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KIDDIES ARE ALL SET FOR SANTA CLAUS

Organizations and Individuals Making Last-Minute Preparations

WARM CHRISTMAS DAY IS INDICATED

Elks Christmas Party to Begin at 10:45 Tomorrow - Firemen Distrib- port truck. ute 600 Gifts.

CHURCH PROGRAMS

Further details of church programs for Christmas and programs for Christmas and next Sunday appear in this issue of the Observer in the weekly church news, which was printed today instead of Friday, the usual day for publication of the column. The church news is on page No. 6.

As the Observer goes to press this afternoon, all of La Grande and Union and Wallowa county residents are completing their preparations, for observance of Christmas day, Lastminute shopping is under way, with the stores here to remain open until 8.30 o'clock tonieth.

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Carols will be sung earlier this country ploneers early this morning when James Moss passed away. His churches of the city which have not held programs already are preparing for the final Christmas observance, and the city firemen are completing distribution of more than 800 toys and dolls to at many needy children in the community. Fire Chief C. T. Linday said this morning that indications were that a gift would reach every needy child in the La Grande area.

In the hundreds of homes in the county cager-eyed children were body today.

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CLYDE KNOUF, HURT TUESDAY, ISIMPROVING

Clyde Knouf, elderly Spokane man who was critically injured here Tuesday evening when he was hit by a truck driven by K. G. Bentley, of Freewater, was reported to show a definite improvement this morning. He has been unconscious since the preddent, but his physician this Clyde Knouf, elderly Spokane mar needent, but his physician this morning stated that Mr. Knouf, was morning stated that Mr. Knour, was showing returning consciousness. Because of the seriousness of his injuries, it has been impossible to either set his broken leg or take X-ray pictures to determine whether his akuil was fractured. This may be delayed for several days, depend-ing upon Mr. Knout's condition.

however, except for special delivery matter. Mail will not be boxed or delivered on Friday Postmaster R. R. Huron stated today.

Christmas day is one of the few ledder words weeken div.

RENO. Nev., Dec. 24 (F)—Dr. belders weeken div. Incoming mail will not be worked.

holidays postal workers receive during the year.

WEATHER PORECAST

Oregon: Cloudy and light rains tonight and Priday in the east and occasional rains in the west portion tonight and Friday; snow in the Cas-cade mountains; moderate temperatures; strong south and southwest winds and gales offshore.

WEATHER TODAY 7 a. m.—39 above. Minimum: 32 above. Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER VESTERDAY

above.
Condition: Cloudy, precipitation .03 of inch, Range— 12 degrees.

WEATHER DEC. 24, 1930

above.
Condition: Partly cloudy,
high winds. Range—23 degrees.

City Will Buy New Fire Truck Early in Month

500-Gallon Booster Pump er Authorized at Meet-ing of Commission Held Last Night.

The city commission at its weekly executive meeting has night authorized the city recorder-treasurer to advertise for bids to be received on a 500-gailon booster pumper truck, to augment the fire fighting equipment. Bids probably will be received Jan. 6, although the date for consideration has not been decided definitely.

Such a truck, it is said, would cost between \$5000 and \$7000. It would provide the city with a smaller pumper than the present Stutz, and in addition, the present La Prance may be kept in commission to be used in emergencies largely as a hose transport truck.

The commission also authorized the

The commission also authorized the calling in of outstanding warrants for August, amounting to approximately \$4500.

City Manager Angus McAllister reported that a break developed in the Beaver creek pipe line the night of Dec. 22 and that Supt. Horace Knapp left varieties were reported to lead the Dec. 22 and that Supt. Horace Knapp left yesterday morning to locate the break. In the meantime, the city pumping plant is providing sufficient, water for local tise. Cash on hand at the end of the week follows: La Grande National bank \$24,402.53, United States Na-tional bank \$881.56 and cash \$888.56

tional bank \$9818.95 and cash \$589.59. making a total of \$34.811.07.

James Moss Is Called Beyond; **Funeral Sunday**

The eraser of death struck off an-

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To Beat Imbler; Score 27 to 22

The La Grance Tigers, although they defeated Imbler High at Imbler they dereated imoter High at imber last night 27 to 22, found much more opposition than they anticipated. This was the last of the regularly scheduled games on the 1931 schedule, although Coach Ira Woodle says that another game or two may be arranged for before school reopens on Jan 4

The post office employes will have nearly a complete holiday tomorrow. Christmas day, although mail will be dispatched from La Grande as usual. Incoming mail well and lackson to the total.

Stoddard led the La Grande scorers (Continued to the contributed four to add to the total).

Of Murder Charge

RENO, Nev., Dec. 24 (#)-Dr. Carl Pierre Andre, young West Virginia dentist, was acquitted of the murder dentist, was acquitted of the murder of his former flancee, Mrs. Martha Hutchinson, also of West Virginia, early today by a jury which deliberated one hour and 13 minutes.

The verdict was reached after several ballots which were principally on whether Dr. Andre was guilty the contract of the contract

on whether Dr. Anata of involuntary manslaughter. The decision was greeted by cheers from

spectators.

