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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy tonight and Friday, probably with rain in the northwest portions; no change in temperature.

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HONAN WILL
IS ADMITTED
TO PROBATEEstate Left by La Grande
Pioneer is Estimated
at \$170,000.\$35,000 ALLOWED
FOR NEW HOSPITALIndividuals of Two Con-
tinent Named in Will
— Two Churches Re-
ceive Large Sums.Mrs. Anna Honan's will, which
was filed with the county judge
yesterday and which has been ad-
mitted to probate, leaves an estate
estimated at \$170,000, to a
number of individuals, churches
and organizations. Mrs. Honan,
who was born in London, died here
Tuesday after a lingering illness.Among the provisions of the
will was a bequest of \$35,000 to
the Roman Catholic bishop of the
diocese of Baker, Ore., to be held
in trust and the principal thereof
to be used for the erection and
equipment of a Catholic hospital in
La Grande.One thousand dollars was left to
the Park Place orphanage in Port-
land. The church of Our Lady of
the Valley was bequeathed \$2,000
in memory of Sister Susan, a sister
of Dr. M. F. Honan. After the
various bequests are taken care of,
the remainder of the estate is left
to the wardens and vestrymen of
the St. Peter's Episcopal church
of La Grande, to be held for sup-
port and maintenance of the
church and rectory, but the prin-
cipal is to be held intact and in-
vested.

Pay Inheritance Tax

The estate as a whole will pay an
inheritance tax amounting to
between \$3000 and \$3500. H. E.
Dixon, attorney who is handling
the matter, says that this would be
the total if the legacies were to
be paid in cash, but since they are
not, each legacy will pay a pro
rata share inheritance tax in ad-
dition to the tax paid by the
estate as a whole. This is on a
sliding scale, a \$2,000 legacy pay-
ing a tax of \$20, a \$5,000 legacy
\$250, etc. The state inheritance
tax is paid on estate of over \$10,
000 and the federal tax on estates
of over \$5000, it is said.Local people estimated today
that the St. Peter's church will
receive several thousand dollars,
after the other legacies and the
taxes are paid.

Two Contests Represented

Individuals in two continents
benefit by the will. Before nam-
ing the various gifts to individuals
and organizations, the will allows
\$400 for a fund for the Masonic
cemetery, the income to be de-
voted to the care and upkeep of
the Honan lot. Also, the will says:
"And I further provide that any
one claiming relationship to me
and proving the same shall be paid
the sum of \$100."The remaining bequests follow:
To Mrs. J. A. Russell and Mrs.
J. D. Slater: Household goods and
furniture, books and pictures to
hold and dispose of for the bene-
fit of the Ladies Guild of the St.
Peter's church.

To Mrs. Sadie Given, a former

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BAND TO PLAY
TWO CONCERTS
DURING MONTHAt the regular meeting of the
La Grande municipal band this
week it was voted unanimously to
accept the invitation of the Min-
isterial association to play another
sacred concert on Sunday, Decem-
ber 22. A program of unusual merit
will be prepared for this concert.The next concert of the munici-
pal band will be given at the Nor-
mal school auditorium Monday
evening, December 16.Routine Matters
Handled at MeetRoutine business matters were
disposed of during the regular ses-
sion of the city commission in the
municipal building last evening,
with all members in attendance.Two ordinances, declaring the
cost of improvement districts,
were passed. The payment for
on Ninth street, district No. 183,
amounted to \$4,992.32 and the
sidewalk on K avenue, district 191
and one of the largest of the last
half of the year, totaled \$2,866.66.The salary list for November,
including the last half payment
to the band, in the total amount
of \$5,274.13, was approved and
ordered paid by warrant.WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m., 46 above;
Minimum, 28 above;
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Weather Yesterday
Maximum, 52; minimum, 28
above;
Condition: Cloudy.
Weather Dec. 5, 1928
Maximum, 55; minimum, 7
above;
Condition: Clear.Normal School
Students Open
Ticket CampaignCollege to Present Play
"Arms and the Man"
on Wednesday — Full
House Hoped For.Some 50 students of the Nor-
mal school are actively engaged in
preparation for the presentation of
"Arms and the Man," next Wednes-
day evening, stated Miss Lena
Foley at a meeting of the business
committee this week.Miss Foley, who as faculty ad-
visor of "Socks and Hosiery,"
school dramatic organization,
heads the work of production, de-
clared herself well pleased with
the work of the various committees
who are managing different
phases."We are satisfied," she contin-
ued, "that the production end will
go off smoothly. The success or
failure now depends on the ticket
sale. Without audience the play
would be a failure; with one we
feel that it will be one of the most
successful ever presented in La
Grande."Ticket Drive Under Way
At the meeting Mildred Stanley
and Ruth Smalley, both of La
Grande, chairman and assistant
chairman, inaugurated a campaign
of ticket selling. It was announced
that a cup or plaque would be
given by Sock & Hosiery to the
organization house selling the most
tickets. At the conclusion of the
meeting the girls started out in
their work of the contest.

