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THE WEATHER OREGON: Rain tonight and Saturday. Moderate temperature. Strong southerly gales on the coast.

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MORE FINES AND ARRESTS HERE IN '29

Chief of Police Clint Haynes Submits Annual Report to City.

GAMBLING, TRAFFIC CASES INCREASE

Less Drunkenness and Liquor Possession Cases Last Year Than in 1928 in La Grande.

Both fines and arrests increased in La Grande during 1929, according to the annual report of Police Chief Clint Haynes...

Although there were more arrests, the report shows, drunkenness declined during the year. Fifty-seven arrests were made because of intoxication...

More Traffic Violations Traffic violations increased considerably, with 93 arrests during 1929 compared with 74 in 1928.

The report reveals one of two things, either the city is behaving in a better fashion...

Less Paroles There were less paroles in 1929, when the number totaled four, compared with 11 the year preceding.

One arrest for the state and outside authorities was made in 1929 and two in 1928.

The chief's report also shows the following: among arrests were 29 for disorderly conduct...

LAWRENCE IS NOW LOCATED AT ONTARIO

W. Wray Lawrence, who has been acting county agriculturist in Union county during the past year, in the absence of Harry G. Avery...

JESSE JAMES' MEN SET GANGSTER FUNERAL STYLE

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP)—The pomp in which slain gang chief James had been borne to their graves has a precedent in the burial accorded Jesse James.

WEATHER TODAY

7-20, a. m.—39 above. Minimum: 25 above. Condition: cloudy, rain 1/2 of inch.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 11, minimum 23 above. Condition: partly cloudy, rain .65 of inch.

WEATHER JAN. 3, 1929

Maximum 27, minimum 26 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

NO CHANGES



Albin T. Norblad, Astoria attorney who became Governor of Oregon when Gov. I. L. Patterson succumbed to pneumonia, announced yesterday that he contemplated no changes in state appointive offices...

CITY DADS AGAIN ELECT A. T. HILL

Returned to Position of President of City Commission For 1930.

A. T. Hill, president of the city commission for the last five years, started another year in that office last night when the executives organized for the coming year.

He was nominated by Charles Phlyke, commissioner and before he could more than half utter a protest, a vote was taken and he found himself returned to the presiding position.

W. C. Crews was elected city manager, by the following vote: Mr. Hill and Mr. Phlyke, two; Commissioner Victor Melville, one; City Judge C. M. Humphreys, one.

Other Officers Appointed All other officers are appointed by the commission and before the closing of the year 1929, a deed for lot 4, block 2, Commodore, submitted by Lynn Wright and his sister, Ethel was accepted by the city and an option, payment of \$200 was authorized.

Ford Funeral To Be Held Saturday

Funeral services for Frank N. Ford, local real estate man who passed away yesterday morning of cancer of the stomach, are to be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the City Hall.

The organization meeting followed the closing of business for the year 1929. A deed for lot 4, block 2, Commodore, submitted by Lynn Wright and his sister, Ethel was accepted by the city and an option, payment of \$200 was authorized.

La Grande M. I. A. Team Wins, 26 to 19

In a fast clean basketball game, the La Grande M. I. A. team defeated the Imbler M. I. A. quintet at Imbler last night, 26 to 19.

The lineup follows: La Grande: Moore, center; E. Baxter and Baxter, forwards; M. Baxter and Stoddard, guards; Hubber, Kewen and C. Westenskow, forwards; L. Westenskow, center; Conrad and Clez, guards.

Two other games of the M. I. A. contest took place last night when Baker met the Second Ward at the second Ward hall in La Grande with an outcome of 21 to 15 in Baker's favor.

SMALL SQUADS FOR WHITE

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Don White, former Purdue basketball star, believes in small court squads. A few days after practice began, he cut the Washington university squad to 12 men.

Formal Opening Of New Theater Here Saturday

Building Completely Remodeled and Redecorated; Latest Sound Equipment Installed.

The new State theater, owned by George Roy and to be managed by his son, Alfred Roy, who arrived here a couple of days ago from Eugene, will be formally opened to the public tomorrow afternoon with the first showing of "Rio Rita," an all-talking, dancing, singing production.

The building has been completely remodeled and redecorated with inside and out, W. Vedder taking the contract. Charles B. Miller is the architect.

The decorations follow a Spanish theme, from the Spanish leather upholstered chairs—all arranged in the most comfortable manner possible—to the ornamental light fixtures, which cast a mellow and pleasing glow over the interior.

Rich carpets have been laid in the foyer and are to be laid in the wide aisles, but the runners have as yet not arrived, although shipped from the factory Dec. 19.

The theater, however, will open regardless of whether the inside carpets come before tomorrow.

