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COLD WAVE DESCENDS ON EAST OREGON

Temperature Drops to Ten Early in La Grande

REPORT 4 BELOW AT ENTERPRISE

King Winter Spreads Mantle of Snow Over The Northwest — Rain Falls in California.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Temperature. Includes La Grande, Enterprise, Elgin, Meacham, Salem, Pendleton.

Robert Withycombe, at the Union experiment station, received this warning for stock men today from San Francisco: "Cold wave indicated for middle of week with zero temperatures."

Starting in yesterday afternoon with a miniature blizzard, accompanied by half an inch of snow, the mercury took a downward slant here yesterday and during the night, winding up early today with a minimum of 19 above — the coldest weather experienced in nearly 21 months.

The snow, accompanied by a chilly wind, La Grande narrowly escaped this morning in realization that the hot several weeks of spring-like weather had become a thing of the past.

The fall of snow, although light, was turned into ice on the streets, and two or three minor automobile accidents occurred as a consequence of the slippery roadways.

No immediate relief weather was in store for the city in the next few days as held up by the weather man, whose prediction for tonight and tomorrow follows: "Unsettled and colder tonight and Tuesday. Cold wave in east portion."

The snow brought scores of youngsters out yesterday afternoon and this morning, trying out new sleds and polishing the runners of the old ones.

Yesterdays maximum was 27 above and the minimum last night 12 above, with the mercury holding 12 at 7:30 o'clock this morning. Sub-zero weather.

The cold wave dropped to milder conditions in Wallawa county, according to reports received here today that credited Enterprise with four below. Other low temperatures reported included: Elgin 9 above and Meacham 6 above.

WINTER VISITS NORTHWEST — SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6 (AP) — King winter spread his white mantle over the northwest states today as California looked up into clear skies after a general wetting yesterday that extended to Southern California for the first time in four months.

Unsettled and colder weather was promised for the north for today with a cold wave indicated for the east portion Tuesday. More snow was predicted over the mountains of Idaho, Oregon and Washington with the ridge of high pressure extending eastward to Montana.

In Southern Oregon, a storm of (Continued on Page Eight)

FIRE IN PAINT STORE SUNDAY FIRST OF '30

The fire department answered its first call of 1930 at 11:35 yesterday morning, using 710 gallons of chemicals to extinguish a blaze in the Coolidge paint shop on Adams avenue near Fifth street. The fire, believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion, caused considerable damage in the wallpaper department of the shop, and officials say that if the alarm had been turned in a little later, a disastrous fire would have occurred.

As it was, the fire had not gained sufficient headway to defy control, and was soon extinguished. The smoke from the blaze was noticed both by Nate Zweifel and Buck Knight, who turned in the alarm. The building carried insurance and it is reported that the adjuster is in La Grande today.

Church Holds Annual Meeting Here On Sunday

Officers Elected by Christians — Problems of Coming Year are Discussed by Members.

Officers were elected and the outlook for the coming year was considered at the annual meeting of the Christian church, held yesterday with the largest attendance in recent years.

The annual message "Going Forward" given by the Rev. R. L. Putnam, pastor, during the morning service, in which he emphasized that a better day is dawning for the central church of Christ in La Grande.

At noon a dinner was held in the church basement, with all of the tables filled. The annual business meeting began at 2:30 o'clock, with O. C. Pleshman, chairman of the board, presiding. Reports were received from the various officers and departments, showing considerable progress during the last year.

The following men were re-elected to office for three years: G. W. Roberts, trustee; Leslie White and L. S. Weeks, trustees; D. J. L. McPherson, Andrew Mullerburg, and Richard Folsom, deacons; and Mrs. J. D. Smith and Mrs. L. M. Parker, deaconesses. Mr. White was elected church clerk, Elmer Miller, treasurer, and Mrs. Parker, secretary.

The church considered calling an evangelist during the pre-Pentecost period and final action was left with the official board. The question of either remodeling the church or else remodeling part and rebuilding part of the building was discussed, and this was referred to the building board. The question of a pension fund for the disciples of Christ was ratified by the church, provided that it takes effect on Jan. 1, 1931.

