

Sharp-Shooting Chicago Cops Kill Three Gangsters

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SILVER MOVE AIDS STOCKS, GRAIN

Columbia Gorge Is Blocked By Slides, High Water

LAST NIGHT TIES RECORD FOR WARMTH

Minimum of 48 in La Grande Equals All-time December Mark

MORE STORMS EN ROUTE TO COAST

Willamette and Columbia Rivers Rising Rapidly — Trains, Automobiles Held Up.

COLUMBIA GORGE BLOCKED
All traffic on the Upper Columbia River highway was blocked by a heavy slide near Dotson, 4 1/2 miles east of Multnomah Falls, the state highway department announced today. Train traffic, held up by slides near The Dalles, was restored at noon. The Keegreen highway was open, but travel was extremely hazardous. Motorists were warned against unnecessary use of highways. Warren creek, near The Dalles, was over both highway and railroad this morning. Some Western Oregon highways have been closed by the state department. Southern and Eastern Oregon roads were in good shape.

Last night in La Grande was one of the three warmest December nights in local weather history — which dates back to 1886. The mercury went no lower than 48 above. Nearly eight years ago to a day, the same mark was made—Dec. 23, 1925, and on Dec. 18, 1917, the minimum was 48 above.

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The Story of Christmas



We, too, even as the shepherds who tended their flocks by night and the Three Wise Men journeying out of the east, pay homage to our Saviour, giving thanks on Christmas Day for his birth.

Last CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DAY

TODAY REALLY BEGINS THE WINTER SEASON

Today, folks, if you could depend on the calendar to give you the right dope on the weather, would be the time to put on the galoshes, the top coat, the heavy muffler and the cap with ear muffs. For today is the first day of winter, and from now on, you can look forward to the arrival of spring—and backward on a marvelous fall.

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 21 — California had a new ruling this morning on the sale of liquor in hotels. The latest one is you buy it in the lobby of the hotel at the news stand, then take it in the dining room and drink it. "Give me a quart of gin, the Morning Times, a pint of French vermouth and American Mercury, some Angostura Bitters, Physical Culture magazine and a box of Baer's aspirin."

See where they captured an American spy in France. He must have been working on his own, for we already know all we want to know about 'em. Yours,

Will Rogers

SCHOOLS CLOSE UNTIL JANUARY 2 IN LA GRANDE

A week's vacation with the excitement of Christmas only two days away marked today as one of the outstanding ones of the year for the school kids of La Grande. School closed this afternoon, classes to be resumed on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

LARGE BULL ELK KILLED BY BOY

A large bull elk made a serious mistake in judgment the other day when he wandered away from the rest of the herd at the head of the lake and came down to the foot. Several boys who were out hunting with 22 rifles saw the animal and one of them couldn't resist the urge to take a shot at him, according to the Joseph Herald.

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COMMUNITY WILL SING AT HOTEL

The program for community singing of Christmas carols in the lobby of the La Grande hotel from 4:30 to 5:30 p. m. Sunday afternoon, was announced today. The public is invited.

DISTRIBUTION OF TOYS WILL BEGIN DEC. 23

Distribution of toys to needy children of La Grande by the Lions club and the La Grande fire department will begin tomorrow morning with three trucks in action. It was announced today. Toys are available for about 300 children and it is expected all will be delivered during the week-end.

ber and December. In fact, it has been more like spring than either fall or winter.

Now for a few statistics. If there were no clouds in the sky today, it would be approximately eight hours and 40 minutes in length, and night time would be 15 hours and 20 minutes in length. And here's a peculiar fact. Although the days now begin to get longer, the mornings will continue to get shorter for two more weeks! All the lengthening of the day during the next fortnight will be in longer afternoon periods. Anyway, you can say "this winter" now without any possible fear of contradiction.

CHURCHES OF CITY OBSERVE THE YULETIDE

Programs for the Week-end Are Announced in La Grande Today.

CANTATAS TO BE SUNG BY CHOIRS

Christmas Programs for Sunday Schools Are Scheduled By Most Houses of Worship.

The Christmas season will be a joyous one in the churches of La Grande, with all of them planning observances of one kind or another—ranging from jolly Christmas tree parties for the Sunday school children, to elaborate musical programs.

