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THE WEATHER OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Saturday, probably local snows in the mountains, continued cold.

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LOCAL FIRE LOSS DROPS DURING 1929

Total for Last Year \$26,547.06 Compared With \$120,433.31 in 1928.

INSURANCE PAID NEARLY \$23,500.00

Flue Sparks Cause 15 Fires — Cigaretts and Overheated Stoves Responsible for Nine.

Fire loss in La Grande during the year of 1929, according to the annual report of Chief C. T. Lindsay which was completed today, amounted to a total of \$26,547.06, compared with \$120,433.31 during the year of 1928, a reduction of about 78 percent.

General insurance coverage is shown by the fact that the \$26,547.06 loss was followed by payment of \$23,453.96 insurance, leaving a net loss of only a little more than \$3,000.

The total amount of insurance paid on the 1929 loss amounted to \$170,233.11, a less percentage than last year. The amount of insurance at risk in 1928 was \$493,361.85 and in 1929 the total was \$25,299. The value of property at risk in 1928 totaled \$653,953.33 compared with \$426,490 last year.

The amount of insurance at risk on buildings last year was \$178,849 and the fire loss to buildings was \$15,139.51. The insurance on contents of buildings amounted to \$79,490 and the loss was \$7,556.55.

The Sparks Cause 15 Fires — During 1929 there were 165 fire calls, of which 72 were phone calls, 18 box calls, 10 still calls and five verbal calls. Seventeen of these calls were outside of the city limits. In addition, the firemen were called out for six drills.

Sparks from flues caused the greatest number of fires, 15, and cigarettes and overheated stoves each caused nine. Nine of the causes were unknown. Grass fires totaled eight and there were eight false alarms.

Other causes of fires follow: Children playing with matches 2, defective flues 5, carelessness 7, gasoline and oil 5, hot ashes 4, defective wiring 6, burning trash 6, incendiary origin 4, oily rag 1, spontaneous combustion 2, lightning 1, mice and matches 1, and static electricity 2.

Truck Driven 120 Miles — The miles traveled to and from fires by the La Grande fire department were 120 miles by the State pump 76.8. The State's average speed was 31 miles an hour while the pump hit an average clip of 22.

The amount paid the 12 call men from Dec. 1, 1928 to Dec. 1, 1929 (the budget year) was \$14,857.25.

The number of feet of 2 1/2 inch hose laid was 21,356 and 1182 gallons of chemicals were used.

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS HEADS

At the annual meeting of the board of the Sunday school of the Methodist church held last evening, E. S. Burnett was re-elected superintendent for the coming year and supporting him in various official capacities are the following: assistant superintendent, Eugene Cates; secretary-treasurer, Lucien Wheeler; assistant, Adam E. Johnson; pianist, Maybelle Piner; assistant pianist, Genevieve Adler; chorister, Mrs. Ira S. Aldrich; missionary superintendent, Mrs. T. E. Pearson; temperance superintendent, E. B. Kendrick; home department superintendent, Mrs. A. W. Luffel; superintendent junior department, Mrs. V. E. Hall; superintendent primary department, Miss Rosa Sherman and superintendent beginners' department, Mrs. L. W. Wheeler.

Proceeding the election, the Rev. V. E. Hall gave a very interesting report of the seminar on religious education which he recently attended at Great Falls, Mont., where ministers gathered for a ten day intensive study of this work under the instruction of experts and directed by Bishop Wallace E. Brown, resident bishop of this, the Helena area.

STOCKHOLM WINTER MILD

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 10 (AP) — It is the mildest winter in 149 years. There is no snow in Stockholm, no ice in any of the Baltic ports. Follis have to go north for sailing.

WEATHER TODAY

7:50 a. m. — 12 above. Minimum: 11 above. Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 24, minimum 10 above. Condition: Traces of snow, partly cloudy.

WEATHER JAN. 10, 1929

Maximum 21, minimum 15 above. Condition: Clear.

AMBASSADOR



Frederick H. Sackett, Kentucky, resigned from the United States Senate yesterday to accept an appointment as ambassador to Germany, to succeed Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, resigned. Sackett was associated with President Hoover in war-time relief work. His nomination was immediately confirmed by the Senate.

Warehouse Will Be Razed; Make Room For Depot

In order to make room for the new railroad depot the Oregon Hardware and Implement company warehouse is to be torn down, according to plans announced today by H. K. O'Brien.

