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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Rain tonight and Tuesday, snow in the mountains, moderate temperature.

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SIX MONTHS
DROUGHT IN
WEST ENDEDRain and Snow Sweep
Over Pacific Coast—
Two Inches Here.EAST OREGON MAY
GET HEAVY RAINSHalf Inch of Moisture in
La Grande Is of Great
Benefit—Little Pros-
pects of Freeze.

La Grande was formally introduced to Old Man Winter yesterday, when two inches of wet snow blanketed the city. However, the introduction, excepting the consequent slush underfoot, was of a pleasant nature, bringing delight to many of the Union county people.

The fall of snow, which when reduced to water, represented approximately half an inch of moisture, will be of much value to the farmers. It allowed to soak into the ground thoroughly, before a cold wave comes, according to County Agent Wray Lawrence. Indications are that this will be the case, as most of the snow had melted today. Last night's minimum was 32 above, barely freezing weather, and the weather forecast is for moderate temperature tonight and tomorrow, with rain and snow.

If the moisture were to freeze before soaking into the ground, it would be the reverse of beneficial, as this would prevent future rains and snows from soaking into the dry soil.

Dampens Forests
The snow also definitely ended the forest fire season in Eastern Oregon.

Rain and snow were general over the entire state yesterday, according to Associated Press stories arriving here from other cities.

Snow yesterday, with indications that precipitation will continue, breaks a half-year drought in La Grande. Since the middle of June, only a few rains have occurred, with the moisture never heavy enough to sink into the ground and do much good. About noon today a light rain began falling here.

COAST WELCOMES RAIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9 (AP)—Barometers were falling steadily along the Pacific coast today to definitely mark the end of the longest drought in half a century, broken yesterday by a general rain which swept down from the British Columbia coast to as far south as Fresno, Cal.

Although light in northern and central California, the rainfall in the northwest was sufficient to allay fears of a further electric power shortage, while ranchers and agriculturists were jubilant over the promise of more rain today and tomorrow.

Extending north of Vancouver, B. C., the rain storm moved south and east, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and Utah received a wetting as did Northern and Central California, where parched ranges and farm lands to as far south as Fresno were benefited.

Snow in North
After half an inch of rain had fallen over the weekend in Vancouver, B. C., the weather grew colder last night and snow fell. Although the snow lessened hope for immediate relief of the acute power situation, the weather was milder and it was believed the snow would soon melt.

Good rains fell in Spokane, Wash., with traces of snow, while farmers near Lewiston and in the Palouse country of Idaho were related with a fall of 1.5 inches recorded up until late last night. Walla Walla received similar messages from farmers in that district.

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BOY BRUISED
WHEN HIT BY
CARSATURDAY

Dewey Casey, La Grande boy, was badly bruised in an accident that occurred Saturday evening at 7:15 o'clock on 1st street between Madison and Monroe, according to reports made to the police.

Dewey was knocked down and run over by a car driven by Archie Murchison, but fortunately the wheels did not pass over any part of the boy's body. Mr. Murchison, in reporting the accident, said that he was unable to see the boy because of bright lights on an approaching car, until it was too late to avoid missing the lad or bring his car to a complete stop.

WEATHER TODAY
7:20 a. m., 29 above.
Minimum, 22 above.
Condition: Cloudy.
Weather Yesterday
Maximum, 47; minimum, 34 above.
Condition: Snow two inches; precipitation .45 of inch.
Weather Dec. 9, 1929
Maximum, 52; minimum, 33 above.
Condition: Cloudy; rain .02 of inch.

Sacred Contata
"The Holy City"
At M. E. ChurchChoir, Under Direction of
W. W. Nussbaum, Gives
Musical Program Sun-
day Evening.

The choir of the Methodist church, under the direction of W. W. Nussbaum, sang "The Holy City" last evening at the hour of the regular service before a large congregation. While this choir will not sing any special Christmas cantata this year, the program last evening was the first of a series of musical evenings which this organization plans to give during the winter and spring months.

The cantata itself is a beautiful combination of very beautiful numbers, most of the selections being quite difficult, but the Methodist organization presented it in a very creditable manner. The words are all from Scripture with the exception of one solo, and one poem. The musical accompaniment to the numbers is magnificent, and two of the strongest parts of the entire cantata are the prelude and the interlude, "Contemplation" and "Adoration." These were given by Miss Helen Williams at the piano, and Miss Myrtle Wilcock at the organ.

