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La Grande Evening Observer

THE WEATHER OREGON: Generally fair to night and Wednesday but becoming cloudy Wednesday, colder in the east portion tonight.

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NO TRUTH IN WILD RUMORS ABOUT O.-W.

Much Gossip Heard in La Grande During Last Several Days.

NO CHANGES ARE TO BE MADE HERE

Present Curtailment in Operating Expense only Temporary, Due to Seasonal Conditions.

Persistent rumors to the effect that the Union Pacific system intends to remove the division headquarters and shops from La Grande and other similar rumors were definitely spiked today.

As to the rumor to the effect that the shops and division headquarters are to be removed, it has absolutely no foundation.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PLANS FOR MEETINGS

The first Presbyterian church announces its third annual Church School of Missions to begin Wednesday evening, Jan. 8.

The men's class will study "Human Needs and World Christianity" by Francis John McConnell.

The women's class will study "Jerusalem" by Mrs. A. T. Hill, teacher.

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Postpone Paper For Joint Meeting

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FIBERS KILLED

GALVESTON, Tex., Jan. 7 (AP)—Lieutenant Clarence G. Mitchell and Sergeant Julius Ribent, of the third attack group, Fort Crockett, were killed Monday when two airplanes collided near here.

Bechtel Funeral At Elgin Tomorrow

By Mrs. Lynn Hill ELGIN, Jan. 7 (Special)—Funeral services for Merrill Bechtel, 27, will be held here at the Methodist church tomorrow at 1 o'clock.

Circuit Court Jury List For Year Completed

All Parts of County Represented—First Session of Court Begins Early in February.

The 1929 jury list for the circuit court, containing names of prospective jurors from all parts of the county, has been completed.

The majority of the names are those of men, with a comparatively small number of women selected.

The first term of circuit court in La Grande in 1929 will open the first Monday in February.

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Pondosa Man Is To Serve Year In Penitentiary

Ruben Kilias of Pondosa, 25, was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary without limitation yesterday by Judge, J. W. Knowles of the circuit court, when he was found guilty of stealing a harness.

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City Council Will Continue Program

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Knights of Pythias Make Plans For Active Campaign During 1930

Outlining a program which the entire lodge is to participate in all major activities emphasized by the Supreme Lodge leadership, Wesley McDonald was installed chancellor of the Red Cross lodge Knights of Pythias, last evening.

SNOW DAMAGE IS HEAVY IN WEST OREGON

Grants Pass Has Worst Storm in 20 Years—Communications Severed

BUREAU PREDICTS COLDER WEATHER

Eastern Oregon Expected to get Peak of Wintery Wave Either Tonight or Tomorrow.

Although the minimum temperature in La Grande last night was one degree warmer than yesterday's low of 10 above, it seemed much colder due to a cold wind that whipped the city.

Episcopalians In Yearly Meet Monday Evening

A very impressive ceremony, that of the Epiphany, featuring the "Feast of Candles" took place last evening in St. Peter's Episcopal church. The only lights in the church were the lighted candles on the altar, and the one near the organ; when the candles were lighted from the altar, symbolizing the coming to the world of the Christ child, meaning the "coming of the light."

BASKETBALL TEAM TO PLAY FRIDAY

L. H. S. Squad Crippled as Games With Union and Joseph Approach.

It never rains—it pours. The beloved Coach Ira Woodie's basketball squad and most of the rest of the population of La Grande.

Following the annual meeting of the Oregon State High School Athletic association, interpretation of the new rules adopted placed several players in the ineligible list who were previously eligible, including Paul and Vincent Neff, Don Patton and after the end of the first semester—John Berry.

Fire Department Elects Officers

The La Grande fire department, at its monthly meeting held last night in the municipal building, elected officers for the year.

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DAIRY COWS BRING LARGE SUM YEARLY

"Payroll" in Union County Off 7,380 Cows Amounts to \$860,212.80.

VOTE TAKEN ON BOUNDARY MOVE

Chamber of Commerce Tables Move to Annex More Territory for City of La Grande.

Table of the city boundary extension project until some future time, and an interesting address by Hans Selfors, Union county cow tester, featured the forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce.

ATTEND 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sommer returned home last evening from Walla Walla, where they attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Fins, of 414 E. Main street, and assisted at a delightful 1 o'clock dinner Sunday afternoon in the blue room of the Grand hotel followed with a reception at their home from 2:30 until 4:30.

