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The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: unsettled with occasional rain tonight and Saturday; little change in temperature; strong southerly winds offshore.
LOCAL WEATHER
Thursday: Maximum 55, minimum 45 above. Rain 1.0 of inch. Cloudy.
Today: Minimum 48, 7 a. m.—18 above. Cloudy.

LAST NIGHT TIES RECORD FOR WARMTH

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In checking over the weather records, three Decembers stand out as unusually warm, those of 1892, 1925 and 1933. The 1892 December found 15 days with maximum marks of 50 or higher. Lilacs were budding, fall wheat growing rapidly and the ground soaked with moisture—a parallel with this month.

While Eastern Oregon cities experienced an unusually warm spell, other parts of the northwest were suffering from heavy rains, high winds and floods. Rain here has not been heavy enough to create flood danger.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22 (AP)—One of the worst floods in many years for the area drained by the Willamette and lower Columbia rivers was predicted by the weather bureau today.

Edward L. Wells, federal meteorologist, warned that the unprecedented heavy rains over the Willamette valley are forcing the Willamette to rise rapidly.

"There is nothing to check the rise at the moment," he declared.

The Willamette reached a stage of 20.7 feet in Portland at 8 a. m. Flood stage is 18 feet. The river reached the 24-foot stage during the flood of last June.

While there is another succession of storm areas heading inland from over the Pacific, bringing more rain for the Pacific northwest, no storm of particular violence is expected. Reports from vessels in the North Pacific were few today. The wind diminished on the coast during the night, dropping to 27 miles an hour from the south at 8 a. m. today.

Portland had 2.46 inches of rain during the 24-hour period, a phenomenal amount in view of the terrific downpours experienced the past week. At Cascade Locks one of the most torrential rains in history occurred from 5 p. m. yesterday to 7 a. m. today. In the 14 hours 2.9 inches of rain fell.

Salem had 1.86 inches of rain, and other cities in the Willamette valley were drenched.

The two-story home of the Iver Eide family on Portland Heights was wrecked during the night when a huge earth slide which dropped from a hillside, crashed against it. Other houses in the district were menaced. Eide, his wife and small son had just crawled from the building when a second slide smashed the building and moved it 15 feet.

Many Portland streets were blocked by mud slides, and Terwilliger boulevard was closed intermittently.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 22 (AP)—

Hawaii Flight Chief On Flagship



Lt. Commander Kneffler McGinnis (left), who will be in command of the six-plane flight from San Francisco to Hawaii, is shown on his "flagship," the 16-P-1, receiving Adm. A. W. Johnson, battle fleet aviation officer, at San Diego.

With from two to ten feet of water standing in the business section of Woodland, about 25 miles north of here, residents of that area today stood face to face with the worst flood situation in the history of the community.

SEATTLE, Dec. 22 (AP)—The greenest kind of a Christmas, barring unexpected cold weather, loomed today for Pacific northwest residents in the wake of six days of torrential rains and high gales, and today a new menace to mountain snowfields—a chinook wind—appeared in sight.

Hundreds of families were homeless, or marooned all over Western Washington.

A score of cities and towns counted thousands of acres of land under water, much of their business and residential districts more or less flooded, and whole river valleys running full of water. The losses were in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and the death list stood at eight.

In Eastern Washington, citizens' shirts sleeves as the mercury climbed to 70 degrees, approaching the all-time heat record of 73 degrees for the month.

Community To Sing Carols At Hotel

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"History of the Christmas Carol," Mrs. George Birnie.
"O! Come All Ye Faithful," audience.
"Silent Night" and "First Noel" by male quartet.
"Away in a Manger," solo, Edward Halley Stonebreaker, age six years.

OPENS NEW STORE



Max R. Sarvis, who opens a new food store in La Grande tomorrow morning.

Max R. Sarvis Opens New Store Saturday

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pendent Grocers Alliance, which serves 10,000 stores in 43 states and is the second largest buying organization of its kind in the country, Mr. Sarvis reports.