Soloists last evening were Mmes. I. L. Aldrich, W. W. Nussbaum and A. W. Nelson, Messrs. Sherwood Williams, Paul Knautz and W. W. Nussbaum. The duet "They Shall Hunger No More" was taken by Mrs. Claude Cooper and Miss Anna Cooper, the double quartet, "The Finest Lot," Mmes. Williams, Cooper, Adler, Miss Cooper, Messrs. A. W. Nelson, John Wortman, Ralph Winter, Paul Knautz; the ladies double trio, "And It Shall Come to Pass," Mmes. Aldrich, Williams, Nussbaum, Cooper, Tyler and Miss Morton. The other numbers were by the entire chorus.

The personnel of the choir was: Tenors, Sherwood Williams, A. W. Nelson, Claude Cooper, John Wortman, Vergil Kochenberger. Sopranos, Mrs. Ira L. Aldrich, Mrs. Sherwood Williams, Mrs. W. W. Nussbaum, Mrs. Claude Cooper, Altoes, Mrs. A. W. Nelson, Mrs. Will Adler, Mrs. Albertson, Miss Anna Cooper, Miss Ruth Aldrich, Miss Mabel Morton, Mrs. E. P. Tyler.

Bassos, Paul Knautz, Ira Aldrich, Harvey Carter, Talbot Winter, E. D. Towler, Cleland Wallinger.

Normal School
To Play Cheney
Here On Jan. 16

Several of the games to be scheduled during the coming basketball season by the Eastern Oregon Normal school will be with Northwest conference teams. It was announced today by Coach Bob Quinn, a game with Cheney Normal has been scheduled to be played here January 16 and the school is trying to get at least one game before the Christmas holidays.

The new basketball suits are expected to be here this week. The boys who have turned out for practice to date are: Glenn Crawford, Max Houtcheson, Reg. Rust, Lynn McElroy, Francis Sullivan, George Wade, Cecil Posey, Frank Deveney, Owen Price, Joe Sayre, Edwin Rogers, Lowell Fuller, Hobart Albertson, Orville Heard, Tommy Leducan, and Leo Walte.

Bishop Leads In
Services Held
For Mrs. Honan

"We sorrow because one who is near and dear to us, can speak and hear, no more; an old friend has passed on," the Rev. William P. Remington said during the services for Mrs. Anna Honan, pioneer resident of La Grande, at the St. Peter's Episcopal church Saturday afternoon. Many of her friends filled the church for the funeral service.

"It is a strange pilgrimage that she has taken from the shores of England to this Oregon country, coming here in 1867," the bishop said, beginning a short summary of her life. "This life takes us back into the pioneer days, and some of its tragedy," he continued mentioning the death of Mrs. Honan's first husband, Mr. Cogan, when he was attacked by Indians. The husband of her second marriage, Dr. M. P. Honan, died about 1909.

"Thirty years a widow, and all (Continued on Page Five)

Land Settlement
Board to Report

Although the program had not been completed late this morning, it was announced that a report of the land settlement committee would be one of the features of the chamber of commerce forum luncheon tomorrow at noon in the La Grande hotel.

No meeting was held last Tuesday because of the scheduling of the boy scout meeting for that night.

This afternoon A. H. Hunter, secretary, announced that the city band's brass quartet would play at the luncheon.

FOX MOVIE
MEN INSPECT
LOCAL AREATrio From Los Angeles
Here Saturday, Sunday
Seeking Location.PICTURE TO BE
MADE IN NORTHLa Grande and Vicinity
Becomes a Candidate—
George O'Brien to Star
In Sound Film.

La Grande and its vicinity became a definite candidate over the weekend for selection for the filming of a sound picture starring George O'Brien. This became known today when Albert R. Hunter, secretary of the chamber of commerce, announced that he spent Saturday and Sunday with representatives of the William Fox studios, of Los Angeles, on inspection trip into nearby territory. Clay E. Crannell, director of the location department; A. E. Erickson, director of the proposed picture, and Dan Clark, cameraman, arrived here Friday evening from Salt Lake City, after an airplane journey to the Utah town from Los Angeles.

First Site Visited
Union and Wallawa counties were the first visited by the trio in their search for a proper location for the film, and today they are going into Northern Idaho, also scheduled to visit British Columbia and Washington.

The picture as planned, calls for logging scenes in snowy mountains, with features including a log jam, (Continued on Page Eight)

CONVENTION IS
UNDER WAY HERENational and State Officials
Attending Parent-
Teacher Meeting.

