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THE WEATHER OREGON: Unsettled tonight. Sunday; probably local snows in mountains; not so cold in east to night.

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WAREHOUSE AND APPLES DESTROYED

Fire Razes Building Owned by Lamar Westenskow at Imbler Today

BURR SLACK HOME ALSO DESTROYED

Fine Farm Residence Near Summerville Reduced to Ashes by Fire Yesterday.

Two severe fires, one destroying the Lamar Westenskow apple warehouse near Imbler, and the other the Burr Slack home near Summerville, caused heavy loss to the two owners yesterday and today.

The large Westenskow warehouse on the edge of town, was a complete loss, with 6000 boxes of apples and some valuable equipment being ruined. The loss to the building is estimated at around \$10,000 or \$11,000 and the contents, including the total to more than \$20,000. There was \$5000 insurance on the building and some insurance on the apples, but Mr. Westenskow will have a net loss of more than half. His brother, Alvin Westenskow, also had some apples in the warehouse, but most of them belonged to Lamar.

Origin Unknown

The building was of frame construction, 34 by 124 feet. The fire was discovered at 8:30 o'clock this morning by Mr. Collins of Imbler, razing in the west end of the building. A fire had been built in a small stove in the east end of the warehouse, but because of the location of the blaze, it is believed possible that it started from the stove, with the result that Mr. Westenskow has no idea today as to the origin. The flames were still roaring at 10:30 o'clock this morning, with most of the place destroyed at that time. Only a hand cart, was available and it was inadequate to control a fire of that size.

Apples Ready to Ship

In addition to the structure, three cars of apples had been packed for shipment within the next two or three days, cold weather had prevented earlier shipping. About 4000 boxes, about 400 were of fourth grade, with the balance of good commercial quality. Two grading machines, that cost \$500 when purchased, were destroyed, along with several new apple trucks, 6000 extra boxes, several new baskets, besides wrapping paper, etc.

Fire Extent Destroyed

The fire yesterday afternoon completely destroyed the large country home of Mr. and Mrs. Burr Slack, a short distance north of Summerville, and only a small part of the contents were saved. The fire was discovered by Mr. Slack and his hired man who were in the house at the time at about three o'clock. The alarm was sounded in the neighborhood and help was also called from Imbler, townsmen and high school boys hurried to the three miles to give assistance. There was little that

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WEATHER HERE SOME WARMER; MINIMUM AT 12

The weather continued to moderate in La Grande last night and this morning, with cloudy skies early today turning clear and a bright sun beaming down. The minimum temperature last night was the highest for many days at 12 above, and at 7:30 it was 18 above. If the weather continues to be so warm, La Grande may see its first above freezing weather in 20 days today or tomorrow. The weather forecast for tonight is for a temperature "not quite so cold in Eastern Oregon."

An inch of snow fell in La Grande last evening, and the maximum yesterday was 20 above.

The moderation was general throughout the state, according to reports from other sections.

FENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—Fendleton experienced its first 24 hours above zero today. This week when the mercury dropped four above last night. It was 11 above today.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—18 above. Minimum—12 above. Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 20, minimum 4 below. Condition: inch of snow, moisture .98 of inch.

WEATHER JAN. 25, 1929 Maximum 25, minimum 10 above. Condition: three inches of snow, moisture .20 of inch.

Baker Defeats La Grande Team In Final Half

Score at End of Second Period 7 to 8—Tigers go to Wallowa for Game Tonight.

Displaying an almost unstopable offensive in the third period, after being held to eight points in the opening half, the strong, quick-breaking Baker high school team decisively defeated the La Grande Tigers here last night 26 to 9, before a capacity crowd. This game, the first between Baker and La Grande since their track season of last spring, resulted in "S. R. O." signs in the L. D. S. Recreational hall, with most of the standing room immediately taken.

During the first part of the game, due to an extremely effective defense in the third period, after being held to eight points in the opening half, the strong, quick-breaking Baker high school team decisively defeated the La Grande Tigers here last night 26 to 9, before a capacity crowd. This game, the first between Baker and La Grande since their track season of last spring, resulted in "S. R. O." signs in the L. D. S. Recreational hall, with most of the standing room immediately taken.