The O. H. and I. Co. will move to the Holmes building on Jefferson with a floor space of 89 by 119 feet and a full basement; where it will conduct the same business, continuing to handle the same lines of farm implements and tractors as before. Moving is to begin this week and is expected to be completed by the first of February so that the raising of the building can be started.

In 1929 this company purchased the present warehouse from the Bolton and Redmer company, moving there from the Holmes building.

Four Basketball Games Arranged For Two Nights

Four basketball games are to be played by high school teams in the L. D. S. Recreation hall tonight and tomorrow night, with a double header for each evening.

The second game tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock, will find a weakened La Grande team playing against Union, and on Saturday night, the main game at 8:30, will be between La Grande and Joseph. Pla has removed all but one letterman from the Tiger lineup.

Committee Works On Annual Dance

The general committee for the annual Kils ball and banquet, the outstanding social event of the year, held its first meeting last night with Norman Deibel, chairman, presiding. Other members who are already making plans for the affair usually held on Washington's birthday, follow: Ralph Winters, secretary; William H. Houghton, Ed Allen, Herbert Anderson, Harold G. Dow, John Ormond, Edward Mayberry, Marcus Knesch, Raymond Gray, Dr. W. K. Ross and Fred Speath. The exact date of the ball and banquet will be announced later.

TEST FLIGHT UNDER WAY

SELFRIDGE FIELD, Me. Clemens, Mich., Jan. 10 (AP) — Taking off from the ice of Lake St. Clair, the army's winter test flight, twice postponed because of weather conditions, got under way at 9:10 o'clock this morning on the first lap of a flight that will take the plane from Selfridge Field to Spokane, Wash., and return.

Headed by Major Ralph Royce, flight commander, 18 pursuit planes and one transport ship took off in rapid succession.

COAST STILL SHIVERING; NO RELIEF TODAY

Sub-normal Temperatures General Throughout Pacific Region.

FIRST SNOWS IN FOURTEEN YEARS

Oregon and Washington Remain Cold, With Mercury Around Zero in Some Sections.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP) — Salem early this morning experienced its coldest weather in six years when the official thermometer registered a minimum of 19 degrees above zero, the lowest since Jan. 1, 1924, when 5 degrees above was recorded.

Absence of any wind made the cold less severe, and under the rays of a bright sun the temperature had risen to 28 at 10 o'clock.

Woodburn, Silverton, Dallas and other nearby points reported unofficial minimums during the night ranging from 6 to 12 above.

WAREHOUSE WILL BE RAZED; MAKE ROOM FOR DEPOT

Clear, extremely cold weather, accompanied by heavy frosts in California, found the Pacific coast still shivering under sub-normal temperatures today.

Except in mountainous regions where snow is to be seen, the and in southern California, the prevalent cold wave was expected to continue without snow or rain for the next 24 hours. Zero and sub-freezing temperatures were predicted by the weather bureau for the northwest states and some parts of California, where yesterday rain turned to snow and disrupted highway and railroad travel.

MANAGED MOTORISTS RELEASED

While danger in southern California citrus district was averted by the rain and snow, the elements of the blizzard were expected to arrive at Plymouth Jan. 17, four days before the opening of the conference at London.

800 PROTECTED FROM DISEASES

School Children in Wallowa County Immunized Against Diphtheria.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Jan. 10 — The immunization campaign for protection against diphtheria and smallpox has been successfully closed in the county, thanks to the help of members of the county medical association. Of the 811 school children who began the diphtheria treatment, all but 50 finished the three treatments, and 300 were vaccinated for smallpox, says the Enterprise Record-Chief.

SCHOOL CHILDREN IN WALLOWA COUNTY IMMUNIZED AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

In this undertaking the Wallowa County Public Health association took a prominent part and those active in the work wish to express their thanks to the many who helped, including the county court, the physicians who generously gave their time and skill, freely, women and high school girls who assisted in caring for the children.

Resides giving the treatments in Enterprise, Dr. C. T. Hockett made three trips to Imbaha, Dr. A. E. Martin went to Flora several times and Dr. C. A. Ault gave the treatments at Lostine. Dr. J. H. Thompson, although hardly recovered from a serious illness, insisted on coming to his office to care for his share of the children. Dr. W. W. Giese treated all the children in Joseph and surrounding territory, and covered a large field. Dr. Blake worked efficiently at Troy.

