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Interest will center, after the first of the year, upon matters pertaining to our legislature, which will soon be in session. While anything is possible with an Oregon legislature as viewed by past experience, there does not seem to be as much reason to expect that some other than Governor Chamberlain is to be elected United States senator, as there was several years ago. However bitter the pill may be to some, there is but one thing to do, and that is to elect Governor Chamberlain on the first ballot. Otherwise we may expect a recurrence of the scenes of other days when we had hold-ups and legislative deadlocks and the entire session would become tangled up in the election of a United States senator. The people as far as they could, decided to take this matter out of the hands of the legislature, and they have said that George Chamberlain should be the next senator, and the will of the people should be respected. They may have made a mistake. The Observer thinks that such is the case, but a still greater one will be made if the dictates of the people are not followed. This initial attempt of the people to elect by a direct vote, their representatives to the senate, should be strictly carried out and we believe it will be.

Naturally, in a very great measure, Christmas centers around the children and young people. No matter what other attractions there may be, the exercises in the churches are always well attended and this Christmas was no exception. Those churches whose Sunday schools had exercises either on Christmas eve or on Christmas, were filled. All were nicely decorated. Christmas trees were beautifully arranged and in each instance every child and young person present went away with the echo of the songs of melody and Christmas cheer in their hearts.

A rather unusual condition of things in any community of 6000, is the fact that there is not a single young man who is preparing himself for either an attorney, physician or teacher. Several business men this morning were discussing this feature and if there are any young men who are at present attending either a law school or a medical college, or a young man preparing himself for a teacher in La Grande, none of them were aware of it, and these men were all in touch with educational matters.

We will soon be thinking about city election. Under our new charter those elected the second Monday in March will only hold the office until January 1, and hereafter our election will be held in December instead of March.

Dr. F. E. Moore reports that John McAllister, who has been very sick, is now recovering to the extent that he is able to sit up a few hours each day, and is now considered out of danger. This will be good news to Mr. McAllister's many friends throughout the county.

Smothered in Portland Jail.
 Portland, Dec. 26.—Designed to hold 25 men, the city jail last night was forced to hold 53, with the result that one man, Robert Burns, a machinist, is dead. The man was apparently smothered to death. It is thought that during the night other prisoners rolled on him.

Fresh Vegetables are Scarce
 But we have just received nearly a carload of canned goods. The goods are all standard brands and are this season's pack

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SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian Church.
 Corner Washington avenue and Sixth street. Morning subject, "A Year Text." Evening subject, "Uncertainties and Certainties for 1909." Special music by the choir. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., W. L. Brenhoits, superintendent. C. E. service, 6:30 p. m., W. L. Brenhoits, leader. Beginning on Wednesday evening, services will be held each evening of the week. Rev. W. L. Van Nuz of Pendleton, will be the preacher. Rev. S. W. Seemann, D. D., minister.

First Methodist Episcopal Church.
 Corner M and Sixth streets. Sunday, 9:45 a. m., Bible school; 11 a. m., reception of members and communion service; 6:30 p. m., Epworth League service, subject, "The Song of the New Kingdom," leader, Mrs. C. E. Deal; 7:30 p. m., evening worship. Installation service of officers of the Methodist Brotherhood. Subject, "Men in the Kingdom." Monday, 7:30 p. m., last meeting of class in Christian Stewardship, at M. McMurray's, Thursday, 7 p. m., teachers' meeting; 7:45 p. m., prayer meeting, subject, "Review of the Year." The choir has been asked to repeat at the Sabbath morning service, the beautiful Christmas anthem. A cordial welcome to all. Rev. C. E. Deal, pastor.

St. Peter's Church.
 Sunday after Christmas. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m.; Bible class, 4:15 p. m.; evening service, 5 p. m. The Sunday school will have its tree Monday evening at 6:30. Rev. Upton H. Gibbs, rector.

First Baptist Church.
 Corner Sixth street and Spring avenue. At 9:45, Sunday school, J. E. Stevenson, superintendent; 11, morning worship, sermon, "Abundant Grace for 1909"; 6:30, young people's meeting, led by Mrs. W. H. Gibson; 7:30, evening worship, sermon, "Some Futures of 1909." Thursday evening, "Watch night service, opened by regular prayer meeting, to be followed by a social hour and closed with watch service, under auspices of the B. Y. P. U. Cordial welcome to all. Rev. W. H. Gibson, pastor.

Central Church of Christ.
 Bible school, 9:45 a. m.; prayer and praise, 10:50; the Lord's supper, 11:10; sermon, 11:30, "Prepared for a Blessing"; Y. P. S. C. E. and Junior C. E., 6:30; preaching service, 7:30; sermon, "Ready to Live." Ellis B. Harris and wife January 3. O. H. King, minister.

Changed my Office
 To James R. Smith's jewelry store, where you will find Singer and the Wheeler & Wilson sewing machines. Payments can also be made to Mr. Smith on accounts.

A. H. STONE,
 12-9-1-9 Agent Singer Co.

District Attorney F. S. Ivanhoe returned this afternoon from Wallowa county, where he has been for several days.

Dates Were Wrong.
 The date of Mr. Knox's appearance in a Grande is advertised for Monday night, where the date should be December 29. Those holding tickets should remember the change.



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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
 Notice is hereby given that Oino Eckersley, administrator of the estate of William J. Shoemaker, deceased, has filed his final account as administrator of said estate and the county court of Union county, Oregon, has set Monday, the 4th day of January, A. D. 1909, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, and the county court room in the court house, La Grande, Oregon as the time and place for hearing said report and all objections thereto. Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this 4th day of December, A. D. 1908.
 OTHO ECKERSLEY, Administrator.

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