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THE WEATHER

Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Sunday with rain west and rain or snow in northeast portion; slightly warmer in northwest.

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CONCERT TO BE GIVEN AT CHURCH HERE

Ladies Triad Choir and Quartet to Present Sacred Numbers Dec. 22.

L. D. S. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY

Elks and Other Organizations Completing Holiday Plans - Shopping Now at High Level.

Three more days - and Santa Claus will pay his annual visit to La Grande. In fact, he is expected to visit a few places, including some of the churches, a little before Christmas eve, in order to have sufficient time for his globe-trotting journey Tuesday night.

Among outstanding Yuletide programs to be given in La Grande tomorrow is a sacred concert to be presented by the First Presbyterian church by the Ladies Triad choir and quartet of the church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Alfred L. Richardson, soprano, is the director and Howard H. Hanscom is the organist.

The program will open with the prelude "March of the Magi Kings" by Dulos and then will follow the beautiful Christmas song "Silent Night, Holy Night," by Bliss, by the choir.

The remainder of the program follows: Professional Anthem, "Hark, the Glad Sound" - Bliss. Scripture and Prayer. "The Night Song of Bethlehem" - Dudley Buck.

Quartet. "Christmas Song" - Bliss. Piano and Organ and Ladies Triad Choir.

Bliss. Solo by the piano. Baritone solo "In Bethlehem" - Raymond Williams.

"Little Town of Bethlehem" - Bliss. Sextet of Ladies Triad choir. Miss Ruth Gehbel, Miss Daisy Rolob, Miss soprano; Miss Grace Gehbel, Miss Katharine Wissler, second soprano; Miss Corinne Baker, Miss Doris Cade, alto.

"Christ is Born" - Clough-Lightner. The Ladies Triad choir. "Now When Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem of Judea" - Rogers Quartet.

"Goun Bambi" - Pietro A. You. The Ladies Triad choir. Contralto Solo.

"Out of the Depths" - Scott. Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp Jr. "Sing and Rejoice" - George Novin. The Ladies Triad choir. Benediction - Postlude.

The personnel of the choir follows: First Sopranos. Mrs. Ray Fuller, Mrs. Floyd Sherwood, Mrs. George Richardson, Mrs. L. B. Mon, Miss Robba, Mrs. S. R. Morgan, Mrs. Roseck Neal, Mrs. L. Lindsay, Mrs. Jack Ferris, Mrs. C. S. Moore, Mrs. M. A. Stearns.

Second Sopranos. Miss Gehbel, Mrs. E. D. Towler, Miss Wissler, Miss Mary Vaughn Hendrickson, Miss Harriet Glenn, Miss Mildred Cade, Miss Gehbel.

Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp Jr., Mrs. Oscar Pomeroy, Mrs. Walter Nowland, Mrs. Andrew Loney Jr., Miss Corinne Baker, Miss Cade, Miss Miriam Hanna, Mrs. George Huntington Currey, Miss Virginia Glass.

L. D. S. Services. Another Christmas program, which could not be secured in time for publication yesterday, will take place Sunday night at the L. D. S. tabernacle, in connection with the celebration of the birthday anniversary of the prophet, Joseph, Smith.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

Officers for the coming year were elected at the meeting of the Masonic lodge last night, with Colonel H. Eberhard selected as worshipful master.

Joseph H. Richardson was elected senior warden, Joseph Dickl junior warden, Oscar Warnock, secretary, and C. M. Humphreys, treasurer.

Appointive officers are to be named later, it is announced.

L. H. Duesel and Sherwood Williams were elected trustees of the La Grande Masonic Cemetery association. The master and the two wardens are the other members.

Eastern Oregon Weather Colder; More Snow Due

Brisk Wind in La Grande Adds to Chill - Temperature Around Freezing Point Today.

Slightly colder weather, accompanied by a brisk wind that made it seem colder than the thermometer recorded, was given Eastern Oregon a touch of winter today. Last night's minimum was even freezing point, but the wind kept the mark constant, and at 7:30 o'clock today it was still 32 above, a drop of six degrees from Friday's maximum of 38 above.

Fog, reported in parts of the Grande Ronde valley yesterday, did not touch La Grande and the wind is believed to have cleared up the foggy conditions.

More Snow Likely. The possibility of more snow for La Grande was noted, here today when the Oregon weather forecast from Portland predicted rain or snow in the northeast portion of the state. The weather outlook for next week, according to the San Francisco weather bureau, is for occasional rains or snow in Washington, Oregon and Idaho and probably Northern California and Nevada in the latter half of the week, with general fair weather elsewhere. Temperatures will be near the normal, the production says.

