



# New Year's Greetings

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THE WEATHER  
OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Thursday, colder in the northwest portion tonight. Moderate north-west winds on the coast.

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### LA GRANDE IS OPTIMISTIC AS TO 1930

Big Building Year Indicated With U. P. Depot as Largest Project.

### INDUSTRIES LOOK FOR GOOD SEASON

Large Amount of Road and Highway Work to be Done—Business Outlook is Promising.

With all indications pointing to a big building and industrial year in La Grande and vicinity, this city is optimistic as the new year opens. Agriculture, too, is expecting a good year, although future weather conditions market prices, etc., make predictions uncertain to a large degree.

Industrially and in construction, indications point to a very busy season just ahead. A recent survey made by The Observer showed an expected building total of around \$415,000, which includes the \$125,000 Union Pacific station, as well as continued heavy payrolls by the railroads intersecting this city.

Industry as a whole are optimistic as to what 1930 holds in store, and payrolls in La Grande are expected to maintain their 1929 levels with some likely to show an increase. Both the Mc. Emilly Lumber company and the Bowman-Hicks-Lambert companies anticipate continuous operation during the next several months.

Added to this, both the county and state anticipate heavy expenditures in maintenance and new construction of roads and highways, chief in importance being the completion of the Hildaard-Kumela project of widening and improving of the Old Oregon Trail highway. County officials estimate that road work during the year will amount to \$250,000, an increase over 1929.

### DUDE RANCH EXPECTS BIG YEAR IN 1930

Reservations from the east are already coming to the Dude Ranch at Wallawa Lake, that is managed by Ben and Rusty Thrany, and Joe Hopkins, who is also an owner. Mr. Hopkins reported recently while he was in La Grande on business. They have just closed a very successful and the longest season in the history of the ranch, due to its continuation into hunting time.

Mr. Hopkins is very enthusiastic about the last year, saying that it was beyond all expectations, remarking that 75 per cent of the reservations could not be handled. The ideal fall was taken to advantage, and the ranch season lengthened, operating from the last of May to the end of the hunting season.

Three million of the famous Wallawa Lake "yank" are being spawning and hatching, under the care of Theron Sutton, winter manager of the ranch. Other preparations for the next season include a building program that is double that of previous years.

### Gun Club To Hold Annual Meeting

The La Grande Gun club will hold its annual business meeting Friday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, in the city hall. It was announced late yesterday by officers. At the session, officers for 1930 will be elected, and the new year's program will be considered.

### Two Inches of Snow Welcome New Year

Bringing to an end a record-breaking December, Old Man Winter blew his breath over the Grande Boise valley late yesterday and last night, and this morning a two-inch blanket of snow greeted the new year. The snow, although bearing a fair amount of moisture, did not melt rapidly in the residential sections, although much of it was reduced to water this morning with the mercury climbing to 25 above at 7:30 o'clock. Last night's minimum was 23 above.

This is the third snowfall of the winter, all of which have been comparatively light.

### Large Crowd At Legion Matinee As Year Opens

Acts Send Audience Into Gales of Laughter—Show Surpasses Former Merrymaking.

Surpassing former shows by a wide margin, the American Legion Matinee in the opening hours of 1930, goes into history recorded as an appropriate community entertainment and greeting for the new year.

The matinee is staged annually by the organization with the proceeds going to some worthy cause each year. Last night's show was presented to a large crowd, and time and again the audience broke into vigorous and spontaneous applause.

Jack Coleman sings All of the acts received appreciative applause, with a majority of them registering heavily with the audience. Jack Coleman's singing, joke-telling and Scottish music resulted in a storm of approval, with the Pendleton man returning to the stage for an encore with the violin. Among the numbers he sang in his clever Scotch way was one of his own composition.

### Next Chamber Forum Luncheon To Be Tuesday

After a vacation of two weeks during the holiday season, the Union county chamber of commerce will resume its regular forum luncheons on each Tuesday during the noon hour, it was announced yesterday by Albert Hunter, secretary.

It is understood that the question of whether to circulate a new petition asking for an election to extend the city boundaries will be taken up at the meeting next Tuesday noon.

### STAMP QUOTA GIVEN

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1 (Special)—Union county's quota in Oregon poster stamps totals 112,200 of the 6,750,000 the Oregon state chamber of commerce plans to place in circulation during 1930 in its "Build Oregon" program. It was announced from headquarters here yesterday by W. G. Ide, manager of the organization. Campaign plans for placing the stamps which tell facts and invite inquiries about the agricultural, scenic and industrial resources of Oregon, are now being perfected for the 26 counties and the 222 cities and towns in the state. Each county quota has been computed on the basis of a stamp per business day per business man.