While major emphasis is now

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Bishop To Speak
At Services For
Mrs. Anna HonanThe body of Mrs. Anna Honan,
La Grande pioneer who passed on
Tuesday afternoon, will rest in
state at her home until noon Sat-
urday, it was announced today. The
funeral services will be held at the
St. Peter's Episcopal church at 2
o'clock, but the service will not be
opened in the church.The Rev. M. G. Tenneyson, rec-
tor, will officiate. The Rev. Upton
Gibbs, former rector in La Grande,
will read the lesson, and the Rt.
Rev. William P. Remington, bishop
of the Eastern Oregon diocese, is to
deliver a short address.Junior Band To
Be Organized In
Local SchoolsA new opportunity for musical
development is now being offered
in La Grande, designed both for
grade and high school boys and
girls. About half a hundred be-
ginners in band music, most of
them of a younger age than those
playing in the present high school
band, will become members of the
new organization, that is being
started under the direction of W.
W. Nixson, music supervisor.New instruments are expected to
arrive in several days to be used
by these students, it is announced.Large Crowd Views
Lifting of BridgeQuite a large crowd of spectators
congregated at the depot yesterday
afternoon to watch two locomotive
cranes raise the new O-W over-
head foot bridge in place. It will
be used by railroad employees in
crossing the tracks from the west
side of town going to the shops.This replaces the old overhead
bridge which was razed some time
ago.Indoor Horseshoe
Courts Are BuiltLa Grande now claims to have
the only horseshoe courts in the
state that are heated by steam.A short time ago work was start-
ed on building two regulation
courts in the Holmes building, on
Jefferson avenue, through the
kindness of Mrs. Holmes, and at
present the work is nearing com-
pletion.The local horseshoe club hopes
to play throughout the winter, with
expectations of meeting Pendleton
pitchers in indoor tournaments
during the cold weather.Horseshoe pitching, which started
here early this year after a
long period at low ebb, is attract-
ing more and more interest, with
enthusiasm at such a pitch during
the summer and fall that it was
necessary to install lights over the
six outdoor courts behind the mu-
nicipal building so that games
would not be postponed by dark-
ness.

VALE VOTE LATE TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—

Senate leaders reported an

informal understanding today

to vote late in the day on the

are case, disposing first of the

Wilson-Vare election contest

and immediately afterward

voting upon the Norris resolu-
tion to exclude senator-electVare of Pennsylvania on ac-
count of his campaign ex-
penditures.DRIED APPLE
CAR WILL GO
EAST, EUROPESecond Shipment From
Dehydrator to be Ready
to Roll Saturday.LOCAL PRODUCTS
GO LONG DISTANCEPresent Run at Plant Ex-
pected to Extend to the
Middle of February or
Later.The second carload of dried
apples to be shipped from La
Grande to markets in the east and
for exporting to Europe, will begin
rolling toward its destination Sat-
urday, according to announcement
today. A first carload of the fin-
ished product from the Ross Pack-
ing company's dehydrator left
here about three weeks ago.The shipments, with the Atlantic
states and Europe to receive the
products of the local plant, place
Union county more definitely in
the class of districts that help sup-
ply far-away countries. The de-
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a large export trade in the or-
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Longer Run Than Expected