All highways in this section are open to travel. A considerable amount of the snow that fell here earlier in the week remains on the ground. At Baker, where a 10-inch snow occurred, the white blanket is still several inches deep, according to reports.

Miss Sayre Is Safe, Word Is Received Here

Mrs. M. A. Sayre received word yesterday that missionaries in China are quite safe at the present. Her daughter, Miss Geneva Sayre, is stationed at Chengchow and her friends and relatives have been anxious to learn of conditions there and whether she was safe.

Mrs. Sayre recently received 65 yards of clothing from her daughter that she had packed in her school trunk and which she had received instructions from the La Grande woman.

First Carload Of Chops Is On Way East Today

The third carload of finished product from the Ross Packing company and the first carload of "chops" was shipped from La Grande today for Cincinnati. Two carloads of dehydrated apples were sent out previously.

"Chops are dried apples, skins, meat and cores all included, which are so small to peel and use for the regular dehydrated apples. The chops are used for making jelly, etc."

The carload today consists of 800 bags, amounting to 66,000 pounds.

Some of Stores Will Stay Open

Several of the stores in La Grande are to be open in the evening on Tuesday, the day before Christmas, they announced today, this list including most of the grocery stores, meat markets and some of the other stores. This is to accommodate "last-minute" shoppers and also the housewives who will need extra provisions to last over the holidays.

A portion of the stores expect to remain open late both Monday and Tuesday nights, including the jewelry stores and some of the other business firms. Reports today also stated that a few of the stores will close at the regular hours both days.

Practically all business places will close Christmas day, and The Observer will not issue a paper that day.

Christmas Morning Show For Children

The La Grande Theatre, Inc., announced today that "Melody Lane," an all talking picture, would be the feature at the annual Christmas morning matinee for the children, which will be held at the Arcade this year. The show, which is free to all children, will be out in time for the children to attend the Ella Christmas tree party.

Oregon Residents Pay Income Taxes

Cold continued to reign supreme over a great portion of the United States today by the blizzard which sent the icy blasts as far south as the Gulf of Mexico had spent its fury.

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Several southern states still reported freezing weather. The cold wave was felt over the entire south with the exception of Southern Florida and the Atlantic coastal states.

New England started repairing the damage from several days of sleet and ice which broke down trees and wires and crippled both transportation and communication systems.

The Middle Atlantic section welcomed the chilly winds which dispersed the fog and rain that had hung over the region for days.

THREATENED WITH DEATH DURING TRIAL

Chicago Gangsters' Signal Flashes Across Idaho Court Room.

OCCURS DURING RUM RING TRIAL

Under Cover Agent Tells Officers but Fails to Identify Man Who "Mugged" Him.

CORNER D'ALENE, Idaho, Dec. 21 (AP)—Richard Cooper, federal undercover agent, formerly of Medford, Ore., testified today in the "Mullan rum ring conspiracy trial" that he was threatened with death while he was on the witness stand.

The prohibition officer said that a man "Chicago mugged" him just before he left the stand. He stated the "mug signal" is a death threat used by Chicago gangsters to intimidate witnesses. The significance of covering the mouth with one hand and staring fixedly at the witness was said to be "keep your mouth shut or die."

"The fellow gave me the sign and immediately left the room," Cooper affirmed. Court officials told him to identify the man if he could but this was not done.

Warred Criminals. Cooper testified today that Sheriff R. E. Weniger, one of the 29 charged with liquor conspiracy had issued warnings that Cooper was an "under cover" man, thus nullifying his efforts to get liquor evidence.

Court records disclosed today that Ray Sheridan, representative of a press association had been subpoenaed as a witness for asserting that he had "an exclusive interview" with Weniger. The Shoshone sheriff denied giving out an interview. Federal Attorney Hoyt Ray said that Sheridan's statement was true, he could recite the "interview" from the witness stand.

Ray charges that the defendants favored a scheme of the Mullan city council to license liquor joints.

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UNIVERSITY TO SEEK NEW COACH

Oregon Hopes to Have Grid Mentor by Feb. 1—Several Mentioned.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—The University of Oregon will start immediately in quest of a football coach to replace Captain John J. McEwan, whose contract was terminated by the action of the executive council at a special meeting, Karl W. Oshank, executive secretary of the university, said today.

