

SANE GREETING FOR 1913 WILL BE THE RULE

BACCHANALIAN HILARITY OF METROPOLISES NOT A FACTOR LOCALLY

REAL HOLIDAY TOMORROW

Business Houses to Close Grocery Stores Closing All Day and Meat Markets at 10 O'Clock—Churches and Homes to Be Scene of Midnight Gatherings That Await New Year.

CHICAGO CAROUSERS IN DANGER

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Because the mayor and a band of clergymen and reformers plan to mingle in tonight's merry makers to secure evidence of law violations and endeavor to force the city authorities to prosecute the same, it is expected the celebration will be tamed somewhat. It will cost a million, anyway.

BELLS VS. PIPES.

New York, Dec. 31.—Jacob Rits, the philanthropist, has engaged four Scotch pipers to welcome in the New Year at Herald Square in an endeavor to secure a sane celebration. It is believed the cowbells will drown the pipers. It is expected more than a million will be spent in the downtown celebration.

Bacchanalia of the type that horrifies the staid element in big cities will be a minus quantity in the New Year celebrations that will usher in the new year in Union county. Celebration more fitting than the drunken orgies that are the one-night fashion in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Portland through which millions are spent in wines and in which men and women, respectable every other day of the year, will oftentimes stoop to indecent practices, will be held in La Grande. Several house parties, church receptions and parties, the Moose celebration in dancing and cards at Hot Lake, will await the ringing of church bells and blowing of whistles tonight, and too it must be admitted a leaning toward the famous Tom and Jerry conception by those who hanker after the holiday drink will be about the program in La Grande and the county at large tonight.

Most of the churches are planning on "wakes" and in various ways the entire community will await the coming of 1913. However, the bacchanalian practices of larger cities are not contemplated in this city.

It will be a real holiday, on the whole, that will be celebrated in La Grande tomorrow.

Meat Shops Open Until 10.

Announcement is made that La Grande meat markets will be open until ten o'clock tomorrow. After that they will not be open to business. The banks, grocery stores, U. S. land office, county and city offices will be idle during the day.

The La Grande postoffice will be open from 9 to 10 a. m. and from 5:30 to 6 a. m. tomorrow but there will be no city or rural deliveries.

Seamens' Bill Pending.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The issue is purely one of human safety and the national self-respect as against business, says Andrew Furueh, secretary of the Sailors' union of the Pacific, on the anxiously awaited report of the Burton sub-committee of the senate commerce committee on the seamen's bill. "I have worked 18 years to get this measure passed. It is through the house and up to the senate. If it is defeated now I do not think I shall try again."

FIGHTERS IN FINE TRIM

EVEN MONEY WILL BE PREVALENT TO END.

OUTSIDERS LIKE AL.

Money Placed on the Fight Is Breaking California Records.

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—Physicians have examined Al Palzer and Luther McCarthy who are to fight for a diamond heavyweight belt in Los Angeles tomorrow, and found them physically fit. The men are resting today. Betting is even money and it is expected this ratio will be maintained to the ringside where the men will appear at three o'clock tomorrow.

The amount of money being bet breaks local records. Local fans are evenly divided but outsiders seem to favor Palzer—all agree that it is to be the greatest fight of the year.

KNABE SCANDAL REVIVED

Detective Uncovers Evidence That Results in Indictments.

Indianapolis, Dec. 31.—A grand jury has indicted today, Dr. W. B. Craig a veterinary and I. M. Ragsdale of Indianapolis, as the result of the slaying of Dr. Helen Knabe, a former state bacteriologist a year ago. Craig is named as the murderer and Ragsdale as the accessory. Detective H. C. Webster who secured the evidence, asserts Craig broke his promise to marry Dr. Knabe and broke with her shortly before the murder. Ragsdale is accused of staying in the apartments where the woman was killed, removing evidence of the murder.

Closing Service Tender Tribute.

J. Nielson Barry preached his closing sermon as rector of St. Stephens church before a large congregation and left last night with his family for Washington, D. C., where he intends to take up mission and prison reform work, says the Baker Herald. As his closing message to his congregation he quoted the twentieth chapter of Acts in which St. Paul tells his followers to continue the spreading of the word of God and to remember the work is all for the Lord.