In the third period, the older Baker boys, found a temporary hole in La Grande's defense and scored nine points while the Tigers made two. The last period was more uneven, with Baker counting nine to La Grande's nothing.

Unexpected Strength La Grande, with a new, developing team, displayed unexpected defensive strength, holding the aggressive, sharp-shooting visitors to only three field goals in the half and to nine in the last two periods. As a matter of fact, only part of the Tiger team was physically strong enough to stand the terrific pace, willing somewhat in the last two periods and it was this that resulted in the Baker victory.

Roe, ordinarily one of the high scorers, had hard luck on his shooting with several arched balls barely falling to slip inside the ring. The Baker men, hurried to distraction by the guarding of Terrence, Roe and Pats, wasted shot after shot through inability to get set.

Joelin Speedy The game was much closer defensively than the score would indicate, with several of Baker's baskets resulting from the remarkable

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Frank Millering Dies En Route To The Dalles

Frank Millering, 41, of La Grande, died last night en route to The Dalles, death being caused by after effect of flu, it is reported. News of the unexpected death was received here today from his brother-in-law, H. A. Scott, of The Dalles.

Mr. Millering, who was born and reared in the Grande Ronde valley, is survived by his widow, and two small children, Darlene and Avery, his mother, Mrs. J. H. Millering, and several brothers and sisters. The body will be returned to La Grande tomorrow, funeral services, with Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary in charge, will be announced later.

Mr. Millering was a carpenter and a deacon and active member of the Christian church. His widow is president of the Greenwood Parent-Teacher association and a member of the board of managers of the La Grande City Council of Parent-Teacher associations.

La Grande Trio Hurt In Wreck Near Baker, Ore.

According to an Associated Press report from Baker, three La Grande youths, Elton Berry, Carl Stoddard, and Kenneth Vaughn were out and brained last night when their light truck overturned on a curve near Baker, Stoddard and Vaughn were the most seriously injured. They are in a hospital today. Their injuries are not dangerous, it is reported.

Union Man Passes On At Pendleton

Funeral services for T. H. Stack, 52, of Union, are being held at Pendleton today. He died yesterday morning in the Sisters hospital at Pendleton.

He is survived by six children, all of whom were present at the funeral. They are Mrs. Anastasia Hansen, of Port Angeles, Wash.; Mrs. Dan Anderson, of Union; W. R. Stack, attorney of San Diego; Mrs. Mary Joe Grobe, of Lebanon, Ore.; Mrs. Rosa May Koenig, of Spokane; and Mrs. F. W. White, of Seattle. Mrs. Anderson's husband is reported to be critically ill at Union.

Pneumonia Fatal To Infant Today

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa C. Harman passed away this morning of pneumonia. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary. Burial will be at the Masonic cemetery.

PROGRAM OF CONFERENCE INSTRUCTIVE

Agricultural Economic Sessions to Begin Here Monday Morning.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC SPECIAL FEATURES

Home Economics Section Different; Deep Tillage in Orchards to be Discussed.

The Agricultural Economic conference, to begin in La Grande Monday morning, offers the best program in its history this year, those in charge declare, stating that the most important subject before the conference is market-making. Cooperative marketing is being developed throughout the United States under the direction of the farm board, not as a relief measure but as an entire new marketing system. Some of the newest states have been obtained to talk respectively on the marketing of wool, dairy products and grain. The "Home-Market Survey" offers farmers and business men an opportunity to compare notes on supplies and demand in the home market and to adjust local production thereby.

Farmers are interested in the subject matter discussion and outlook reports given in the group meetings. Some of the special features this year are outlined by County Agent H. G. Avery in an interview today here:

In the livestock section a very complete program on sheep with a discussion of diseases and a post mortem examination by Dr. J. N. Shaw, of the veterinary department, O. S. C.