If possible a coach will be obtained on a professional basis, which means he will work on the same basis as a college professor. It is believed that the three assistant coaches at Oregon, Prink Carlton, freshman coach; Billy Reinhardt, varsity backfield, and Gene Shields, varsity line, will be considered along with other available mentors.

Dr. Clarence Spears of Minnesota and Dr. Jack Wiley, former Ohio state coach, have been mentioned prominently as available materials when Washington was in search of a coach. An effort will be made to secure a coach before February 1.

Suicide Attempt Balked by Sailor

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 (AP)—An involuntary scream when she struck the cold waters of the bay off Pier 14 prevented Mrs. Helene Vail, 26-year-old wife of a Sacramento dentist, from committing suicide last night. The scream sent W. L. Davis, sailor aboard the U. S. S. Unadilla, plunging into the water after her. He brought her ashore and called an ambulance.

Mrs. Vail, who said she was a graduate of the Notre Dame college at Los Angeles, told hospital attendants dramatic troubles had caused her to seek death. She said she was estranged from her husband.

Fury of Blizzard Diminishes Over Nation—Mid-west Digging Out Today

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Ex-Governor Of California Has Mystery Solved

William Desmond Murdered by Actress, He Says—Efforts to Prosecute Failed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 (AP)—The San Francisco Call-Bulletin today quoted former Governor Friend W. Richardson as saying that he had proof that a motion picture actress murdered William Desmond Taylor, one of Hollywood's most famous directors, mysteriously shot in 1922.

After going into the history of his differences and sharp exchanges of statements as governor with Asa Keyes, then district attorney of Los Angeles county, Richardson said that "about that time I heard that a prisoner in Folsom knew much about the murder of the motion picture director."

Richardson said that he investigated the case, the Call-Bulletin states, and finally went to Los Angeles where he told the foreman of the grand jury and chairman of the jury's criminal committee that he had the solution of the Taylor murder mystery.

Talked With Jurors. "I asked them whether the facts should be presented to the grand jury and if so, if there was any chance of an indictment," the Call-Bulletin quotes Richardson as saying. "To this the answer was 'No.' Richardson adding that "they explained that either Keyes or one of his deputies would be in the grand jury room and that before any person could be brought for trial for the murder the important witnesses would be spirited away."

Richardson said that he returned to Sacramento, called in the prison board and explained the situation. "I told them," the Call-Bulletin quotes him, "that already the word was around that I had the solution of the murder and that unless we took quick action the convict in Folsom prison would be murdered."

The convict was paroled, and Richardson is quoted as saying that "the last I heard of him he was in Vera Cruz, Mexico."

The slaying occurred in January. (Continued on Page Four)

Two Dozen Turkeys To Be Liberated

The annual turkey toss, which is held each year at the Sacajawea Inn will take place Tuesday, the day before Christmas, beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Clint Haynes, chief of police, will toss two dozen live turkeys from the top of the Sacajawea Inn, and anyone in the street below catching one of the turkeys becomes its owner if he can keep it. Everyone is invited to attend. This is sponsored by the business men.

Three motion picture men, representing three different news reels, will be in La Grande to "shoot" the toss. It was announced today that all turkeys should be caught before leaving town.

Surgeon General Urges Short Skirts

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Short skirts for health, on no less authority than Dr. Hugh S. Cummings, head of the United States public health service, speaking here, and girls shouldn't diet.

The mortality rate among young girls has increased sharply in recent years, Dr. Cummings said, and he attributed it to "the diet craze," which he called "both silly and dangerous."

As for skirts, they should not be worn lower than the knees, the surgeon general said.

Congress Adjourns For The Holidays

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Congress adjourned today for the Christmas holidays, both senate and house quitting after brief sessions. The holiday period will end on January 6.

Honor Lois Bailey At Eugene Today

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Eugene and all Oregon in ceremonies participated in by visiting state officials and members of the 4-H club, honored Lois Bailey, Eugene, national champion 4-H girl, today. A parade and speeches were on the program.

Three Burned To Death In Elkhorn

ELKHORN, Wis., Dec. 21 (AP)—Three members of the Carey household were burned to death last night while three miles away, other members of the family joined in singing carols at a school home-Christmas party.

Patsy Carey, 3, and Mabel, 7, with their grandfather, Henry Snowberg, 63, were alone in the isolated farmhouse. The house was a flames when a neighbor spread the alarm.

