

KRUTTSCHNITT IS PLEASED WITH LOCAL SHOPS

ALLS THEM THE MOST UP TO DATE SMALL SHOP IN THE NORTHWEST.

HALF HOUR SPENT AT SHOPS

Careful Inspection Given Local O. R. & N. Property Yesterday by Julius Kruttschnitt, Director of Maintenance Who Comes Here But Seldom Compliment to Management of the Local Officials.

La Grande's railroad shops passed muster yesterday when thoroughly inspected by Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance of the Harriman system, and therefore the highest man in authority—except Judge Lovett—that operates the vast Harriman continental steel girdle. Of the half hour's inspection and scrutiny of all departments, Mr. Kruttschnitt classified the La Grande shops as the finest and up to date small shops in the Pacific northwest—and he has seen them all and is king pin over them all.

Mr. Kruttschnitt's coming has been expected for some time and when he reached here yesterday noon the yards may have been brushed up a bit for the special occasion—but the general workings of the shops are always the same, and the high compliment from the right bower to the throne of Harriman's systems is not only an asset to La Grande but complementary to the local lieutenants who keep the shops in operation.

Inspection a Thorough One.

The New Yorker with trained eye scrutinized every corner of the round house, present machine shops and the building now going up to be used as a machine shop and the blacksmith shop. In this way he gave a thorough inspection to all departments of the division point and when he passed his ultimatum as to the standing of the local departments he was passing not idle compliments.

Inspects Huntington Sunday. The visitor expressed his desire of seeing as much as possible of the entire division Sunday during daytime, and the party "got out of town," just as soon as possible. The stop here lasted about a half hour, and it was a busy one to Mr. Kruttschnitt and his party.

A galaxy of officials such as seldom visits La Grande at one time, comprised the Kruttschnitt party. General

NEW SCHEDULE ON UPPER BERTHS

UPPERS TO BE REDUCED EIGHTY PER CENT OVER LOWERS.

New Rate Becomes Effective in January on All Roads But Two.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The interstate commerce commission today ordered upper berths in the Pullmans reduced on a basis of eighty per cent of the price of the lowers.

The commission tentatively approved of the Pullman company's new schedule of rates, reducing the rate for lower berths to a maximum of \$2 for a twelve hour ride.

The new schedule becomes effective January 20. Every line over which Pullmans are operated in the United States, save two, will be affected.

Manager J. P. O'Brien, who by the way becomes vice president and general manager of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company after next Saturday and then becomes one of the triumvirate which will rule the Harriman lines in the northwest, Assistant General Manager J. D. Stack and Wm. Bollons and G. W. Boscke, chief engineer, were with Mr. Kruttschnitt on his eastern Oregon trip.

MANY STUDENTS HOME.

La Grande Education Seekers are Home for the Holidays.

Miss Naoma Williamson and Joe Williamson, both students at the University of Oregon, are home for the holidays visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williamson.

Donald Sargent who is a student in a Spokane school, is home for the holidays visiting his father, W. D. Sargent.

Miss Minnie Holdman of Island City has returned from Eugene where she is attending the university to spend Christmas with her parents and friends.

Leon Dawson is expected home from Willamette university at Salem to spend the holidays this week.

David Stoddard, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stoddard, is home from Logan, Utah, where he is attending college. He will spend the holidays here.

Charles Reynolds, O. A. C's quarterback, arrived home yesterday for the holidays.

IMBLER APPLES CAPTURE 1ST HONORS

HARDSCRABBLE EXHIBIT AT THE FRUIT GROWER SHOW WINS

Honors Won From Among Twenty-one States and is a Meritorious

Out of a huge list of entries in the "Fruit Grower" Brother Jonathan Apple show, in which twenty one apple producing states competed, Grande Ronde apples have come out winners. A display of Yellow Newtown Pippins grown and exhibited by Gordon Sawyer and M. D. W. Green, proprietors of the Hardscrabble orchards at Imbler, carried off the highest honors at the Fruit Growers (fruit magazine) show this fall.

Messrs. Sawyer and Greene, who by the way came here about a year ago and located themselves at Imbler, are of course highly elated at their success and the entire apple growing contingent of the valley can feel justified in gloating over the signal victory scored by the local-grown fruit. Speaking of their winnings, the gentlemen said today:

"There was a heavy entry from twenty-one states and British Columbia which of course made the competition very keen and therefore we are quite a bit proud of our showing."

ALUMNI MAY PLAY HIGHS.

