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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and Wednesday with morning valley fog and light winds. Normal temperature. Gentle variable winds on the coast.

BUILDING IN CITY SHOWS AN INCREASE

Total for 1929 Amounts to \$340,022, Compared With \$288,713 in 1928.

ERECT 23 HOMES, VALUED AT \$63,650

Third Quarter Heaviest in New Construction, with Other Three About Even in Amount.

Building permit books for the year were closed at the city office today, and the final tabulation showed 177 permits issued for new construction valued at \$340,022, according to J. E. Stearns, city recorder. On top of this, an official \$150,000 for the new Normal school administration building puts the actual total for the year of 1929 at \$340,022, a sum considerably larger than the total for 1928.

The permits were evenly divided over three of the four quarters of the year, as follows (excluding the E. O. N. building):

First quarter—\$44,680; second quarter—\$34,555; third quarter—\$82,120; last quarter—\$48,617.

23 New Homes

During the year, a total of 23 new residence buildings were erected, costing \$63,650, an average of nearly \$3,000 each. Of the 23 homes, nine cost \$3,000 or more, three of them costing \$5,000. Business buildings (for new structures only) amounted to \$28,400, ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000. The remainder of the amount, \$33,972, represents alterations and repairs, and permits for private garages, for buildings, etc.

The total for 1928 was \$288,713, giving 1929 an increase of \$51,309.00.

Permits	Value
January	3 \$ 170
February	2 5,500
March	30 59,910
April	22 9,350
May	12 17,350
June	16 7,832
July	6 4,050
August	15 5,380
September	33 52,710
October	18 28,255
November	19 4,112
December	7 15,250

Mrs. Cameron Dies During Morning

Edna May Cameron, a resident of La Grande for the last 12 years, passed away at her home at 2014 Cedar street this morning at the conclusion of a long illness.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary under the auspices of the Icelandic lodge with the Rev. R. L. Putnam, pastor of the Christian church, officiating. The body will be forwarded tomorrow evening to Fort Scott, Kan., her former home.

Mrs. Cameron, who is survived by her husband Charles, and her mother, Mrs. Hill, was born in Kansas May 8, 1862 and was 37 years seven months and 23 days of age.

HOOP SEASON TO OPEN HERE ON SATURDAY

The La Grande high school basketball team will receive its inter-scholastic baptism of fire Saturday evening, when the Tigers will play the Enterprise Chieftains in the L. D. S. Recreation hall, it was announced today.

Couch Ira Woodie has been working with a large squad for the last few weeks, gradually narrowing down the aspirants through intensive practice. Tonight the squad will scrimmage with alumni players.

There is a possibility that the new rulings adopted by the state high school association may effect the eligibility of a few of the players, so that it is impossible until these matters are cleaned up, to predict a lineup.

TRY AMERICAN WORDS

MADRID, Dec. 30 (AP)—American words with Castilian twists soon will be heard all over Spain, in a campaign to persuade the Spanish academy to adopt the words.

The Spanish academy already says "vaca" when he means "cuck." He spells it "vaca." The campaigners say modern necessities require adequate words in the vocabulary.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—32 above.
Minimum: 22 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 46, minimum 33 above.
Condition: cloudy, rain .06 of inch.

WEATHER DEC. 31, 1929
Maximum 42, minimum 21 above.
Condition: cloudy.

City Will Greet Arrival Of The New Year-1930

Large Crowds Expected at Matinee and Other Functions—Weather is Agreeable.

With large crowds assured at practically every function that is being held today, ranging from the American Legion Matinee at the Arcade, to several watching night parties, La Grande is watching the last few hours of 1929 fade into the realm of history.

Shortly at midnight, to the accompaniment of the usual boom of bells, whistles, etc. (not to mention those from other cities that the radio fan will welcome), the infant year of 1930 will begin its regime.

Weather Agreeable
In La Grande, barring an unexpected slump in the mercury—which is held to be extremely unlikely—the new year will come in a pleasant temperature, bringing to an end a record-breaking month of December. There was a possibility of snow, with a few flakes drifting to the ground early this afternoon, but little likelihood of a drop in the mercury to much more than freezing point.

To celebrate the new year, the city's business section will be closed tomorrow, and the day will be spent largely in family dinners and reunions. The Observer will issue a paper before noon, Municipal, county and judicial offices will all be closed tomorrow.