Programs will be held on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Christmas day, although no one church will have services all four days. Included in the church programs for the Yuletide weekend are the following: St. Peter's Church (Episcopal) Sunday services: holy communion at 8 and church school at 9:45 a. m., morning prayer with sermon at 11, musical program—prelude "Festal Prelude" by Becker; offertory selected; postlude "March Religioso" by Adams. The Young People's Fellowship will meet at 6:30.

Young married people are urged to stay after the morning service to dec-

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Imbler Cagers Subdue Tigers Thursday 16-10

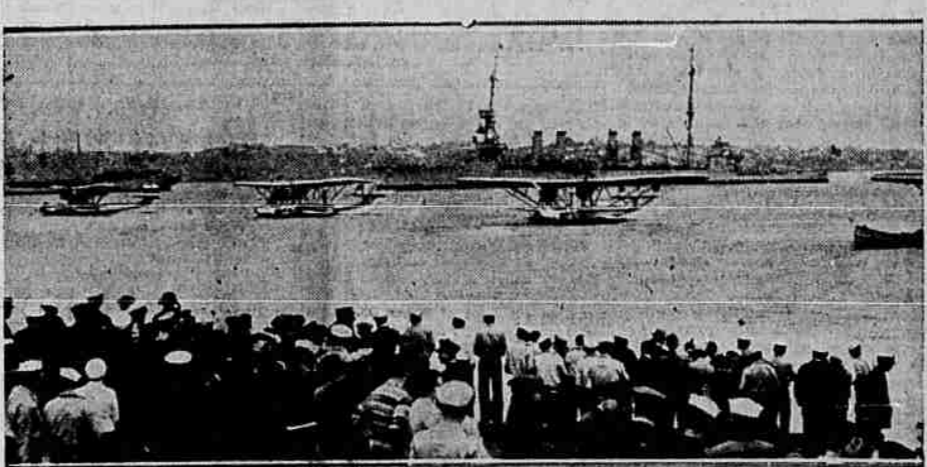
Imbler High school's basketball team, checking closely and playing the entire game without a substitution, defeated the La Grande Tigers at Imbler last night 16 to 10.

The La Grander, after a good showing here against Union last week, had a distinct form reversal, and against Coach Jimmy King's hard fighting team, could score but three field goals. The other four points came via the free throw route.

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PLANES TUNING UP FOR MASS FLIGHT TO HAWAII



Six 10-P navy seaplanes are receiving overhauls at San Diego preparatory to participating in a mass non-stop flight from San Francisco to Hawaii—a distance of approximately 2400 miles. Here are three of the six planes in the harbor at San Diego, following their 3000-mile one-stop flight from Panama. The Hawaiian flight is scheduled for January.

MAX R. SARVIS OPENS NEW FOOD STORE SATURDAY

Max R. Sarvis' new I. G. A. store, the first to be established in Union or Wallowa counties, will be opened for business tomorrow morning in the Stewart building, across the street from Fulk's La Grande store.

The proprietor of the store, Mr. Sarvis, states that it will be a self-service cash store with delivery service. The store is affiliated with the Inde-

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NO OBSERVER MONDAY

In order that the Observer staff may enjoy Christmas day the same as other organizations of the city, no newspaper will be published Monday. The entire city will observe the day as a complete holiday, with a few exceptions—places that cannot remain closed because of the demands of their line of business.

The next Observer appearing after tomorrow's issue will be Tuesday afternoon.

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Tiny Baby Born To Couple In Hoquiam, Wash.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 22 (AP) — Mr. and Mrs. Veon Gregg are the proud parents of a "doll baby," Doctor J. P. MacDonald says the baby, born Dec. 2, weighed only one pound, 10 ounces at birth, but now weighs one pound and 15 ounces. Gregg is a former famed big league and Coast league south-paw pitcher. Dr. MacDonald has every hope the tiny tot will live. The Greggs also have a son, a year and a half old.

DRIVER MUST AID STRICKEN FAMILY

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP) — In one of the most startling pronouncements in Oregon courts in recent years, Circuit Judge James T. Brand today invoked a section of the criminal law reform act to provide \$20 a month for five years for the family whose husband, and father was killed by an automobile.

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SENSATIONAL RAID FATAL TO 3 BANDITS

Officers in Chicago Believe Slaying Solves Big Robbery and Murder of Policemen.