The latest type of meat market equipment has been installed, in charge of Oscar Utley, well known local meat cutter. The bread and pastry department will be in charge of Mrs. Minnie Almsworth, formerly manager of the Dutch Shop.

Mr. Sarvis was assisted in the installation of the store by A. T. MacMath, of Chicago, store engineer for the I. G. A. Remodeling of the building was in charge of John Geitlhuber and the fixtures were installed by Weldon Vedder, both local contractors. Meats were installed by Jesse Rosenbaum and Fred Speath.

Mr. Sarvis leased the store through H. E. Dixon, he announced.

Mr. Sarvis was formerly district manager for the MacMar Stores, and was in La Grande for three years, during which time he also took an active part in community affairs. Recently he was in Winnipeg, Man., with the Piggy-Wiggy stores.

SENSATIONAL RAID FATAL TO 3 BANDITS

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they escaped from jail at Ottawa, Ill.

Receiving a "tip" from an unidentified informant that the first floor apartment at 1428 Parwell avenue was a hideout for Dillinger and his men, 19 picked officers, led by Super-visor Captain John Stege swooped down on the place, posting men with sub-machine guns at the rear to cut off escape in that direction.

Captain Stege, Sergeants Frank Reynolds, Harry Newman and Harry Bingham remained in front with a group of their men. After one policeman had forced open the door to a stairs leading to the apartment, Sergeant Reynolds, Detective Jack Dawe and Captain Stege, with several others, crept up. The bell of the apartment was rung and when the door was opened Sergeant Reynolds leaped forward, shouting "We're police officers, surrender."

Instead of doing so the man at the door fired three times, but hit no one. Forcing his way in Reynolds dropped his fire with two shots in the head. The second of the trio of gunmen also fell before Reynolds' deadly aim, as he stood in the living room, with two pistols in his hands. He had blazed away blindly at Reynolds, and Captain Stege and the other policemen, who by this time were storming into the place. The third gunman, firing at the policemen as he backed into the kitchenette fell wounded before the police bullets, and was finally killed by Sergeant John Day.

A veritable arsenal of guns and ammunition was found in the place. Captain Stege said he had established a connection the slain men had with a \$100,000 robbery of an express messenger in St. Paul recently and with the hitherto unsolved slaying of two policemen in Chicago who were killed when they stopped to question a number of men riding in an automobile on West Washington boulevard several months ago.

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Large Bull Elk Is Killed by Small Boy

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morning, although the body was still warm.

George M. Rogers, state police officer was notified. After the viscera was removed the elk was dressed and skinned. The meat was in good condition and will be distributed to needy families in this section.

The identity of the boy who killed the elk is known, but word has not been received as to what action the district attorney will take. It is presumed the case will be taken to juvenile court.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Throat Operation—J. C. Smith, of May Park, underwent a throat operation at the Bouvy hospital recently.

From Elgin—George Chandler, of Elgin, was a visitor in La Grande recently. He received medical treatment at the Bouvy hospital while here.

Due Here Tonight—Miss Jane Gavin, of Portland, executive secretary of the Oregon State Nurses association, is expected to arrive tonight from Baker where she has spent the past two days on business in connection with the O. S. N. A. Tomorrow evening she will leave for Portland accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Charles Gump, who will spend the holidays in the city.

At Wallowa—Miss Winifred Platzcoer has as her guest at her home at Wallowa, Miss Wanda Berry, of La Grande. Both are students at the Eastern Oregon Normal school. Miss Platzcoer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Platzcoer.

En Route Home—C. S. King, D. Jacobson and P. Jones, all of Ontario, stopped in La Grande last night en route to their home after attending a meeting of Union Oil representatives in Pendleton.

To Spokane—Mrs. O. M. Noyes, of La Grande, who has been visiting in Baker with her son, Ray C. Noyes, has gone on to Spokane to visit her sister, Mrs. C. J. Morgan.