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Two Injured In Car Collisions Over Weekend

Two persons were injured in automobile accidents in La Grande over the weekend. Four accidents were reported to the police, but most of them were of a minor nature.

A car driven by Media Mathis and a truck driven by J. G. Miller collided at Fourth and Adams at 6:05 p. m. Saturday, injuring Media Mathis about the chest, and June Mathis, 19, suffered jaw lacerations and body injuries.

A car, whose driver was unknown to officers, slipped into a car driven by Alice Snook yesterday, the accident occurring at Spring and First.

One accident east of Adams avenue on the Old Oregon Trail highway yesterday was blamed to slippery road conditions. The car driven by Dave Steward turned over at 2:20 o'clock but no one was hurt.

Cars driven by Miss Grace Henderson, going west on Adams, and J. Southendricksen, going east on Adams, collided at 4:30 o'clock yesterday. Both machines are reported to have been damaged to some extent.

Crowds Attend Opening of New State Theater

With the all-talking and singing picture "Bo Rita" as the attraction, the new State theater was packed with crowds of local people Saturday evening and Sunday morning for the opening of the new movie house.

George Roy, an independent theater owner, is proprietor and his son, Alfred Roy, who recently came here from Eugene, is to be manager.

The building, formerly occupied by the old Colonial theater, has been entirely remodeled and redecorated, with new cushion seats installed and a life-size screen for showing the pictures. The theater is equipped with modern sound machines.

Car License List 208 For January 2

More automobile licenses have been purchased this January than any previous year, with six new licenses at the court house to handle the applications. Last year there were 49 licenses applied for, and Jan. 2 the number jumped to 298. Sheriff Jesse Bradshaw stated this morning that one reason for the increased demand for licenses the first of the year, is that the license is reduced from \$5 to \$10, and the license is only until the first of July.

DEADLY GAS ELIMINATION IS CLAIMED

Discovery by Dr. Frazer, of John Hopkins, Announced Today.

OFFENSIVE ODORS ALSO CONSUMED

Control of Carbon Monoxide, Which Kills Hundreds Annually, is Being Perfected.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 6 (AP) — A practical means of eliminating carbon monoxide, the gas that takes an annual toll of hundreds of lives when automobile engines are left running in closed garages, is claimed in the discovery of a Johns Hopkins university professor, announced today.

Dr. J. C. W. Frazer, the R. N. Baker professor of chemistry at the university, made the announcement, that tests had shown a motor equipped with his device could run indefinitely in a closed garage without liberating carbon monoxide. Offensive odors from automobile exhaust, which about in half a year can be suppressed by the chemical action and smoke also will be entirely consumed, Prof. Frazer added.

Carbon monoxide is produced by incomplete combustion, and the scientist's discovery is a chemical catalyst which, when the exhaust vapors pass over it, mixed with air converts the monoxide to harmless carbon dioxide. A device to accomplish this is being perfected.

TIGERS BEATEN BY ENTERPRISE

Sannar, Speedy Forward, Scores 10 Field Baskets Against La Grande.

A fast-breaking, close-checking Enterprise high school basketball team, led by a speedy little forward, Sannar, swept the Tigers to decisive defeat here Saturday night in the opening game of the 1929 season. The score was 37 to 15, and Sannar contributed 29 of his team's points with five field goals each half.

The Tigers, somewhat disrupted in the last week because of recent eligibility rulings, were playing in a more or less new lineup, and were unable to stop the aggressive offense of the visitors, or to consistently pierce the defensive tactics.

Sannar, in particular, was able to get into position to shoot almost every time he received the ball, whipping the ball toward the hoop with amazing speed from almost any position.

La Grande was ahead at only one time during the entire game. Forer, playing guard, slipped in the first field goal, but Enterprise soon tied the score and led the end of the first period score leading 12 to 3.

GRANGE HOLDS ANNUAL MEET AT COVE, ORE.

Representatives of the Union county chapter of Grange were in Cove Saturday attending the annual New Year's celebration held by the members of Mt. Fannie grange. The attendance at the meeting was comparatively small but the program was excellent and the interest shown in the special subjects discussed, was keen.

