announced
that the Whitman glee club ex-
pects to give a concert in La
Grande early next spring. He is
editor of his college paper, and during
conversations with local people,
praised the E. O. N. eleven which
defeated a Whitman team during
the football season.KANSAS CITY, Dec. 2 (AP)—
Because he believes the plan of
the Farmers National Grain cor-
poration, as it is outlined at pres-
ent, will result in failure, Charles
W. Lonsdale of Kansas City has
declined to accept appointment as
general manager of the new mar-
keting organization.Mr. Lonsdale wired his refusal
to the office of Alexander Legge,
chairman of the federal farm
board.Here Are Outstanding Passages
In Hoover's Message to CongressWASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—
Here are some outstanding pas-
sages in President Hoover's annual
message to congress:We are not only at peace with
all the world, but the foundations
for future peace are being subst-
stantially strengthened.The test of the rightfulness of
our decisions is whether we have
sustained and advanced the ideals
of the American people.We need to re-establish faith
that the highest interests of our
country are served by insistence
upon merit and even-handed ad-
ministration of justice to all of-
fenders, whether rich or poor.The first duty of the president
under his oath is to secure the en-
forcement of the laws.Our laws are made by the people
themselves; theirs is the right to
work for their repeal, but until
repeal it is an equal duty to ob-
serve them and demand their en-
forcement.We still have marines on foreign
soil. . . In a large sense we do
not wish to be represented abroad
in such manner.

To preserve internal order and

freedom from encroachment is the
first purpose of government.The finances of the country are
in sound condition.We cannot fail to recognize the
obligations of the government in
support of public welfare, but we
must occasionally bear in mind
the burden of taxes and strive to
find relief through some tax re-
duction.There is no fundamental con-
flict between the interests of the
farmer and the worker. . . Nor
is there any real conflict be-
tween the east and the west or the north
and the south.I do not favor the operation by
the government of either power or
manufacturing business, except as
an unavoidable by-product of some
other major public purpose.

JAPAN WON'T INTERFERE

TOKYO, Dec. 2 (AP)—Despite
American R. F. F. and French
notes warning China and Russia
of their obligations under the Kel-
logg anti-war pact, Japan will
maintain her aloofness and hands
off policy which she has followed
since the outbreak of the Chinese-
Russian controversy last July 7.SENATOR GILLET
To Retire After
His Term ExpiresNew Englander's With-
drawal Will Conclude 39
Years Continuous Ser-
vice in Congress.BOSTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Agita-
tion in Massachusetts republican
ranks over Senator Frederick H.
Gillett's decision not to run again
was mingled today with praise for
his services to state and nation.In a statement at Washington,
Senator Gillett, who is 78 years
old, revealed that he had resolved to
retire at the end of the six year
term when he was elected in 1924.
His withdrawal, on March 4, 1931,
will end 39 years' continuous con-
gressional service, the longest of
any man living since the recent
death of Senator Warren of Wyom-
ing, and a record of public office
which began 50 years ago as as-
sistant attorney general of the
state. For six years he was speak-
er of the national house of repre-
sentatives.Given High Praise
Governor Frank C. Allen said
that the senator had rendered "dis-
tinguished service to the state and
nation," and Louis K. Liggett, na-
tional republican committeeman,
placed the senator's contributions
to the country on a plane with
those of Webster, Hoar, Crane and
Lodge.Eben S. Draper, former state
senator, was the first in the field
as a possible successor.Speculation on the intentions of
Former Governor Alvan T. Fuller,
who has been a tentative can-
didate, was not cleared by an en-
igmatical statement. A political
fued has existed between Gillett
and Fuller.The former governor said: "I
have been expecting his decision
to retire for some time. As to my
own position, I am not prepared
to say."