The bodies were found amid debris in the basement into which they had been plunged when the floors burned away.

Butler's Speech O. K., Adams Says

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WHEAT GAINS FIVE CENTS IN CHICAGO

Prices Respond Buoyantly to Intervention of Grain Corporation.

EUROPEAN DEMAND TAKES ON VOLUME

Closing Figure Virtually at Day's Top Level—Stock Market Stages Brisk Recovery.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Wheat prices responded buoyantly today to the intervention of the farmers national grain corporation in behalf of better price levels and gained 4% to 5% cents a bushel above yesterday's finish. The big cooperative bid of 1 1/4 cents above current cash prices after the market closed yesterday had an ameliorating effect on trading both here and abroad.

Final quotations today were: December wheat \$1.21 1/4; March \$1.27 3/4; May \$1.30 3/4 to 3/8 and July \$1.31 3/4 to 3/8.

Gains of four cents were marked up at the outset, Liverpool having reacted favorably to the grain corporation's announcements, and after a dull period at mid-session another rally brought prices at the finish to the top or near the top for the day. Closing yesterday about a cent below the farm board's loan level for wheat, the market ended today four cents over the fixed value.

In connection with the price bulge, European demand for North American wheat to be shipped abroad took on a breadth of volume not witnessed previously in a long while, total transatlantic purchases today amounting to about 2,000,000 bushels. By far the outstanding factor in hoisting wheat values was bidding which was inaugurated by representatives of the federal farm board, at above current market quotations, although little if any actual wheat was obtained on the bids.

Wheat closed buoyant at virtually the day's top level, showing 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 net gain.

STOCKS STAGE RALLY

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—The stock market staged a brisk rally today.

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Youth Receives Thrill Of A Lifetime

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 21 (AP)—Having been given an involuntary ride of ten miles hanging to the tail of an airplane, William Coumbe, 17-year-old farm hand, is in good condition to tell of his thrills. He was helping to hold down the tail when the engine was being warmed up, and he didn't get up when the plane soared. In fact he held on till the plane got to within five feet of the ground again. Then he rolled over and over so much he was sent to a hospital with a few bruises.

Slayer Of Boy Is Executed In Chair

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 21 (AP)—Nervous and unable to repeat the prayers uttered by his priest, Peter Kudziowski, slayer of a 7-year-old New York boy died in the electric chair at the state prison last night.

Kudziowski, a pale, peaked little man of 27, who lured Joseph Storrell from his car side playmate with a bag of candy, killed him when he cried for his mother, and then in a drunken ramble confessed to police, twiddled his fingers as he walked from the death house.

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Odd Fellows Give Three Degree Work

Three candidates were initiated into the second degree of Odd Fellowship last evening at the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows' lodge, with about 60 in attendance. A Christmas tree for this evening in the temple was also announced.

"TALKIE" DOG



Because Monee, this 3-year-old German police dog, will take orders given in silence he is about to prove the salvation of the "talkies" where a spoken command to an animal actor would spoil the effect. Monee, who obeys silent commands, has arrived to solve Hollywood's problem. Here he is waving to the cameraman—and, say, did you ever see a dog in this pose before?

TUNNEY OPPOSES SUIT WITHDRAWAL

Retired Heavyweight Champion Desires a Fight to a Decision.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 21 (AP)—The desire of Mrs. Katherine King Fogarty, Fort Worth, Tex., divorcee, to withdraw her \$500,000 breach of promise suit against James J. Tunney, found the retired heavyweight champion today demanding a fight to a decision.

Frank E. Wilder, Mrs. Fogarty's counsel, announced in court yesterday, after he had been granted permission to quit the case as her representative, that Mrs. Fogarty had dispatched a letter authorizing a withdrawal of the action which was brought in superior court last May.

Tunney's attorney, Homer S. Cummings, immediately filed a motion for judgment on his cross complaint, which, among other things, alleges that the suit was brought merely to defame Tunney and to extort money. The motion will be argued next Friday before Judge Carl Potter.

At the present time Tunney is living in Greenwich with his wife, the former Polly Lander, whom he married abroad before the breach of promise suit was filed.

A suit for \$500,000 brought against the former boxer by John H. Fogarty, one-time Fort Worth plumber, who charged that Gene's promise to wed his wife influenced her to obtain a divorce from him, is pending.

Corvallis Rooster Booked For Italy

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—A sheaf of correspondence in the office of the General Steamship corporation here today has to do with the booking of a passage for one White Leghorn rooster from Corvallis, Ore., to Genoa, Italy.