Hans Selfors, official tester for the Union County Dairy Herd Improvement association was the first speaker on the program, giving some timely suggestions on the feeding of the dairy cow. Harry G. Avery, county agriculturist, reviewed the dairy outlook in this county and presented new forage plans for raising. His talk was especially helpful.

A. W. Nelson, president, and Albert Hunter, secretary, represented the Union county chamber of commerce. Both spoke of the desire of the business men to assist the dairymen of the county in their efforts to bring this important industry into its own in this county.

Annual Jury List Is Being Drawn; Completion Expected Late Today

The jury list for the county court is expected to be completed late this afternoon, with about 300 names selected about 2 o'clock. The complete list will contain 400 names of persons, citizens of Union county, not necessarily taxpayers who are over 21 and whose names appear on the registration cards.

\$6,000,000 Fund Distributed By Three Leaders

Calvin Coolidge, Alfred Smith and Julius Rosenwald Decide on Hubert's Estate.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP) — A list was published today of 34 hospitals, educational institutions and social welfare organizations selected by a committee composed of Calvin Coolidge, Alfred E. Smith and Julius Rosenwald to share in the \$6,000,000 estate of Conrad Hubert, electric flash light manufacturer.

The will of Mr. Hubert, who died at Cannes, France, Feb. 14, 1928, provided that three-fourths of his estate be divided among a group of religious, charitable and benevolent institutions to be (Continued on Page Seven)

HANS SELFORS TO SPEAK AT FORUM LUNCH

Just what the dairy business of Union county means in dollars and cents to the merchants of La Grande, improvements in dairy herds, and what significance attaches to the recent slump in butter prices over the nation, will be the theme of a dairy review for Union county during 1929 to be made by Hans Selfors, official cow tester for this county, at the chamber of commerce tomorrow night when the body resumes its winter Tuesday sessions at the La Grande hotel.

While business men vaguely understand that the dairy business has been growing, they have never had a concrete summary expressed to them in dollars and cents form, explained Albert Hunter, secretary, in announcing the event for tomorrow.

The principal business to come before the forum is final disposition of the city extension matter — whether or not a new petition for the boundary extension election shall be circulated, is the specific question before the members.

Traffic Held Up By Heavy Snowfall

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 6 (AP) — Traffic conditions between Gladvale and Grants Pass remained in a serious condition today as the result of continued snowfall during the night.

More than two feet of snow was reported on Sexton mountain and the state highway commission's efforts to clear the traffic was hindered by a number of light rains that on Friday covered grades.

A warning was issued to south-bound motorists to use chains at Canyonville. There had been no stages since late Sunday night.

Humphreys Speaks At Lions Meeting

C. M. Humphreys, city judge and former railroad engineer, was the speaker at the Lions club luncheon today at noon in the Saccagewa Inn, giving a very interesting talk on the early days of railroading in this division and also on organized labor.

He emphasized that organized labor is divided into two parts, both working along parallel lines for the same great object — the American Federation of Labor and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, etc. Mr. Humphreys' talk was witty as well as instructive.

Condition of King Zogu Is Hopeless

VIENNA, Jan. 6 (AP) — The Wiener Montagsblatt today published a report that Vienna specialists regarded the condition of King Zogu of Albania as hopeless. The recently crowned Albanian monarch was said to be suffering from tuberculosis of the lungs, and cancer of the throat.

SHIP SENDS S. O. S.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6 (AP) — S. O. S. messages were sent out from the British motorship Fresno city last night when her engines were rendered helpless 52 miles north of here while en route to Vancouver. B. C. Apprehension felt for Captain Daniel Davies and the crew of 18 was dispelled when later messages said the ship was safely riding at anchor and in no danger.

THREE FLIERS KILLED

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 6 (AP) — Captain Hugh Grosvenor and two companions were killed today when a flying boat in which they were traveling made a nose dive into Port Phillip bay.

COMMITTEE SUICIDE

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6 (AP) — Mrs. Gertrude Schofield, 55, who resided on a farm near Forest Grove, ended her life Saturday by drinking a quantity of fly, information received here today indicated.