Miss Althea Stoneham, county nurse, also was active in all the work.

PRESENT COLD WAVE SIMILAR TO FIRST

One Experienced In January, 1929

The present cold wave, now in its fifth day, is being compared to the first general drop in temperature in January, 1929, both in the position of the mercury and the time of the month. In 1929, the weather turned cold on Jan. 5, when a minimum of 3 above was registered, this to be repeated Jan. 6. On the following two days the minimum was 11, then came two 15-above days, and then from Jan. 11 until Jan. 17, the range was from 11 above to 15 above. (Two days of slightly warmer weather, with about half a foot of snow and then another plunge that took the mercury to 13 degrees below zero. The following day rose nine inches of snow fell and during the period from Jan. 21 to Jan. 23, a total of an even 40 inches of snow was measured in La Grande.)

This month, the weather turned cold on Sunday evening, with a minimum of 19 above. Monday's minimum was 11 and since then the lowest mark has not been 12 above, with the maximum either 23 or 24 above.

PAPERS URGE ABOLITION OF BATTLESHIPS

London Journals Favor Proposal of the British Government.

RECALLS HOOVER REDUCTION PLEDGE

Only Way to Insure Disarmament, Spectator Declares, Pointing Out Value of Example.

LONDON, Jan. 10 (AP) — The Spectator, a London weekly of non-partisan affiliations but conservative leanings, adding its voice to the Times and other authoritative London journals in its issue tomorrow will urge the British government to propose abolition of battleships at the forthcoming naval conference.

Admitting that American naval opinion places great faith in the big ships on their merits, the Spectator says President Hoover nevertheless has pledged the United States to reduce her naval strength in proportion to any other country.

The Spectator said the only way to insure disarmament is for Great Britain to announce that she intends to abolish battleships when ever the United States does.

"If Great Britain would say she did this in the name of the peace pact, public opinion would quickly get to work in the United States. We don't exactly know what would happen then."

"Americans think that the best argument is example."

STEAMSHIP GEORGE WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP) — Clear weather today greeted the American delegation to the London naval disarmament conference after a night of patchy fog that kept the ship blowing its foghorn most of the time.

The sea was smooth and the George Washington lost little time as she played on.

The ship is scheduled to arrive at Plymouth Jan. 17, four days before the opening of the conference at London.

Former Pastor Is Accused of Theft

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP) — The Rev. W. C. Kirk, former pastor of the Seaside Episcopal church and who has served as a member of the Seaside police force, city treasurer and clerk of the Seaside school district, was arrested last night by Sheriff Slusher on a warrant charging him with larceny of public money.

Kirk was indicted by the circuit court grand jury on a specific charge of the theft of \$1,724 belonging to the Seaside school district. He was jailed in the Clatsop county jail in lieu of \$2,000 bail.

GILE'S CONDITION FAIR

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP) — The condition of Amory Gile, basketball coach at Oregon State college who is in a local hospital under treatment for pneumonia, was satisfactory this morning, the attending physician announced, adding that Gile is not suffering from a severe type of malady and that unless complications set in he should recover speedily.

ART NEUR RETIRES

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 10 (AP) — The retirement from baseball of Art Neff, veteran southpaw twirler, was announced by William Veeck, president of the Chicago Cubs.

AUTO BREAKS HIS JAW

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP) — E. G. Edmonson, 29, Heppner, Ore., attempted to crank a cold automobile today. Now he's in a hospital here with both his upper and lower jaws fractured.

PAUL BUNYAN NOW VISUALIZED



Paul Bunyan and Babe, his mighty Blue Ox, long have lived in lumberjacks' sagas. Now they may be permanently visualized. Oliver Laurence Barrett, University of Oregon sculptor, is shown with his model of the pair, which is attracting much attention, owing to massive strength shown. Some lumber center may erect a statue in heroic proportions from this model of the woodsman's mythical, whimsical hero.

Expect Brodie Will Be Named To Finland Post

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP) — The Oregonian said today that E. E. Brodie, publisher of Oregon City, Ore., would be named by President Hoover as American minister to Finland.

Brodie, the newspaper stated, has the endorsement of Senators McNary and Steiwer and National Committeeman Williams of Oregon, but that the appointment was not decided until after a shifting in foreign affairs.

Brodie has had previous diplomatic experience as he was American minister to Siam during 1921-25.