A special coop has been constructed for the Oregon fowl and a special supply of food has been stored so the rooster will not have to fall back on sailors' hardtack and ship's biscuit.

BILL TO MAKE BYRD ADMIRAL PASSES HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—President Hoover today signed the bill making Richard E. Byrd a rear admiral.

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700 Christmas Shoppers Taken From Ferryboat

Harbor Craft Rescue Passengers From Damaged Vessel—Gift Packages are Abandoned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—Harbor craft rescued 700 Christmas shoppers, commuters and newly arrived immigrants from the ferry boat West Point last night after the ferry had been rammed and disabled by a car float. Three persons sustained minor injuries.

The ferry boat was crossing from the foot of West 42nd street, Manhattan, to Weekhawken, N. J., directly across the Hudson river. Unlike the heavy fog which prevailed when the liner Fort Victoria was rammed by the Algonquin in the lower bay last Wednesday, the weather was clear and visibility good. The ferry boat was brilliantly lighted.

In midstream the car float, which was being towed by a tug hauled alongside of it, drove its prow into the port side of the ferry, tearing a hole through which water poured into the engine room.

Boats Come to Rescue. The passengers, started by the impact, rushed from the cabins as the ferry boat's stern began to scream distress signals.

Amid a bedlam of answering signals, tugs and other ferry boats converged upon the crippled craft. The towing tug held the prow of the car float in the gash in the side of the West Point, reducing the flow of water and preventing the ferry boat from listing.

As rapidly as they could be maneuvered into position, rescue craft were lashed alongside and passengers assisted off the West Point. The large electric ferry boat Grenville Kane took 350 persons over the stern of the West Point. A New York Central tug made fast and its crew helped men and women through the shattered windows of the disabled boat to safety.

The rescue work was accomplished under the glare of search lights trained on the West Point by surrounding craft.

The passengers, who left hundreds of Christmas packages behind in their hurry, were landed at the central railroad of the New Jersey ferry house. The three who suffered cuts and bruises in the scramble to quit the boat were treated by an ambulance surgeon and sent home.

Although there was considerable confusion, the passengers said there had been no panic. The immigrants, who numbered several hundred, including many women and children, showed some signs of fright when directed to put on life preservers, but they were reassured and helped aboard the other boats.

SHIP IN DISTRESS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21 (AP)—Messages today from the captain (Continued on Page Four)

U. S. Steamer Is Fired On Friday In Yangtze River

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21 (AP)—The American steamer Iping, which plies the Yangtze river for the American Yangtze Rapid Steamship company, was subjected to heavy fire by unidentified Chinese troops above Ichang, Hupeh province, yesterday.

The Iping carried an American naval armed guard, which departed from the usual American practice of ignoring such attacks and laid down a heavy machine gun fire, silencing the Chinese attack.

During recent weeks uncontrolled Chinese soldiers and bandits have repeatedly attacked foreign steamers plying the upper Yangtze river.

Deputy Sheriffs Acquired Today

BURNSVILLE, N. C., Dec. 21 (AP)—Eight deputy sheriffs on trial here for death of six men killed during a strike disorder at Marietta, N. C., Oct. 2, were acquitted of second degree murder today.

Baker Man Is Fined \$1,000; Loses Auto

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—A. M. Service, of Baker, was fined \$1,000 in justice court here on a charge of possession, transportation of liquor on September 19. A large automobile belonging to Service was confiscated.

Ex-President Of France Passes On

MONTELIMAR, France, Dec. 21 (AP)—France today mourned Emile Louvet, former president, who died last night at the age of 91.

He spent most of his latter days sitting at a table in the village store here, smoking a pipe and discussing current events in a detached manner with passants here and there. His boyhood ambition was to become a farmer.

He died not because of any special disease, but because, as his physician said, "his light was just extinguished by old age."

MERGER PLAN FOR RAILWAY UNITS GIVEN

I. C. C. Works out Scheme to Change Network into 19 Great Systems.

LITTLE CHANGES ON UNION PACIFIC

Plan Laid Down, in Compliance With Congressional Mandate, is Procedural Step.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The first congressional reaction to the plans of the interstate commerce commission on railroad consolidation came today in a declaration of opposition to details of the plan from two senators from the west, Wheeler, democrat of Montana and Pittman, democrat, of Arizona.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—A plan for merging practically all of the steam railroads of