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OREGON: Unsettled, probably occasional rains in west portion tonight and Wednesday, warmer northeast portion tonight.

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Merry Christmas

\$13,400 IS
IMPROVEMENT
BILL IN YEARCity Spends Considerable
Sum on Sidewalks, Pavement
and Sewer.MUCH OF WORK IS
NEAR NEW SCHOOLOver 22 Blocks of Side-
walks Built in 1929 —
Seventeen Assessments
are Paid in Full.Improvement work in La Grande
during the year of 1929, consisting
of sidewalk, pavement and sani-
tary sewer districts, did not reach
an unusually high figure but filled
in several gaps in the city's sys-
tem, a survey of the records today
revealed.The amount spent on improve-
ment districts reached a total of
\$13,408.82, a modest figure, but in
analyzing the report, it is learned
that of this amount, all but
\$537.45 was spent on sidewalks.The \$7511.37 expended on side-
walks resulted in building of about
22 blocks of concrete walks.Much Work Near School
A considerable amount of the
improvement work during the year
was adjacent to the Eastern Ore-
gon Normal school, including the
pavement project, that connected
the pavement on Ninth street with
the E. O. N. steps. This consisted
of one block and intersection, cost-
ing \$3995.92.Sidewalks in the district near the
normal school now give the stu-
dents and teachers easy access
to the campus. New walks were
built on J from Sixth to Seventh,
on Sixth from I to J, on Seventh
from I to J, on J from Fourth to
Sixth, on I from Fourth to
Sixth, on Sixth from I to H, and
on K avenue (both sides) from
Fourth to Sixth.

17 Day in Hall

It is an interesting fact that of
the total number of property own-
ers assessed for costs of the dis-
tricts, 17 of the assessments were
paid in full. This is regarded as a
fairly high percentage. The re-
mainder of the assessments are be-
ing paid for over a period of 10
years, under the so-called Bancroft
bonding act.Only one sanitary sewer district
was put in during the year.
The improvement districts were
as follows:
No. 184—Sidewalk, I. to N on
Fifth, one block, cost \$843.58.
No. 3-10—Sewer two blocks,
bounded by Washington, Four-
teenth, I avenue and Thirtieth,
cost \$93.52.
No. 197—Sidewalk, U avenue
from Spruce to 2nd, one long
block, cost \$743.52.
No. 194—Sidewalk, Jackson from
North Cherry to Spruce, and North
Pine from Jackson to U avenue,
four blocks, cost \$1126.65.
No. 195—Sidewalk, J from Sixth
to Seventh, Sixth from I to J and
Seventh from I to J, three blocks,
cost \$750.88.
No. 196—Sidewalk, J from Sev-

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FIRST FIRE OF
MONTH OCCURS
IN LA GRANDESpilling an otherwise perfect
record for December, the fire
truck was called out at 7:20 o'clock
to extinguish a fire at the McMillan
home on Fourth street near
Washington. This was the first
blaze within the city limits this
month.The fire was caused by an over-
heated stove, Fire Chief C. T. Lind-
sey reports, but the damage was
small. Thirty-five gallons of chemi-
cals were used to control the flames.WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m. — 35 above.
Minimum: 22 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 41, minimum 33
above.
Condition: cloudy, rain .01 of
inch.WEATHER DEC. 24, 1929
Maximum 45, minimum 18
above.
Condition: traces of snow.Both Young And Old Are Eagerly
Awaiting The Arrival Of Santa
Claus In La Grande This Evening**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Tonight**
First M. E. church 7:30 —
"Why the Chimes Rang," can-
tata.
Episcopal church 11:30 —
Christ Mass, with Bishop Rem-
ington attending.
Catholic church—annual Mid-
night Mass.
L. D. S. church, Second Ward —
Christmas program.
Tomorrow
Lutheran Church, 11 a. m. —
Christmas day service.
Arcade theater, 10:30 — An-
nual matinee for children.
Depot and Washington, 11:30 —
Annual Elks Christmas party
for children.The night before Christmas!
To everyone, young or old, that
brings up memories and anticipa-
tions.For the youngsters, the writer
wishes to assure them that Santa
Claus will have no difficulty in
getting into the house, even if
there isn't a fireplace. He is likely
to come in at the most unex-
pected places.This morning, it appeared that
the usual white Christmas was go-
ing to be only a compromise, with
some snow remaining in the resi-
dential districts and the nearby
hills, but with pavements and side-
walks "black" and dry.