Expect Excellent Show
Leontinares expect the most successful matinee in their history, with a large block of tickets for the show already reserved, and with the program promising an excellent entertainment, featuring Jock Coleman, of Pendleton, as the major attraction.

Several churches or church organizations have made arrangements for watch-night parties, and in addition, several social gatherings will watch the old year out and the new year in.

Schools will be closed tomorrow, the La Grande schools resuming classes Thursday, and the E. O. N. beginning its winter term the same day.

New Theater To Have Opening Here Saturday

With only a few days needed to complete the work at the new State theater, George Roy, owner of the new show house, announced today that the opening will be held here Saturday, beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, unless something unforeseen occurs.

The opening picture is the all-talking, all-singing, all-dancing "Big Boy," featuring Babe Daniels and John Bowles. The picture will be shown here for five days. Continuation shows are announced for Saturday, the opening day, and for Sunday. Other pictures to be shown during January include: "Dynamite," "Hollywood Revue," "It's a Great Life" and "Flight."

Two big ventilating fans, that will change the air every four minutes, are being installed and the latest talkie machines and projectors have been secured. A new feature will be an unsynchronous attachment will permit playing of orchestra, organ or other types of music without the pictures. This is the first of its kind in Eastern Oregon. Work is also being started on the 26-foot sign, which includes 416 ten-watt lamps and is the largest in La Grande. Seats of Spanish leather upholstery, have arrived. The projection room has been built so that it is fire proof.

Alfred Roy, of Eugene, who will manage the theater for his father, is expected here today or tomorrow.

Annual Rush For 1930 Car Licenses

The annual last-minute rush for automobile licenses for 1930 is under way today at the county court house. It is announced that traffic officers will strictly enforce the rule that every car must have a sticker after Jan. 1.

The 1929 license plates, plus the stickers, will be used until July 1, 1930, when the fiscal year will begin, and officers caution motorists against throwing away their 1929 plates, thinking that new ones will be issued now.

K. P. Lodge Holds Old Timers Meet

About 50 members and former members of the Knights of Pythias lodge met last evening in the K. P. hall for the "Old Timers" night at an open meeting, when cards were enjoyed. H. E. Dixon, grand chancellor, spoke, telling of the Pythian home. A buffet luncheon was served, at which Don L. Gaily, grand commander, was toastmaster.

Next Monday night installation of officers will be held, and plans are being made for the annual turkey banquet, which will take place January 14, when they Pythian sisters will also be present.

MULLAN RUM REBELS SENT TO THE 'PEN'

Federal Judge Sentences 24 Persons Convicted of Conspiracy.

SHERIFF DRAWS TWO-YEAR TERM

Mayor Given 18 Months and Chief of Police will do 15 Months Behind the Bars.

COEUR D'ALENE, Ida., Dec. 31 (AP)—Federal Judge J. Stanley Webster today sentenced the 24 persons convicted of conspiracy in the "Mullan rum rebellion case." Sheriff R. E. Weniger, so-called "arch-conspirator," was sentenced to serve two years and pay a fine of \$1,000.

Deputy Sheriff Charles Bloom was sentenced to 15 months, with no fine.

Other sentences included Mayor Arthur Harwood, 18 months and \$1,000 fine; Chief of Police P. O. Welch, 15 months; Hartford Morphy, policeman, one year and a day; George Houston, city trustee, 15 months; Henry Foss, trustee, 10 months; Charles Kistau, trustee, 10 months; Joe Wheatley, trustee, 15 months.

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JERRY HOPKINS DIES OF CANCER

Passes on in Oregon, Ill. This Morning; Funeral Not Yet Arranged.

Herbert "Jerry" Hopkins, of La Grande, succumbed to cancer of the lungs at 9:30 o'clock this morning in Oregon, Ill., according to a telegram received by his sister, Mrs. Robert R. Carey. Mr. Hopkins has been ill for many months, taking treatments at both the Boise and Portland veterans hospitals before coming to Illinois, to enter a hospital there.

Funeral services have not yet been announced but Mrs. Carey believes that they will be held Thursday at Oregon. His sister, Mrs. Heister Hopkins, who left for Illinois when word was received of his critical condition, will arrive there tomorrow morning.