O. A. C. Students Are Also Planning on Forming Team Here.

A movement is on foot among the basketball adepts to organize an O. A. C. team among local students, present and past, to meet the high school quintet during the holidays. At the same time consideration is being given the formation of a high school alumni team to meet the local five, and as one of the two are very likely to materialize, a challenge will be sent the high school as soon as definite plans are reached. There are several O. A. C. basketball stars here now and others are coming for the holidays so that a classy exhibition would be put up. The school alumni too could put up a strong front and it is very likely that something of the sort will be arranged before the close of the week.

ELEVEN TEMPORARILY SEATED AS JURORS TO TRY ELLEXSON ALLEGED MURDERER

Details of an atrocious crime committed at Union several weeks ago will be rehearsed, and it is rumored, new and sensational evidence will be introduced by the state, as the result of the second murder trial of the present term of circuit court, opened this morning, after placing eleven temporary jurors, the court was forced to adjourn through exhaustion of the panel and a new jury panel of twenty was ordered by tonight at 7:30 when the case resumed.

The crime was committed at Union and a large number of Union people are in the city, both as interested parties and as witnesses.

The crime was unusually inhuman—Waldo Perry, the man shot down, was killed in his own home, presumably as he was about to show a stranger to an upstairs bed for the night. His body was found on the stairway riddled with bullets, several days afterwards. With no tangible clue, the authorities combed eastern Oregon for the murderer and within three days after the discovery of the

crime, T. R. Ellexson, a former employee of Mr. Perry, was arrested at Echo and smuggled into the La Grande jail to avoid the wrath of the irate citizens of Union who freely talked lynching for awhile. Today, several weeks after his indictment for the murder, Ellexson was brought into the court room and a jury selected. At least a portion of one was picked. Several jurors were excused for cause. They were: E. O. Zeek, John Wells, F. D. Ficklin and Ray W. Logan. During the forenoon the state exercised the pre-emptory challenge on Sam Brooks, J. Tracy and Robert Deal, while the defense, represented by W. M. Ramsey, exercised the same powers on Elmer Workman, R. E. Hall, J. W. McAllister, A. A. Belden and Sam Ruckman.

The eleven temporarily seated, and who by the way were almost all of them on the Parker jury are, Joe Woods, M. Reynolds, C. D. Huffman, F. D. Gaskill, J. L. Woodell, E. L. Halley, George Robertson, M. J. Duffey, J. S. Chandler, E. L. Harris and L. A. James.

O. R. & N. TO REACH CLARKSTON INDICATE NEGOTIATIONS

Portland, Dec. 19.—That the O. R. & N. is planning to build into Clarkston, Wash., soon, is believed from the fact that there has been negotiations going on for some time between the company's right of way man and F. H. Libby, president of the Lewis-

ton-Clarkston Improvement company. Mr. Libby is in Portland today from Clarkston and while not denying the visit has something to do with the reported negotiations for terminals at Clarkston, Libby said he was not in a position to discuss the matter.

Will Return to Oregon.

George Childers, who after an absence of several years in Southern California, returned to the Grande Ronde valley a few days ago, left for his adopted home with the intention of returning the early part of the next year to resume the farming of his four hundred acre ranch near Alicel. George says "when you leave the Grande Ronde you are leaving America."

O'Neil Goes East.

J. H. O'Neil, the passenger agent for the O. R. & N. passed through the city today enroute east.

Owls Hold Meeting.

At a meeting of some thirty-five owls held in the K. of P. hall Sunday evening, conducted by State Organizer M. P. McEhren it was decided to elect and install officers for Nest No. 17, Brotherhood of Owls on Tuesday evening, December 27. The Owls will meet in the same hall as Sunday night.

Sampson Family on Tour.

Mrs. John Sampson and daughters Fern and Lola, left yesterday for Omaha where they will visit friends for some time. Miss Fern recovered sufficiently from her recent attack of illness to be able to make the trip.

CONRAD PREPARING RANGES.

Confident of Large Crowd Here During Big Shoot.

Tod Conrad is here this afternoon to make final arrangements for the big three-department shoot which commences here December 22. He will lay out the ranges and have everything in readiness for the first bird in due time. Mr. Conrad, who is to be assisted in the management of the affair by local people, is confident that the shoot will be largely attended.

Insurgents Stop Trains.

El Paso, Dec. 19.—Insurgents have stopped all Mexican-Northwestern trains at Pedernales today and ordered them to return. Telegraph and telephone lines beyond Pedernales are cut. It is rumored a battle is progressing near there. Actions of insurgents in interfering with railroad traffic has caused much indignation.