The dehydrator, which started
operating several weeks ago, will
operate longer than was at first
anticipated, according to reports.
First announcements were that the
1929-30 run would probably ex-
tend through January but present
indications point to a run that will
not end until the middle of Feb-
ruary or the first of March. A re-
cent, there is enough stock on hand
for three weeks of operation, with
a large supply still to be drawn
from.The dehydrator will shut down
for one week during the Christ-
mas holidays, resuming operations
the first of the month to continue
until the run is ended.In connection with the plant,
officials point out that many of the
workers are becoming very expert.
The average is from 70 to 90 boxes
per shift. Yesterday at 4:30
o'clock two girls had 101 boxes
with an hour and a half to go.
They receive about three cents per
box.CONFERENCE IS
UNDER WAY HERELegion Officials Meeting
This Afternoon—Attend
Monthly Gathering.The district conference of the
American Legion and auxiliary be-
gan this noon with a luncheon at
the La Grande hotel. Meetings
were held this afternoon for both
organizations. A banquet this evening
at the Sackajaw Inn will be fol-
lowed by a mass meeting at 8
o'clock, to which all ex-service men
and their families are invited. State
officials will tell of the principles
and ideals of the American Legion
at this session.State Commander Sid S. George
and State Adjutant Carl Moser at-
tended the meeting of the local
American Legion post last evening
and both gave interesting addresses
concerning Legion affairs to the
assembly. Leslie Hale, a repre-
sentative of the Spanish War vet-
erans, attended. There were also
several out-of-town visitors.The matter of the midnight main-
tenance was discussed and referred
to the executive committee. A report
was made of the Armistice day
celebration. The auxiliary also met
last night.Dairymen To Meet
At Union Dec. 11The Eastern Oregon Dairymen's
association is to hold its annual
meeting Wednesday, December 11,
at the K. P. hall at 10 a. m. in
Union. It was announced today.
Everyone is urged to bring their
dinner. Coffee and ice cream will
be furnished by the association.
An interesting program has been
arranged.

BOY DIES OF INJURY

ORIGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 5
(AP)—An injury to his knee re-
ceived during a football game
proved fatal to George Robertson,
14, Canby, Ore., high school stu-
dent. He died in a Portland hos-
pital.

INDIAN SENTENCED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5 (AP)—
Warren Ruff, Klamath Indian,
was sentenced to 30 days in jail
and fined \$100 yesterday upon a
plea of guilty to possession of li-
quor at Chiloquin.Dr. Cunningham
Pays Visit To
Local RotariansDistrict Governor and
John Casper, Ex-Dist-
rict Governor, Speak at
Dinner Here.With Dr. A. T. R. Cunningham
of Spokane, district governor, as
the guest of the evening, the La
Grande Rotary club members gath-
ered at the La Grande hotel for a
dinner meeting at 6:30 o'clock last
night with a full attendance.The district governor, in a very
interesting address, stressed the
fact that Rotary was founded on
one word, and that one word is
"service." He said that the idea
is spreading throughout the world
and that the Rotary International
has at present 150,000 members in
practically every civilized country.
He also stressed the fact that each
Rotarian would get just as much
out of his club as he put into it,
and urged that every member as-
sume some duties in his club's ac-
tivities.

Casper Speaks

John Casper, of Walla Walla,
former district governor, gave a

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Bagpipe Artist
In Concert At
Local ChurchBaldy Strang, Sun Set artist, and
widely known as a bagpipe artist,
appeared in a concert program last
evening at the Methodist church,
the numbers having been greatly
appreciated by the fair-sized audi-
ence, if the warmth and volume
of applause is any indication. The
entertainment was sponsored by
the Epworth League, who are to
be complimented in bringing to
La Grande an entertainment of
such high character.Besides the very high quality of
music offered by the Sun Set ar-
tists last evening the variety in the
make-up of the program made it
all the more appealing and kept
the audience in keen expectancy
throughout the two hours, an ex-
pectancy satisfied without excep-
tion, it is asserted. Mr. Strang ap-
peared as vocalist, having a sweet
and strong tenor voice, of an ex-
ceptional range, gave numbers on the
French horn and organ, played in
character sketches, and reached
the climax of his part of the pro-
gram in the Lauder revue and the
several numbers on the bagpipe,
together with a description of its
use and several selections.Mr. Strang was assisted through-
out the program by Miss Mollie
McGahery, a charming little Irish
lady, possessing a sweet soprano
voice, who offered solo numbers,
dubbed with Mr. Strang, and fur-
nished the accompaniments dur-
ing the entire evening, appearing
in costumes according to the in-
dividual numbers, American, Irish
and Scotch.George Moats, president of the
Epworth League, presided and in-
troduced the performers.Scout Program
Will Be Worked
Out Is DecisionTo definitely go forward with a
full Boy Scout program was the
decision made at the luncheon
meeting this noon at the Sackajaw
of those interested in scout-
ing in La Grande. The session was
enthusiastically attended. The com-
mittee hopes to report soon that
the necessary money has been raised.
Fred L. Meyers was chairman
of the meeting.John H. Piper and C. N. Miller
both gave interesting talks empha-
sizing the fact that totals of boys
in juvenile courts showed a marked
absence of youths who had had
scouting experience. Mr. Piper is
regional executive and Mr. Miller
represents B. S. A. national head-
quarters.Litvinoff Urges America, France,
Great Britain to Mind Own BusinessMOSCOW, Dec. 5 (AP)—Amer-
ica, France and Great Britain
would much better turn their
minds to activities in South Amer-
ica, warfare in Chinese waters,
and armies in colonial countries
than to obstruction of Sino-Rus-
sian negotiations in the opinion of
Maxim Litvinoff, acting commissar
for foreign affairs for the Soviet
Union.In the largest hall in the Krem-
lin last night the Russian foreign
office had addressed the central
executive committee of the Com-
munist party—the most powerful
political body in the U. S. S. R.—
explaining and emphasizing the
Soviet answer to the American
demands in behalf of abolition of
the Kellogg pact pact to the
Manchurian problem.