In the farm crops section, a discussion of federal grain grades and

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NORMAL SCHOOL DEFEATED 51-24

Completes First Western Oregon Trip With One Win and Two Losses.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Jan. 25 (Special)—Oregon Normal defeated Eastern Oregon Normal in basketball, 51 to 24, here yesterday. The Monmouth hoopers led by about 20 points to 1 all the way through the contest, the work of Holt at

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Neighborhood Club Here Started Three Decades Ago as Sewing Club

Editor's Note—The following very interesting story of the La Grande Neighborhood club represents the first of two articles, the second and last article to appear in the Observer in next Monday's issue.

Who would ever have thought that such an organization as the Neighborhood club would begin in a small sewing club? This humble beginning, over 29 years ago, was revealed when the past president of the Neighborhood club gave an historical program early this week at the La Grande hotel.

Only one of the seven members of this original Neighborhood club is still a member—Mrs. Carrie Steinmetz. The other six were: Mary Cox, Naomi Masterson, Edith Robbins, Jessie Cabana, Anna Brann and Mrs. Robert Smith.

A charter member has this to say: "Mrs. Robert Smith came to Shamp Town, which was now called Perry, from New York, where she had been an enthusiastic member of a chautauqua and a girl's club. She found her new friends were already interested in a club in the early fall of 1894, late August or early September they met and planned. As I remember, Mrs. Robert Smith was our first president. We elected officers every five months as our club year began in September and closed the last of June. We met every second Tuesday just as now.

Club's Scope Expanded "We soon decided sewing and visiting wasn't enough so we became a belt culture club, reading and discussing books. The first three were: "Ships That Pass in the Night," "The Heavenly Twins," which from lack of interest was never completed, and "Que Vadis" of course as we also served refreshments at our meetings, which were held in the homes of members. We gradually became twelve in number.

"The president prepared all programs, appointed leaders and did most of the work. Four of the presidents serving from 1894 to 1898 were: Mrs. Jessie Cabana, Mrs. Naomi Masterson, Mrs. Mary Cox, and Mrs. Clara Lytle. The first yearbook was published in 1897.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IS GRANGE PLAN

Organization will Attempt to Secure Vote on Initiative Measure.

BILL TO PROVIDE FOUR-YEAR TERM

Would Serve as President of Senate and Receive Salary of \$500 Each Year.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—An attempt to initiate a measure providing for a lieutenant governor in Oregon was started today when the Oregon State Grange filed the preliminary data with the secretary of state. A constitutional amendment would be necessary, and the Grange proposes to have this voted on at the election next November.

The lieutenant governor would be elected for four years, as is the governor, except at the election in 1932 he would be elected for only two years. The expiration of his term would coincide with that of the governor at that time.

\$500 Salary Proposed The salary of the lieutenant governor would be \$500 a year and should be become governor he would then receive the regular salary of the office. He would be president of the senate, but would not have a vote except in case of a tie. The senate would elect a pro tempore president to

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Comets Win From Union Team 37 to 20

The independent team, "The Comets," played their first game last night with a Union independent quintet at Union. The score was 37 to 26 in La Grande's favor with Moore high point man with 19. The game was fast and interesting with the score leading at the end of the first half 17 to 22 in Union's favor.

Union's lineup was Martin, G. Fetrick, G. Parent, G. Blocker, G. Horn, G. Saffert, G. Geertzen. La Grande's lineup was Beard, G. Stoddard, G. Moore, G. Baxter, G. and Stevenson, G. substitutes, M. Baxter and C. Baxter. The comets will play the Outcasts at the M. L. A. hall tonight. An interesting game is expected since both teams are about equally matched. Joe Parent was high point man for Union with six points.

M. Stoddard and F. Baxter both suffered sprained ankles in last night's game and will be out of the lineup tonight.

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THE WEST IS IN THE SADDLE!