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THE "STRONG MAN" OF INDIA



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VAN DUZER NOT IN OREGON RACE

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Sugar Expert Asked To Help, Document Says

Senate Lobby Committee Hears Names of Two Presidents and Will Rogers Mentioned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—A document read today before the senate lobby committee said H. L. Purdon, sugar expert of the department of commerce, had been asked by the white house and Senator Smoot of Utah to work out a sliding scale for sugar duties.

The document was contained in a letter from W. H. Baldwin, publicity man employed to work for lower sugar rates in the tariff bill, to Junior Owens, secretary of the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages.

The letter said: "I am enclosing a highly confidential memorandum on the sliding scale which you may be interested in seeing."

The memorandum said Purdon had been "asked by the white house and Senator Smoot to work out a practical sliding scale."

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PROHIBITION CONTROVERSY FLARES AGAIN

Representative La Guardia, of New York, Accuses Borah's State.

GUARDSMEN ALSO UNDER ATTACK

Speaker Says There is More Drinking in Idaho State Than in the City of New York.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—A charge that the city of Washington was "reeking with vice and corruption," was made in the senate today by Senator Bleasie, democrat, of South Carolina.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—The capital's prohibition controversy flared up again today with a declaration prepared for the house by Representative La Guardia, republican, New York, who said there was "more drinking per capita in the state of Idaho than there is in the city of New York."

Idaho is the home state of Senator Borah, one of the staunchest of the dries, who has been most active recently on the enforcement question.

La Guardia spoke of "the bloody murder" of three members of the crew of the Black Duck, recently off the New England coast by coast guardsmen engaged in a rum runner chase.

"The case of the Black Duck," he said, "is but another paragraph in the shameless annals of prohibition."

"The treasury department rushes into print to justify the slaying of these three men," he continued. "Part of the liquor taken from the Black Duck, he added, "was in turn sold by members of the coast guard."

Charges Drunkenness "Citizens of this country are prohibited by law to drink alcoholic beverages and yet on the same day that the Black Duck was captured members of the coast guard got crazy drunk at New London, Conn."

"Thirty-nine members of the coast guard have been found purchasing part of every seizure of liquor made by them."

Part of the liquor taken from the Black Duck, he added, "was in turn sold by members of the coast guard."

"There are more bootleggers per capita in the state of Idaho than there are in the city of Chicago," he added. "Liquor is better in the state of Idaho than in any of the large cities, and cheaper."

"The city of Wallace, Idaho, La Guardia said, has a population of 234 inhabitants and in the month of May "there were seven saloons operating wide open, where any thing could be purchased over the bar from Canadian beer to Mint Juleps."

"In the city of Kellogg," he continued, "with only 3017 inhabitants, there were three saloons and 30 bootleggers engaged in furnishing the supplies needed for the retail trade in the surrounding country. In the small town of Mullan, with 1250 inhabitants, there are several stills operating in full blast and doing a thriving business."

Tells of Idaho Falls In the city of Idaho Falls with a population of 8064, he said, "the supply of liquor is so certain that the town slogan of 'this is gold in the hills' has been changed to 'out in the hills are plenty of stills'."

"The customs service, too, "was a fine service until it came in contact with prohibition," La Guardia asserted. "Only yesterday at Providence, R. I., a shipment of liquor was in care of customs service men. Instead of guarding the liquor they proceeded to drink it and a peaceful citizen had to run for their lives to avoid being shot by these agents of the government acting in the capacity of peace officers."

4000 ITALIANS MARCH BEFORE QUEEN - TO - BE

ROME, Jan. 7 (AP)—Four thousand provincial Italians dressed in their native garb paraded this afternoon in front of the woman who some day will be their queen, Marie Jose, princess of Belgium, and Prince Humbert, whom she tomorrow will marry watched delightedly from a balcony of the quiring palace.

Grouped around them were their parents, the kings and queens of Italy and Belgium, the king of Bulgaria, and princes of the blood of various countries. It was an imposing spectacle before an imposing array of royalty as post-war Europe has seen. The Duke of York represented Great Britain.

PERSHING WILL NOT RUN WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—General John J. Pershing today announced that he would not seek to enter the senate from Nebraska.