

HOOVER ASKS SUPPORT OF BOTH PARTIES

Assured of Fast Action on
Business Reconstruction
Program.

SEVERAL BILLS DISCUSSED TODAY

Moratorium Proposal and
Land Bank Capital In-
crease Bill Seem Sure to
Pass.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—President Hoover regards the congressional enactment of the \$500,000,000 "reconstruction corporation" proposed by him as "urgent" in the present railway situation.

Eugene Meyer, governor of the federal reserve board, this afternoon endorsed the proposed \$500,000,000 reconstruction corporation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—President Hoover today sought and to an extent obtained from leaders of both parties in the house an assurance of fast action on his business reconstruction program.

Gathered with him at breakfast, the legislators told the president his moratorium proposal and the \$100,000,000 federal land bank capital increase bill are almost sure to pass the house before the Christmas holidays.

Once back from the recess, the outlook is for congress to move no time before getting into the \$500,000,000 reconstruction corporation and the presidential message. Congressional committees started examination of that proposal today.

No Specific Plea
Representative Snell, the Republican floor leader, said the president

STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN BIG CONCERT

The concert of the all-state high school orchestra, which will play in Portland during the meeting of the Oregon State Teachers association, will be staged from 12:30 to 2 p. m. on Wednesday, Dec. 30. It was learned here today. W. W. Nussbaum, L. H. S. music director, will direct the orchestra in three of four numbers to be played, and Bernard Powell and Robert Long, of La Grande High, will play in the organization.

In addition, KGW will broadcast the first 30 minutes of the concert, it is announced.

Besides the solo numbers, the orchestra will accompany the all-state chorus in four numbers. The following La Grande students will participate in the chorus: Kathryn Wisker, Ella Engel, Eileen Waldford, Doris Williams, Athella Thompson, Bob Ward and Ralph Gehl.

The La Grande musicians will leave here either just before or just after Christmas, so as to be in Portland for rehearsals scheduled for Dec. 29.

Crosswhite, Owens Fail To Escape

Using the main spring of a clock, which they had picked with a razor blade, as a saw, Keith Crosswhite and John Owens, who shot Amos Helms, state police officer, in a gun battle about two months ago, attempted to saw their way out of their cell at the county jail Wednesday night. They were apprehended before the job was completed, and today they are residing behind reinforced doors.

Yesterday Sheriff Jesse Breshears had the door reinforced so that an escape is now practically impossible. Owens and Crosswhite are lodged in a room separate from the other prisoners at the county jail.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Rain in the west and snow in the east tonight and Saturday; heavy snow in Cascade mountains; moderate temperature; southerly gales offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—35 above.
Minimum: 25 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 39, minimum 25 above.
Condition: Cloudy, windy.
Rain 0.7 of an inch. Range—14 degrees.

WEATHER DEC. 18, 1930

Maximum 40, minimum 29 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Traces of snow. Range—11 degrees.

Mystery Drama Staged Here By L. H. S. Juniors

Large Audience at Auditorium Last Night For
Presentation of "Thirteenth Chair."

Chills ran up and down the collective spines of a large audience last night at the opening performance of "The Thirteenth Chair," which was presented by the junior class of the high school at the L. H. S. auditorium. The mystery, which has been puzzling interested La Grander since the cast was selected, was revealed to a part of the city, while many others will attend the second and last performance this evening at 8:15.

Miss Catherine Sartain, dramatic director, has done an able piece of work in directing "The Thirteenth Chair," and to her is due much of the credit for producing a mystery play which is divorced from the gruesome. Weird lighting and sound effects add to the convincing character of the production without throwing it into the realm of cheap melodrama.

"The Thirteenth Chair" was written by Bayard Veiller, and he succeeds in keeping even the most accomplished sleuths in the dark until the final curtain falls.

Barbara Coolidge makes a winsome and beautiful heroine and was exceedingly popular with her audience, and added a romantic element which lightened the intense dramatic force of the mystery. The hero, handsome and strong, who never quailed in the

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Pageant To Be Staged Sunday At Church Here

"The Adoration Pageant," which will be presented by the Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30, pictures the scenes of adoration in the Bethlehem story, with dramatic and spiritual effect, Rev. J. George Walz, pastor, explained today. The pageant will present an appeal for a "white Christmas" and preparation is being carried on by the members of the school, choir and orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Turner Oliver and Miss Margaret Anson.

The program includes:
Overture—By the Sunday school orchestra.
Processional—"Silent Night," Reader—Mrs. Beatrice Younger.
"Little Town of Bethlehem"—Junior choir.