"Oregon poster stamps," says Ide, "are a vital and important part of the 'Build Oregon' program for the coming year. They accomplish a distinct two-fold purpose of advertising Oregon's resources and possibilities in a most colorful and effective way and they create the state chamber's budget fund to carry on its program of work."

The stamps are printed in four colors, 20 different designs to the page and are bound in various size books. They will be sold to business and professional men of the state to be attached to their outgoing mail at the rate of \$1.09 per page.

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### PANIC TOLL REACHES 72 IN SCOTLAND

Stunned Parents Identify Dead Children After Theater Tragedy.

PAISLEY, Scotland, Jan. 1 (AP)—Arrangements proceeded today for a mass funeral for the 72 youthful victims of the blind panic which followed a small fire yesterday afternoon in the Glen motion picture theater here.

There was hardly a home in this small Scottish mill town but suffered loss of kin in the catastrophe. The city council, recognizing that most, if not all represented either impoverished or humble circumstances, expected to provide for interment in a single grave.

Meanwhile beneath murky smoke-dimmed skies weeping parents continued identification of the bodies of their children, most of whom were between the ages of 5 and 14. Infinitely pathetic scenes were enacted as the victims were

### ILLNESS PROVES FATAL YESTERDAY TO MRS. MEYERS

Mrs. Helen Belle Meyers, resident of this city for the past 34 years, passed away yesterday afternoon in the Grande Ronde hospital, her death terminating a long illness. She was born Feb. 25, 1895.

The funeral services will take place tomorrow at 2 o'clock in the Broadhurst and Zimmerman mortuary, with the Rev. R. L. Paterson of the Christian church officiating. Interment will be at the Masonic cemetery, beside her son and daughter, who preceded her in death.

### Normal School Begins Thursday

The Eastern Oregon Normal school, following a 12-day vacation period during the holidays, will resume activities Thursday, Jan. 2, when the winter quarter will begin. The fall quarter ended on Dec. 19.

The attendance during the fall quarter was more than 250 and a correspondingly high attendance is anticipated both for the winter and spring quarters, which will complete the first year of Normal school in La Grande and Eastern Oregon.

In connection with the re-opening of school, Coach Bob Quinn, who returned here Monday night from a vacation trip, will resume work in polishing up a basketball team. The first game is expected to take place within the next few days with the Helix Red Devils, an independent amateur team, as the opponent. The first collegiate game now scheduled is with 125-pound Normal school, but games are also expected to be scheduled with the College of Idaho and other northwestern colleges.

### 3-Day Week For Machine Workers Held Possibility

Use of Unavailable Energy in Artificial Light Will Result in Changes, is Belief.

By Howard W. Blakeslee Science Editor (Associated Press Feature Service) DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 1 (AP)—A three-day week for machine workers through use of a present unavailable energy in artificial light is suggested to the American association for the advancement of science as an industrial development of the future.

It is a by product of a new field of scientific exploration which was explained to a general session of the association here by Dr. W. T. Boyce, formerly of Harvard technical school. It is based on observations which Dr. Boyce said promise the possibility of producing an artificial light, a wide range of healthful and stimulating rays that are neutralized at present because not disintegrated from useless or harmful rays of the same light.

The idea of shorter working hours is suggested as a result of the discovery. (Continued on Page Five)

### PASTOR DIES AS OLD YEAR PASSES AWAY

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1 (AP)—This office says ago when the Rev. S. C. Currier was just a young minister, he preached his first New Year's sermon in Southern California.

Last night the 49-year-old man of God stood before the altar in University Methodist church and reviewed his years of service in the southland—expressing thanks that once again he could talk to his people as an old year gave way to a new one filled with hope and promise.

With his head bowed in humility, he began a prayer as the lights of a well-stocked moved silently on toward the hour of midnight. "Our father, we thank..." The clerk tolled his knell to the departing year—its welcome to the new and the Rev. Currier, his arms stretched heavenward, crumpled to the pulpit floor—dead. Heart attack, physicians said.

### POWERS HOPE TO CUT ARMS COMPETITION

Fourth Attempt Since 1921 Will be Made to Eliminate "Naval Race."

CONFERENCE IN LONDON ON JAN. 21

Question of Replacement of Capital Ships Among Big Measures to be Considered.