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Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.—Psalm 37: 7.

CRIME CAN BE HALTED BY BEING EXPOSED

The crime problem, like the poor, is one of those things that always are with us. A great many citizens have expended much honest labor in recent years trying to find out just why and how the underworld manages to get its steady stream of youthful recruits; and often enough some investigator reports that one big reason is the fact that newspapers give so much space to crime news.

This isn't a new charge, to be sure; but it is heard fairly frequently, and it has bothered a number of high-minded and conscientious folk. An excellent answer is to be found in testimony given recently before the senate sub-committee on racketeering by Dr. Carleton Simon of New York, associated with the New York police force for the last 35 years, as criminologist.

The task of uncovering the elements that create crime, says Dr. Simon, "is made greater and more difficult by the vast confusion of public thought" which arises from this effort to hold newspaper crime stories culpable.

Some people, remarks Dr. Simon, demand that every medium of intelligence, education, and entertainment be made completely harmless to the subnormal mind of the delinquent child. And it does not take the doctor long to carry this thesis to its logical and absurd conclusion. Details of a train wreck, vividly presented, would be too harrowing for a sensitive adolescent mind. Therefore—let the press keep silent about all wrecks on land or sea. Murder stories affect those with strong homicide tendencies. Therefore—let no newspaper ever mention any murder case.

Congressional debates, with their mud-slinging and partisan criticism, can give a child a dangerous contempt for political institutions. Hence we must have no more reports of the activities of congress, no more exposures of malfeasance in office or of derelictions of duty by public officials.

And Dr. Simon remarks: "A truly comprehensive research of the causes of crime requires a study of every influence, good or bad, brought to bear on our youth. Heredity, parental guidance and home life, physical influences, association, school and church influences must all play their part. We cannot hope to solve the problem of crime in relation to youth by drawing the curtain down upon crime."

TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUPPORT MILK LAW
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—Representatives of all divisions of the milk industry—producers, distributors and dealers, have pledged support to the state milk control board, created by the special session of the legislature.

HUNTING HUSBAND
SALEM, Dec. 22 (AP)—The search for her husband who disappeared 17 months ago led Mrs. Henry John to Salem yesterday. She said he had suffered a nervous breakdown.

She said she had been informed John was working in this city, and wished him to know their youngest child was with her and that the girl and the mother were both anxious to be reunited with him.

RAIN VISITS PENDLETON
PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—Rain ere last night brought an end to the violent wind storm which had swept across this part of the state for five days.

The rainfall amounted to .18 of an inch. The minimum temperature during the night was 53 degrees.

C. W. A. FOR WOMEN
SALEM, Dec. 22 (AP)—Marion county's civil works service program for unemployed women will begin Monday, G. C. Niles, local CWA administrator announced last night.

Projects already approved will employ 20 women at repairing books and cataloguing and indexing work at libraries in the county. Several other projects are under consideration.

SUB PENDLETON MAN
SALEM, Dec. 22 (AP)—Dr. J. A. Best, of Pendleton, member of the state legislature, is defendant in two damage suits filed in circuit court here yesterday totaling \$26,875, growing out of an automobile accident on the Pacific highway near Wood-

burn December. Edna Ball sued for \$25,250 and Letha Alexander for \$1,625.

CITY LIBRARY PROGRAM FOR THE CHILDREN
The Christmas program for children at the La Grande public library will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. A great deal of time has been spent by Miss Gertrude Waggoner, children's librarian, and the other librarians in preparing to make the event a large and exciting one. A program of songs, recitations and stories has been arranged and all the children in La Grande are invited.

EAGLES TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE
A Christmas program and tree will be enjoyed by the Eagles and their families tonight at 8 o'clock at the Eagles hall. Plans for the event were completed last night when the regular weekly meeting was held at the hall.

"The Lure of the City," a melodrama, will be presented under the auspices of the Eagles at the hall on Monday evening, Dec. 25.

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