

LOCAL FIRE LOSS LOWER

During 1930

More Property at Risk But Fire Department Holds Down Destruction

GRASS, DEFECTIVE FLUES LEAD LIST

One Hundred Two Local And 11 Outside Calls Answered by Trucks During Year.

1931 Jury List Of 327 Names Is Published Today

Circuit Court Veniremen to be Drawn From Group—Only Part of Them to Serve.

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MORE SNOW IN CITY; RECALL '30 COLD WAVE

An additional inch and a half of snow falling last night brought the total here this week to seven and a half inches, although the moisture content of the snow was less than that of the snow which fell on Jan. 21.

To Appoint Judge For Oregon Soon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Senator Frederick W. Steiwer of Oregon announced today that he and Senator Charles McNary will confer soon on a successor to the late Federal Judge Robert S. Bean of Oregon, who died recently.

Mother, Child Escape Flames; Home Destroyed

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

COVE, Ore., Jan. 14 (Special)—A disastrous fire occurred early Tuesday morning when the house of Mrs. Jack Seagraves was destroyed.

Perle Larcum Is Accidental Victim

Perle Larcum, age 56, passed away in Seattle Sunday afternoon following an accident. Mr. Larcum had been living in Seattle for the past eight years and prior to that time was a resident of La Grande and was an interior decorator.

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WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—28 above.
Minimum: 23 above.
Condition: Clear.

Business On Problem In Washington

Indications are That Low Point of Present Situation is Passed.

MACHINES CREATE, FINLAY, STATES

Talk at Rotary Club Given in Reply to Address Last Wednesday by R. J. Green.

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Officers Raid Home on Birch

Still and Liquor Found—William Carlyle Fined \$300 by Judge Denham

Bank Directors Re-elect Officers

A. T. Hill was re-elected as president of the La Grande National bank at a meeting of the board of directors Tuesday afternoon.

Launches President Hoover's Campaign

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (AP)—A letter from Robert H. Lucas, executive director of the Republican National Committee, was received here today.

House Agrees On \$15,000,000 Program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—The house today passed the Leavitt bill authorizing a two-year \$15,000,000 program for constructing national park roads and extending them out to connect with the federal and state highway system.

Fairy Tales Fail To Win Popularity In Children's Library; Shun Romance

"Little Black Sambo" who loved pancakes so well that he ate an enormous number buttered with melted tiger, is one of the most popular books in the children's reading room at the library.

World's Oldest Cowboy Is Dead

CHILDRESS, Tex., Jan. 14 (AP)—Reese Barton, 105-year-old cowboy, died on the Smith ranch north of Childress last night.

INVENTION RESTORES FORTUNE

C. P. Dubbs (left) inventor, whose oil "cracking" process, recently restored to him a fortune of \$8,000,000 of the faded fortune of his husband, famous packer, who died "broke" in 1927. Dubbs received over \$3,000,000 for his share.

La Grande and Portland Labor Make Charges

PORTLAND, Jan. 14 (AP)—Declaring the state highway commission and private contractors are working men through the courts of the state labor council, the La Grande central labor council and the Portland labor council joined forces today to combat what they termed an abuse.

CLARA READY FOR THIRD COURT ACT

Her Public Learns Much of Former Romances at Trial of Miss De Boe.

Motor Vehicle Deaths In 1930 Show Increase

CHICAGO, Jan. 14 (AP)—There were 32,500 motor vehicle deaths in the United States in 1930, the national safety council estimated today.

Runaway Boy, 11, Returns to Home

PORTLAND, Jan. 14 (AP)—Billy Oberstuffer, 11 years old, was back home for breakfast this morning.

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Senate Quarrels While Red Cross Launches Relief

Encouraging Response to Appeal For \$10,000,000 Drouth Aid Fund is Reported.

Eruptions And Quakes Strike La Poma Region

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS COBRES, Argentina, Jan. 14 (AP)—Volcanic eruptions and earthquakes shook Western Argentina in the La Poma region today.

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B. & O. LINE RATE REQUEST NOT GRANTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—The Baltimore and Ohio railroad was denied permission today to make through one-way tourist passenger rates from Washington to the Pacific coast and Rocky mountain territory.

Mechanical Hen At Poultry Show

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (AP)—A mechanical talking hen that discusses the value of nutrition in three languages and lays wooden eggs to prove its theories competed with 5000 fowl at the annual American poultry show today.

Rocket Mistaken For Falling Plane

HOITA, Azores, Jan. 14 (AP)—A British cruiser engaged its gunnery practice off Sao Miguel island, Azores, Sunday night, unwittingly gave rise to a false hope of a cure to the disappearance of the missing bomber.

Overcome By Exhaustion

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 14 (AP)—Overcome by exhaustion and exposure, Ira Wire, for many years a blacksmith here, died yesterday afternoon after a train crew discovered him beside the tracks.

Storm Warnings Up

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14 (AP)—Southeast storm warnings were ordered up at 8 a. m. today at all coast stations north of Cape Blanco on the Southern Oregon coast.

MAY CREATE 2 NEW HOUSE COMMITTEES

Would Handle Public Utilities Measures—Result of Power Issue.

INTANGIBLES TAX QUESTION POPS UP

Kiddle Introduces Bill for Refunding of all Gas Taxes For Fuel Used Off Highways.

SALEM, Jan. 14 (AP)—Governor Meier acting upon the recommendations of Marion county's legislative delegation today nominated Mrs. W. Carlton Smith, widow of the late Representative Smith, to the vacancy in the house from Marion county, and Charles K. Spaulding, lumberman, to the vacancy in the senate caused by the death of Senator Lloyd T. Reynolds.

Provision for the creation of two new house committees to handle public utilities measures and state reappropriations bills, the former being the result of the power issue made prominent in the recent election, are provided by the legislation and rules committee in its report to the legislature today.

Intangibles Question Up

Two house bills, one providing for the refunding of nearly \$400,000 in taxpayers collected under the intangibles tax law, and another amending the 1930 Oregon code to raise the minimum fine for drunken driving to \$500 were introduced in the house. In the senate three measures were filed, chief among which was the bill for the refunding of the line tax for all motor fuel not used on the highways.

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