Blizzard Sweeps Over East And Mid-West Today

By the Associated Press — Only the middle-Atlantic and southeastern states were immune from a cold wave which spread over the country today.

Blizzards swept eastward from the Rockies spreading cold and snow far into the southwest and across the western plains and prairies.

A second edition of a blizzard which visited the midwest just before Christmas held that section in its spell and the countryside lay covered with from eight to 18 inches of snow.

Unseasonable rains fell from chilly grey skies in the Central Mississippi valley and streams in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi were out of their banks. Tumbling mercury heralded the return of winter to New England as falling rain turned into sleet and ice.

New York, Philadelphia and other points southward along the Atlantic also reported declining temperatures which during the past few days have brought spring like weather.

One Man Killed In Portland Fire

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP) — One man was killed and three other persons escaped injuries in a fire which destroyed a rooming house here today, Charles Welbers, 63, was suffocated.

Perfumed Slugger Admits Burglary

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 10 (AP) — Lloyd L. Fathens, the "perfumed slugger," identified by Seattle residents and those of other northwest towns as the housebreaker who operated here for weeks, pleaded guilty to a first degree burglary charge. He will be sentenced January 25.

Mystery Murder In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10 (AP) — What appeared to be a mysterious murder confronted local police today.

Wrapped tightly in newspapers, a raincoat and an old blanket, the body of a woman about 35 years old was found late yesterday in the back yard of a vacant house on Poplar street. Physician said she had been dead about two weeks.

She had been strangled and hocked on the head and face apparently with a hatchet. There was no clue to her identity and now had been discovered today.

Police believe she was slain elsewhere and the body thrown into the yard.

INDEPENDENTS IN NEW UPRISING

Forestalls Final Action Today—McNary Chosen Assistant Party Leader.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP) — An attempt by some of the western independents to gain further recognition in the senate republican organization forestalled final action today by the party's conference on the republican set-up for the senate.

Senator McMaster, of South Dakota, complained at the republican conference that his seniority had been disregarded in placing Senator Hastings of Delaware, of the interstate commerce committee.

Senator Howell of Nebraska, moved that the new organization set up for the senate organization be referred back to the committee on committees with instructions to put McMaster on the interstate commerce committee.

Senator Phillips, of Colorado, countered with a motion that the committee on committees be instructed to follow the rule of seniority in all cases, pointing out that this would place Senator Goff, of West Virginia and Metcalf of Rhode Island on the finance committee in the place of Senator La Follette, Wisconsin, and Thomas, of Idaho.

Resentful of Upsetting — The republican regulars who conceded the demands of the western independents that La Follette be placed on the finance committee and who waived the rule of seniority to place Thomas, of the "young guard" also on this powerful committee, spoke somewhat resentfully of the new uprising, with Senator Moses, of New Hampshire, doing the talking.

Calling another party conference for tomorrow, Senator Watson of Indiana, the republican leader, predicted that La Follette and Thomas would be recognized as members of the finance committee.

Senator McNary of Oregon, was unanimously chosen as assistant leader of the party, succeeding Senator Jones of Washington, who resigned to become chairman of the appropriations committee.

Smoot Speaks For High Sugar Tariff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP) — Chairman Smoot of the finance committee, asserted in the senate today that the domestic sugar industry was "on the verge of annihilation" and that powerful New York financial interests behind Cuban production were "gouging the American people of hundreds of millions of dollars."

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STATE CLERK RETURNS \$1227 STOLEN MONEY

SALLEM, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP) — Under an indictment charging him with larceny of public money, while employed in the office of the secretary of state, Felix A. English was placed under arrest here today.

English's pecuniations, an investigation of state records revealed, extended over a period of about six months, from January 1 to June, 1929, and totaled \$1227.

English, who has reimbursed the state in the entire amount of his pecuniations, was released on \$1000 bail and will be arraigned to enter a plea before Circuit Judge Perry R. Kelly within the next few days, it was announced by District Attorney John Carson.

There were reports current that a parole would be asked for English on the strength of his voluntary admission of his acts and his full restitution, and Carson indicated that such a petition would not be opposed by his office.

NEW PROSPERITY PEAK

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP) — A new peak of prosperity for Klamath Falls was reached in 1929 according to business conditions based on bank clearings. The clearings reached a higher mark than ever before and topped the previous high record set in 1928 by nearly six and a half million dollars.