Married Today.

At the Methodist parsonage during the noon hour today Dr. Gillilan united in marriage, Mr. Charles Lamar of Spokane and Mrs. Jeanette Waddell of Elgin. The groom is a painter and the happy couple will reside in this city. The best wishes of all go with them.

Joseph Merchant Here.

F. D. McCully and wife of Joseph, returned to their home today. They were at the Sommer yesterday.

STOLEN HORSES RETURNED TO OWNER

CRIPPLED AND LIMPING THE HORSES START FOR CALDWELL.

Span Stolen Two Weeks Ago and the Thief Caught by Jack McCarthy.

Crippled, limping and scarcely able to make headway, the team stolen from the McMillan livery stables at Caldwell by a young man giving his name as Calvert King—and apprehended here by Jack McCarthy—was started back to Caldwell this afternoon. An employee of the Caldwell stable commenced the journey intending to make it by easy stages. The team was stolen two weeks ago and the thief who confessed to local authorities and Mr. McCarthy and a week ago was sent to the Idaho penitentiary to do from one to fourteen years, drove them without shoes a greater part of the way from Caldwell here. As a result the team was terribly crippled.

The arrest follow the suspicions entertained by Mr. McCarthy when a week ago Saturday night a young man drove up and wanted his team fed for nothing, claiming he did not have any money. He volunteered that he had come from Gooding where he got the team for four months' work for a farmer and was enroute to Portland. This led Mr. McCarthy to investigate as he readily recognized the span as a livery team. Through the cooperation of Officers Walden and McLaughlin the fellow was grilled and quizzed until he confessed the story with a flood of tears. The owner was notified and the man returned to the Idaho authorities.

In the meantime the team was allowed to recuperate until today, Mr. McCarthy believes the animals will loosen up when they get under way.

White Takes High Office.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Edward Douglas White today took the oath of office of chief justice of the supreme court of the United States. The induction took place at 11:50 today.

Paving Men on Vacation.

G. H. Wycoff, W. S. Houghton and M. J. Lyman the bitulithic pavement people, have gone to Portland to spend the holidays.

HAVOC CAUSED BY EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE

NINE KILLED, SCORES INJURED AND PROPERTY DAMAGED BY ONE EXPLOSION.

CAR TIPS BLOCKS AWAY

Entire Carload of Dynamite Explodes in New York Central Railroad Yards, Wrecking Buildings for Blocks—Children in Hospital in Panic—Cars Tip Killing Two in Automobile.

New York, Dec. 18.—Nine are dead and eight are missing, while thirty are injured as the result of an explosion of a car of dynamite that had been set off by a minor explosion of a tank of acetylene gas in the New York Central railroad milk depot this morning. The dead are: Mrs. Mary Pike, Rranchico Kelly, C. M. Morrow, Patrick Jordan, Frank Page, W. B. Livermore and three unidentified.

Some of the injured will die. Windows were shattered for blocks.

Car Tipped Blocks Away.

The explosion occurred at 8:15 this morning. A southbound Lexington avenue car—blocks away—was lifted from the tracks and tipped over on an automobile. Two passengers in the car were killed. Public buildings, the grammar school, hospital, freight sheds and other structures were damaged by the force of the explosion. Within a few minutes the police reserves, firemen and ambulance were on the scene. Five hundred children and patients in the Childrens Mercy hospital were precipitated in a panic, and many were hurt in a wild rush for the door. The panic was checked before any were seriously hurt. A Parochial school, St. Patrick's cathedral on Fourth street and Lexington avenue were badly damaged. Several children were hurt by the splintered glass.

Aldrich Not a Candidate.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 19.—Senator Aldrich unequivocally declined to run for another term today. He announced he would not allow his name to be considered even if the legislature became hopelessly deadlocked on other candidates.

ENGINEERS WILL STRIKE SOON THEY SAY

DEMANDS MUST BE GRANTED BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS UKASE.

Neill Discussing the Trouble With Both Parties This Afternoon.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—President Stone of the B. of L. E. issued a statement this evening saying the railroads have to grant the increase before the end of the week or a strike is sure to follow on fifteen minute's notice.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—In his endeavor to prevent a strike of 33,000 engineers on the western lines by arbitration of their differences, Commissioner of Labor Neill today conferred with officials of the railroads this afternoon and representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. President Stone of the engineers says there will be a strike before Christmas unless the men get their increase. They want an advance of 15 per cent and the roads offered nine.

THE CRY OF THE FARMER OF THE WEST.



—H. Hodge in Spokesman-Review.