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1975 KIDDIES
ATTEND ELKS
XMAS PARTYSanta Claus Distributes
Gifts to La Grande's
Youngest Generation.EVENT FOLLOWS
ANNUAL MATINEEOver 100 Baskets of Pro-
visions Given Needy
Families — Special Ser-
vices in Churches.

Santa didn't miss a La Grande child Christmas eve and yesterday, according to available information today, and it was truly a day for the utmost in happiness.

After his breath-taking, globe-trotting, gift-giving trip over the world Christmas eve, Santa Claus found time to spend a few hours in La Grande yesterday, where the annual children's matinee was in program, and then presiding at the Elks Christmas party.

1975 Gifts Distributed

And with the weather exceptionally mild for this time of the year, every child was in attendance. The Elks today figure that 1975 gift packages were distributed at the tree at Washington and Depot yesterday by the jovial St. Nicholas (Ed. Meyersek). Two thousand packages were made up and when Santa was through, only around 25 remained. "It was the most successful Christmas party we have ever had, and the largest group of children was in attendance," one of the Elks officers said today.

To add cheer to the occasion, while the long procession of eager, smiling children were passing by Santa's stand, the La Grande municipal band played music.

At the Arcade, standing room was at a premium during the all talking picture, with the La Grande Theatre, Inc., host to the youngsters of the city.

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TURKEY TOSS
PERMITS XMAS
DINNER FOR 20

The day before Christmas many a turkey saw take its life in its hands, and send them to the land of forgotten turkeys, but especially on the last hours of 1929, turkeys were cast from the ballroom roof and the seven-story roof, down into a crowd of waving hands and shouting voices.

hazards tall for the plumpers; one crutty old bird landed on a window sill, where he took his wings in laughter, at the faces below, until someone from inside grabbed him from his perch.

Catchers for this toss crowded the streets and dotted the tops of nearby buildings; it seemed that least one turkey lit on each neighboring roof. One woman was standing by, watching the scramble, when a gobble lit at her feet. He was a big animal for her, but she looked like a good dinner; so she took him home.

The turkey toss is an annual event, sponsored by the business men in the Sackajawia block, and it is enjoyed so much by the watchers as by the participants. This year each turkey was tagged with a card bearing the name of a business firm that assisted in the financing.

13 MOTORISTS
TAGGED OVER
THE HOLIDAY

Thirteen drivers received unwelcome Christmas gifts last night and Tuesday evening from the police department, in the shape of summonses to appear in municipal court tonight, either on charges of parking in an alley or driving with four persons over 12 years of age in the driver's seat. Nine of the 13 were tagged by the night police for parking in an alley, records today reveal.

Little trouble occurred over the holiday due to liquor or automobile accidents. Four other arrests were made, bringing the total to 17.

Traffic Officer Dick Robertson investigated an overturned car near Hot Lake yesterday morning about 9:20 o'clock. The machine, which was abandoned and which was not damaged to any great extent, is registered as belonging to C. W. Wilkins, of Prineville.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m., above.

Minimum 32, above.

Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 49, minimum 41

above.

Condition: cloudy, precipitation .04 of inch.

WEATHER DEC. 26, 1928

Maximum 47, minimum 27

above.

Condition: cloudy, precipitation .94 of inch.

Mercury At 49
Above Here On
Christmas DayEight La Grande Men En-
joy Round of Golf Yes-
terday on Country Club
Course.

The closing months of 1929 may be remembered in La Grande as the period of "warm" holidays.

Christmas day found the mercury up to 49 above, and at its lowest point, it was 41 above, making a mean temperature of about 15 above for the day. Not so many years ago cars were marooned, stages were held up, and the country shivered one Christmas day with the snow many inches deep, and drifted by a wind that augmented the rigidity of a mercury reading of about 10 below zero. Last year was regarded as an unusual Christmas day, with a maximum of 47, a minimum of 27 above and traces of snow.

Eight Play Golf
Used to a white Christmas, many Union county people could hardly realize that yesterday was the 25th of December. Eight ardent golfers enjoyed the day at the country club course.

Going back a month, Thanksgiving day found the mercury at 61 above (ordinary early summer weather) with a warm sun shining from a cloudless sky. However, that night the mercury plunged to 26 above, just 21 degrees colder than yesterday.

The Pacific Northwest as a whole was almost springlike yesterday. In Portland golf was enjoyed with the maximum at 53 and the minimum at 48 above.

WARMEST IN HISTORY

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26 (AP)—Weather records revealed today that yesterday was the warmest Christmas day in Portland's history.