YOUNG UTAH MAN IS HELD AS KILLER OF 3

Wife, Her Mother and Steppather Slain on Farm Near Layton Saturday

COLLEGE STUDENT SHOOTS PARENTS

Alan R. Schumm, of St. Louis, Admits Crime — Was Obsessed With a Desire to Kill.

FAIRMINGTON, Utah, Jan. 6 (AP) — Preston Thatcher, prosecuting attorney of Davis county, today prepared to file first degree murder charges against Delbert Green 20, for the slaying of his young wife, her mother and stepfather late Saturday night.

Green, who fled from the scene of the killings while officers from three counties combed the valley for him, was arrested in bed at his Ogden, Utah, apartment the following day and admitted the slayings, officers said. He said family troubles "drove me to it."

The pistol alleged to have been used in the murders was found in Green's overcoat pocket. He offered no resistance when officers entered his room.

The shooting took place on a farm east of Layton, Utah, six miles north of here, where Green's wife had come to see her mother after a family quarrel. When Delbert Green arrived, his wife, 18, was in bed with Mrs. James Green, her mother. James Green, Delbert's uncle and Mrs. Delbert Green's step-father, was in the kitchen.

Girl, 12, Burned Severely When Kettle Spills

Ards, 12-year-old daughter of Harvey Berry was severely scalded last night about 10 o'clock at her home in the town district. She was lying by the side of the heating stove, where a kettle full of water was boiling, which was overturned and spilled over the child's chest, hands, face and arms. Medical aid from town was secured. She is at the Grande Ronde hospital now, and is reported to be resting easily.

KWKH Accused Of "Obscene Language"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP) — The federal radio commission and the attorney general were asked today by Senator Dill of Washington to stop the broadcasting of "obscene language" by station KWKH at Shreveport, La. Dill had read a telegram from J. J. Watson of Minneapolis, Minn., in which a complaint against the station was made, and then expressed the opinion that if the radio commission believed it had no authority to prosecute, the attorney general had such power under the penal provisions of the radio act.

Liquor Racket Cause of Death

STEEGE, Ill., Jan. 6 (AP) — The liquor racket was blamed today for the death of a youth whose burning body was found yesterday sprawled inside a flaming automobile.

Two highway policemen, patrolling a road near Steege, a Chicago suburb, heard an explosion and saw the glow from the fire, half a mile across the countryside. Hastening they found the crematory fire outside Hawswood, the estate of Joseph B. Haves, Chicago manufacturer.

Inside the sedan was the body, piled on eight five-gallon cans; rivulets of flaming alcohol trickled from the cans across the roadway. Identification of the body was impossible as the head and shoulders were burned nearly crisp; of the clothing the youth wore, only a remnant of a denim coverall was left. Clothes were few, six keys on a ring and an engine number provided.

PLANE DROPS FROM SKY TO TOP OF AUTO

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 6 (AP) — Caught in a downward air current a monoplane dropped out of the sky near Oakland airport yesterday, landing squarely on top of a closed automobile, injuring four of the occupants, and then bounced off into a fence. Richard Starnett, 21, student pilot, was uninjured.

Starnett's plane struck an automobile driven by J. B. Cahlon of Alameda in which his wife and Mr. and Mrs. George Jenkins, neighbors, were slowly riding past the airport. Mrs. Jenkins received a fractured skull and other serious injuries while the others were merely cut and bruised.

ARMS PARLEY DELEGATES



The delicate problem of adjusting French and Italian naval strength in the Mediterranean — long a source of dispute between the two countries — is faced by these newly appointed leaders of the French delegation to the London armament conference.

Premier Andre Tardieu, top; Aristide Briand, center, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Georges Leygues, bottom, Minister of Marine, have announced they hope to effect a separate agreement with the Italian government, in order not to block the progress of the five-power conference.

Alaskan Storms, Bad Luck Check Eielson Search

Efforts of Northern Aviators to Stage Aerial Hunt for Lost Comrades Are Mocked.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 6 (AP) — Adverse luck, running hand in hand with Alaskan storms, today continued to mock the efforts of northern aviators to stage an aerial hunt for their lost comrades, Carl Ben Eielson and Earl Borland, who have been missing for nearly two months.