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Snow Blankets
Eastern States;
Many AccidentsNEW YORK, Dec. 2 (AP)—
Snow, ranging in depth from sev-
eral inches to more than a foot,
covered eastern states today, ham-
pering traffic and causing many
accidents because of slippery roads.In New York City, four inches
of snow accompanied by sleet soon
turned streets and sidewalks into
a sea of slush. Traffic accidents
were numerous.KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 2 (AP)—
Scattered from the teeth of an
angry gale that was mauling their
grounded ship to pieces, the 20
members of the crew of the grain
carrier Sarnia were safely
aboard the steamer Valley Camp
today en route to Prescott, Ont.A wireless from the Valley Camp
which told of the rescue said the
Sarnia was being badly smashed
by the heavy sea.SENATE VOTE
KEEPS VARE
CASE ON TOPMove to Postpone Action
on Case Pending Since
1926 Is Defeated.DEBATE BEGINS
AFTER BALLOTINGBill to Expand Federal
Roads Program \$50,-
000,000 Introduced by
Phipps.WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—
The senate today voted against
postponement of the Vore case un-
til next Monday and discussion be-
gan at once.

The vote was 43 to 20.

A few minutes after the first vote
the senate rejected a motion to
postpone consideration of the case
for a week.As soon as the result of the bal-
lot was announced members begin
to speak on the case which has
been pending since the 1926 con-
gressional campaign.ROAD BILL FILED
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—
A bill to expand the federal roads
program from \$75,000,000 to \$125,-
000,000 annually for the next three
years was introduced today by
Chairman Phipps of the senate
postoffice and post roads commit-
tee.BILL ASKS FOR AID
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—
Use of the naval airplane carrier
Lexington to furnish electrical
power to Tacoma, Wash., and sur-
rounding communities was asked
in a resolution today by Senator
Bill, democrat, Washington.The resolution would direct and
authorize Secretary Adams to fur-
nish such power from the vessel
as is ordinarily supplied by the
Tacoma municipal power plant,
which, because of reduced water
supply, is unable to produce an
adequate amount.Vernon, arrested here Sunday
night, also is charged with the
robbery of passengers on a Union
Pacific train near Cheyenne, Wyo.,
a week ago, and Wyoming officials
who have aided in questioning
Vernon have indicated his confes-
sion will have no effect on their
efforts to return him to Wyoming
for prosecution.Allen N. Jones, Pawnee county
sheriff, said Vernon's confession
came after prolonged questioning
and after Vernon had been in-
formed his photographs were iden-
tified by passengers of both trains.Vernon wrote and signed his
brief confession.While he admitted the California
holdup, Vernon was firm in his
denial of any participation in the
Wyoming robbery, and said he
would fight to the last any attempt
to extradite him to Wyoming.He said, however, he had no
objection to returning to Califor-
nia, and would not resist extradi-
tion there. Both states provide
the death penalty for train rob-
bery.Officers Capture
Kansas GangstersKANSAS CITY, Dec. 2 (AP)—
The guns of Kansas City law-
enforcement, undisturbed for the second
time within 24 hours, barked in
an exchange of fire with three
patrolmen here last night, critical-
ly wounding C. H. Dingham Jr.,
one of the officers.The gangsters, three in number,
who opened fire when the three
patrolmen, riding in a district car,
sought to question them, later were
captured and gave their names as
John Watson, Charles M. Cortis
and Joe Herman, who is said to
have been a member of a Chicago
gang. All are former convicts and
recently were released from the
state penitentiary at Jefferson City.Baby Girl Sets
Dress Afire, DiesLEONSVILLE, Ore., Dec. 2 (AP)—
Left alone for a few minutes while
her mother was in the back yard
hauling out the weekly wash,
Riam Dixon, two-year-old daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dixon,
was fatally burned after she had
obtained some matches and set her
clothing afire Monday afternoon.Hearing screams, Mrs. Dixon
rushed back to the house to find
the little girl's clothing practically
burned from the body. A doctor
was called from Dayton and first
aid administered. The little girl
was badly burned from the knees
to her neck and was rushed to the
McMinnville hospital. The accident
occurred about 2 o'clock with
death shortly after 7 o'clock.FIVE-DAY WEEK IS
HELD IMPOSSIBLESEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 2 (AP)—
A five-day week for the printing
trades was declared impossible and
economically unsound in a resolu-
tion proposed at the Northwest
Newspapers' association's an-
nual convention here yesterday.J. F. Young, business manager
of the Spokane Spokesman-Review
was re-elected president for a
tenth term. Other re-elected were
F. J. Bird of the Vancouver Pro-
vince, vice president, R. H. Wink
of the Portland Ore., Journal,
treasurer, and W. G. Honker, Spo-
kane, treasurer.