By Kirk Simpson WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—The fourth attempt since 1921 to eliminate all competitive building among the five chief naval powers will be undertaken at the London conference January 21.

Each of the preceding efforts failed because of conflicting views among the governments as to the type and number of cruisers or submarines each felt it needed. The strongly held French view, that naval armaments cannot be treated separately but must be considered for limitation purposes in any final treaty in conjunction with land armaments, was an added complication.

At the original Washington naval limitations conference, called by President Harding in 1921, the five powers—Great Britain, the United States, Japan, France and Italy—found little difficulty in negotiating a treaty to curb competitive building in battleships and air-ship carriers.

Three in Class Only Great Britain, the United States and Japan had planned extensive battleship fleets. The ratio of relative strength in these heavy ships was then fixed at 5-5-3.

### Greetings Exchanged as Old Year Comes to an End—Borah Message Sent to Germans—King Sends Word

BERLIN, Jan. 1 (AP)—A New Year's message to the German people from United States Senator William E. Borah was published in the National Zeitung yesterday.

The message read: "We are hopeful that the peace pact through human sincerity and courage in international matters will result in a permanent fixture and that disarmament which we are championing will be realized. We hope for greater confidence among the nations in the power of public opinion and less confidence in the power of might. We hope that worldly fortune may not only remain the privilege of the few but find a way to the poor of this world."

KING GREETS HOOVER WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—Acknowledging New Year

greetings from King Victor Emmanuel of Italy and King Albert of Belgium, President Hoover yesterday dispatched cables to the two European rulers expressing wishes for their happiness and that if their nations:

"I thank your majesty for your cordial New Year's greetings," Mr. Hoover told the Italian king. "May the coming years bring to your majesty health and happiness and to the great nation over which you preside, continued peace and prosperity."

Hoover's Reply To King Albert the president wired:

"In acknowledging your majesty's cordial greetings which I have received with deepest appreciation, permit me to extend to you and to the Belgian people on behalf of the American people my best wishes for the coming year."

### NEW LAND FOUND IN ANTARCTICA

Captain Wilkins, Admiral Byrd and Captain Larsen Report Discoveries.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Jan. 1 (AP)—The first fruits of Captain Sir George Robert Wilkins' exploration flights over Antarctica were revealed here, with advice he had discovered previously unknown land in his last venture over the polar ice cap.

The government radio service announced receipt of a message to this effect from the steamer Melville, which carried the explorer to Deception Island, which he uses as a base. Details were not given.

### Bubble Breaks For Oregon Carpenter

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1 (AP)—Leo Leonard, Portland cabinet maker, who recently announced he was heir to a half million dollar, left him by the death of an uncle in Detroit, Mich., realized that his alleged bubble had broken.

Detroit attorneys declared they knew nothing of Leonard or of his claims. Leonard said he was waiting further information. But attorneys said they never heard of the uncle in Detroit alleged to have left him the money.

### U. S. MAKES WHOOPEE AS '30 ARRIVES

Crowds in Larger Cities Noisy But Orderly, Officers Declare.

### DETROIT, CHICAGO REPORT KILLINGS

Informal Gaiety Marks Celebration in Washington—Hoover Greeted Hundreds Today.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (A)—Resolving themselves into a gigantic committee for the reception of distinguished visitors, New York's millions extended a noisy but orderly welcome to the new year. Raids on 17 night clubs and speakeasies by 150 federal prohibition agents failed to dampen the festivities perceptibly. The raids were made on information previously obtained and no patrons were arrested. The resorts, however, were closed and the guests ordered to leave.

Broadway, unofficial headquarters of New Year celebrations was jammed with 200,000 revelers, tooting lustily on tin horns.

Police officials said the crowds were orderly and no arrests were made among the street throng. Managers of leading hotels estimated that 25,000 persons were entertained in their dining rooms, while restaurants and night clubs announced capacity crowds. Cover charges in hotels ranged from \$8 to \$15.50. In the night club seats at tables cost as high as \$25.

### 10,000 Gather for Chimes

About 10,000 persons gathered at Wall street and Broadway to hear the chimes of Trinity church ring in the New Year.

### CELEBRANTS USING FIREARMS WOUNDED A WOMAN AND GIRL, WHO WERE TREATED FOR SUPERFICIAL WOUNDS AT BELLEVUE HOSPITAL. NO ARRESTS WERE MADE IN EITHER CASE.

Thousands attended watch services.