The wall and ceiling decorations blend beautifully with the Spanish motif and the ornamental surroundings of the large 14 by 18 foot screen, which allows the projection of a life-size picture.

Two ventilating fans change the air in the theater every four minutes, and fire shutters and glass enclosed porches in the operating room make the place fireproof and also serve to avoid any unnecessary noise.

A 25-foot sign, with 588 ten-watt lights running on a trolley, was being placed above the marquee today. Two end boards on the marquee are equipped with changeable letters to announce features and coming attractions.

The cameras were grinding and nerves were tensed for the final swoop, when a pilot erred, a flashing sun ray blinded, or a vagrant air current played a role as a messenger of death.

Suddenly the planes whipped together almost head-on. Wings splintered, crumpled, and folded back. Cabins ground together, telescoped. Gasoline tanks burst and flared. In the twinkling of an eye, the combined wreckage shot seaward with the speed of a projectile.

Three bodies were catapulted from the flames, speckled bulks falling the hissing plunge, and fell into the water away from the volcanic spout of spray, fire and smoke which marked the crash of the planes on the surface.

Within a few minutes only a thin film of oil, flattening out the white.

E. O. N. TO PLAY HELIX TONIGHT

La Grande, Wallowa and Pendleton Represented on Starting Lineup.

When the Eastern Oregon Normal school basketball quintet takes the floor in the L. D. S. Recreational hall at 8 o'clock tonight for the opening game of the season with the Helix Red Devils, the starting lineup will consist of five men who starred in high school basketball in Pendleton, Wallowa and La Grande.

The Red Devils, with three former collegians on the lineup—KIMB, Cook and Terjeson—are expected to give the E. O. N. quintet a hot fight Saturday. During recent years the Red Devils have been Eastern Oregon independent champions.

Mr. Reynolds, who was well known throughout the country, was slain in Pendleton on Sept. 26, 1907, coming to Union county, about 24 years ago. He made his home near Cove until death. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds. The deceased was 59 years three months and eight days of age.

County Court To Draw Up Jury List

The county court, which started its January session in the court house yesterday, was still auditing bills early this afternoon. The session, ordinarily completed in two days, will extend into the third day because of the necessity of drawing up the annual jury list, which will consist of from 100 to 150 names.

Tiger-Chieftain Game Saturday To Open High School Hoop Season Here

To introduce the opening of the high school interscholastic basketball season here, the student body of the La Grande High school held a pep assembly this morning, featuring songs, yells and a talk by Coach Ira Woodie, who will pit his Tigers against Enterprise tomorrow night.

Sam Ashby, Rowen Hurley and Garth Cross gave a skit consisting of three songs.

Coach Woodie announced today that his starting lineup will be selected from the following men: J. Berry, Conley, Faus, Hartman, Miles, H. Nelson, Oesterling, Ogilvie, D. Patton, Sheppard, L. Stoddard, R. Stoddard, Torrence and Roe. No captain has been named for the 1930 Tiger team, and each game one player will be appointed until the election takes place. Several of the Tigers were on the L. H. S. squad last year.

TEN MOTION PICTURE MEN ARE KILLED

Two Airplanes Collide in Mid-Aid and Burst Into Flames.

KENNETH HAWKS AMONG THE DEAD

Making Movie Thriller When Death Steps in in Role of Fatal Director.

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 3 (AP)—The placid Pacific rolls gently today over the watery splendor of seven of ten men who yesterday met a flaming death three thousand feet above the sea in catering to a public whim.

The charred and shattered bodies of three are in a morgue, where sorrowing relatives will claim them before the world forgets.

They were making a motion picture thriller. Had they succeeded, the world would never have seen or known them.

For they were behind the scenes men—directors, camera-men, property men, airplane pilots.

Yesterday they soared out above the sea—two plane loads of men and cameras and equipment. They hovered over a third plane, waiting for a stunt man to drop away toward the water with his parachute.

They were to make a thrilling sequence in a story based on the mid-channel disappearance of Captain Alfred Lawenstein, Belgian financier, from a France to England transport plane on July 5, 1928.

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Cove Resident Passes Away At His Home Today

William Reynolds, pioneer resident of the Grande Coulee valley, passed away this morning at his home at Cove at the conclusion of a long illness.

Funeral services will be held at the M. E. church at Cove Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock under the auspices of the Odd Fellows lodge. Burial will take place in the Cove cemetery. The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary today.

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Seven Injured In Santa Clara Blast

SANTA CLARA, Cal., Jan. 3 (AP)—Seven persons were injured, one probably fatally, in an explosion on the main street here today which wiped out the fronts of seven stores.

The explosion, which was felt over wide areas, broke windows for several blocks around, was said to have been caused by an over-accumulation of gas in the Madden pharmacy.

