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CHRIST.

Christ is the great central fact in the world's history; to Him everything looks forward or backward. All the lines of history converge upon him. All the march of providence is guided by Him. All of the great purposes of God culminate in Him. The greatest and most momentous fact which the history of the world records is the fact of His birth.—Spurgeon.

GOOD CHEER PREVAILS

Tonight La Grande's young are anticipating "Christmas trees"—publicly held in churches or privately conducted in the cozy home—will be the phrase on every tongue. Those whose fortune has smiled on to such an extent that Christmas luxuries of a greater or lesser degree could be provided, will be happy, and many of those who are burdened down with poverty or affliction, will receive yuletide kindnesses. Missionaries from the various churches of the city have gone forth to search for such as are in need, and though not Santa Clauses with valuable gifts, they are taking out food and raiment that will strike gladness to many a heart. La Grande is not so unfortunate as to have many poor within her gates, but those who by force of circumstances, are in such dilemmas, will be cared for.

Columns might be devoted to the various observances of the Christmas period in this city, but it would not be exhaustive even then. Suffice it to say that when The Observer again reaches your door, which will not be until Saturday evening, it will convey a message of good will to all men as a reflection of the spirit that will animate the inhabitants of the municipality up to Friday evening.

Practically all the Christmas tree exercises are arranged for tonight. The program to be rendered at the M. E. church this evening, follows: Chorus—"Joy to the World." Prayer, Pastor. Anthem—Choir. Responsive reading. Anthem—"There's a Song in the Air."

Recitation—Mildred Bush. Recitation—Eunice Bolton. Recitation—Emerson Schrock. Vocal duet—Olive Massee and Helen Currey.

Recitation—Hattie Ferguson. Recitation—Hazel Stageburg. Solo—"Dear Little Stranger," Thelma Leffel.

Recitation—Everett Knowles. Recitation—Wilma Osterling. Violin solo—Marble Green. Recitation—Imogene Orton. Recitation—Freda Sutfin. Chorus—"Away in a Manger." Christmas tree.

Busy Day in Metropolis.

New York, Dec. 24.—After a day of strenuous shopping, which will leave many stores with their holiday stocks decreased to the vanishing point, New

York will this evening begin its celebration of the gladdest holiday of the year. While Christmas eve in the metropolis lacks the boisterous features and mad revels of New Year's eve, it is yet a time of joy, when millionaire and day laborer alike throw aside the fretful cares of their workaday existence.

WORKMEN KILLED.

Bodies of Two Workmen Strwn Along the Railroad Tracks.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 24.—Eugene and Mike O'Donnell, bolt cutters at Blanchard's mill, at Machias, Wash., were struck by a Northern Pacific freight last night and instantly killed. The mangled bodies were found strewn along the track this morning. How the accident happened is unknown. It is supposed they were sitting on the platform with their legs hanging over.

LINEUP FOR BIG GAME

The Line-up. Center, Elrod; quarter, Ralph Reynolds (captain); right half, Gillman; left half, Mickelson; fullback, Childers and Bacon; Z left end, Hawley or Nelson; left tackle, Ben Grout; left guard, Grandy; right guard, Jasper and Goodall; right tackle, Driscoll and Stites; right end, Alstott and French. Substitutes—Bean, Fred Grout and Caylor.

These men are the ones who tomorrow afternoon will Lattle for La Grande against the Pendleton millite team at the football grounds, commencing promptly at 2:30. After a final practice tonight at 6 o'clock, the team will be ready to take on their weighty opponents. Pendleton always has a fast aggregation and this year is no exception. They are coming to win. Those who are following the steady growth in strength and number of the La Grande team, are confident that victory will be La Grande's. The line-up for the home team is one that would be a credit to any city, for the men are experienced players, and during the past two weeks have worked conscientiously to improve endurance and perfect a few plays. They will acquit themselves with due honor tomorrow afternoon. The game will start exactly on time, as the evening hours, as a rule, grow colder and unpleasant. Admission is 25 cents.

Coming Tomorrow.

The Pendleton team of 15 will arrive in La Grande tomorrow morning. They will put up at the Foley hotel.

Students Take to Boxing Gloves.

Boxing and wrestling are taken up as an exercise by the students of the Washington state college at Pullman, says the Walla Walla Bulletin.

Under the direction of Physical Director Bohler, who is also coach of the basketball and track teams, regular classes in these sports have been organized at the college, and a great deal of interest is being shown by the students. A large number of the boys of the college have joined the classes, and Gordon Daggett of this city is assisting in the directing of the wrestling squads. The boxing class meets one night each week in the gymnasium, each member having to furnish his own gloves. After on, if the interest continues to increase, meetings may be held more often.

DECISION GIVEN SATURDAY

A decision will be rendered by Justice Angus Stewart next Saturday at 10 o'clock in the case of Huntley vs. J. W. White and Constable I. W. Faulk. The entire day yesterday was devoted to hearing the testimony. A long list of witnesses were put through direct examination and then ground through the second time for rebuttal. Because the other cases set for yesterday could not be heard at schedule time, they were postponed. The case against Price Gates will be heard on Saturday and the one against Eschenberger will come up Tuesday.

Christmas in Rome.

Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Pius will spend a quiet Christmas. The usual religious ceremonies will be held, after which His Holiness will receive the felicitations of the cardinals and other dignitaries of the church. Hundreds of handsome and costly gifts from all over the world were received at the Vatican today, but the pope found greater pleasure in the inexpensive presents of the poor. At the Quirinal palace the king and queen are preparing for lavish celebration of the annual holiday. A Christmas tree party will be held tonight for the children of every one connected with the court and the royal household. The ladies and gentlemen of the court today received handsome presents from the king and queen.



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