Mr. Hopkins was born in Oregon, Ill., on Dec. 29, 1859, and spent 18 years of his life in La Grande, where he was well known.

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Five Bandits In Running Battle With Citizens

Three Escape in Car and Two Run Into Woods After Kidnaped Bank Cashier is Freed.

DAYTON, O., Dec. 31 (AP)—Five bank robbers engaged in a wild gun battle with citizens and officers at Phillipsburg, Ohio, near here today, after they had kidnaped Ralph Davenport, cashier, in a fruitless effort to loot the Phillipsburg State bank.

Davenport escaped from the mob in the confusion. A posse of deputy sheriffs and 20 armed citizens at once pursued two of the bandits and to a woods near the town.

Davenport was slugged at his home last night. While several members of the gang stood as lookouts, two of them bound and held him prisoner. Mrs. Davenport fainted when they brought the cashier inside. They prepared coffee for her and remained until 6 a. m. Davenport had told them, when he recovered, that the bank's time lock would not open until then.

At 5:50 a. m. Floyd Davenport, the cashier's 14-year-old son, returned home after spending the night with friends. He turned a flashlight on a rear door and saw one of the robbers pointing a machine gun at him. The boy fled before the gunman could shoot or capture him.

Floyd gave the alarm at a filling station.

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Local Men Are Hurt In Wreck Near Wallowa

Two men were hurt more or less seriously and a third injured slightly in a head-on automobile collision at about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a snow storm at the Bear Creek bridge at Wallowa, W. G. Harnden, of La Grande, was practically unhurt, suffering a slight back sprain. It is reported, and his companion, George Goolsby, was cut about the head by glass from the windshield but suffered no fractures. The driver of the second car, whose name could not be learned here, is reported to have been injured about the back. He was taken to his home at Wallowa, reports say. The car he was driving is registered to J. W. Esmy, of The Dalles, according to Traffic Officer Dick Robertson.

Mr. Harnden reported to Mr. Robertson that he was driving on the right side of the road in the snow and rain, at the time of the accident.

Both cars were damaged considerably in the collision. Mr. Harnden and Mr. Goolsby were brought to La Grande after the accident.

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WHITE HOUSE AWAITS REPAIRS

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LIQUOR WAR RAGES OVER THE NATION

Brookhart Demands Resignation of Secretary Mellon and Aides.

RECENT KILLINGS HELD UNAVOIDABLE

Senator Jones Advocates Supreme Court Test—Officers Shot in Kansas Raid.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—The second demand for the resignation of Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury, during the current prohibition controversy, came today from Senator Brookhart, of Iowa, a republican dry, who said that he wanted not only Mellon removed but other in the treasury department identified with enforcement.

Although not a great deal has been definitely accomplished, the administration has established a foundation for reduction of military and naval expenditures in Hoover's public utterances. The year saw the preliminary work done for the important London naval limitation conference which will soon begin, including the unprecedented personal conferences of Premier Ramsay MacDonald, and President Hoover in Washington.

Naval Conference Next Big Step
Everywhere, in foreign or domestic affairs, one observes the beginnings of efforts which, if successful, will result in substantial achievements. Only a few of the more important can be summarized in this space.

After inauguration, Hoover lost no time in calling the special session to congress to deal with the farm relief problem and a revision of the tariff. The administration bill providing a federal farm board with wide powers and a \$500,000,000 loan fund became a law without undue delay. The board has been actively functioning for several months, although it is too early to predict how effectively it will contribute to solution of the agricultural problem.

In December, on President Hoover's recommendation, congress in regular session promptly passed a \$100,000,000 tax cut measure which will go into effect this year.

Tariff legislation, the other of the three most important legislative measures which the administration sought, is badly bogged. That may be due to Mr. Hoover's unwillingness to make known his opinion of the tariff bills cooked up by the house ways and means and senate finance committee or of the drastic revisions of the Hawley-Smoot measure which have been made on the senate floor. But tariff legislation has been begun and is rather sure to be completed, in one session or another.

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GUARDIANSHIP RULE STANDS, GARY ASSERTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31 (AP)—John L. Gary, secretary of the Oregon high school athletic association, denied today that the association had rescinded any rule regarding the illegality of using "legal guardianship" as a means of evading eligibility rules of the association.