ACCUSE FORD OF CODE VIOLATIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has filed with the NRA a report on the strike at Henry Ford's Edgewater, New Jersey, plant, accompanied by affidavits alleging code violations by the automobile manufacturer.

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LEADVILLE WILD WITH JOY TODAY

LEADVILLE, Colo., Dec. 22 (AP) — Wild with joy over President Roosevelt's silver purchasing plan, this Colorado silver mining camp was the scene of a riotous all-night celebration that continued today.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 5 1/2 cents bulk, a gain of three cents over yesterday's figure, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 69 cents.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

COAST BUSINESS GAINS
FARM LEADERS ASK HELP
STATE LOSES MONEY
PROTESTS C. W. A. WAGES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22 (AP) — The first monthly advance since last July in general business activity on the Pacific coast was recorded during November by the Index of Western Business, published by the Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co. The index stood at 85.3 per cent of the 1923-1925 average. This was 5.5 points above that of a year ago.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Farm leaders meeting today with Secretary Wallace considered asking congress for a \$200,000,000 fund to finance production control for the dairy and beef cattle industries.

SALEM, Dec. 22 (AP) — The state of Oregon has lost \$1,537.70 in interest to date in its transactions with the Salem linen mills, Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, announced today. Holman stated the state in assisting the manufacturing firm, charged no interest on loans nor on overdue accounts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Hugh S. Johnson protested to the civil works administration today against its paying higher wages than are being given by many industries under codes. "It is an absurd situation," he asserted at a press conference. "but it is up to the CWA. All I can do is call their attention to the inconsistency."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Investigation was given today in authoritative quarters that should Spain make a formal request the United States intervene in Cuba, President Roosevelt would refuse.

BUSINESS IN ALL DIVISIONS SHOWS FAVORABLE SIGNS

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP) — Dun & Bradstreet says in its weekly trade review that business in all divisions appears to be reacting favorably to the stimulus of the national recovery program and that a Christmas trade of nearly record proportions is indicated.

The review says unfavorable signs have all but disappeared under the "convincing attestation of recovery" found on every side including "an imposing array of dividend resump-tions and increases and signs of revival in the capital goods industries."

Committee Votes For \$2 a Gallon Tax On Spirits

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — The house ways and means committee today approved tentatively a liquor tax bill estimated to bring in \$470,000,000 including revenue from beer.

Insult Held Guilty Of Collusion Act

CHICAGO, Dec. 22 (AP) — Federal Judge Evan A. Evans ruled today Samuel Insull Sr. was guilty of collusion in bringing about the receivership of his two billion dollar group of public utility holding and finance companies.

PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION IS WELCOMED

Expansion of Roosevelt's Monetary Plans to Lift Prices.

FORMALLY RATIFIES SILVER AGREEMENT

Opens Federal Mints to Newly-Mined Silver—Means Millions to Mining Interests.

By The Associated Press
Developments in silver today caused a flurry of excitement over the nation, accompanied by gains in commodity quotations. Wheat in Chicago closed 3 1/2 to 4 cents above yesterday's finish, and stocks in Wall Street—led by silver issues—closed strong with gains of one to around five points, predominating, and with U. S. Smelting up about ten.

The price of Portland cash wheat advanced three cents above Thursday's quotations.

By William L. Beale
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Silver coinage today was commanded by President Roosevelt in a sudden expansion of his monetary plans for lifting commodity prices.

By proclamation, he opened federal mints to newly-mined silver in a program estimated to push the metal's price from around 65 to 64 1/2 cents an ounce, add millions to the nation's mining wealth and spur exports to silver-using countries. Silver produced domestically from today until December 31, 1937, will be accepted by the mints. Half will be coined and returned in dollars to the producer, half surrendered to the government and held in reserve.

Mr. Roosevelt's proclamation formally ratified the London silver agreement by which it was understood the United States would absorb annually at least 24,421,410 ounces of its silver production, approximately

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THE SEASON'S GREETINGS



GIRL RESTLESS AFTER TWO YEARS OF SLEEP

OAK PARK, Ill., Dec. 22 (AP) — An increased restlessness on the part of Patricia Maguire, 29, was interpreted today as a sign that she might be awakening from a sleep of almost two years.