"The church is a place for service and in closing the five years that I have been with you there is no better message to leave with you than the words of St. Paul," he said.

The message was one of the most fitting ever left by a pastor.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Barry were presented many tributes of esteem, among them being a beautiful basket of flowers given by the choir to Mrs. Barry. They left on the night train for New York, where they will stop a week and then go to Washington.

Until a successor to Mr. Barry is chosen lay readings will be held each Sunday morning in the church.

BACK IN OREGON.

Dr. J. E. Stevenson Has Located in Portland After Trip Through East.

La Grande friends of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Stevenson will be pleased to know they have located in Portland permanently. After an extended visit to the east and a stay in California at which time the doctor took the state examination and was admitted to practice there, he and his wife have located in Portland. The doctor has a suite of offices in the Deckum building.

Want Fish Protected.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Senator Bourne has taken up with the fisheries commission the proposed turning over to the state of Oregon of the \$12,000 annual leasing revenue from the fishing privilege of Sand Island, at the mouth of the Columbia river. The state wants to spend all of this revenue on fish hatcheries for the protection of the salmon industry, while the federal government now expends only a part of it in that work.

HUMPHREY BROTHERS HELD BY SUPREME COURT TO BE GUILTY

Alleged Biased Juror Grounds for Reversal of Lower Jury Verdict

Salem, Dec. 31.—The supreme court affirms the first degree murder decision in the case of Humphrey brothers, the Corvallis murderers. They will be returned to their county and re-sentenced.

Salem, Dec. 31.—In answering the defense contention that L. S. Lane was a biased juror and served in the Humphrey case, the supreme court declared it was practically impossible to find a man who had not heard of such a case and a man holding a personal opinion should not be barred as a juror. The new sentence must be executed not more than 60 days or less than 33 days from date.

BOND ELECTION SET FOR JAN. 18

BUILDING WILL MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS

A Year Hence, Same Condition May Prevail.

Special election petitions for the purpose of calling a special election to sell bonds for a new grade school building have the requisite number of signatures and the election is set for the 18th of January. The only issue to be voted on is whether the city of La Grande will raise \$30,000 to build a school building, or not.

The school board has sifted the matter thoroughly and their intention at the present time is to erect somewhere between the Second street crossing and the Palmer mill, an eight room building to accommodate the pupils of school age. The plan will provide for the immediate needs and will give the city little or no margin for the future increase of pupils. At the present time two rooms will be transferred from the Fir street school, one class from the basement of the fourth ward and two from the auditorium. In addition to these classes one eighth grade class will be transferred from the high school to the proposed new building. This will leave but two available rooms for the increase of next year. If the school population increases at the same ratio next year, as in the present year, the school board will have almost the same problem to deal with which now confronts them. The plan to build an eight room building is not definitely determined and may be changed. But the fact is patent that either a very large school building will have to be built or several smaller ones must be erected to meet the demand for more room. This will remain one of the problems of the school board, and will be tackled by them.

The cramped condition in the schools today is the most forcible argument that can be adduced for the passing of the bond issue.

SPECIAL LEAVES AT EIGHT.

Generally Apparent That Over 50 Couples Will Go From Here.

Among the New Year celebrations tonight locally will be the Moose festival of dancing and cards at Hot Lake. The special leaves at 8 o'clock returning shortly after midnight. A party from Union and another from North Powder will meet the Moose at the Lake. All members and those who have petitions for membership pending, are invited to join the excursion. The Olson orchestra of North Powder will supply the music.

ROSARIANS PLANT ROSES.

Fifty-Three Rosebushes Set Out on Oregon Fair Site by Boosters.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—The Royal Rosarians, Oregon boosters, are guests at the Exposition and Commercial clubs today. They selected the site of Portland's exhibit at the big fair and planted 53 roses representing the number of years Oregon has been in the union.