Bills of Secrecy

His speech was interspersed with
occasional bits of sarcasm which
brought ripples of laughter from
his hearers; particularly was this
the case when he announced Pan-
ama had joined the countries re-
minding Russia of the Kellogg
pact. He suggested that Panama
look into whether the just safe-
guards it, with evidence from the
hands of predatory capitalists, for
peace.SUPPLY BILL
REPORTED TO
HOUSE TODAYInterior Department
Measure Appropriates
\$8,321,000 for 1931.DOES NOT ORDER
ANY NEW WORKLarge Sum Set Aside to
Permit Park Service to
Study Proposed Nation-
al Parks.WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—
The house today by a vote of 218
to 17 passed the Hawley resolution
to provide for a \$100,000,000 tax
reduction.WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—
Although appropriating \$8,321,000
for the reclamation service for the
fiscal year 1931, the interior de-
partment supply bill reported to-
day by the house appropriations
committee failed to authorize com-
mencement of construction on any
new project.The measure reappropriated,
however, unexpended appropri-
ations of last year and it was esti-
mated that the reclamation fund
in the bureau of reclamation would
be reduced to \$1,250,000 by July 1,
1931, if appropriations and reapp-
ropriations are fully expended.

No Boulder Dam Bill

There was no appropriation
made for Boulder canyon dam pro-
ject on the Colorado river.The bill, however, provided for
expansion of the Boise and Mini-
doka projects in Idaho and the
Salt Lake basin project of Utah
and for continuation of drainage
construction in the Yuma project
of Arizona and California and the
Grande valley project of Colorado.Provisions also were made for
extension of the lower Yellowstone
project of Montana.Continuation of construction for
the Owyhee and Vale projects of
Oregon and the Kittitas division of

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O-W SAFETY
MEETING HELD
IN LA GRANDEThe O-W safety meeting held
by W. H. Guild, chairman, yester-
day afternoon was attended by the
following railroad employees: C. F.
Roberts, L. V. Chausse, L. W. Shif-
ley, O. G. Olsen, G. R. Williams,
J. C. Hughes, G. R. Johnson, E.
Larkin, R. A. Tull, E. A. Huskirk,
Al Harlow, J. H. Keeney, A. C.
James, C. M. Smith, F. L. Wash-
burn, R. C. Fullmer, H. H. DeKalb,
L. Rickford, E. C. Courtney, H. C.
Smith, W. E. Denny, D. W. Beck,
J. Nickelschne, George Ratliffe, C.
Green and H. M. J. Turner. Out-
side visitors were John Daniels, fire
supervisor; S. A. Brentnall, acting
general safety agent, and Mr. Ho-
senfelt of the Omaha offices.The second division ranks in
first place of the three divisions
of the O-W in the safety banner
contest for the year 1929, and the
O-W as a unit stands in second
place of the four units of the
Union Pacific system. Safety com-
mittee members are extremely anx-
ious to avoid personal injuries for
the balance of this year and get a
good start for 1930.Explosion Kills
Four, Injures 50PITTSBURGH, Dec. 5 (AP)—
Four persons were killed and more
than 50 injured, several possibly
fatally, in an explosion that de-
stroyed the postoffice at Munhall,
a suburb, today.The blast occurred as a trolley
car was passing the building. Sev-
eral passengers were cut by glass
broken from the car windows."The Munhall project," he said,
"is an example of soil of extremely
low fertility and poor water hold-
ing capacity.""Alfalfa, their main crop," he
added, "is showing progressively
diminishing returns. Furthermore,
each year a lesser number of set-
tles are found on the project and
the annual cropped area is gradu-
ally but surely growing smaller."The point has been reached where
the districts can only pay operating
expenses and repair or replace
structures, pipes lines and concrete
filing the canals."There is some doubt as to their
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COUNTY COURT
VISITS CLOVER
CREEK HIGHWAYThe county court, after trans-
action of routine business yester-
day and this morning, was spend-
ing this afternoon on a trip of in-
spection over the Clover creek
road.It is estimated that the hearing
for the county budget is to be held
in the office of County Judge J.
G. Couch tomorrow morning at 10
o'clock, at which time objections,
etc., may be legally presented.Woman Is Victim
Of Hatchet AttackSEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 5 (AP)—
Mrs. Catherine F. Howard, who
was beaten with a camping hatchet
while asleep early today by her
husband, William H. Howard, 75-
year-old retired capitalist, died at
11 o'clock this morning.