With a maximum temperature of 53 degrees and a minimum of 48, the mean temperature for the day was 50 degrees, the highest on record, although equaled in 1872 and 1890.

BAKER MAXIMUM 46

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 26 (AP)—Yesterday was the warmest Christmas day in Baker in 40 years with the exception of 1890 and 1902, weather bureau officials said. The maximum temperature was 46 and the lowest 29.

Cantata Given
At M. E. Church
Christmas Eve

Members of the Methodist Sunday school presented the beautiful Christmas pageant, "Why The Chimes Rang" Tuesday evening at the church as their contribution to the city's Christmas observance. In addition to the pageant, there was a shepherd scene, songs and recitations by some of the children of the school and musical numbers by Miss Helen Williams at the organ, Ben Osterling, saxophone and William Hall, trombone. It was reported to have been a very pretty program.

The pageant was presented by a cast of 25 characters, all in costume.

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Mineralogist Is
Surveying Area
Seeking Gypsum

Believed to be representing a California firm, Carl Kenyon, mineralogist, who is well known in this section of the Northwest, is at present conducting a survey of Union county in search of gypsum. He has been here several days and has secured samples from which he is making tests to determine if it measures up to requirements.

If gypsum were found to exist in quantities in this locality, it is said locally, a new industry might be located here.

Mrs. J. A. Rumble
Dead at Joseph

Another of the Wallawa county pioneers passed on Tuesday afternoon, with the death of Mrs. J. A. Rumble, who has been a resident of Joseph for 49 years. News was received in La Grande late Tuesday by telephone.

Lucinda Sommer, a native of Ohio, married Mr. Rumble in Washington county, Iowa, in 1880, and the couple came to Oregon in 1880, making their home in Joseph. He was a veteran of the civil war and Mrs. Rumble, prior to her death, was very active in the W. R. C. and other organizations.

Cashier Killed;
Mob Seeks Bandits

SMITH'S GROVE, Ky., Dec. 26 (AP)—Robert Kirby, cashier of a local bank was killed today in a fight with a band of robbers who held up and robbed the bank of Oakland, Ky.

The robbers abandoned their automobile and fled to the hills north of town where some 200 or 300 citizens led by officers went in search of them.

MANY DIE IN
CALIFORNIA
CAR WRECKSTwenty-four Killed, 200
Injured in Los Angeles
and San Diego.RECORD ONE OF
HIGHEST IN YEAROne Man Shot and Killed
and Another Wounded
in Brawl at Brady,
Wash. Last Night.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26 (AP)—Ten persons were killed and nearly 200 injured in a series of traffic accidents in the metropolitan area over the Christmas holiday, police reports disclosed today. The record of carnage was one of the highest of the year here.

AUTO WRECK FATAL

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 26 (AP)—Four were killed and seven injured in a series of automobile crashes in and near San Diego during the Christmas holiday.

ONE KILLED DURING BRAWL

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 26 (AP)—One man was shot and killed and another wounded in a dance hall at Brady, 25 miles east of Hoquiam, last night, in what officers called a drunken brawl, but in which the victims were not involved. Herman Arnold and Jack Morton were each shot three times, Arnold dying on the way to a hospital. W. A. Wenfroe, a logger, is in jail at Montesano charged with murder. Officers say Wenfroe had been drinking and, becoming involved in an argument with Morton, drew a revolver and began firing indiscriminately.

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SCHOOL ELECTION
HERE TOMORROWSix Per Cent Limitation
Vote to be Taken at
Central and Greenwood

Voters of La Grande will go to the polls tomorrow afternoon and evening for the purpose of passing upon a financial measure. The call for an election was issued some time ago, following the approval of the 1930 budget for district No. 1, which includes La Grande.

Polls will be located in the Central and Greenwood school buildings, and will be open from 7 to 7 p. m., with practically the same list of clerks and judges as was employed last year.

The question to be voted on is that of increasing the amount of tax levy for the year 1930 by more than six per cent over the amount for the last year.

It is necessary to raise this additional amount by special levy for the following reasons, school men declare:

Deficit in budget allowance of last school year to cover repairs on high school building and equipping same after fire; purchase of additional land at the high school; and loss of revenue in previous budget years through non-payment of taxes.