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Hoover's First Year In The White House Sees Many Important Tasks Started—1929 Year Of Hard Work

By Rodney Dutcher
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—For the new Hoover administration 1929 was a year of big things begun.

It was a year of hard work. The president took no summer vacation and congress, with its short session, its special session and lately its regular long session, has been on the job much more than in any ordinary year.

Last New Year's day found Herbert Hoover sailing home from South America, concluding his good will tour the first important phase of a strong but friendly foreign policy which he has since carried with general approval. Even before taking office he had begun what was hailed as a new era of more amicable relations between the American republics and his subsequent policy has been designed to foster the improved atmosphere.

Among other things he has undertaken to strengthen the caliber of our diplomats in those countries.

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EIGHT MEN TURN ON HOLDUP PAIR

One Would-be Robber Beaten to Death—Three Men Are Arrested.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—Eight men in an establishment in West 53rd street, described by the police as a speakeasy, turned on two holdup men early today, beating one of them to death and seriously injuring the other.

The victim was identified by the police from his fingerprints as William Rogers, 24, of this city. The record showed an arrest for robbery last month. The other said he was Timothy Shine, 18, of Brooklyn. He denied that a holdup had been attempted.

Shine, who suffered severe lacerations and bruises of the head and a fracture of the right wrist, was held on a charge of attempted robbery. James Kelly and James Gavin, proprietors, were charged with suspicion of homicide.

POLICEMAN SLAIN
CHICAGO, Dec. 31 (AP)—Michael Langan, a policeman in plain clothes, was killed last night by four bandits who posed as policemen and held up a northwest side soft drink parlor.

Langan was standing at the bar talking to the proprietor when the bandits entered.

"Stick 'em up; we're policemen," one of them cried.

Langan pushed toward them, firing as he went. The bandits fled to the door, returning the fire. Langan fell with a bullet in his head.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—William E. Lee, of Idaho, is under serious consideration by President Hoover as a member of the interstate commerce commission to succeed Johnston B. Campbell, whose resignation is effective January 6.

Announcement of Lee's appointment is expected soon by those supporting him.

India Freedom Measure Adopted

LAHORE, India, Dec. 31 (AP)—A resolution introduced by Mahatma Gandhi, nationalist leader, declaring that the India congress creed shall in the future mean complete independence was adopted by the congress by an overwhelming majority today.

The resolution authorized the All-India congress committee, whenever it deems the moment fit to launch a program of civil disobedience. This phrase embraces non-payment of taxes and similar measures of resistance to British rule.

MISSING HIKERS FOUND
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31 (AP)—Three youthful hikers, who had been missing for more than 40 hours on the brush-covered slopes of Mount Wilson, shortly after 10 o'clock today were reported to have been rescued and brought in to the Mount Wilson tavern. A. C. Childs, manager of the tavern, telephoned the information to the sheriff's office here.

ACTRESS DIES
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31 (AP)—Rita and screen players of the nation today mourned the passing of Mrs. Lydia Yeaman Titus, famous actress of thirty years ago, whose death yesterday in Hollywood recalled memories of a day long past when "Bally in Our Alley" was at the height of its popularity.

Child Tells Of Mother Shooting State Officer

BELLAIRE, O., Dec. 31 (AP)—Chief of Police Francis Moran today announced that Donnie Schroeder, 4, had told him that his mother, Mrs. Irene Schroeder, had fired the shot which killed Corporal Brady Paul, of the Pennsylvania state highway patrol near New-castle, Pa., last Friday.

Pennsylvania state police and Pittsburgh detectives took Donnie Schroeder to Pittsburgh for further questioning.

Chief Moran said the lad gave a very concise description of the shooting and named two men known as Glenn Duguey and Tom Crawford, a brother of his mother, as their companions.

Ernest Moore, state highway patrolman, who was wounded in the exchange of shots, told Chief Moran that Donnie was the child seen in the automobile.

Chief Moran found the lad last night at an uncle's home and took him to police headquarters for questioning. The uncle, Ray Schroeder of Bellaire, and the child's maternal grandfather, Joseph Crawford, also were taken for questioning.

Paul was shot down by a woman who was accompanied by a small boy and two men, known as Glenn Duguey, former automobile salesman of Wheeling, W. Va., and Tom Crawford, a brother of his mother, as their companions.

The dense clouds of smoke which came from the structure made it necessary to use gas masks, some of them improvised.