OVER THE POLE

Aerial conquerors of the Ant-
arctic, honors of many na-
tions are to be heaped upon
these men whose daring flight
last week over the "almost
limitless plateau" at the South
Pole was the first in history.MAY "WRITE OFF"
OREGON PROJECTDr. Elwood Mead Finds
Yields Decreasing in
Umatilla District.WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—
Belief that construction charges on
the Umatilla reclamation project in
Oregon should be written off by
the federal government and that
title to the irrigation system should
be transferred to the districts, was
expressed by Dr. Elwood Mead,
reclamation commissioner, before
the house sub-committee consider-
ing the interior department supply
bill."The Umatilla project," he said,
"is an example of soil of extremely
low fertility and poor water hold-
ing capacity.""Alfalfa, their main crop," he
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Of Italy Visit
With Pope TodayMake Long Awaited Trip
to Vatican — First Sov-
ereigns to Enter for
Long Period.ROME, Dec. 5 (AP)—King Vic-
tor Emmanuel and Queen Helena
paid their long awaited visit to
Pope Pius XI this morning. In so
doing they made history, being the
first sovereigns of United Italy to
enter the Vatican, which only re-
cently ceased to be a place of self-
imposed imprisonment for the pon-
tiffs.The king and queen journeyed
to Vatican City, the newest politi-
cal entity in Europe, with an im-
posing retinue of courtiers, minis-
ter-of-foreign-affairs Dino Grandi,
and Count de Vercelli, Italian am-
bassador to the Holy See.

Meet in Throne Room

Their majesties and His Holiness
met in the Vatican throne room.
They were alone there; doors were
closed and guarded, and what they
said was not disclosed.But their conversation, whatever
it was, marked the tacit approval
of both to the treaties which made
it possible, those signed at the
Lateran palace last February 11,
ending the 60-year-old so-called
"Roman question."Hundreds of thousands of Ro-
mans and Italians from all parts
of the country saw the royal pro-
cession through Rome in closed au-
tomobiles. There was some disap-
pointment that the visit was not
made in carriages of state as had
been planned. The automobiles
were accompanied only by an es-
cort of cyclist police; the impos-
ing military display usual to royal
processions was absent.

Two Flags Flown

Houses along the route flew the
tricolor and papal yellow and
white. The king was dressed in
his full uniform as a general, wear-
ing the order of Annunziata. Queen
Helena was dressed exactly as an
American woman would be dressed
at an audience at the Vatican, in
black veil over a white gown, with
long sleeves and high neck. She
wore no jewelry.The king and queen entered Vati-
can City at the arch of Charle-
magne, where the Pantheon Santa
Maria begins, where they were met
by a reception party consisting of
Prince Massimo, papal postmaster
general; Commandatore Scalfari,
governor of Vatican City; Com-
mandatore Becerra, secretary gen-
eral of the city; and Commandatore
de Mandato, head of the armed
corps under the jurisdiction of the
governor.A squadron of papal gendarmes
presented arms. The band of the
papal gendarmes played the royal
march for the first time in their
history, except in practice. Out-