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OREGON: Rain tonight and
Sunday; moderate temperatures;
strong southerly winds on the coast.

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DIVORCE RATE
DROPS WHILE
CUPID GAINSDomestic Happiness
Proportionately Greater
Here, Records Reveal.NATIONAL TREND
IS NOT UPHELDMarriages Gain .038 Per
Cent While Separations
Lose 12 Per Cent in Five
Years.Divorces are not increasing in
Union county and La Grande, re-
gardless of the general trend over
the nation. As a matter of fact,
records available at the county
clerk's office show that exactly the
contrary has been true during the
last five years.During 1929 the number of
couples married more than tripled
the number of couples who were
separated in the divorce court. The
increase in marriages and the propo-
rtionate decrease in divorces in the
last five years is regarded as a
certain indication of greater domes-
tic happiness in this district in
recent years, although in many sec-
tions of the nation, the gains in
divorces have been so great as to
arouse serious anxiety.Divorce Decreases
Thirty-seven divorces were granted
in 1924 and 156 licenses to marry
were issued. In spite of a growth
in population since 1924, the number
of divorces granted in 1929—five
years later—was only 15. On the other
hand, marriages had increased to 155,
six more than five years ago, an in-
crease of .038 per cent. The decrease
in divorces, in comparing the two
years, amounted to about .12 per cent.
A survey of the year 1928 shows
that both divorces and marriages
slumped, as compared with 1924.
Divorces totaled 55 and marriages
152.

June Popular Month

For marriages, June holds the
record. It led both 1928 and 1929
with April, May, November and
July about second. The records for
marriage licenses for the last two
years by months follow:

In checking over the divorces, it was learned that either the husbands are more to blame, or the wives are the first to complain, for 79 women were plaintiffs and only 37 men; giving the women a majority of 53 in the two years, 1928 and 1929.