The Madonna is portrayed by Marie Floberg; the shepherds by Leroy Klinghammer, Richard Moore, Billie Smith, Billie Neil, Donald

chords. The Christmas story: Luke 2:1-20; Imogene Schilling.
Song: "As Each Happy Christmas," the beginners' department.
Recitation: "Because I Love Him," by Berdella Ebert.

Pageant: "The Shepherds," Mildred Hoffman, Eugene Hargett, Ernest Stitzinger and Charles Schumann, assisted by the choir.
Hymn: "Good News From Heaven the Angels Brought."
Recitation: "The Christmas Lily," Elizabeth Webber.
Harmonica solo: "Silent Night," Charles Schumann.
Recitation: "The Happy Christmas," Verne Hargett.
The offering and prayer.
Recitation: "I wonder," by Betty Swart.

Pageant: "God Bless This House—Mina Neumann, Robert Tomberg, Yvonne Neumann, Irma Schilling.

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Two Naturalized At Hearing Today

Two persons were naturalized this morning during motion day in circuit court. Judge J. W. Knowles giving the two their final papers. The new citizens are Mary Evelyn Bennett, who came to the United States in 1919 from Canada, and Joseph Luckson, who is a Croatian, living in a land formerly a part of Austria until he came to America in 1912.

Re-elect Perkins As 3-A Director

W. C. Perkins was re-elected director of the A.A.A. for district No. 8, at a meeting of the representatives of Union, Baker, Umatilla and Walla counties held last night at 7:30 at the La Grande hotel. Mr. Perkins, who has served in that capacity since the association was introduced into the Eastern Oregon territory, was elected to hold office for a two-year term.

The election of directors will be confirmed at a general meeting of the association to be held in Portland on Jan. 3.

NEW CONCERN EXPRESSED IN WASHINGTON

Verbal Message is Com-
municated to Japanese
Foreign Office.

MANCHURIAN DRIVE IS BEING PLANNED

Japanese to Launch At-
tack on Alleged Bandits
—One Japanese, 14 Chi-
nese are Slain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—A new expression of concern over the Manchurian situation, in friendly but positive terms, has been communicated to Japan by the American government.

Ambassador Forbes on instructions of Secretary Stimson, has again emphasized to the Japanese foreign office American solicitude that obligations under the nine power and Kellogg-Briand treaties be respected. Readiness to show correspondence on Manchuria to the senate was indicated this afternoon by Stimson. The senate has asked it, but the secretary of state could not withhold any he deemed it incompatible with public interest to produce.

The secretary said a study of all documents was now being made and that he had wished for some time to make public those which it would be possible to publish. He indicated there were some documents he would have to show individual senators in confidence if they asked to see them.

NEW CAMPAIGN PLANNED By James P. Howe

TOKYO, Dec. 18 (AP)—Plans for a new and extensive military campaign

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LINDSAY TELLS JURY OF KILLING

Seattle Man Punctuates
His Story Today With
Violent Sobbing.

SEATTLE, Dec. 18 (AP)—With his testimony punctuated by violent sobbing, Everett Frank Lindsay today told a jury in superior court how he killed his wife in the bedroom of their home in West Seattle on the morning of February 21, 1930. He is charged with first degree murder.

As the prisoner stammered and struggled through his story, women in the audience wept and men sniffled while the jurors looked away from the shaken figure on the witness stand.

Leading up to the day of the killing, Lindsay told of long years of nagging by his wife and their numerous quarrels.

Tells of "Nagging"
He said that on the morning he killed her, he got up, cooked break-

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50-MILE GALE CAUSES MANY TO TAKE FALLS

With the wind blowing a 50-mile gale yesterday, according to the indicator at the airport, many persons were blown down, although no serious injuries have been reported. Students of the Eastern Oregon Normal school and the J. H. Ackerman Training school had difficulty getting down the hill, with a strong wind whipping across the campus.

Several had painful falls, although no one was seriously injured. Agnes Davis, of Bend, a student at the Normal school, was blown down and stunned, and Sally Doherty, of the Ackerman school, was thought to have received a broken arm, but further examination proved it to be only bruised severely.

The grade school children were unable to go home alone and were escorted by Normal school students. Reports are that a window in the Melville building was blown in.

Many Favorable Comments Made By Press on La Grande Band's Ability

By Raymond O. Williams
(Publicity Director)

To be the possessor of something that others would be proud to own has been the good fortune of the city of La Grande for the past 10 years, namely, the La Grande municipal band. This organization has done much to advertise the city. It has been a booster from its first appearance and wherever and whenever needed would appear and do its share in putting things over for the city of La Grande. Just how much the band is appreciated by outside listeners is best shown by the comments of the press. Following are a few excerpts from various papers in cities where the band has made an appearance:

Weather Turns Warmer; Most Of State Gets Rain

Icy Condition of Last Two
Days Relieved—Com-
munication Systems
Normal Again.