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PROH PLAN
IS PREPARED,
MILLS SAYSUnder Secretary Ready to
Submit Enforcement
Measure to Congress.JOINT COMMITTEE
IS ONLY OBSTACLEPlan Includes a Unified
Border Patrol and Limi-
tation of the Number of
Ports of Entry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Plans for prohibition enforcement which include a unified border patrol and limitation of the number of ports of entry from Canada will be submitted by the treasury to congress as soon as a joint congressional committee to consider

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PASQUAL ORTIZ
RUBIO GUEST
AT CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—President Hoover today received Pasqual Ortiz Rubio, president-elect of Mexico, at the White House. The Mexican leader, who arrived here today, was accompanied by Senora de Ortiz Rubio and by the Ambassador of Mexico, Mrs. Hoover received the guests at the side of the president.

The ceremony was short and immediately afterward the Mexican visitors returned to the Mexican embassy.

12,000 Children
At Gigantic Dinner

LENINGRAN, Soviet Armenia, Dec. 26 (AP)—(Delayed)—Within the shadow of Mount Ararat, traditional site of the landing of Noah's ark, 12,000 homeless and parentless Armenian boys and girls who were rescued from starvation and massacre by the American Near East relief organization, sat down today to a gigantic Christmas feast provided by the American people.

The "feast" did not consist of turkey but of fatted calves, pumpkin pie, and cranberry sauce were provided by the American nurses who had been preparing for today's event for a month.

This is believed to have been the largest single Christmas dinner given by American charity in any part of the world. Nothing like it has ever been seen in Soviet Russia.

Air Service To Be
Started Saturday

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ISOLATES "FLU" GERM



An important discovery that may mean science's final victory over influenza, was made by Dr. Isadore S. Falk, 20, of the University of Chicago, when he isolated the "flu" germ after a year's research. Dr. Falk and his assistant, Miss Ruth McKinney, are shown here.

They Took Still
Apart, And Cops
Shouted "Robber"

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26 (AP)—The neat little mystery which developed when the inside of a safe in the basement of the Portland police station, melted away under the fervent stare of detectives today.

The custodian of property at the city police station, from under whose vigilance the still was alleged to have disappeared, demanded of Chief of Police L. V. Jenkins to enumerate the missing parts.

Investigators were led into the basement by Sergeant Cason, the property custodian, and were shown the parts with the exception of a small piece of tubing. It had been reported that an electric motor, electric tubing and a dozen other appliances of the manufacturing of illicit liquor had disappeared.

Youth Revolts
At Age Of 12,
Science Finds

By Howard W. Hakeslee
(Science Editor, Associated Press
Feature Service)

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 26 (AP)—The age when fanning youth begins to revolt was identified in a report to the education section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science today.

That period is the twelfth grade, the seniors in high school. The revolt then, scientifically called "deviation," is definite and uniform, whether for city, suburban or country youth. But it is also slight, giving little basis for animosity against modern young folks, and there is both a recovery of ideals later on, and the youngsters, despite their tendency to crack, appear to have a higher rating than some, though not all, of their elders.

In the period of outbreak the boys outface the girls.

The report appears to fix a time when it may be especially valuable to guard the development of youth.

Dared Holdup Man
To Shoot; Is Dead

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26 (AP)—William Shoemaker, 36, who Tuesday night dared a holdup man to shoot, died today in a hospital from a bullet wound in the jaw.

Following the shooting, Thomas Boyle, 46, and Harry Schebeck, 42, were arrested. Schebeck is said by police to have made a statement naming Boyle as the slayer.

New Storm Lashes
Coast of Europe

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Heavy seas running today from the Orkney Islands to Spain endangered shipping and brought recurrence of the hazardous conditions of ten days ago. At least 24 were believed dead in the holiday gale which swept the British Isles and adjoining waters.

The sun shone over southern England and there was every appearance of a spring day. But ships put in at every port from Scotland to Plymouth, ample testimony of the force of lashing by wind and sea.

A Norwegian ship, the Aalung, of 388 tons register, sank with all on board off Paros, Spain, Wednesday. The ship Panjon later wire-telegraphed Vigo, Spain, it had recovered eleven bodies of the crew of 24 but could not identify them.

POISON BOOZE
SENDS 99 TO
THE HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—A number of hospital beds were occupied today by the more severe of the 99 cases of alcoholism listed in newspaper tabulations over Christmas. There were no deaths.

Three of the cases were women. Hospital authorities said no symptoms of food alcohol or other poison were manifested by any of those treated.

Four deaths from alcoholic poisoning occurred in Bellevue hospital on Christmas day last year. In 1927, seven deaths were ascribed to this cause during the Christmas holidays and in December, 1926, there were 72 of which 40 were said to be alcoholism.

Bellevue hospital admitted 53 cases of alcoholism yesterday and the day before Christmas 31. Other hospitals in the city treated only a few cases each.