With national and state officials in attendance, as well as members from this section of the state, the parent-teacher district institute opened here this morning, to continue through the day. A feature of the evening will be a dinner at the Sackagawa Inn at 5:30 o'clock, sponsored by the board of managers of the La Grande city council in honor of the visiting officials, including Mrs. Charles E. Roe, national field worker, and Mrs. William T. Brice, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Invocation was given this morning by the Rev. R. L. Putnam, followed by community singing led by Mrs. George A. Hean. Mrs. J. S. Salkeld, president of the Union County district, presided, with Mrs. Henry Maxwell as secretary.

Mrs. Brice, in her address this morning, explained certain pieces of parent-teacher literature as well as greeting and introducing Mrs. Roe. Her subject was the "A. B. C. of Parent-Teacher Movement," explained as follows: Adapt, then (Continued on Page Five)

Dress Rehearsals Tonight, Tuesday
For "Arms and the Man," E. O. N. Play

A second presentation of "Arms and the Man" will be given Thursday night, Dec. 12, due to the fact that most of the tickets were sold this morning, it was decided today. Seats may be obtained at the Glass Drug store for the Thursday production.

Dress rehearsals are being held Monday and Tuesday evenings for "Arms and the Man," the play which Sack and Buskin. Normal school dramatic organization, will present Wednesday evening, Dec. 11.

The cast which was selected in try-outs, has been at work for the past month under the direction of Miss Lena Foley, dramatic coach. The play which is being given is one of the best of those written by Bernard Shaw, the well-known English playwright. The title, taken from Virgil's "I sing of arms and the man," suggests the theme of the drama. Mr. Shaw, taking the popular superstition, that the wearing of a uniform changes the nature of the wearer, evolves a play in which an interesting plot and clever situations combine to make a thoroughly enjoyable production.

Woven About Romance
The story is woven about the romance of Raina Petkoff, the daughter of Major Petkoff and his wife, Katherine, prosperous Bulgarians. At the time the play opens, a war is going on between the Serbian and Bulgarian armies in the latter of which Raina plays a heroic part. The first act is in Raina's bedroom just as she is retiring for the night. There is firing from the street and a man who has climbed up the balcony enters her window.

PROTOCOL IS
SIGNED BY
AMERICANSUnited States Draws Step
Nearer to Participa-
tion in Tribunal.SENATE OBSTACLE
TO FORMAL ENTRYStiff Contest Looms in
Upper House in Wash-
ington—Immediate Ac-
tion Unlikely.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—America drew a step nearer to participation in the world court today with the affixing of its signature at Geneva to the revised protocol of the court, but the rough-edged hurdle of the senate is still in front of the final and formal entry.

Senate approval must be given to the revised protocol which constitutes a modification of its reservation to American entry. A stiff contest is certain in the senate against the revised reservation and senate leaders do not believe President (Continued on Page Five)

HANSEN FACES
THEFT CHARGE
IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9 (AP)—Unable to support himself and his feminine companion, and faced with the prospect of a hard winter, Oscar Hansen, 56, has been turned over to the federal authorities, who will prosecute him for theft of a treasury order of \$110 stolen at La Grande, Ore.

Hansen, an ex-convict from Polson prison, gave himself up to police a week ago, telling of a theft. No report had been made, but when to Washington, D. C., confirmed his story that he had taken from a La Grande hotel the government check made payable to Merland Osburn and cashed by Hansen.

His story was that in company with Miss Ruth Aldrich, 52, he had come west as far as La Grande and, being unable to find work, had stolen three letters with money in them. The sum was not large enough to help much, and he finally obtained orchard work, but broke his leg in a fall from a tree. At this point he was deserted by his companion, who decided he could not support her.

Prisoners Beaten
In Pistol Battle

COLFAX, Wash., Dec. 9 (AP)—Three desperate prisoners broke jail here Sunday, while automatic pistols banged and bullets spat against the jail walls. Today two of them lay near death from officers' guns, and the ringleader was under double guard.

Jimmie Engle, forger, "Blackie" Sherry, burglar and Clarence Harper, thief, moved as fast as movie villains to slug their jailer, beat him, hurl him at him and escape with his pistol and keys. Three other officers met them with blazing guns. Sherry and Harper were seriously injured, and the break was over.