ENVOY AIMS TO LAND WOOLMEN

NEXT CONVENTION OF OREGON ASSOCIATION WANTED

C. M. Humphreys to Represent La Grande at Vale Conclave.

C. M. Humphreys, secretary of the La Grande Commercial club will attend the Oregon Woolgrowers' convention at Vale in the place of Ed. Coolidge the regularly elected club delegate. Mr. Coolidge is unable to go and the task has fallen upon Mr. Humphreys. Significant importance is attached to the task for La Grande is leading in the foremost rank for the next Woolgrowers' convention. The club has pulled all the wires it knows how to pull and the delegate from here will make a fight on the floor of the convention to have La Grande named for this important honor. The program to be carried out at the Vale gathering commencing Friday morning, follows, and about it will center lively scraps of interest to the woolgrowers:

Friday, January 3

10 a. m.—Address of welcome, I. W. Hope, mayor of Vale.

Address of welcome, Judge George E. Davis, president Vale chamber of commerce.

Address of welcome—Judge George W. McKnight, on behalf of wool growers of Malheur county.

Response to addresses of welcome—By a visiting wool grower.

Reading of minutes of last annual meeting.

Annual report by John G. Hoke, secretary treasurer.

Annual address, Jay H. Dobbin, of Joseph, Ore., president of Oregon association.

Reading of communications. Credentials of delegates.

Five minute recess. Appointment of committees.

Reports of officers of county organizations.

Address "The Wool Growers' Co-operative Wool Warehouse," John D. Holliday, president National Wool Warehouse and Storage company, Chicago, Ill.

"State Control of Our National Forests, From the Standpoint of the Woolgrower," J. N. Burgess, of Pilot Rock, Oregon.

"Enemies of Oregon Sheep," Dr. W. H. Lytle, state sheep inspector, Pendleton, Oregon.

General discussion. Noon recess.

1:30 p. m.—"The Relation of Transportation to the Sheep Industry," Victor O. Johnson, Shoshone, Idaho.

"Wool Growing and Its Relation to the Tariff," Frank W. Hagenbarth, of Spencer, Idaho.

General discussion. "The Oregon Agricultural College and Its Relation to the Livestock Industry of the State," O. M. Plummer of Portland Union Stockyards, Portland, Oregon.

"The Scalp Bounty Law," Loring V. Stewart, of Dayville, Oregon.

Discussion. Address by E. P. Cranston, vice president of Oregon Woolgrowers' association, of Baker, Oregon.

Adjournment for day. Saturday, January 4.

10 a. m.—"Breeding for Larger

LET EVERYBODY PAY.

The subject of cleaning snow from the sidewalks is receiving just and proper attention. The city council is turning the matter over carefully endeavoring to reach a proper conclusion, as is also the street department. As the ordinances now stand the snow question is covered, but it is covered in rather an awkward way. The property is held for the expense incurred of removing snow from it, which if followed, would require a system of bookkeeping that would cost more than to execute the actual physical work of removing the snow.

The only way that seems practical is to let all pay.

We mean by this to place snow shoveling in the same class of work as street sprinkling and street cleaning in the summer months charging the expense to the general fund thus causing all property that is taxed to share the burden. There may be some objection to this, but it is impossible to get at a form of operation that will not have objection, and by paying from the general fund there will be less complaint than otherwise.

And, besides, the all-important thing will be accomplished—that of keeping the sidewalks clean.

ENGINE'S TRIP COSTLY.

While Crew Was Away Engine Started on Lonesome Trip.

Huntington, Dec. 30.—(Special)—On arrival of No. 18 east bound yesterday morning the big O. S. L. engine that had but a few hours before pulled in No. 5 and was left standing on a side track was turned over. The switch crew were busy getting No. 8 ready to proceed when for some reason the engine started on its lonesome way, meeting the switch train and colliding with a dining car, breaking a rail and turning completely over. The wrecking crew are busy with dynamite tearing it loose from the cab in an endeavor to right it. Nobody was hurt.

River Regulation Important.

