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**Winter Brings
Death To Great
Area In Orient**

SHANGHAI, Jan. 13 (AP)—Winter, in this part of the world the harbinger of death and intense suffering, yesterday gripped virtually all of North China, Manchuria, Siberia, Korea and Japan, paralyzed communications, crippled railroads and took an undetermined toll of human life and property.

China, from the Yangtze river northward and from the sea westward, lay under a mantle of ice and snow, while frigid blasts from the north added to the depth of the white blanket with a mixture of snow and sand from the barren steppes of Mongolia.

It was feared thousands had perished from the intense cold in Northern China alone, dispatches describing the finding of scores of frozen bodies in the streets of large cities, but the number of dead probably never will be known.

The fate of Western China, much of which was isolated owing to disrupted communications, is uncertain.

Many cities of North Central and Northeastern China reported below zero weather and at Harbin, Manchuria, the thermometer registered 37 degrees centigrade below zero.

The local weather office described the cold wave as the most severe in China since 1893. Forecasts indicated moderating temperatures in the vicinity of Shanghai at least today.

Most of the huge population of China is poorly equipped to withstand the rigors of an unusually cold winter. This year a deceptive warm spell immediately preceding the present cold wave put North China off its guard. Hence the sub-zero weather caused unusual suffering.

The storm caused Emperor Hirohito of Japan, an enthusiastic biologist, to abandon a sea week collecting expedition off Hayama.

**Mexican Felons
Fear Cataclysm
On Island Prison**

TEPEC, Nayarit, Mexico, Jan. 13 (AP)—In the breasts of hundreds of Mexican felons imprisoned in Las Marias island prison colony today was a desperate fear of a natural cataclysm which will sink their island home into the sea and drown them all.

For three days the islands have been shaken by some powerful subterranean force which has cracked buildings, opened crevasses in the earth, and washed in huge waves from the ocean. Twenty-seven such quakes occurred in one period of three hours, but the heaviest near the water's edge have smoked and emitted rumbling noises.

Some believe, it is said, that a supernatural vengeance is about to be visited upon the penal colonies in retaliation for the imprisonment of Madre Concepcion, who is serving 20 years as "moral author" of the assassination of General Obregon in 1928.

There is general fear that a volcano will open directly under the prisoners' feet, or that one of the nearby small cones will emit a flood of lava which will engulf them; that continuing quakes will reduce the buildings, or that an immense seismic wave will inundate the islands and wipe them bare of human life.

The entire west coast of Nayarit also is alarmed. Here the quakes are ascribed to the volcano Cerro Negro, south of Tepic, which after a century of silence, is rumbling and smoking. Steps may be taken soon to evacuate the mountain side and Jalisco, the village at its foot.

Butter Long Preserved

When cutting turf on a mountain bog on top of Cruickroskey hill, Clonsannagh, Carlow, Ireland, a party of men found two legs of "bog" butter. The staves of the two legs crumbled to pieces on removal, but the butter was in a wonderful state of preservation, although buried for several hundred years.

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ALICEL PERSONALS

By Mrs. Mary B. Kall (Observer Correspondent)

ALICEL, Ore. (Special)—The Alicel school resumed operations on Jan. 5 after a vacation of ten days. All pupils were present with the exception of Irvin, Cleon and Coranora Woodell, who are ill of scarlet fever and are quarantined at their home.

Mrs. U. G. Couch, of La Grande, attended the meeting of the Alicel Ladies' Aid last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Kall and daughter were Sunday guests of Mrs. Kall's sister, Mrs. J. W. Hoatson and family, of Cove.

Miss Mona Miller was absent from school last Tuesday on account of illness.

The 4-H Alicel sewing club met at the school house Friday afternoon with all members present. The girls spent the hour working on table mats and the boys on bachelors sewing, consisting of mending overalls.

R. L. Herdwick was a business visitor in La Grande one day last week.

Mrs. Gertrude Stewart and daughters, Lorena and Minnie, were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Stewart's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullenburg, of Island City.

Mrs. Charles Ditty and daughter, Lucy, were visiting friends at Alicel on Thursday.

Miss Mary Trolor, who is caring for Mrs. Bidwell at Island City, made a business trip to her home here last Monday.

Mrs. H. L. Keller, of Tacoma, Wash., is making an extended visit here with her son, R. A. Keller and family. Mrs. Keller, a former resident here, arrived in the valley Wednesday of last week.