CHICAGO BREAKING GANGS' GRIP



Here are the men who have taken a big part in cleaning up Chicago and breaking the power of the gangs. At left is Patrick Roche, hard-bitten law enforcer for the state's attorney, who has led numerous raids. At right (above) is State's Attorney John A. Swanson, who entered office less than a year ago, and Frank J. Loesch, head of the Illinois Crime Commission.

Three Robbers
Fatally Shot In
Shakopee, Minn.

SHAKOPEE, Minn., Dec. 9 (AP)—Three bank robbers were shot and probably fatally wounded today as police officers, lying in wait for them, opened fire with a machine gun as the robbers left the First National bank.

Working on a "tip" from the protective department of the Minneapolis Bankers' association, that the bank would be robbed, the officers had maintained a watch for several days. The robbers were permitted to enter the bank and were preparing to drive away with \$15,000 when the officers opened fire.

Charles D. Brown, Minneapolis, manager of the Bankers Protective department, led five officers in the ambush prepared for the bandits and operated the machine gun.

Complete Quiet
Reigns Today In
Troubled Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, Dec. 9 (AP)—Complete quiet throughout Haiti was reported to government quarters today from all districts. There have been no disturbances during the past 48 hours. The arrival of the detachment of 50 marines at Jacmel and the impending arrival of hundreds more as well as reassuring statements in the newspaper La Presse have contributed to the feeling of stability.

Three threatened demonstrations which have been scheduled for last night and this morning failed to materialize.

The Haitians wounded during Friday afternoon's clash with marines near Aux Cayes are now under treatment of naval medical officers.

Guests at Chantel, Torbeck and Port-regiment in the Aux Cayes district which had been threatened today reported that conditions were quiet.

May Name Grundy
For Vare's Seat

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 9 (AP)—All indications today point to the appointment of Joseph R. Grundy, president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers association, as junior senator from this state to fill the vacancy caused by the rejection of William S. Vare. Whether he will accept the appointment remained in doubt.

Governor John S. Fisher, who has the appointive power, has given no indication as to who he has in mind for the post, but friends of Grundy appeared confident that the Bristol manufacturer was the chief executive's first choice.

Clara Bow To Wed
Richman on Jan. 1

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9 (AP)—Clara Bow, motion picture player, and Harry Richman, musical comedy actor and night club entertainer, will be married in New York City on New Year's day. Definite announcement of the wedding date was made today by Richman following a conference last night with Miss Bow, who is in a hospital convalescing from an appendicitis operation. Miss Bow previously had declined to name the wedding day, but consistently has denied rumors that her engagement to Richman had been broken off.

Chicago's Drive
Against Crime
Brings ResultsLaw Enforcement Cam-
paign Cuts Underworld
Profits—Some Gang-
sters Leave City.

By Bruce Catton
NEA Service Writer
CHICAGO, Dec. 9—Chicago has broken the power of its gangs. Underworld rule has come to an end. The dynasty of beer barons, racketeers and pinapple artists is definitely on the wane.

The underworld is still busy, of course. Liquor is still being made and distributed. Rival gangsters are still shooting one another down. Bombs still go off now and then. But the worst is over. The underworld is no longer unchallenged and defiant. Instead it is a much harassed and discouraged underworld, viewing with sad perplexity a state's attorney's office that means business and a police force that really makes arrests.

Many of the most powerful gangsters are leaving the city permanently, seeking greener pastures in Florida, where they plan to establish the gambling and vice operations that Chicago, at last, has driven out.

A year ago Chicago's citizens went to the polls and kicked out the Crowe-Thompson machine, putting John A. Swanson into the state's attorney's office. Last January Swanson took office. The results have been apparent for some time.

Roche a Hard Hitter
The man most qualified to speak, probably, is Patrick Roche, special (Continued on Page Four)

Ben Lindsey Is
Disbarred Today
By High Court

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 9 (AP)—Ben B. Lindsey, former juvenile court judge, today was disbarred by the Colorado state supreme court on charges of professional misconduct, embracing acceptance of fees while he was judge.

The disbarment was the result of Judge Lindsey's acceptance of fees from Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes, wealthy Denver and New York society matron.

Judge Ben Lindsey is well known in La Grande, appearing here twice in recent years. His last appearance was to participate in a debate with the Rev. Oliver Riley on the question of "Companionate Marriage."

Appointment Of
Hurley Approved
By The Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—The senate today confirmed the nomination of Patrick J. Hurley of Oklahoma to be secretary of war.