The Causes

Cruel and inhuman treatment is
the majority of the causes, with a
total of 86 for the two years, 26
deserted their companions, and one
was awarded a divorce upon the
conviction of a felony.There have been three contested
cases in two years. In most of the
cases the defendant loses by de-
fault, not appearing either in per-
son or by an attorney.Looking over several months rec-
ords, it was noted that alimony was
usually allowed only if there were
children, and the person with whom
they were living was unable to
support them. One case was dis-
missed because during the proceed-
ure before the case went to court,
the defendant died.ENTERPRISE TO
PLAY TIGERS
THIS EVENINGTonight's basketball game be-
tween Enterprise and La Grande
high schools, to be held in the Rec-
reation hall beginning at 8:30
o'clock, will not only open the sea-
son for the Tigers, but is expected
to prove a severe test of their
strength.Enterprise, with a number of
veteran players, has played two or
three games already, and is re-
ported to have a strong team, one
that will make the blue and white
towers extend themselves to defeat.
Proceeding the Tiger-Chief game,
a hoop contest between the
junior and senior quintets will be
held, this to begin at 7:30 o'clock.
Reservations for the games may
be made today at Glass Drugs.Next week Union and Joseph
will play in La Grande.WEATHER TODAY
7:20 a. m.—41 above,
Minimum: 26 above.
Condition: clear, windy.WEATHER YESTERDAY
Condition: partly cloudy, rain
.02 of inch.WEATHER JAN. 4, 1930
Maximum 35, minimum 25
above.
Condition: partly cloudy.Normal School
Downs Helix By
12-Point RallyVisitors Leading by Three
Points Before Collegians
Drove Into Winning
Sprint.A last period rally, that resulted
in five field goals while their op-
ponents scored three, enabled the
Eastern Oregon Normal school
quintet to defeat the Helix Red
Devils 32 to 27 in the opening bas-
ketball game of the season in the
L. D. S. Recreation hall last night.
With the visitors leading 23 to 20
late in the third period, the win-
ning sprint was started, with all
members of the team participating.
Carden, injected into the lineup in
the last five minutes, scored two
baskets shortly after Posey had
slipped through with a field goal,
and these six points proved the
margin necessary to stave off de-
feat.Sarrett Leads Scoring
Sarrett, left guard, led the Moun-
tainers in scoring with four field
goals for a total of 8 points. Nel-
son, Helix left forward, tied his
performance to share high-point
honors.Houchens, replacing Price late in
the second period at right forward,
found the basket three times and
converted a foul try, for seven
points.The play was slow in the first
period, with the home team scor-
ing only one field goal, that by Sar-
rett. King shot two and Nelson
one to give the visitors a 6-3 lead
when the quarter ended. In the sec-
ond period, Sarrett repeated, and
Houchens, Sullivan, Crawford, and
Posey all found the basket, bring-
ing the score up to 14. Close guard-
ing held the Helix quintet to two
field goals and the half ended 14
to 10.In the third, the Red Devils, led
by Gemmell and Nelson, speedily
forwarded, again forged into the
lead, 23 to 20, but from then on,
(Continued on Page Four)Elect Hollister
President Of
Local Gun ClubPlans for the 1930 building pro-
gram and election of officers were
the chief items of business that
came up at last night's meeting of
the La Grande Gun club, held
in the city hall.Tracy Hollister was elected
president, Howard O'Brien vice-
president, Angus McAllister, sec-
retary-treasurer, and G. C. Headley,
range officer. Several committees
are to be appointed in the near
future to handle bird, fish and
game questions that come up for
consideration.Range Officer Headley will have
charge of the rifle shooting and
announces that shooting, with
small bore rifles, will start next
Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. in the
indoor range in the Spaeth build-
ing, donated by Fred Spaeth.Plans were made at the meeting
for the construction of a new club
house at Lone Tree, work to begin
at once. The building is to be
erected by donation labor, and the
lumber and other building materi-
als are to be bought at cost with
some donations, according to Mr.
Hollister. Marcus Toesch is don-
ating doors, W. K. Gilbert the
hardware, the Mt. Emily Lumber
company is furnishing lumber at
cost, W. H. Bohlenkamp Co., is
donating nails, etc. Sawyer-
Holmes and Van Patten Lumber
company are furnishing materials
at cost and others have signified
their intentions of assisting. Those
who desire to be urged to com-
municate with Mr. Hollister.At the meeting, a resolution was
passed thanking all who have given
the club support during the last
year.Stutz Bankruptcy
Petition DismissedINDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 4
(AP)—United States District Judge
Robert C. Baltzell today dismissed
a petition in involuntary bank-
ruptcy against the Stutz Motor Car
company of America Inc. Three
Indianapolis creditors filed the
petition several days ago.Two Cars Stolen;
One RecoveredTwo cars have been stolen in La
Grande during the last 24 hours,
and one of them was still missing
this morning. Officers are search-
ing for Fred Waggoner's machine
which was stolen last night, and
nearby towns and cities have been
notified of the theft.A car stolen yesterday was found
parked on Depot street. It is
registered to N. O. Johnson.Boundary Question
To Be ConsideredThe question of whether the
chamber of commerce will cre-
ate a new petition asking for the
inclusion of adjacent territory in
the city limits, will be taken up
at the first formal luncheon of
1930, to be held at the La Grande
hotel Tuesday noon.Final action is to be taken on
the matter, according to President
A. W. Nelson.OREGON WILL
SPEND ABOUT
\$29,500,000Governor Norblad Wires
Secretary Lamont of
1930 Outlook.STATE, COUNTIES,
CITIES PLANNINGEach of Trio to Expend
About Ten Million Dol-
lars on Improvement
Work This Year.SALEM, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—
Governor Norblad telegraphed Sec-
retary of Commerce R. T. Lamont
Friday that about \$29,500,000 will
be expended in Oregon during 1930
on public works.The telegram was Oregon's re-
sponse to President Hoover's move
to ascertain the amount of public
work that would be done in the
nation during the year, and urging
that as many projects as possible
be put under way. The gathering
of the Oregon data was begun by
the late Governor Patterson.It is estimated, according to
Norblad's telegram, that \$10,000,
000 will be expended by the state,
\$10,000,000 by the counties and
\$9,500,000 by cities and other
municipalities.