Historic Room
Used by Hoover
For His OfficePresidential Study Will be
Occupied — To Repair
Damage Done by Christ-
mas Day Fire.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—In a famous old room that has witnessed much of the unfolding drama of American history, President Hoover will receive his business callers during the next few days and administer the affairs of the nation.

Until suitable headquarters are provided for occupancy after the restoration of the west wing of the White House, destroyed in the fire of Christmas eve, Mr. Hoover has elected to use the historic presidential study on the second floor of the executive mansion.

No time is to be lost, either in rebuilding the executive offices or in providing accommodations for the period that that process will take. Contractors have been notified of a request for bids, expected today, and arrangements made for housing the executive staff in the adjoining state, war and navy building.

By the first of the week, it is expected that headquarters will have been established there for the president, his secretaries, the White House clerical force and newspapermen assigned to the president.

Using Hoover's Study

Meanwhile, all business will be transacted from the presidential study. This is a room to which Mr. Hoover is much attached because of its historical associations and he likes to work where many a president has worked before him. It was used by all the heads of the nation from President Adams to President Roosevelt. Mr. Hoover recently restored it after two decades and a half of disuse.

He has himself described it as "a room crowded with memories of the courage and the high aspirations and the high accomplishments of America's presidents."

Here worked Lincoln, he said, "as the great signer of the emancipation of the negro from slavery."

An old mahogany table around which gathered the cabinets of a score of presidents was placed just outside the door for the use of Mr. Hoover's secretary, George Aker-son. Working accommodations were provided for his other assistants, Walter Newton and Lawrence Ritchey in adjoining bedrooms.

Furniture Transferred
All the furniture in the destroyed room was moved to the new quarters.

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Insane Father
Shoots Family,
Kills Himself

WALNUT COVE, N. C., Dec. 26 (AP)—A farmer's wife and six children lay dead today, all the victims of a husband and father who on Christmas day became insane. After slaying them he shot himself to death.

The dead:

Charles D. Lawson, 43, well to do farmer; his wife, 38 and six of their children: Marie, 17; Carrie, 14; Maribelle, 10; James, 7; Raymond, 5, and Mary Lou, 5 months.

The bodies of the mother and children, shot or beaten to death, were found yesterday afternoon in the bloodstained Lawson home and a tobacco barn on the place. The hands of everyone of them were splayed against their breasts, their heads pillowed, and their eyes closed. The father had carefully laid them out for burial.

Lying by a pathway in a patch of woods a half mile away was the body of the farmer. A shotgun was nearby and in his pocket was a note.

PRESENT PROVES COSTLY
JEHOE, Ark., Dec. 26 (AP)—While the family gathered around their Christmas tree, John Smith, Jerome youth, examined his new shotgun, a present. A moment later the gun was accidentally discharged, killing his sister, Vivian, aged 14.

19 Are Injured In
Freak Train Wreck

SWEETWATER, Tex., Dec. 26 (AP)—Nineteen persons were slightly injured and the sides of two Pullmans and a chair car were crushed when a box car ran away in the railway yards here today.

Just as Santa Fe passenger train No. 55, from Amarillo, entered the Pan-Handle and the Santa Fe yards the box car, blown by a high wind, crashed into an oil tank car in a train being made up and the tank car was hurled into the passenger coaches rolling by. The side of the chair car was smashed into kindling wood.

Accuse Sandino Of
Accepting \$60,000

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26 (AP)—Incensed at rumors that General Augustino Sandino, exiled Nicaraguan insurgent chieftain, accepted \$60,000 to cease his anti-American operations in Nicaragua, certain Mexican elements which gave him moral support are investigating the circumstances surrounding his departure from his native land.

BURGLAR USES
SANTA OUTFIT
AS DISGUISE

CHICAGO, Dec. 26 (AP)—Santa Claus stories are not of much account December 26. Folks don't feel just the same about the jolly old fellow the day after.

Still, in a way, it is no more than right to tell about the Santa Claus who is held in jail under the name of James Buck. To overlook this would, likely as not, be passing the buck.

Mr. Buck, or Santa Claus as he chose to designate himself, was climbing through the window of a home on Hartway avenue last night with a pack on his back. By a strange freak of fate, a policeman observed him. He pulled Buck out of the window and inquired what was the idea.

"I am Santa Claus," said Buck, "my friends who live here are away and I thought I would seize the opportunity to slip in the window and deposit gifts about the place."

"You may," said Officer Sucha "be Santa Claus to little children, but you're just a suspicious character to me."