The total for 1929 was \$32,491,239.82; for 1928, \$27,454,437.43. As in nearly all previous years October had the greatest amount of monthly clearings.

PROHIBITION COMMISSION TO REPORT MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP) — President Hoover will send reports of the law enforcement commission to congress on Monday.

University Is Criticized For Dismissing Two

Association of Professors Investigate "Sex Questionnaire" Case at Missouri.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP) — The Association of University Professors through a special investigating committee has severely censured the authorities of the University of Missouri for dismissing two members of the faculty who approved the circulation of a sex questionnaire among the students of that institution.

The findings of the committee, published today, denied the charges of President Stratton, D. Brooks and the board of curators of the university that the list of questions was shocking to the students, and tended to make them lax morally.

Evidence Lacking — "There is little or no evidence," the report of the committee said, "that any student receiving the questionnaire was shocked or insulted by it. There is no evidence that the questionnaire led to sexual immorality or to decreased self-control in the matter of sex behavior on the part of the students. Apparently before the publicity, the questionnaire was taken for what it purported to be, a scientific inquiry."

"The evidence is in agreement on the point that the sex matters and sex problems brought up by the questionnaire are familiar or known to every high school graduate before entering the University of Missouri."

The circulation of the questionnaire was approved by Professor Harmon O. Degraff, who was dismissed.

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15,000 Chinese Dead In Severe Sub-Zero Wave

PEIPING, China, Jan. 10 (AP) — Parts of China are being swept by the severest cold in sixty years with untold suffering and considerable loss of life resulting. The famine areas particularly have been hard hit.

The vernacular press today published dispatches from Suiyuan district in northern Shansi estimating 15,000 aged and under-nourished adults and children were dead due to exposure. In the town of Panchen, 2500 were frozen to death, in Suiyuan 2000 died, and in Paotowchen 800 were killed by the cold.

Honan province reported the coldest weather since 1870. The Han river was filled with blocks of ice destroying thousands of junks. Hundreds of persons drowned.

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Grocery Clerk Is Locked In Ice Box

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10 (AP) — Imprisoned in a grocery ice box by a robber who then leisurely removed \$450 from the safe, Fred Walther, clerk, pounded, hammered, yelled and kicked the door of his frigid prison until a neighbor grocer heard him and released him last night.

Walther told police he felt a revolver pushed into his back and the robber ordered him into the ice box. The clerk said the temperature inside was much lower than king winter brought to Portland, but that he was forced to remain inside and watch the robber rifle the safe.

Decide On Styles For Men For 1930

CHICAGO, Jan. 10 (AP) — The style committee of the International Association of Clothing Designers today decreed the following new clothing styles for men: Coats — broad-shouldered and trimmed short to accentuate whatever breadth they may be in the wearer's chest.

Trousers — snug of the top to emphasize slowness of waist and tapering to the ankle.

WOMAN AIMS SHARP DARTS AT CARAWAY

Mrs. Gladys Moon Jones Accuses Senate Committee of "Wasting Time."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP) — Mrs. Gladys Moon Jones, a young woman smartly garbed in blue, proved a defiant witness before the senate lobby committee today and her examination had proceeded only a short time before she had threatened to take "up with some one" the action of the committee in obtaining copies of her personal letters.

The attitude of Mrs. Jones, who is a publicly worker for the United States Sugar association, toward the committee was indicated even before she took the witness stand. She had prepared a statement in which she accused Chairman Caraway and his fellow members of playing politics, of trying to embarrass President Hoover and of violating the "spirit of the fourth amendment" by taking personal files from offices.

Laughs at Statement — Caraway read a copy of the statement, laughed and remarked that no one "would read it anyhow" and a few minutes afterwards Mrs. Jones became exasperated and asserted with spirit: "You are wasting so much time and the taxpayer's money asking me silly questions."

Nor did the subsequent proceedings mollify her. Several letters Mrs. Jones had written which were obtained from the files of H. C. Lakin, of New York, president of the Cuba company, were produced. In the statement today she sharply criticized the committee's procedure and asserted it had "degenerated into a mockery of the bill of rights."

Mrs. Jones said the committee could have performed a public service but had only succeeded in warning "vicious lobbies to be more secretive." She added that the committee might look into the activities "of those whose years of lobbying experience has caused them to replace fireproof filing cases with modern incinerators."

She also asserted that the chief purposes of the committee seemed to have been to create political difficulties for