Much Road Building

Of the amount to be spent by
counties it is estimated that \$6,
273,044 will go to road building,
while road repair and maintenance
will require \$764,240 more. The
bridge building estimate is put at
\$2,428,900. Other county items are
\$11,475 for bridge repair, \$290,
000 for public building and \$18,
200 for miscellaneous construction.Under the heading of municipal
works steel construction is placed
at \$2,630,300, street betterments

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16 STUDENTS ON
'29 HONOR ROLLEastern Oregon Normal
School Announces List
For Fall Quarter.Students at the Eastern Oregon
Normal school who qualified as
honor students during the fall term
1929 total 16. These students car-
ried a regular load and no one of
them received a grade below B.They are: Harriet Ahearn, Milton;
Alice Boylen, Elletts; Vergelle
Bond, La Grande; Eugene Bow-
man, North Powder; Ethel Broyles,
Boardman, Ore.; Myrtle Burnette,
Pendleton; Mrs. Elva B. Cox, La
Grande; Frank Devaney, The
Dalles; Delora Funk, Baker; Elin-
or Karstens, Pendleton; Evelyn
Krahn, Freewater; Irene Price,
La Grande; Ethel C. Swift, Athena;
Victoria Schweizer, Hood River;
Frances Tiggelbeck, La Grande,
and Mrs. Edna Williamson, Elletts.

MISS MOOR HONORED

Miss Helen Moor, the dean of
women at the E. O. Normal school
was honored at the convention of
the Oregon State Teachers' associa-
tion in Portland during the vaca-
tion by being chosen chairman of
the department of the coming year.
The department includes deans of
women from all colleges, normals
and teacher training schools through-
out the state. The distinction comes
as an excellent recognition of the
work both of Miss Moor and of the
normal school.GUARDSMEN TO
RESUME DRILL
MONDAY NIGHTRegular Monday night drills will
be resumed next week by Com-
pany E, 16th Infantry, which has
enjoyed a three weeks vacation
from right shoulder arms and
squad left during the holiday sea-
son. According to Sergeant Par-
rell Murray, drill next Monday
night will be followed by refresh-
ments.Since returning from Camp Cla-
son last June, the local company
of guardsmen has maintained an
excellent record for drill attend-
ance, ranking at or near the top
of the list of rifle companies within
the state, a record which every
member of the company is eager
to maintain throughout the year.
Capt. W. A. Bean reports a turn-
over of 43 per cent in the per-
sonnel of the company during the
last four months, which he re-
gards as an indication of the in-
terest that national guard training
is attracting in La Grande. Re-
cruits have been plentiful to fill
the place of members who have
moved away or who have employ-
ment that has made it impos-
sible for them to attend drills regularly.
Capt. Bean also announces that the
new uniforms, requisitioned for
all guardsmen here, are expected
to arrive at any time.A schedule of training, designed
to fit the company to meet federal
requirements at the annual inspec-
tion in March, has been arranged.2 GUARDSMEN
ATTACKED BY
MOB OF MENGroup Bent on Avenging
Killing of Three Run
ners Last Sunday.CREW OF PATROL
BOAT EXONERATEDUnited States Attorney
Will Not Even Produce
Crew Before the State
Inquest.NEW LONDON, Conn., Jan. 4
(AP)—Two coast guardsmen were
attacked and severely beaten to-
day by a group of men, who of-
ficials believe, were bent on aveng-
ing the killing of three run
ners last Sunday.Coxswain George A. Cadorette,
attached to the destroyer Eriason,
reported the attack to officials of
the coast guard immediately after
the assault near the base.According to Cadorette one of the
group asked:
"Were you on the 290?"
Cadorette said no, but that he
was a coast guardsmen."Well, that's good enough for
us," one of them replied and they
plunged in to administer a beating.The CG-290 was the patrol boat
which fired on the run running
craft Black Duck in Narragansett
bay killing three men and wound-
ing a fourth.Shortly afterwards a second
guardsman whose name was not
obtained telephoned New London
police that he, too, had been at-
tacked by the men who were hid-
ing in the railroad yards through
which many of the guardsmen go
as a short cut to the base.