The large bell failed to ring at the school house and on going up to the bellry the school boys found that the clapper had broken. The parts were brought down for repair and the clerk, W. J. Case was responsible for the bell being put back into commission so the Alicel residents will be able to hear the familiar tones of the old bell again.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibson motored to Joseph and Enterprise last week where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart are house guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wright recently visited their daughter, Mrs. Eva Oriener, at the latter's home in Fruitdale.

Miss Alice Marquardt, of La Grande was a recent business visitor in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Porter were visitors at Alicel Friday afternoon.

Milo Stewart recently visited relatives and friends at Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller and three children were Sunday guests

at the home of Mrs. Minnie Miller in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wallinger entertained a group of neighbors last Thursday, the occasion being an old-fashioned butchering.

Miss Lorena Stewart was an overnight guest at the home of Mrs. Hatlie Friswold last Thursday night.

**Amendment To Bill
To Be Introduced**

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13 (AP)—An amendment to the so-called "gasoline cowboy" bill of the 1929 session whereby farmers who occasionally kill hives for the market may be relieved by paying licenses as dealers probably will be offered at this session of the legislature, according to Senator Billingsley of Ontario.

The law was enacted to curb the theft of range cattle by persons using motor trucks to get away with their plunder. Senator Billingsley says it has saved cattle men thousands of dollars. It has worked some hardship on farmers, however, because of a ruling by the attorney general that the farmer who occasionally slaughters an animal is a dealer and must pay a license.

The measure was warmly contested in the 1929 session.

Over Night News

By the Associated Press

Washington—Attack on Brossard delays action on his appointment to tariff commission.

Chicago—Leo Brothers indicted for Lingis murder.

Washington—Raskob denies he is financing the Democratic party.

New York—Illness of seven opera stars and others disrupts Metropolitan Opera program.

Washington—Red Cross begins drive to raise \$10,000,000 for drought relief.

Los Angeles—Daisy Devore, former secretary to Clara Bow, goes on trial, charged with stealing \$16,000 from screen actress.

Washington—Chamber of commerce of the United States opposes government operation of Muscle Shoals.

**NO END FOR UNIVERSE,
SIR OLIVER LODGE SAYS**

LONDON (AP)—Sir Oliver Lodge, famous British scientist, holds that the universe is "winding itself up," instead of radiating away its matter to ultimate universal death.

He takes issue with Sir James Jeans, astronomer, who says the sun is radiating away its weight at the rate of eight billion pounds a second, but that it will be some 15,000 years before the sun is all gone.

"I do not think," Sir Oliver says, "there is an end. I think the material universe will be found to have some manner of winding up again. I believe the material universe is a growing concern which has neither beginning nor end."

Almost Perfectly Flat

NEW YORK (AP)—The flattest known surface in existence are discs of clear quartz, produced by the Thomson research laboratory of the General Electric company for the bureau of standards. They are perfectly flat to within two ten-millionths of an inch.

Explosives for Roads

WASHINGTON (AP)—Consumption of dynamite in work on highways and roads in the United States is estimated at 30,000,000 pounds annually.

HILGARD PERSONALS

By Verna Welmer (Observer Correspondent)

HILGARD, Ore. (Special)—For the last two weeks young people from La Grande and Hilgard have been enjoying the skating on the Grande Ronde river.

Mr. and Mrs. William Keffer had as their guests for the last week, their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Melan, of Grants Pass.

Among the New Year's watch parties was a big house party at the George Wilson home. Dancing was enjoyed until an early hour Tuesday morning.

Joe Young is much improved. Some time ago Mr. Young had the misfortune to hurt his back and for the last two weeks has been suffering from the flu. Although he is up again it will be some time before he can return to his farm work.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Welmer entertained Mr. and Mrs. B. Z. Baxter and two children, Yvonne and Vern, at a New Year's eve supper and watch party.

School was again called to order Monday morning after a two week vacation. All the children reported for study.

S. E. Coffman, of Walla Walla, formerly employed at the Mt. Emily camp, was a Hilgard visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coats returned to their home at the Mt. Emily camp after spending the holidays in Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Staire were La Grande visitors Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Jarrard, of the Mt. Emily camp, have moved to Seneca, where Mr. Jarrard has secured work for the winter.

Rex Hartness underwent an appendicectomy last week. It is reported that he is getting along very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeBoe returned to their home at the Mt. Emily camp Monday afternoon after visiting with friends and relatives in Elgin for the last two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Moore have returned to their home at the Mt. Emily camp after a two week vacation at Enterprise.