NEA Washington Bureau

Senator Joseph Grady, of Pennsylvania, recently branded the west as a collection of "backward states," but that was before Senator Grady saw this picture. It proves conclusively that western statesmen in Washington hold their share or more, of the really important senatorial committee chairmanships. "Young Bob" LaFollette, of Idaho, is chairman of the (1); Borah, of Idaho, foreign relations (2); Norris, of Nebraska, judiciary committee (3); Hiram Johnson, of California, commerce (4); Smoot, of Utah, finance (5); Thomas, of Idaho, irrigation and reclamation (6); McNary, of Oregon, agriculture (7); Wesley L. Jones, of Washington, appropriations (8); Gerald P. Nye, of North Dakota, public lands (9), and Frank J. Cannon, of North Dakota, Indian affairs (10). Not a bad record for statesmen from "backward states," is it?

Building Measure Is Reported To Senate Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—The House bill increasing the public buildings program by \$25,000,000 was ordered favorably reported to the senate today by its public buildings committee.

The additional appropriation is to be divided equally between the District of Columbia and projects throughout the nation. The authorization would bring the total public buildings program for the district to \$120,000,000 and for the country at large to \$362,000,000.

The measure is part of the expansion policy advocated by President Hoover.

Outlook Not So Rosy For Weather

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning January 26, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

Far western states: The outlook is for generally unsettled weather with occasional rains or snows. Moderate temperature in California and Nevada and sub-normal temperatures for Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

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Woman Slain But Negro is Captured

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 25 (AP)—An attempted robbery of an Oakland, Tenn., store in which five negroes killed the owner, Miss Lillian Stevens, 56, and wounded her brother today sent police on a man hunt which resulted in the capture of one man, who officers said, confessed to participating in the slaying. The officers said that Joe Boley, the negro, who was arrested and brought here, had named his companions, all Memphis negroes.

Collegians Skate To Classes Today

COVINGTON, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—Oregon State college students skated from class to class here this weekend.

It would be an exceedingly important safeguard in future operations. The new requirement gives a pilot but one alternative in the event he is forced to descend below the 500 foot level. He must land at the nearest field or any other suitable area.

Those who were not equipped with steel runners experienced frequent spills.

MASKED BANDITS Rob Guests Of Jewelry, Cash

SAN FRANCISCO Home Invalued—Police Estimate Loot Secured by Robbers at \$25,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25 (AP)—Two masked robbers forced their way into the Parker avenue home of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell-Smith here shortly before midnight last night, wrested several thousand dollars worth of jewelry and cash from the hosts, and eleven guests and escaped after binding and gagging their victims.

Police estimated the amount of loot at \$25,000 and said the robbers had used linen tape to bind the guests.

Before their departure, one of the robbers, clad in a derby and black topcoat, turned to one of the guests, Mrs. Alice Campbell, of Piedmont, who had just given up a \$15,000 diamond and pearl platinum brooch, and with a sneer, remarked:

"What a cheap outfit. Just a dime a dozen crowd." Robbers Ung Doorbell The robbers rang the Campbell-Smith doorbell during a gay party which included eleven friends of the hosts. A servant answered and was roughly brushed aside by one of the men while the other, the derby clad robber, walked into a drawing room where Mrs. Campbell-Smith was dancing.

"Stick them on everybody," he ordered, "and don't hesitate."

He was joined a moment later by his smaller confederate, who lined the guests up against a wall. While the taller man menaced the crowd, the other searched each victim. Cash and jewelry were dropped into a tablecloth and one-by-one the guests were bound with linen tape which the bandits carried with them.

Women were carried to bedrooms and dropped on the floors. Men guests were ordered to lie down and make no noise. The pair then gathered up their loot, conversing in disparaging terms at the "cheap" haul. The smaller robber appeared nervous, dropping his gun several times.

Robbery Takes an Hour After cutting the telephone wires, the robbers pulled down the window shades and left by the front door. The robbery, police were told, took more than an hour. Men guests were first to work

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Port Courtesy Denied In Bill Senate Adopts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Courtesy of the port usually extended to members of congress upon their return from other countries would be denied hereafter under an amendment to the tariff bill accepted today by the senate.

The amendment was offered by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, and it was adopted without a record vote or debate.

The amendment would provide that "no courtesy of the port, free entry, or special privileges or preferences in examination of merchandise or baggage shall hereafter be extended to any person who enters a country which is subject to payment of customs duties."