Churches Holding Programs

Four of the churches are hold-

ing Christmas programs tonight.
The cantata "Why the Chimes
Rang," is to begin at 7:30 o'clock
at the First M. E. church, and the
L. D. S. church, Second Ward, will
hold a Christmas program. Christ
Mass will be celebrated at the St.
Peter's Episcopal church with the
Rev. William P. Remington, of
Pendleton, in attendance, and the
annual Midnight Mass will be held
at the Catholic church.**Tomorrow's Events**
Events tomorrow include a Lu-
theran church program at 11
o'clock in the morning, the annual
matinee for the children at the Ar-
cade theater, beginning at 10:30,
and the Elks Christmas tree party
for the children at Depot and
Washington at 11:30."The Song of the Angels" is the
theme of the sermon by the Rev.
Leif H. Aves, of the English Luth-
eran church, to be presented
Christmas morning, "Ave Maria,"
by Bach-Gounod, is the prelude for
the service with "Holy Night Di-
vine," by Adams, and "Emman-
uel" by Nolte to be the anthems.
Presentation of special Christmas
offering envelopes will take place
at this service.Sunday an inspiring Christmas
program at the Lutheran church
was well attended. Following is
a brief account of it: prelude, "The
Star of the East," Miss Emma
Wurl, piano solo; hymn, "Joy to
the World," congregation; The
Gospel Story, told by the pastor.

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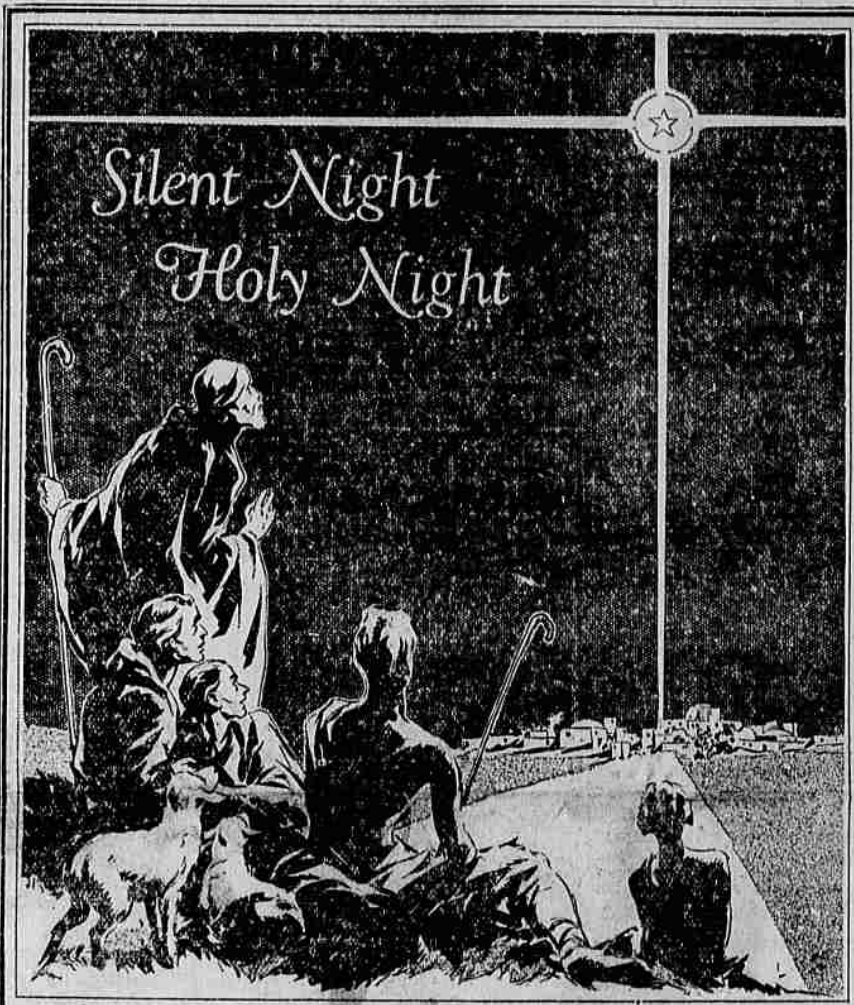
GLAD SPIRIT
REIGNS OVER
THE CAPITALGovernmental Business
Stilled for Last-Minute
Xmas Preparations.HOOVERS TO HAVE
JOYOUS YULETIDESon Alan Visits President
and First Lady—Santa
Finds Plenty of Snow in
Mid-West.WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—
The glad spirit which comes each
year with holly wreaths, sprigs of
evergreen and bundle-laden but