MRS. NOBLE SUCCEEDS

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 2 (AP)—
Mrs. Frank Noble, seriously in-
jured in an automobile accident
Saturday night, died yesterday
without regaining consciousness.
The car, driven by Wes Noble,
crashed into a stage enroute to
the Spokane. He was arrested on a
charge of driving while intoxica-
ted.Wage Increases
Now In Effect
At Ford PlantsMinimum Moved Up From
\$6 to \$7 a Day—Will
Add About \$20,000,000
to Payroll.By David J. Wink
(Associated Press Correspondent)
DETROIT, Dec. 2 (AP)—Wage
increases that will add approxi-
mately \$20,000,000 a year to the
payroll of the Ford Motor com-
pany were announced today by Ed-
sel Ford, president of the company.
The minimum wage of \$6 a day is
increased to \$7 a day and increases
graduating on the basis of five
cents an hour were given employes
already receiving between \$7 and
\$10 a day.The increase, which is effective
as of Dec. 1, is confined to employ-
ees within the United States. Of
these, 113,643 come in the classi-
fication of increases of five cents
an hour to all employes who have
been receiving \$7 or more per day.
Those whose minimum wage will
be increased from \$6 to \$7 a day
number at the present 24,320.In Line With Statement
The increase is in line with the
announcement recently made by
Henry Ford at Washington during
President Hoover's business con-
ference.The wage increase from a mini-
mum of \$6 a day to \$7 is a third
major step of this kind taken by
the company since January, 1914.
At that time the company started
the industrial world by raising the
scale from an average of \$2.34 a
day to a minimum of \$5. This
increase generally was considered
a radical industrial move and many
economists contended it could not
be successfully accomplished.

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Vernon Admits
Robbing Train
At Saugus, Cal.PAWNEE, Okla., Dec. 2 (AP)—
Confession by Tom Vernon, one
time rodeo rider, railroad fireman
and convict, that he derailed a
Southern Pacific passenger train
near Saugus, Cal., and single
handed robbed passengers in gen-
tleness, irrespective of zones, sug-
gested the creation of a commis-
sion to negotiate contracts to set
Muscle Shoals property working
and an appropriation to begin
work on the Boulder Canyon pro-
ject in the Colorado river as soon
as the government has completed
necessary power contracts.Only a few paragraphs were de-
voted by the president to his tax
reduction recommendations, which,
as previously announced, was for
straight cut of 1 per cent on in-
dividual and corporation income
levies.Law Enforcement
To another question of major
domestic interest, however, that of
prohibition, Mr. Hoover gave ex-
tended treatment, beginning with
the statement that enforcement of
the laws enacted to give effect to
the eighteenth amendment was far
from satisfactory."We need to re-establish faith
that the highest interests of our
country are served by insistence
upon the swift and even-handed
administration of justice to all of-
fenders, whether they be rich or
poor," the president said under the
heading of law enforcement and
observance. "That we shall effect
the laws irrespective of zones, sug-
gested the creation of our institu-
tions. It is the most serious issue before
our people.""However much we may perfect
the mechanism, still if the citizen,
who is himself dependent upon
some laws for the protection of
all that he has and all that he
holds dear, shall insist on selecting
the particular laws which he will
obey, he undermines his own safe-
ty, and that of his country.""His attitude may obscure, but
it cannot conceal, the ugly truth
that the lawbreaker, whoever he
may be, is the enemy of society."Specifies Three Steps
Mr. Hoover specified three steps
which he had concluded were nec-
essary to bring about more effi-
cient enforcement of prohibition.
These were transfer to the depart-
ment of justice of the functions of
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