Senator Reed, Republican, Pennsylvania, called up Hurley's nomination as soon as it reached the senate and asked that it be acted upon at once, as the nominee already had been considered and confirmed as assistant secretary. There was no objection and the appointment was confirmed without a word of discussion.

SULLIVAN TAKES OATH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Patrick J. Sullivan of Maine was administered the oath of office in the senate today as a successor to the late Senator Warren of Wyoming, but his credentials were referred to the committee on elections for consideration.

BAIRD SWORN IN
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—David Baird of Camden was sworn in today as a senator from New Jersey, succeeding Walter Edge, who resigned to become ambassador to France.

School Teacher
Clubbed to Death

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 9 (AP)—Fingerprints on the short length of pipe used to kill her were the most important clues police had today to the slaying of Miss Cordelia Gummshelmer, 36-year-old school teacher.

Miss Gummshelmer was clubbed to death some time after 11 o'clock Saturday night. Friends seeking her after she had failed to keep an appointment last night, discovered the body, clad in pajamas, lying across the bed of her third floor apartment.

Police today were looking back over Miss Gummshelmer's life in quest of a possible motive. The young woman had not been attacked, physicians said, and nothing in the apartment had been disturbed.

Soldier Killed In
800-Foot Plunge

HONOLULU, Dec. 9 (AP)—Private William F. Russell of Fort De Russy, near here, was killed yesterday in an 800-foot fall from a precipice. The fall was believed to have been accidental. Russell was from Montclair, N. J.

U. S. SHIP ON
WAY TO WAR
ZONE, CHINALocal Interest Increases
Due to Geneva Sayre
Being in Area.LETTER RECEIVED
FROM MISSIONARYSeventy-five American
Women and Children
Refugees Reach Shang-
hai from Nanking.

HEAR FROM MISS SAYRE

Local interest in press dispatches from Hankow giving more or less meagre details of affairs in China, increased many fold today when it was learned that Chengchow, in the Honan province is the present home of Miss Geneva Sayre, daughter of County Superintendent and Mrs. E. A. Sayre, of La Grande. It will be remembered that Miss Sayre returned to China, sailing late in August, to reopen the school for girls which she had been compelled to leave more than two and a half years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Sayre received a letter from their daughter last week, which had been written Nov. 12. Those familiar with mail service from China recognize this as almost record service for mail particularly from one of the inland provinces. In the letter Miss Sayre could give only the barest reference to conditions as all letters are being censored and she told her parents that in the future all reference to the conditions would be impossible. She mentioned letters mailed previous to this one, which have never been received here, and also, she failed to acknowledge letters, packages, etc., which her family here had sent to her. Very naturally, Mr. and Mrs. Sayre are anxious about Miss Geneva, as are all her friends in La Grande, and will watch anxiously all word from China.

MANILA, Dec. 9 (AP)—Declaring that whenever American lives or property were endangered the routine duty of the United States navy was to protect them, Rear Admiral Charles B. McVay Jr., announced today that the cruiser Pittsburgh would leave for Shanghai at midnight tonight.

Bound for the same destination, the thirty-ninth destroyer division composed of the McLeigh, Simpson, Parrott, Edsall, Bulmer and McCormick steamed from Manila.

REFUGEES

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9 (AP)—Seventy-five American women and children refugees evacuated Nanking arrived here today by steamer from the central capital. There were also refugees of many other nationalities, forced from their homes by threatening rebel successes.

The refugees represented all the (Continued on Page Five)

MIDDLE AGED
MAN IS GOOD
WORKER, CLAIM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—The value of the middle aged man in the nation's industrial fabric was extolled today by Secretary Davis of the labor department. An advertisement had been made, he said, in disproving the "false philosophy" that men are through when they reach the age of 40 or 50.

"On the other hand," he declared in his annual report to congress, "more and more it is becoming the experience of our most enlightened employers that men of the age of 40 to 50 years or over are often better qualified by experience, ability and settled habits to render more valuable service than those of a younger age."

The age question was said by the secretary to be one of the grave economic problems that deserved the nation's particular consideration and during the coming years he expected to see "a great lessening in the practice of retiring from employment the workers of middle or advanced age."

"It has been adequately proved," he said, "that efficiency is not moved by the enforced retirement of our middle aged artists in industry; nor is humanity made happier by the bringing about of sudden work or adjustments which these displaced men are frequently called upon to meet."