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Pope Pius Enters
Into ControversyVATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (AP)—
Pope Pius told forty cardinals
assembled to present Christmas
greetings to him today that the
fascist government was unjustly ac-
cusing the "Catholic action" or-
ganization of mixing in politics. He
also declared the government was
unjustly hard on the Catholic press,
which was endeavoring to ex-
pound his conception of the fulfill-
ment of the Lateran treaties.Departing from the benign tone
used in his last two encyclicals,
the pontiff launched into the old
controversy with Mussolini's gov-
ernment without mincing words. He
declared the accusation that Cath-
olic action was mixing in politics
was "a thing exactly contrary to
truth," and later said that the
Catholic press was "lady and un-
justly treated."Two Men Fined \$5
Each For SnoringCHICAGO, Dec. 24 (AP)—For
snoring, two fellows by the names
of David Knaen and Walter Lin-
quist were fined \$5 each and costs
yesterday, strange though it may
seem.There is no law against snoring,
but Mr. and Mrs. Arthur May felt
there should be. Night after night,
they said, their slumbers were ar-
rested by such snoring as is seldom
heard. At last something had to
be done, so they had Knaen and
Linquist called before Judge Max
Luster."There is," said Knaen and Lin-
quist, "no law against snoring."
"Your acquaintance with the
statutes is excellent," said Judge
Luster. "But there is law against
disturbing the peace, and the price
will be \$5 and costs."Santa Claus, World's Most Beloved
Character, Spreads Cheer Over WorldBy Beryl Miller
NBA Service WriterSanta Claus—the jolly old gen-
tleman with the ruddy cheeks and
flowing beard who gladdens the
hearts of children on Christmas
day—is the world's best known and
most loved character.To be sure, he travels under a
lot of different names in foreign
lands and he varies his methods
to fit their customs and tradi-
tions. But regardless of all that
his work is all to the same pur-
pose and he is known and loved
all over the world.Why? Because he personifies
the Spirit of Christmas. Every-
where, by his bringing good cheer
and happiness.Santa Claus' family history
shows that he is a composite indi-
vidual, combining traits from
various lands. He originated in
Holland several hundred years
ago as a very stern but charitable
churchman in long black robes.
The Germans adopted him and
fitted the Christmas tree into his
program. Then the English, call-
ing him Father Christmas, took
him over and made him into a fat,
jolly old fellow who was the chil-
dren's patron saint. The Norwe-
gians next gave him his team of
prancing reindeer and jingling
sleigh, as one would expect in
such a northern country.And then, a hundred years ago,
an American—Clement Moore—
wrote a poem that combined all
these features. That poem was
"The Night Before Christmas."

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IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR!

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.
And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.
—From the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke (King James Version).Plot To Murder
Belgian Royalty
To Stop WeddingBRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 24 (AP)—With the arrest of a young
Italian in connection with an al-
leged murderous plot against the
Belgian royal family, police today
expressed belief they had caught
the leader of an extensive group of
extremists whose activities a few
days ago after Belgian and French
secret agents shadowed him several
times.

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Attempt Made To
Murder YrigoyenBUENOS AIRES, Dec. 24 (AP)—
An attempt was made to assassi-
nate President Yrigoyen of Ar-
gentina here today. Three shots
were fired at him, but he was not
hurt. One of his party was in-
jured.The man was immediately ex-
ecuted. The attempt occurred close
to the president's own house.
The president's chauffeur was
killed and the police commis-
sioner of the city seriously wounded
before the assassin was shot by one
of the president's bodyguards. First
reports said that only one man was
injured.JOCK COLEMAN
WILL SING AT
MIDNIGHT SHOWJock Coleman, of Pendleton,
known as the "Harry Lender of
the West," will be here New Year's
eve to participate in the American
 Legion midnight matinee in the
Arcade theater; it was announced
today.Mr. Coleman is one of the most
entertaining singers in the north-
west and his appearance is being
eagerly awaited.

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MORE MEN ARE
LOST IN NORTHThree Fliers, Who Left to
Seek Eielson and Bor-
land, Fail to Return.NOME, Alaska, Dec. 24 (AP)—
Three men who took off in a plane
from here a week ago are missing
today, somewhere over the same
frozen wastes of Bering Strait
which have held the fate of the
fliers, Carl Ben Eielson and Earl
Borland, a mystery for the past six
weeks.It is feared here that an accident
befell Pilot Phil Graham and his
two passengers, R. B. Julian and
W. B. Miller, who left here Tues-

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Wheat Rockets
Nearly 6 Cents
In Chicago TodayCHICAGO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Stirred
into excitement seldom rivaled, the
Chicago wheat market today went
skyward nearly 6 cents a bushel,
a startling official crop estimate
from Argentina furnishing the in-
centive. The Argentine estimate
pointed to likelihood of European
need of about 32,000,000 bushels
more wheat from North America
than has heretofore generally been
counted upon. This situation was
intensified by reports that relative-
ly little of the new Argentine wheat
crop will be available for shipment
before the middle of February and
that world import supplies until
then must come mainly from the
United States and Canada.