Tony Voy, of Bebo, was a business visitor at Hilgard Monday.

COVE PERSONALS

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)

COVE, Ore. (Special)—The regular meeting of the Women's club was postponed Thursday because of the inability of the president, Mrs. Fletcher, and the vice president, Mrs. Hetty, to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fickler, who have been living at Phy's point in the residence of Archie Conley, have moved into Elmer Pulp's house in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Conley have moved into Archie Conley's house at Phy's point.

Mr. and Mrs. Maek Rees, who have been living at Weston since their marriage was announced a few weeks ago, have come back to Cove and are making their home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rees.

James Underwood has been quite seriously ill. Mr. and Mrs. Underwood are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Thomas Hetty. They came from Grand Valley, Colo., and Mr. Underwood contracted a severe cold on the trip which has been going steadily worse. A physician was called recently and his condition is now thought to be better.

Mrs. Amanda Whisler is visiting her husband, Mr. Whisler, at the hospital in The Dalles. Mr. Whisler has been in the hospital there since December but does not seem to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart French, who are staying at North Powder taking care of the French sheep, are at home for a day or two.

The Pun and Joy Bridge club held a ro-ho-stess party at the home of Miss Besse Kelley Friday evening. This was reported to be a very delightful affair with five tables of bridge at play. High scores were won by Mrs. T. R. Conklin and H. H. Orton.

IMBLER PERSONALS

By Leitha Cleaver (Observer Correspondent)

IMBLER, Ore. (Special)—Another dairy meeting was held Tuesday evening, Jan. 6, at the school house. Judging was the topic discussed during the evening. Refreshments were served by W. L. Swearingen at the close of the meeting. The topic for the next meeting next Tuesday evening will be abortion control. H. G. Avery, county agent, and W. E. Thiselwaite will speak.

Mrs. Wilson is visiting for a short time in Union with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Fox.

The Imbler Woman's club will meet next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Irvin Westenkow. Mrs. Charlie Keenan will have charge of the program.

Mrs. E. A. Austin, of above Sumnerville, visited at the C. W. Cleaver home Tuesday.

The first and second volley ball teams of the Imbler Athletic club played at Baker Tuesday evening. The first team was defeated but the second team won three games out of five. Those playing on the first team were: Manager Charlie Keenan, Lyle Wilson, Clive Wilson, Milo Pratt, John Morris, Perry Luman, Albert Rollins and Walter Furman. The second team, Chick Cleaver, manager, Phil Prior, Harvey Crouser, Herb Buey, Bob Keenan, Gene Bloom and Arnold Masters. This starts the volley ball tournament played every year.

Ray Hayes sold a load of hogs to Smith and Kiddle Friday morning. H. A. Watson delivered them at Island City for them.

IMBLER, Ore. (Special)—The Princeton Sewing club met at the home of Mrs. Jim Wieg last Thursday afternoon. As there was not a large attendance just a social afternoon was enjoyed. Refreshments were

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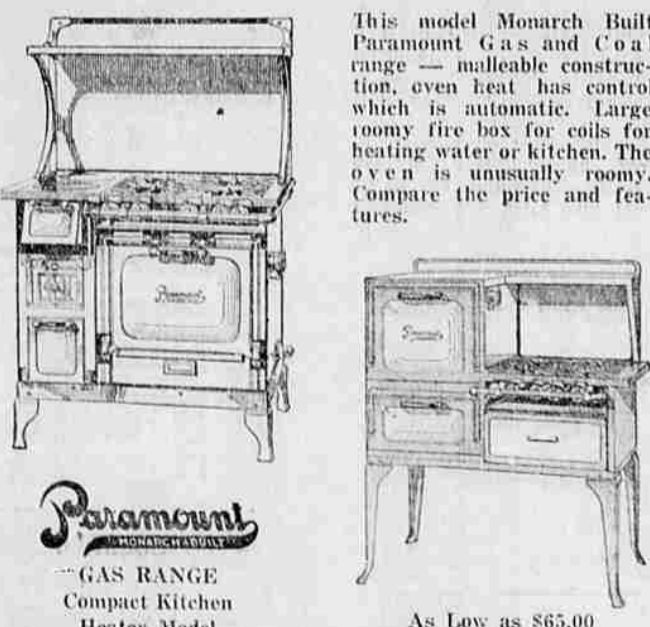
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