Uniform Sentence Is Recommended

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3 (AP)—The Oregon judicial council today recommended that a more nearly uniform sentence throughout the state for similar crimes be needed; that parole of prisoners should be withheld until the prisoner had suffered some portion of the sentence; that defendants in criminal cases who waive jury trial and that the selection of jurors be under the supervision of circuit court judges.

The report of the council was read by Chief Justice Southworth and presented. Other members of the council who attended were Justice Bell, and Judges Ransel, Tucker and Peck.

Judge McCulloch of Baker objected to the first two recommendations.

Mellon Defends Guardsmen Who Fired On Boat

Secretary Favors Transfer of Prohibition Unit From Treasury to Justice Department.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Secretary Mellon today asserted that the coast guard had done nothing that was not justified and authorized under the law in firing on the liquor smuggling boat, Black Duck, which resulted in the death of three men.

Mr. Mellon's statement was in line with those previously made by Rear Admiral Billard, coast guard commandant, and Assistant Secretary Lowman, both of whom had defended the coast guard.

The secretary of the treasury said that as much as the shooting was regretted, reports to him indicated that the coast guard was acting "entirely within their instructions and observing their duty in what they did."

"They gave warning, the boat was endeavoring to escape and they could not do less than they did," he added.

Tells of Information The secretary who returned to Washington today from a sea trip in Bahama waters said that the coast guard had information that the smugglers were attempting to run liquor into the United States and concentrated their guard boats in that vicinity.

The Black Duck, he said, was near the coast off Newport.

"The coast guard," Mr. Mellon said, "is authorized under the law to use force to stop boats. If they could not shoot they could not carry out their instructions. They give warnings and pursue and if a boat does not stop it is necessary to use force. In these cases the men were violators of the law. They were smuggling liquor and it was the coast guard's duty to capture them."

Asserting that all reports of the coast guard indicated that "everything was regular and that they were justified in what they were doing," Mr. Mellon added, "our men only use force where it is absolutely necessary."

Favors Transfer Discussing enforcement in general.

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Enforcement Of Flying Law Urged

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3 (AP)—Enforcement of federal regulations prohibiting low flying of airplanes over cities was asked today by Mayor George Baker of the Aero club of Oregon after residents complained of aviators circling too near houses.

Mayor Baker said he received one complaint that an aviator narrowly missed several persons on a suburban street several days ago by winging too close to the ground.

Fitzgerald Heads State Commission

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 3 (AP)—W. H. Fitzgerald was elected chairman of the state industrial accident commission at its annual meeting held here yesterday. He succeeds Sam Lounghlin, who has served as chairman of the commission for the last year. E. E. Braag is the third member of the commission.

WELL KNOWN HERE Both Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Braag are well known in La Grande. Mr. Fitzgerald is the father of Mrs. C. S. Paddock and has been a frequent visitor in the city. Mr. Braag is a former postmaster and county school superintendent here, making his home in La Grande for many years before going to Salem to accept the appointment to the commission.

Five Billion To Be Spent in 1930

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—President Hoover said today that the total of the public works, railroad and public utilities construction planned for this year thus far reported to him called for expenditure of \$4,700,000,000.

Booze Ordering Decision Sought

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—The department of justice today asked the supreme court to hold that a purchaser is guilty of conspiracy when he orders liquor from a bootlegger knowing that its delivery will involve illegal transportation.

HOOVER WILL WITHDRAW ALF OFTEDAL NAME

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—President Hoover has decided to withdraw from senate consideration the nomination of Alf Oftedal to be internal revenue collector at San Francisco.

Senate action on the nomination has been held up as a result of a controversy between Oftedal, Oregon, and Johnson of California, both republicans, with shortbridge favoring confirmation. Senator Johnson has insisted that Oftedal, who formerly was assistant prohibition commissioner, is not a resident of California and consequently should not be appointed to a federal office in that state.

STORM WARNINGS UP

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3 (AP)—Storm warnings continued by the Oregon and Washington coasts today. Weather observers, who ordered the warnings changed from southwest to southeast, said they expected the storm blowing off the coast to hit the mainland late today.

LOST STUDENT HIKERS RETURN



These three students of the University of California at Los Angeles were the object of a wide search during the three days they were lost on the slopes of Mount Wilson. They were without food or blankets, and suffered from exposure. This picture, first taken of the trio since their rescue, shows: left to right, Jack Schwartz, Cella Caplan and L. Kotkin. The three youthful hikers were located about 10 o'clock the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Eielson Search Turns to Pilgrim Springs District

NOME, Alaska, Jan. 3 (AP)—With the report brought here late yesterday by a dog team driver that a plane was heard soaring over the Pilgrim Springs district at midnight on November 9, the day pilot Carl Ben Eielson and mechanic Earl Borland left Teller, Alaska, on their ill-fated flight to North Cape, Siberia. The search for the missing men took a new direction at least temporarily today.