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Fall Pig Crop Is
About Like 1928WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—
The fall pig crop of 1929 as shown
by the tabulation of reports of 65,
000 farmers was practically the
same as in 1928 for the United
States as a whole, the total crop
for the year as reported being 5.4
per cent smaller for 1929 and in
1928.In the corn belt states the re-
port, which was made in coopera-
tion with the post office depart-
ment through rural mail carriers,
showed that the fall pig crop this
year was about 4 per cent larger
than in 1928 but decreases in
other regions, especially in the
south, offset the increase.Leatherwood Dead
In Capital TodayWASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—
Representative Leatherwood of
Utah died here today.Leatherwood's home is in Salt
Lake City. He had been sick for
some time.The Utah member was one of
the Republican stalwarts in the
house.HOLY LAND
CELEBRATING
THE YULETIDESunshine and Blue Sky
Today Gives Jerusalem
a Spring-Like Air.CHURCH FATHERS
ARE MAKING READYSignificance of Christmas
as a Religious Festival
is Increasing Year by
Year.JERUSALEM, Dec. 24 (AP)—
Bright sunshine and blue sky today
gave Christmas eve in Jerusalem a
spring-like air. The streets were
crowded with people after the early
closing of offices, and most of the
passers-by carried parcels of
Christmas presents. The shops were
decorated in honor of "Father
Christmas."All the western churches, repre-
senting nearly all the peoples of
the western hemisphere, were
thrilled with people praising God
in many languages early this eve-
ning.The religious celebrations culmi-
nated with the Catholic and An-
gelican night services at Bethle-
hem, where the ancient monas-
teries around the spot where Christ
was born were the centers of a lay-
ish pontifical mass and resounded
with Christmas songs.Three hundred American and
Canadian tourists, who arrived at
Haifa aboard the liner Empress of
Australia, attended the services in
Bethlehem.

CHURCH FATHERS PREPARE

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 24 (AP)—
Church fathers today solemnly made
preparations for the celebration of
Christmas day, thankful that dis-
orders which a few weeks ago left
a bloody stain over the Holy Land
had ceased.The Latin patriarch, accom-
panied by his clergy and escorted
by mounted police came to Bethle-
hem.The trip was made by motor, a
great change from the olden days
when the patriarch preceded his
prelates mounted on a charger. In
medieval days the patriarch's
retinue was an imposing affair
with knights, pilgrims and reli-
gious and lay dignitaries.Midnight Mass
Tonight the patriarch with his
suite and congregation will proceed
to the old Franciscan convent, just
north of the Church of Nativity, for
the midnight pontifical mass. The
Anglicans will intone their Christ-
mas hymns just opposite in the
Greek convent adjoining the church
on the southern side.No services were held today in
the age-old sanctuary above the
grotto where Christ was born. Both
Catholics and Anglicans are barred
from worshipping there on
Christmas eve. This is the privilege
reserved to members of the Greek-
Orthodox church who have granted
the Anglican bishop the use of
the convent, but not of the church
itself.Only the grotto of the birth may
be visited by the Catholics during
the midnight mass, and at the
given moment the patriarch, with
the congregation following him,
will descend to the grotto where he
will read the Christmas message.

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GHOST WALKING
RUN RUNNERS
ARE ARRESTEDDETROIT, Dec. 24 (AP)—Ghosts
are walking once more on the De-
troit river.Customs officers reported today
that down river run runners are
resorting to "ghost walking" tac-
tics. The discovery was made
yesterday on Beaubien bay, off
Ecorse, when a sled load with 10
casks of liquor was seized."Ghost walking" consists of cov-
ering oneself and one's sled load of
liquor with a sheet and then sat-
ting out for the American shore.
Against the ice and snow the white
robed cargo is practically invisible.
Yesterday customs officers heard
some one walking on the ice off
Ecorse. They investigated and
found the sled, footprints and other
markings in the snow told of-
ficers that the run runner had
fled, trailing his sheets behind him.