After two days and nights of unusual weather conditions, ranging from high winds and sleet to ice storms that left highways in some sections placed and hazardous for travel, normal winter weather had returned to Eastern Oregon today.

Increase in temperature brought to an end the extremely slippery conditions, and at 7 o'clock this morning the mercury in La Grande was at 35 above, the first above-freezing reading at this hour here in many days.

Winds experienced in Eastern Oregon the last few days resulted from gales along the coast, it is believed locally. Rain last night amounted to .07 of an inch.

Communication and transportation systems were returning to normal today. Yesterday the Observer the government airport had no teletype news service after about 11:45 o'clock, but this morning the Associated Press report was received at the Observer office with no difficulty.

WEATHER MODERATING

PORTLAND, Dec. 18 (AP)—Gentle rains and moderate southerly winds forced out the cold in the Pacific northwest last night, melting ice and warming the chilled country and towns of the state.

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Lottes Funeral To Be Held Here Sunday at 2:00

Funeral services for John Lottes, resident of La Grande for the last 45 years, who died Wednesday evening of Bright's disease, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary. It was announced today.

Burial will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

Rev. Edwin Bracher, of the Lutheran church, will officiate at the services.

Mr. Lottes, a resident of 1305 Fourth street, was the father of P. J. Lottes, city commissioner of La Grande. He also leaves his widow, Mrs. Anna Lottes; a brother, Ulrich Lottes, and a grandson, all of La Grande; and one daughter, Mrs. Emma Denny, of Bend, Oregon. Mrs. Denny is expected to arrive here tomorrow morning.

Mr. Lottes was born in Bavaria, Germany on Apr. 30, 1885, and was 68 years, seven months and 16 days of age.

Scout Executive Coming on Dec. 22

W. L. Haywood of Spokane, associate regional executive of the Boy Scouts, will be a visitor in La Grande on Dec. 22, and a meeting has been called at the La Grande hotel at 12 o'clock at which he will be the speaker. All townpeople who are interested in scouting are invited to attend the luncheon.

The Boy Scout troops in La Grande are actively engaged now, and many of them are planning outings for Christmas vacation. A new troop is being organized under the direction of the Willow Parent Teacher association, and the boys expect to be organized to take part in the next court of honor in January.

COMMITTS SUICIDE

PORTLAND, Dec. 18 (AP)—A bullet through his head and a revolver close at hand, the body of an unidentified man was found in a telephone booth at a railroad station here last night. No mark of identification was found on the clothing of the suicide.

AVIATOR IS MISSING

BSASRA, Irak, Dec. 18 (AP)—Fraulein Elli Beinhorn, German woman pilot, was reported missing today somewhere in Irak or Persia. She left Baghdad yesterday and has not been heard from since.

BRAZIL TAXES HOLLYWOOD

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Distributors here of American films predict that many movie houses will be dark if proposed heavy import duties on foreign films are put into effect. The tax would amount to \$300 on each film, not including dices for talkies.

terday afternoon at the Peninsula park under the baton of its director, Andrew Loney. This band is a group of artistic amateurs and they do their work out of love, which makes it all the more delightful to listen to. . . . In spite of the cool, cloudy weather a considerable audience was in attendance, but not large enough for the excellence of the music.

Oregonian (Sept. 24, 1923, commenting on concert played over radio station KGW on evening of Sept. 23):

"Andrew Loney Jr., director of the band, provided an excellent program which encompassed a wide variety of selections. . . . The band, consisting of 25 pieces, played with all the skill and co-ordination for which it is famous. . . . The music went out beautifully and the many

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ALBANY GANG CHIEF SLAIN EARLY TODAY

Jack "Legs" Diamond
Killed Following Acquitt-
tal Celebration.

BLAME GANGSTERS FOR HIS MURDER

Mrs. Diamond and Others
Questioned.—Diamond
Freed of Kidnaping
Charge Last Night.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 18 (AP)—Jack "Legs" Diamond, 36-year-old gangster chief, was mysteriously shot to death in a rooming house here today a few minutes after he had left a party celebrating his acquittal on a charge of kidnaping.

Three bullets were fired into his brain at close range, and apparently as he struggled with his assailants. The body was found sprawled across a bed in a room at 67 Dove street which he had occupied with his wife.

Mrs. Diamond, hysterical, was held by the police. "I didn't do it. I don't know anything about it," she cried repeatedly.