The Pilgrim Springs district is a mountainous area about 75 miles to the north of Nome, with few inhabitants and those few living widely apart. It is west and north of Teller. A plane will probably be sent to scout the area as soon as weather conditions permit. The Pilgrim Springs country is without radio communications.

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The cause of the turpentine pot fire has not been determined. The dead: Mathew La Vielle, 22, seaman, second class, Schenectady, N. Y., body not recovered.

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The fifteen hundred crew members aboard were mustered to fight the fire, and succeeded in keeping the flames from a large quantity of combustible material carried on the ship.

Reduced Crops, Good Radio New Year Production

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Dr. Ralph E. Delany of the Dominion observatory looks for a lessening of the sun's ultra-violet rays.

While hesitating to make definite predictions on account of the vagaries of the sun's activities, investigation leads him to believe 1930 will see a reduction in rain fall with the many results which that entails.

All forms of electrical transmission improve when ultra-violet rays are weak. Static is lessened and radio reception is favorably affected. The aurora borealis, which obstructs long distance telegraphic communication, becomes infrequent.

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Fire Kills Two On Board Naval Aircraft Carrier

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FOLSOM STATE PRISON, Cal., Jan. 3 (AP)—The first two of six convicts sentenced to hang for the murder of convict George Baker during the 1927 Thanksgiving day riot at Folsom prison were hanged here today. Anthony Brown went to the gallows first. The trap was sprung at 9:02 a. m. and he was pronounced dead at 9:14 a. m. Roy E. Stokes followed. The trap being sprung at 9:27 a. m. he was pronounced dead at 9:34 a. m.

Both men went to their death without signs of fear. Each had to walk about 300 feet from the "back alley," where they were kept last night, to the execution chamber. Spectators were kept outside the death chamber until after the condemned men had been taken in.

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Louis Lazarus, 37, died on the gallows here today for the killing of William McFarlan, Oakland bank teller. The trap was sprung at 10:01 a. m. and at 10:14 a. m. he was pronounced dead. He was the first to hang at San Quentin this year.

FATALITY INJURED

REDDING, Cal., Jan. 3 (AP)—Carl E. Tattling, 19, son of J. P. Tattling of Twin Falls, Idaho, was fatally injured when a car driven by Allen Edwards, 18, also of Twin Falls, became unmanageable and crashed into a tree, 22 miles north of here. The boys were en route to Modesto to visit Edwards' aunt.

DRINKS PROVE FATAL

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Jan. 3 (AP)—Four drinks of liquor, taken New Year's eve and said to have been the first he had tasted, were believed by police here to have been responsible for the death of Oscar Wilford, 27, Milbrae dairy ranch worker.

CRITICISM IS LEVELED AT OREGON PEN

National Society of Penal Information Scores Salem Conditions.

REPLY ISSUED AT STATE CAPITAL

Morale of Prisoners Best in Nation—Overcrowdedness and Fire Hazard Admitted.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—Overcrowded conditions in the state prison at Salem, Ore., and the fire hazards in the prison hospital are criticized in the forthcoming third issue of the Handbook of the American Prisons and Reformatories, the National Society of Penal Information announced today.

The book contains results of a survey of the society of penal institutions throughout the country. It states that frequent changes in wardens at Salem—average term about one year for the last decade, "prevents the development of the application of any consistent policy."

REPLIES TO CRITICISM

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 3 (AP)—Notwithstanding obsolete equipment and inconvenience caused by a prison population too large for the accommodations provided, the morale among inmates of the Oregon state penitentiary is superior to that of any other prison in the United States, so declared Henry W. Meyers, superintendent of the prison, in commenting on criticism of the Oregon prison made in a report by the National Society of Penal Information, released today for publication.

Meyers admits the truth of much that is contained in the report, but is proud of the fact that the present prison administration has been able to overcome much of the handicap. The truth of the society's criticism that the Oregon prison is much overcrowded is obvious, for the inmates at present number 820 in an institution that was designed for about 600.

Dormitory Near Completion This condition will be relieved to a considerable degree when the new dormitory for trustees will be occupied by 100 prisoners about January 6. Further relief will be provided when the new administration building is completed in about 60 days and the women prisoners are moved from the present main building into quarters on the top floor of the new building. The prison annex on the site of the old training school near Turner furnishes living quarters for 40 prisoners, which is another source of relief from the congestion.

The New York report points to the extreme danger of the prison hospital in event of fire and severely censures the state legislature for failing to eliminate this danger. While it is not now possible to make the hospital absolutely safe, Superintendent Meyers says that

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