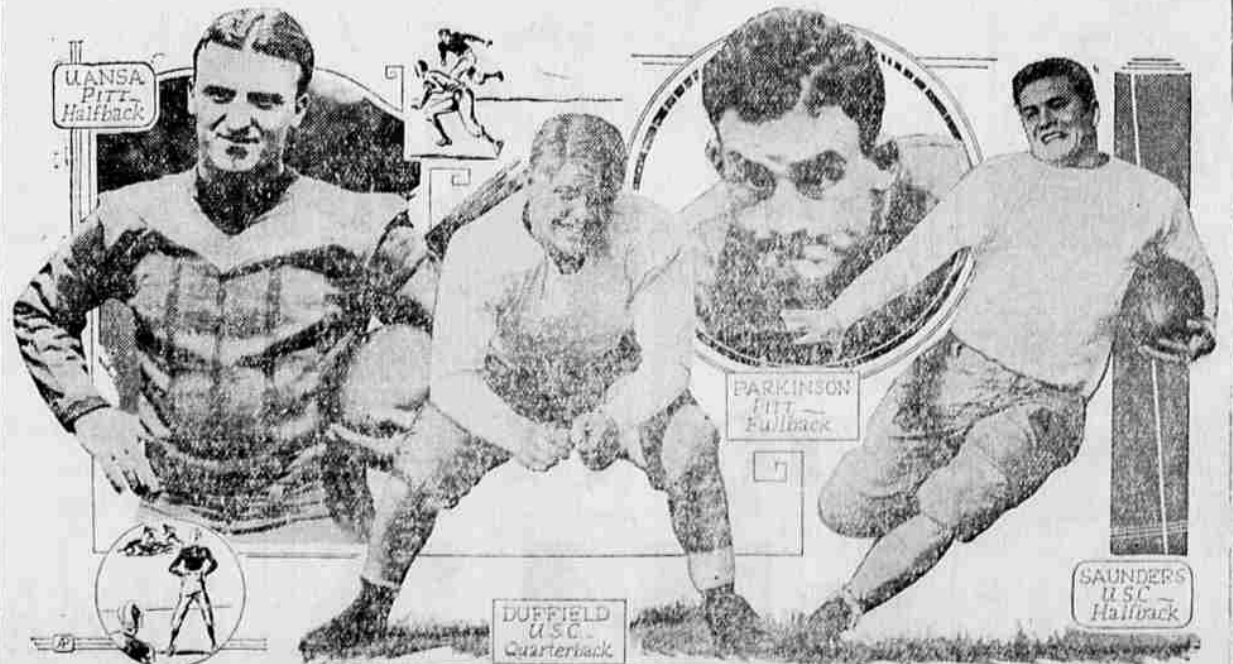
### GAME WARDEN REVIEWS WORK OF PAST YEAR

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1—With its work for the year of 1929 at a close the Oregon state commissioner can look back upon a record of accomplishment, according to Harold Clifford, state game warden.

"Except for one year—1927—more fines were collected from law violators in 1929 than in any previous like period," said Mr. Clifford, this week. "In 1927 the sum collected from fines totaled \$25,731 and in 1929 it reached \$25,084. Half of this went to the counties in which the fines were levied, the balance in accordance with the Oregon statutes.

"Larger fish were planted in the state's lakes and streams than in any previous year. Many of the millions that were planted were as long as nine inches and the vast majority were well above five inches. It is now the policy of the commission to hold fish in the ponds of hatcheries until they are of sufficient size and length to withstand conditions and protect themselves against fish that would prey upon them. Under the old system we once used of planting fingerlings hundreds of thousands were lost. Now we are running hatcheries to capacity. The holding of fish until they reach a length of six inches or more means that our pounds must be enlarged and this work is going forward as rapidly as finances will permit.

"An average number of game birds were liberated from the state farms. The farms located at Eugene, Corvallis and Pendleton have been operated with profit."



These ground-gaining experts of the Southern California Trojans and the Pitt Panthers get the spotlight this afternoon when their teams meet in the annual east-west battle at Pasadena. Each section holds five victories. Of particular interest will be a ground gaining duel between Uansa, at the left, and Saunders, at the right, both mentioned as All-American material.

WEATHER TODAY  
7:30 a. m.—25 above.  
Minimum: 23 above.  
Condition: cloudy.  
WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum 41, minimum 21 above.  
Condition: precipitation .07 of inch, snow two inches.  
WEATHER JAN. 1, 1928  
Maximum 35, minimum 28 above.  
Condition: precipitation .11 of inch, snow one inch.