Three powerful cabin planes, rushed here from Seattle and put at the disposal of arctic-hardened Canadian pilots, were down, one wrecked, one apparently lost and the other weather bound at Nulato, half-way point between here and Nome.

Two open cockpit planes operated by Pilots Joe Crosson and Harold Gillam, American fliers, who managed to reach North Cape, Siberia, from Nome recently, also were held down because the weather of northeastern Siberia made flying impossible.

Eielson and Borland disappeared last Nov. 8 while flying from Teller to the fur trading ship Nauiuk. The Nauiuk is frozen in the ice near North Cape and now serves as the Siberian base for rescue operations.

Arriving over the mouth of the Koyuk river, at the head of Norton bay, the two planes ran into a blinding blizzard and became separated. The one piloted by Matt Niemenen and carrying Major H. C. Deekard and Mechanic Sam Macauley, retraced its course back over the treacherous tundra to Nulato and landed. The other, piloted by Pat Reid and carrying Mechanic William Hughes and Jim Hutchinson, failed to show up either at Nome or Nulato.

No Great Fear Felt Although Reid's plane was believed to be down in the wild stretch of country between Nulato and Nome, no great apprehension was felt for the three men aboard, assuming that they had landed without mishap. The plane was well provisioned and the men equipped with heavy clothing.

SENATE AND HOUSE TAKE UP PROBLEMS

Congress Reconvenes After Recess Over Christmas Holidays

TARIFF QUESTION STAYS AT FRONT

House Adjourns After 14 Minutes Out of Respect for Representative Leatherwood.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP) — Bills to create a new federal reserve cooperative banking system, to prohibit short selling on stock and grain exchanges and to license corporations engaged in interstate commerce, were introduced today by Senator Brookhart, republican, Iowa.

Congress reconvenes today after a recess over the Christmas-New Year holiday season. The tariff bill was the unfinished business in the senate and leaders apparently were determined to press its consideration at every opportunity.

In the house, a few minutes after Speaker Longworth's gavel called the chamber to order, the appropriations committee formally reported the annual army supply bill proposing maintenance for the next fiscal year of the present standing army which has an enlisted strength of 118,700 men.

The house then received the resignation of Representative John Carow, for years leader in the house of the New York Tammany delegation, who has accepted appointment by Governor Roosevelt to the New York state supreme bench.

In 14 minutes from the time it convened, the house adjourned out of respect to the late Representative Leatherwood, republican, Utah.

ASK EARLY RECOGNITION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP) — A resolution asking early recognition of the independence of India by the United States was introduced today by Senator Blaine, republican, Wisconsin.

KENYA COLONY POLICE SEEK WOMAN KILLER

NAIROBI, Kenya Colony, Jan. 6 (AP) — Kenya colony police today pressed investigation of the death of Miss Hulda Stumpf, American missionary whose body was found in a house of the Africa inland mission station at Kilibe, 50 miles away. She is believed to have been murdered.

There was evidence the woman had been assaulted. Authorities said she apparently had suffocated after the attack. They believe her assailant to have been a native. Search for him in nearby villages has been instituted.

Her age was given here as 63. Frederick Lanning, business manager of the Africa inland mission in New York, said Miss Stumpf had done secretarial work for the director of the Kilibe mission. He said he had known her personally and that she was a valuable and efficient worker.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLER RETURNED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6 (AP) — C. E. Warren, former agent at the consolidated railroad ticket office here, who left the city unexpectedly in 1924 and 1928 was indicted on a charge of larceny by bailie, was returned from San Francisco today, where he was arrested, to face a charge of embezzlement of \$10,000 of railroad funds.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 6 (AP) — Fire of undetermined origin caused damage estimated at \$500,000 to the plant of the Universal Match company at Ferguson, near here today. Thousands of books of paper matches and large stocks of paper and pasteboard were destroyed.

ILLNESS NOT SERIOUS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP) — Chief Justice Taft's family and his associates on the supreme court bench in a prepared statement today said Mr. Taft's illness was not serious.

EBERHARDT NOMINATED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP) — Charles C. Eberhardt of Kansas was nominated today by President Hoover to be minister to Costa Rica.