EXONERATED CREW OF 290

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 4
(AP)—United States Attorney
Henry M. Boss Jr., today issued a
statement in which he completely
exonerated the crew of the coast
guard patrol boat 290, from any
blame in the killing of three men
aboard the run runner Black
Duck, last Sunday, and said he
would not produce the crew before
the state inquest, being held at
Newport.As a result, Attorney
General Oscar L. Hoffman, stated he
would be forced to go through the
formalities of interstate summons
to get the coast guardsmen to tes-
tify before the coroner.Mr. Boss declared his informa-
tion from investigating government
departments showed that the Black
Duck came upon the patrol boat
off the Dumplings Bell buoy in
Narragansett bay Sunday morning,
and tried to escape after the boat
laid her with her horn and
lights, to leave her. As the machine
gun of the patrol opened fire, he
said, the Black Duck veered and
was raked from stern to pilot
house.The law of the United States,
Boss said, does not call upon the
(Continued on Page Five)Rescue Planes On
Way to Nome TodayFAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 4 (A-
P)—The two remaining cargo
planes of the Elson-Horland re-
scue expedition, delayed here for
more than a week by unfavorable
weather were speeding for Nome,
more than 400 miles west of here,
today.Captain T. M. (Pat) Reid, leader
of the Canadian group of fliers, and
Matt Nieminen, veteran Alaskan
aviator, took the planes off at 9 a.
m. today, each accompanied by two
other members of the expedition.38-Mile Storm In
Rogue River TodayMEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—
A storm of some violence swept
the Rogue River valley today with
the wind attaining a velocity of 38
miles an hour. Nineteen hun-
dreds of a inch of rain fell, but
no damage was reported. Snow
fell in the mountains.Princess On Way
To Become BrideBREUSCH, Jan. 4 (AP)—
Speeding over a secret route to
avoid enemies of her betrothed,
Princess Marie Jose today was on
her way to Rome to become the
bride of Prince Humbert, heir to
the Italian throne. Her special
train would reach Rome Monday.The wedding is set for Wednesday.
As the train started she was ac-
companied by "long live the princess,"
"long live Prince Humbert" and
"long live the king" could be
heard. And as the train dis-
appeared in the night, the princess
could be seen still waving her
gloved hand.George Purchases
Billiard ParlorColeman K. George began the
New Year with the purchase of the
Corner Billiard parlors, corner of
Jefferson and Depot streets, from
Brook and Shelton, who have own-
ed the parlors for about 15 months.