Washington, Dec. 31.—In order that support of Senator Newland's bill to create a board of river regulation that may be organized nationally, a National River Regulation and Flood Prevention congress will meet January 3 and 7 in New Orleans, under the auspices of the National Reclamation association, National Irrigation association, Stockton River Regulation commission, Louisiana Reclamation club, Pittsburgh Flood commission and affiliated bodies. George H. Maxwell, executive director of the National Reclamation association, is at the head of the movement. Recently he has been at work in California, securing the co-operation of commercial and local official bodies in bringing pressure to bear upon congress.

The Newlands bill calls for the expenditure by congress, through the proposed board, of no less than \$50,000,000 annually for ten years in "the regulation and control of the flow of navigable rivers for aid of interstate commerce and as a means to that end to provide for flood prevention and protection and for the beneficial use of flood waters and for water storage and for the protection of watersheds from denudation and erosion and from forest fires, and for the co-operation of government services and bureaus with each other and with states, municipalities and other local agencies."

Seattle Team at Portland.

Seattle, Dec. 31.—The Washington Athletic club football players left Seattle this afternoon for Portland where they will play Multnomah.

Mutton Lams, Jas. Withycombe, of Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon.

"Improved Range Management in National Forests" Thomas P. MacKenzie, assist district forester, of Portland, Oregon.

"Portland Wool Warehouse" C. N. McAllister, of Portland, Oregon.

Election of officers and selection of place of meeting of 16th annual convention.

Adjournment.

CONVICTS ON WAY TO SERVE THEIR TERMS

ROUTE OF THE SPECIAL CAREFULLY GUARDED BY DEPUTIES.

WIVES SEE MEN DEPART

Flowers and Candy Brought to County Jail and Men Are Allowed to Bid Farewell to Their Families—Train Is Specially Guarded and Will Arrive at Leavenworth Tomorrow.

Indianapolis, Dec. 31.—The first move to obtain a retrial of the convicted laborites came today when the defense attorneys filed writs of supercedes and error in the federal court. Judge Anderson will hear the arguments Thursday. "A pile of junk" is Miller's description of the writs.

Indianapolis, Dec. 31.—Forty deputies are guarding 33 convicted labor leaders who started today for Leavenworth prison at 12:30 (this afternoon). They will arrive there tomorrow. The route of the "dynamite special," as it is called, will be carefully guarded. Wives and relatives bade farewell to the prisoners at the county jail, and it was announced today that the National Association of Ironworkers will take care of the families.

Autos Carry Prisoners

The prisoners were taken from the jail to the train in fast autos, and the transfer was made before it was generally known that the trip was slated. Relatives brought fruit and candy to the jail and attempted to smile as they bid the prisoners farewell.

Paroles Far Away.

To many of the prisoners paroles are far away. President Ryan who drew the biggest sentence, will be eligible in 1916, the six-year termers in 1915 the four-year termers in July, 1914, and two-year termers in August, 1913 and one-year termers in May, 1913.

"There is a possibility of an attempt to dynamite the train—though we do not expect this to happen. The first man caught drinking will be 'fired' off the train. The filing of the writs delayed the start of the train somewhat." This is the word issued from Chief Marshall Schmidt at noon today.

Schmidt declared no one would be allowed to leave the dynamite special on the trip. Deputies were instructed to not allow prisoners out of their sight. The deputies rode two in a seat each facing a prisoner. The special was comprised of two coaches and a baggage car but there were no sleepers and Schmidt ordered the deputies to remain awake until they reach the prison.

Envoys Discuss Mediation.

London, Dec. 31.—Balkan-Turkish envoys conferred informally today regarding Reschid Pasha's guarded proposal for mediation by the powers. The Balkans refused to consider it unless the proposal was presented in writing. Constantinople dispatches state the porte strongly favors mediation by the powers, hoping thus to retain the most of European Turkey.

M. J. ALTON DEAD.

Weiser, Dec. 21—(Special)—After a lingering illness, M. J. Alton, manager of the new Washington hotel at Weiser died of tuberculosis last night. He was formerly manager of the Hot Lake sanatorium and has a host of friends and acquaintances in La Grande and among the traveling public. He was married a few weeks ago in this city.