Saying "this is the best Christ-mas present I ever had," Dr. Andre immediately wired news of his acquittal to his mother who is ill infibed at Pairmont, W. Va.

LEADERS HIT AT CRITICISM

its Position on Tax Increase Plan.

TAXES ON SMALL INCOMES DEFENDED

Bring About Need For More Revenue.

Position Clarified
The treasury statement also was intended to clarify the administra-

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LONEY'S EFFORTS VERY VALUABLE

Director Largely Respon-sible For High Rank Local Band Has Achieved

By Raymond O. Williams

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(Publicity Director)
The success of the La Grande band has in a large sense been due to the untiring efforts of the director, who might have been living classwhere if it had not been for the advice of doctors to seek a residence in a higher climate. Andrew Loney Jr., came to La Grande in the year 1916. Mr. Loney had been living in Portland prior to that time where he had followed music professionally, playing in concert bands and orchestras, theatie orchestras and teaching music.

After coming to La Grande he im-

WAIL CHECKS
OF ASSOCIATION
TO 31 MEMBERS
OF ASSOCIATION
A branch of the Grand Ronds
Co-operative Creamery association is able to the West of the West

the Grands Ronds association and Charles A. Ramm is secretary-treasure.

FADE-OUT OF YOUNG PLAN IS EXPECTED

Administration Clarifies Advisory Committee Report on German Situation is Published.

BANKERS STUDY DOCUMENT TODAY

Shrinkage in Individual Committee Upholds Ger-And Corporate Incomes many's Contention She Cannot Pay After Hoover Moratorium.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (4)—The administration struck back today at criticisms that its tax increase plan mainly affects individuals with small means.

The treasury said persons with incomes of \$5000 and less would contribute only \$27,000,000 of the proposed increase of \$222,000,000 which would come from the added income tax. It was estimated persons with incomes of \$10,000 and more would contribute oils2,000,000 additional.

The administration believes it is cut of the question to obtain from taxation of larger incomes anything approaching the total amount of additional revenue needed. The number of incomes of \$100,000 and over fell from 18,000 in 1930, and the tax on such incomes dropped from \$100,000 to less than \$240,000,000.

Position Clarified

The treasury slatement also was a formulation and intimated adjustments might be made if a study of the full text indicated Germany can.

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1600 CHILDREN GET GIFTS AT CAPITAL EVENT

By Bess Furman

New Snow for Christmas Unlikely; Weather Warm Here; Gale Hits Coast

White House Tots
Play Santa Claus

Washington, Dec 24 P-Pegy
Ann and Peter Hoover, White House
grandchildren, took their own turn today at playing Santa Claus to attaches of the executive mansion.

The children distributed tail potted possible price in the sky had cleared and a bright sain was shining.

Little Peter's Tace bore a look of objects plants through the vashing to object a plants was deposited in the great room.

Weather Warm Here; Gale Hits Coast maximum would be in the neighborhood of 50 above.

San Francisco Dec, 24 (P)—A large lashed the Pacific coast before the intersection-all charity football game Saturday with Georgia Tech.

Coach Bill Ingram's squad stopped in New Orleans yesterday for a bour of the story gale lashed the Pacific coast before attitudes of the far-western states, and show and the coldest temperature during last riight was 32 above. This sorting at 7 the mercury was up to 39 above with the weather partly was up to 39 above with the weather partly was up to 39 above with the weather partly to 39 above with the weather partly

Thristmas The spirit of HE three Kings brought their gifts to Christ

One day in Bethlehem, Though he whose star had been their guide Could make no gifts to them. They asked for nothing in return-Wise men have always known He is more blest who does not seek

So we today must bring our gifts Where empty stockings hang, If we would keep our faith in words An angel chorus sang.

A doll and horn and spinning top, Small toys a child-heart sought, May be as shining as the gold The ancient Magi brought.

A favor of his own.



Expect Changes In The Chinese

ity Bess Furman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (P)—With
two Mrs. Herbert Hoovers as stars
and the whole marine band in the
orchestra pit, today's Christmas
party for the poor in a Washington
theatre had a spirit and swing that
warmed the heart.

It sent 1600 little boys and girls
homeward with smiles, and with
large bags of girls in their arms.
Homer Dodeheaver, the man with
the big voice that used to fill Billy
Sunday's great tabernacles, set the
whole theatre-full of children to
singing.

Mrs. Hoover, a gracious Christmas
lady in green suit with volvet lapels
and cuffs, green velvet int with
glittery buckle in front, took her
place in the first box.

With her was pretty Mrs. Herbert
Hoover Jr., in a suit of tweed with
large brown checks, brown fox fur,
and close-fitting brown hat.

Up came the long line of children
as eager for Mrs. Hoover's smile as
for their packages—and she gave
them both.

Dr. Lewa Wilkes,
Cecil Ager to Wed

In Atlanta Today

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24 (# Cali-Atlanta today for their final prac-

STONE KNOWS NOTHING OF

FORTLAND. Dec. 24 69—Detectives revealed today that additional suspicion has been directed at Verili H. Rasp and R. H. Williamson, beld in Jall at Coquille hi connection with several postoffice robberles. Police here said they will question the two about a number of safe robberles here. Rasp and Williamson will be brought to Portland soon by postoffice officials.