FATHER READY TO AID SON

Above, at left, is Joe Crosson, noted Alaskan ace, who is un-
dertaking a search in the arctic wastes for Carl Ben Eielson
(right) along with other airmen of both the American and
Russian governments. Below is Eielson's father, Ole Eielson,
of Hattin, N. D., who is ready to fly to the far northland in
search of his boy if he is not found by Feb. 1.5-Point Program
Is Adopted By
Judicial CouncilPORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—
A five point program was adopted
by the Oregon judicial council
yesterday and in each case was in-
structed by unanimous vote to pre-
pare bills for introduction in the
next legislature.The five points are:
That persons acquitted of crimes
on pleas of insanity be sentenced
to serve at least three years in in-
sane hospitals without rights of
habes corpus.That a defendant who relies on
the plea of insanity in a capital
case must when he enters plea de-
clare "not guilty on the grounds of
insanity."That the peremptory challenge
of the defendant in criminal cases
be the same as allowed in the
present law.That districts have jury com-
missioners who will examine pros-
pective jurors as to general qual-
ifications before they are called.That a defendant in a criminal
case be allowed to waive jury trial
except in cases where life im-
prisonment or death is the pen-
alty.William P. Davis, former presi-
dent of the Oregon state bar as-
sociation asked the members of
the council from other sections of
the state to work in favor of al-
lowing two additional judges to be
appointed for Multnomah county.Two Are Burned To
Death Early TodayLENOIR, N. C., Jan. 4 (AP)—
Lena Pritchett, 35, and her year-
old son, James, were burned to
death here early today when fire
from an oil stove enveloped their
home. Mrs. Pritchett was severely
burned.Oregon Supports
Lee, Senators SayWASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—
Senators McNary and Stewer of
Oregon said today after a call on
President Hoover that Oregon
would support William Lee, chief
justice of the Idaho supreme court,
to succeed Commissioner Camp-
bell, who has resigned from the
interstate commerce commission.
The senators said they had not dis-
cussed the appointment with the
president, but that they had sent
their recommendations to him
earlier in the week.Senator Stewer said he also had
been informed that Senator Smoot
of Utah, would support Justice Lee.

BOMB VICTIM DIES

BEAT PLEASANT, Md., Jan. 4
(AP)—The death of Dorothy Hall,
4, today brought the list of vic-
tims from a bomb exploded in the
home of John S. Hall on New
Year's day to three, and at the
same time it became known that
a man was in jail in Marlboro, Md.,
in connection with the case.

RETAINS HIS TITLE

MANILA, Jan. 4 (AP)—Young
Nationalists of Manila, retained
the featherweight boxing title of
the first act tonight by defeating
Billy Gordon of Portland, Oregon,
in the second round. The referee
stopped the fight after Gordon had
been knocked down several times.Seven Boys Are
Killed In Train,
Bus CollisionBurbank, Ohio Basketball
Team's Hilarity Turns
to Tragedy at Grade
Crossing.WOOSTER, O., Jan. 4 (AP)—
Helpless victims of a speeding
train which cut through the night
and a blinding sheet storm to crush
their bus while they laughed and
talked of their basketball games,
seven youths are dead and eight
other high school boys and girls
were in hospitals today.The dead boys, all of them be-
tween 14 and 18 years of age, were
members of the high school bas-
ketball team of Burbank, near
here. They were on their way
home, happy over defeating their
old rivals at Big Prairie, another
nearby village, when a Pennsylv-
ania Pullman floor struck their
bus at a crossing near Shreve, 10
miles south of here, last night.The dead are:
Wilbur and Forest Grub, broth-
ersClaude Repp,
Wayne Lehman,
Emil Timie,
Eugene Talley,
Willard Baker.The most seriously injured were
Emil Timie, who suffered broken
bones of both legs and many dis-
tances, and Louis Talley, sister of the
dead boy, who received a broken leg.
The others injured, most of whom
suffered nothing more serious
than cuts and bruises, are Charles
Packard, Donald Lehman, Alice
West, Ellen Cowhick, Grace Foley,
Maurice Lemz, coach of the boys'
team, and Joseph Baker, 50, driver
of the bus.