It has been the practice of the treasury to extend the "freedom of the port" to returning government officials which permits entry without examination of baggage.

Three Cracksmen Are Frustrated Mrs. Willebrandt Declines to Appear

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—Three cracksmen were frustrated in an attempt to blow a large safe in the office of the Cherry City Milling company here last night when one of them was captured and the other two frightened away after one charge of explosives had failed to crack the strong box. A second charge placed through a hole which had been bored, is still within the safe, the men having been detected in their operations by a Southern Pacific switching crew before it could be exploded.

Stove Explosion Fatal to Woman

HILLSBORO, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—Funeral services were conducted here today for Mrs. Fred Greenbender of East Hillsboro, who died in a hospital here from injuries suffered when a kitchen stove exploded in her home. Freezing of water coils was blamed.

350 Fishermen Are Reported Missing

LISBON, Portugal, Jan. 25 (AP)—Considerable anxiety is felt at Oezemba, the fishing center opposite Lisbon, regarding the fate of 350 fishermen who in twenty trawlers put to sea several weeks ago and have not been heard from since.

It was feared that the fleet of fishing vessels may have been caught in the heavy gales raging in the Atlantic and suffered disaster.

FRANCE AND ITALY STUDY DIFFERENCES

Tardieu and Grandi Meet Today in London to Discuss Parity.

BOTH HOPEFUL OF SOLVING PROBLEM

Sudden Note of Drama Injected Into Naval Limitation Conference by Movement.

By Byron Price (Associated Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Two strong men of the modern school of European nationalism, Premier Tardieu of France, and Foreign Minister Grandi of Italy, met today to discuss differences which have put a sudden note of drama into the naval conference.

Foreign Minister Grandi arrived at the French Premier's suite in the Charlton hotel at 6 o'clock this evening. He was immediately ushered into the premier's study and began discussions which may determine what part Italy will play in the London negotiations.

The French and Italian naval conference delegations in separate private conferences (this forenoon) important collaborative session it which the problem of parity between the two neighbors was to be considered.

Italian circles said they were still hopeful some arrangement might be reached by which France would be given such securities as to make her willing to accept the Italian principle of naval parity with any European continental power. Members of the French delegation also expressed hope a solution of the problem—which comes to overshadow all others of the conference—would be found.

There was, however, no indication either intended to recede from their former adamant positions, in which Italy demanded naval parity with any continental power and France as insistently refused it.

A French spokesman manifested satisfaction that progress had been achieved in the week's negotiations otherwise, particularly with Great Britain in the matter of a compromise system of measuring naval tonnage. France's contention is for limitation global tonnage, whereby each nation would be allotted a total tonnage to do with as it thinks best.

Great Britain favors limitation by categories, that is to say, various ships should be placed in the battleship, cruiser classes and so forth. The French claimed global tonnage limitation is best suited to its needs. The British contend global limitation is artificial limitation. "You fight with guns, not with displacing water," British naval men argue.

The Associated Press was informed authoritatively that the French delegation was greatly impressed with the spirit of good will to reach a genuine naval accord which dominated all the delegations and that they believed this augured well for success.

It was added that France had determined to contribute to the agreement by fixing her naval strength well under her pre-war strength, actual figures to be determined upon a proportional basis

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RANCHER NEAR BEND FROZEN; 44 BELOW ZERO

BEND, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—The first victim of the sub-zero temperature which swept the eastern Oregon country during the past three weeks was reported here today with the finding of the body of John Green, a former employe of a ranch, who was frozen to death.

Green's body was found in the Clover Scale community. It was in a field and officials believe he lost his way in a blizzard with the temperature hovering around 41 degrees below zero.

Mrs. C. W. Frazier, wife of the Harney county sheriff, suffered frozen feet and fingers last week and four other men are in a Burns hospital from effects of being stalled in an automobile in low temperatures. Gordon Burns, Joe Wright, H. E. Gustafson and W. H. Patrick were in the automobile and all suffered frozen feet and fingers.

Efforts were being made today to open the road between Burns and Bend, choked with snow.