Others Questioned
Two women who operated the rooming house and a taxi driver, presumed to have driven Mrs. Diamond from the party, also were questioned by the officers.

Diamond was acquitted of kidnaping by a Troy jury last night. The celebration began about midnight. Diamond left the revelry between 4 and 5 a. m. and alone drove to the rooming house in a taxicab.

Mrs. Merl Wood, the rooming house keeper, said she heard several shots soon after the taxicab left, and sev-

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FALL SOWINGS ARE REDUCED, U. S. REPORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Fall sowings of winter wheat this year were reported today by the Department of Agriculture to have been 38,982,000 acres, compared with 43,149,000 acres sown a year ago.

Rye sowings total 3,712,000 acres, compared with 3,993,000 acres a year ago.

The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 70.4 per cent of a normal compared with 68.3 per cent a year ago, and the condition of rye was 81.0 per cent, compared with 82.6 per cent a year ago.

The abandonment of winter wheat in 1931 was 5.0 per cent of the acreage sown, in 1930 it was 9.4 per cent and the 1929-30 10-year average was 12.2 per cent.

Seeking Names Of Needy Children

Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay, reporting that the firemen have received names of several persons to whom Christmas toys are to be delivered, also stated that in some cases only addresses had been given, and that sometimes it was difficult to reach the persons because of changes in addresses, etc. He urges that names of the needy families be given as well as addresses.

The toys which the firemen have repaired and repainted are on display in the Masonic room next to Bohnenkamp's.

Wood Pulp Mills Appeal For Help

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—A plea for help for the wood pulp mills of the Pacific northwest was laid before the senate today by Senator Dill, Democrat, Washington.

He read a petition from a producer, asserting the mills were in a serious condition from foreign competition and about to close down.

Aid was asked either through a prohibitory ruling of the tariff commission or an amendment to the tariff law.

Divorce Is Denied Peaches Browning

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP)—Mrs. Frances (Peaches) Browning today was denied a divorce from Edward W. (Daddy) Browning by Supreme Court Justice John L. Walsh.

Girl Jumps Into River; Is Rescued

PORTLAND, Dec. 18 (AP)—Two men heard screams near the seawall here last night and ran to the river's edge. Someone was struggling in the water. They threw a rope and a girl grasped it and was drawn to safety.

IMMACULATE



Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, shown here as he left the White House, is now considered the best dressed man in the senate. His immaculate suits, with gloves to match, and his neatly-trimmed whiskers turned the ballot in his favor.

VALUES CLIMB IN STOCK EXCHANGE

Both Stocks and Bonds
Move Upward—Issues
Gain From \$3 to \$10.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP)—An impressive rise in values beginning in the bond market today, security markets today.

The upturn in the bond market was in response to reports a group of powerful banks were active to stabilize prices. Gains of \$10 to \$20 or more per bond of \$1000 par value were numerous. Railroad obligations made conspicuous headway.

The stock market's advance was the most vigorous in two months. Gains ranged from \$3 to more than \$10 a share.

Banking interests, it was understood, had placed bids under recent market prices for bonds which they sponsored with a view to stemming the wide decline which had been the most disconcerting feature of the security markets this week.

Stocks caught the spirit in the first hour, although the opening had witnessed enough further selling to push some leaders to new lows. By noon share prices were spinning upward with rails to the fore, but the most spirited advance came in the late trading when trapped shorts hurried in their buying orders and the ticker fell in arrears.

In the final dealings United States

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BARNETT AND BLAND FREED BY GOVERNOR

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 18 (AP)—Eugene Barnett and O. C. Bland, who were sent to the penitentiary after the Armistice day riots in Centralia in 1919 in which several American Legion men and others were killed, were among those who received "Christianity" paroles from Governor Roland H. Hartley, it was revealed here today.

MARKS WILL NOT PARDON

SALEM, Dec. 18 (AP)—Governor Willard L. Marks announced today he would not extend any executive clemency during his term in office while Governor Meier is out of the state. The conditional pardons and commutations of sentences announced last night were those issued by Governor Meier before he left for California, not as Christmas pardons, but, it was explained, because of the worthiness of the cases.

Escaped Convict Held at Lakeview

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 18 (AP)—Elmer Cole, escaped convict from McNeil Island, is being held in the county jail at Lakeview, the sheriff there announced last night, to answer to charges of counterfeiting and auto theft. Cole was arrested Monday night but department of justice operators requested the capture be kept secret in the hope two accomplices would be taken.

Officers declare Cole and two other men operated a counterfeiting ring, raising \$5 bills to \$10, and that they systematically stole automobiles, forged certificates of title and traded the cars for older ones and cash.