Bus Carried 100 Feet

The crumpled bus was carried
down the track 100 feet and bodies
were strewn four times that dis-
tance as the luster and gaiety of
the youngsters was changed to
shrieks and the smashing of steel
and splintering of wood. Ambu-
lances were called from Wooster
and raced perilously over the ice-
covered highway to take the in-
jured to Wooster's two hospitals.The bus driver was overcome
and unable to give any coherent
explanation of what happened. He
could not remember whether he
stepped before climbing the in-
cline to the crossing. The cross-
ing at the hour of the accident—
(Continued on Page Five)Friends Hope To
Draft Pershing
For U. S. SenatorLINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 4 (AP)—
A movement to draft General John
J. Pershing for U. S. senator on the
Republican ticket in opposition to
George W. Norris became known
here today at the close of a con-
ference in the offices of Mark
Woods, well known Nebraska busi-
ness and political leader.General Pershing himself, who
has been in Lincoln over the hol-
idays but departs tonight for Wash-
ington, expressed surprise at the
existence of such a movement.
"You can't keep your friends
from talking about you," he said.
"This is the first I've heard about
it."Asked if he would refuse an of-
fer of the candidacy were properly
made he replied:
"As I say, I haven't given it any
consideration."Mr. Woods said he has been dis-
cussing the matter with people all
over the state for 30 days or so.
Nine years ago he was one of the
two principal boosters in Nebraska
for Pershing as president.General Pershing, Mr. Woods
declared today could take his place
in Nebraska politics with a united
front in his support.Bitter Winter In
Mexico Fatal to 15MEXICO CITY, Jan. 4 (AP)—
Mexico, which usually has deligh-
tful winters, is experiencing one of
the most bitter seasons of its his-
tory. Lack of adequate heating
facilities is making the cold seem
extremely severe.Two more victims were added
during the night to the 15 lives
already claimed by the cold. The
two—half-starved beggars—were
found frozen in the streets. The
thermometer registered 28 above
zero, Fahrenheit.Clare Briggs Is
Dead in New YorkNEW YORK, Jan. 4 (AP)—
Clare Briggs, who caused many a
chuckle by his newspaper cartoons
depicting the human side of Am-
erican life, died last night at the
Medical Center of pneumonia. He
was 54 years old.He had been ill for the last
month with bronchial pneumonia
but until a few days ago he seem-
ed on the road to recovery. Yes-
terday he took a sudden turn for
the worse and died before mem-
bers of his family could reach his
bedside.Some of his most widely known
cartoon features were, "When a
Fellow Needs a Friend," "Aln't it
a Grand and Glorious Feeling,"
"The Days of Real Sport," and
"Mr. and Mrs."CAPITOL IS
DAMAGED BY
NIGHT BLAZELoss Small But Flames
Licking at Historic
Structure Excite City.FIRE ORIGINATES
IN ARTIST'S ROOMThousands of Washing-
tonians Swarm to Cap-
itol Hill to Watch Fire-
men Subdue Blaze.WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—
The tongues of red flame that
leaped through the roof of the
southwest wing of the capitol last
night and licked at the side of the
huge white dome had left today
only a small blackened spot on the
side of the building.The vividness of the flare; the
shrieking sirens of fire apparatus;
first thoughts that century old re-
cords, possibly the nearly nation-
old structure itself, might be en-
dangered, had faded this morning
and fast were becoming a part of
the bulging history of capitol hill.Officials were more concerned
over the cause of the blaze than
the damage wrought. They said
the loss would amount to about
\$3,000; that the fire in no way
would interfere with the conven-
ing of congress Monday from the
holiday recess; and that such
documents and papers as were
charred or water soaked were not
a part of the permanent files.The blaze, far more spectacular
than that which destroyed part of
the executive office of the white
house Christmas eve, originated in
a room occupied by Carl Moberly,
an artist who has decorated many
of the long corridors in both the
senate and house wings.Moberly was rescued from the
room in a partly suffocated con-
dition. He was administered first
aid in the office of Representative
John Garner of Texas, the house
Democratic leader, and later taken
to a hospital.Today he practically had recov-
ered and from him capitol officials
hope to obtain some light on the
cause of the fire. Several capitol
employees suggested the possibility
that a cigarette or a cigar started
the blaze.

Plan Investigation

David S. Lynn, the capitol archi-
tect, and Joseph G. Rodgers, the
house sergeant at arms, reiterated
this morning that they proposed to
investigate carefully into the cause.
Both were at the capitol last night
before the flames were extinguish-
ed, and obtained all information
then available.The fire was discovered at 7 p.
m. Capitol police turned in the
alarm. They sounded a five call
notice that brought every engine in
the business and near-by residen-
tial districts.Reaching the capitol a multitude
of difficulties delayed the firemen.
Most of the doors were locked.