Rasp. 25, and Williamson, 34, were arrested in connection with the rob-

arrested in connection with the rob-bery of the Lebam, Wash., postoffice last August.

NO SERIAL INSTALLMENT IN OBSERVER TODAY

Because of lack of space it Decame of lack of space it was necessary to leave out today's installment of the serial story. "Sunset Paus." Today's installment will appear in Saturday's paper, as no paper will be issued to-morrow, Christmas day.

Post Office In Seattle Robbed Of Large Sum

\$28,253 Taken By Lone Holdup Man — Drug Store Proprietor Kills Bandit Last Night.

SEATTLE, Dec. 24 (F) — Holdups here last night gave a \$28,353 before-Christmas baul to a man who worked calmly in the cashier's office of the

Future of War
Debts Due U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (P)—Doubt lanketed today the whole future of he war debts due the United States toom her former allies, but probability of stiff downward revision became emphatic.

Expresses Apprehension 'Amhasaador Porbes called upon Premier Inukal in mid-afternoon, He was understood to have a expressed Washington's apprehension and to have declared a rousing of American public opinion might follow a new Sino-Japanese clash.

It was the first expression of Washington's aftitude to the new government. The ambasador's last conference regarding Chinchow was with blanketed today the whole future of the war debts due the United States from her former allies, but prob-ability of stiff downward revision became emphatic

GERMAN PLANS Asks Exclusion Of

patrol boats searched heaving seas off Cape Flattery for her, the tig Roosevelt escaped the fury of the storm and reached shelter in Neah bay safely today. Nothing had been heard from her since she messaged "For God's sake hurry" last night. Neah bay coast guardsmen messaged that the Roosevelt. Admiral Robert E. Perry's north pole discovery ship with 11 Seattle men abourd, came into the shelter at 4:20 a. m.

Chinese Bandits

FOOCHOW, China, Dec. 24 (37)—
Harriet Haiverstadt, of Wellington,
Kana, a missionary stationed 50 miles
south of here, was captured by bandits late today enroute to Foochow
Miss Haiverstadt and ten Chinese
were proceeding aboard a launch in
the canal when Guerrillas fired on
the beat. The brigands went aboard
and her companions into the nearby
hills.

The American consul demanded
that Chinese officials here undertake
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her release and a launch bearing
soldiers was dispatched to the scene
of the kidnaping tonight.

German sales of commodities to Russia
sale were construed as bullish because
indicating British millers' unwillingmess to use fow-grade Russian supplies.

Wheat closed firm, ½ a ½c up,
oats at a shade to ½c advance, and
provisions unchanged to 7c higher.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24 (37)—The price
of ally wheat was forced down 2c but
here without the sale of more than
1000 bu. This was the total transaction for the day. Final price was unchanged for December and May.
Cash wheat was unchanged; in fact
1 to 2c above quotations is being offered.

U. S., BRITAIN

Three Powers Express Apprehension at Activi-

christmas haul to a man who worked calmly in the cashier's office of the main Seattle postoffice, but brought death to another who was shot by a drug store proprietor.

In still another, in the downtown district, five men trussed up employes, and customers to the number of 10 in 'clothing store, tyling them with necktles, and escaping with about \$500.

The postoffice robbery was staged by a man who was apparently familiar with the building and office procedure, his victims and. He imprisoned three employes in an iron-barred cage, while dozens of patrons busy with their Christmas mailing were only a few feet away, the other side of the partition.

The shooting occurred at a drug store owned by Elmer J. Knauss, whose wife was ordered away from the cash register shortly before 11 o'clock by two men who entered, with their hands in their pockets, apparently with guns ready for use.

Robber Slain

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Doubt Blankets

Firsture of War

Lary operations in the Chinenow to take the superingent was understood to have been conveyed to Premier Inukai this afternoon by W. Cameron Forbes, American ambassador. At the same time the Rengo news agency said warning notes were received from Great Britain and France and that the text of these is to be published soon, with the Japanese reply.

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VOLCANO BURSTS

INTO ERUPTION

Kilauea Comes Into Activity in Hawaiian Islands Following Tremot'

HILO, Hawaii, Dec. 24 (P)—A huge column of law flowing into Halemaumau crater, Kilauea, in a new activity of law flowing into Halemaumau crater, Kilauea, in a new activity of law flowing into Halemaumau crater, Kilauea, in a new activity of law flowing into Halemaumau crater, Kilauea, in a new activity of law flowing into Halemaumau crater, Kilauea, in a new activity of law flowing into Halemaumau crater, Kilauea, in a new activity of law flowing into Halemaumau crater, Kilauea, in a new activity will not be paid at the moratorium's expiration.

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The congressional declaration, incorporated in the moratorium reso(Continued on Page Eight)*

Asks Exclusion Of
Russian Products

In district court the Lessards were convicted on a charge of killing a way of a harpoon and spear, and were fined \$200 each. They appealed and Circuit Judge Hall S. Lausk directed a verdict of acquittal, holding that the Oregon statute prohibiting the killing of fish except by rod and line is not applicable to whales.

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