W. H. HURLBURT DIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18 (AP)—William H. Hurlburt, 86, actively connected with railroads and transfer business for sixty years or more, died at his hotel room here last night. He had been ill several weeks.

Hurlburt was born March 11, 1845, in Roxbury, Conn. He entered the railroad business with the Burlington at Omaha and later went to the Erie railroad. We went to San Francisco in 1864 and late 60's as western general passenger agent for the Union Pacific and in 1880 he came to Portland as general passenger agent for the old Oregon Railway and Navigation company.

Wealthy Woman Is Released By Kidnaping Gang

Mrs. Nelly Donnelly and
Her Negro Chauffeur
Held Prisoners in
"Filthy" Rendezvous.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18 (AP)—Nervous but unharmed after almost 36 hours in the "filthy" rendezvous of three kidnapers, Mrs. Nelly Donnelly, wealthy founder of a Kansas City garment company, and George Blair, her negro chauffeur, were freed by their captors early today.

They were released from a motor car near the Kansas avenue bridge on the Kansas side of the city and soon were back at the Donnelly home. Their return marked the end of a period of anxious waiting by Paul Donnelly, Mrs. Donnelly's husband, and his attorneys who were at a loss as to how to get in touch with the abductors for the delivery of \$75,000 in ransom, demanded under a threat of death to Blair and blindness for the woman.

No Money Paid
L. M. Stogdref, chief of police, said he was certain no money had been paid the men. Police squad cars and deputy sheriffs set out at once in a renewed search for the kidnapers.

James A. Reed, neighbor and counsel for Paul Donnelly, said no ransom had been paid for the release of Mrs. Nelly Donnelly.

"We did not arrange the matter. It happened. That is all."

Mrs. Donnelly said she and Blair were taken from the rendezvous about 30 minutes before they were put out of a motor car. She quoted one of the men as saying:

"Another car will be along soon to put you up in a little bit."

In the meantime Chief Selgried

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Culbertson And Lightner Take Impressive Lead

By Tom O'Neill
NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP)—The greatest swing of any session of the contract bridge world series left Ely Culbertson and his new partner—Theodore A. Lightner—a scintillating star of his system—4905 points ahead of Sidney S. Lenz and Oswald Jacoby today.

In the eighth session the Culbertson side won five of six rubbers and gained 4555 for its greatest lead in points. If a ruber went into the lead in rubbers won for the first time, having taken 28 compared with 26 for the representatives of the "official" system.

Lightner is substituting for Mrs. Culbertson so that she can prepare for Christmas. He will be Culbertson's partner again tonight and at the sessions next week—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights and Saturday afternoon.

Technique Admired
He had a good run of cards and usually made the most of them. His technique, especially in play, aroused the open admiration of his opponents. Lenz and Jacoby suffered damaging sets. They went down 15 times, once on a grand slam effort doubled and once on a bid of one doubled on which they lost 1,000 points alone. The 1,000 point loss was due to a

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McFadden Is Not Invited by Hoover

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—The White House today took its first formal notice of the attack upon President Hoover by Representative McFadden, Republican, Pennsylvania.

Democratic and Republican leaders in the house, particularly those on the ways and means and banking committees, were invited to a White House breakfast, but McFadden's name was omitted. He is the ranking Republican on the banking committee.

Walter Newton, one of the president's secretaries, in announcing the list of guests said, "one name was passed over for obvious reasons and by unanimous consent."

Injuries Fatal To Aged Portlander

PORTLAND, Dec. 18 (AP)—Henry Pricker, 75, died here today from injuries suffered last night when he was struck by an automobile while crossing a street. He was the seventh traffic death since Dec. 1. The car was driven by William Fuglistaller who said he did not see Pricker until his car was upon him.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (AP)—Enlarged export demand for wheat from North America had a stimulating effect on grain values today, with wheat rising briskly more than 3 cents. It was estimated that upward of 1,500,000 bushels of wheat had been taken today for shipment overseas, mainly Canadian wheat. Price gains in wheat were in the face of considerable selling of May contracts here against purchases at Winnipeg.

Wheat closed unsettled 1 3/4 to 2 3/4 above yesterday's finish, corn 1/4 to 1 1/2 cent up, oats at a shade to 3/4 cent advance, and provisions a shade to 10 cents off.

PORTLAND, Dec. 18 (AP)—Advance of 1c was forced for May wheat during today's session of the Portland grain exchange. There were sales of 7000 bu. all in this delivery, December and July were unchanged. On the merchants exchange cash wheat was stationary. There is practically no country business.

U. S. BANKS IN GOOD SHAPE, LAMONT SAYS

European Loans Mostly
H