

WILSON GIVES PARDONS TO 3 ON GREAT DAY

GREAT FLURRY ABOUT WHITE-HOUSE IN PREPARATION FOR WEDDING

HONEYMOON TRIP STILL SECRET WITH WILSON

Wedding to Take Place This Evening at 8:30 O'clock—President Leaves Desk to Not Return Until He Is a Bridegroom—Mrs. Galt Disappears for the Day.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President Wilson on his wedding day granted pardons to three prisoners in the federal penitentiaries. This was one of the last transactions in a business way for the day. After concluding pressing state business he left his desk this afternoon for the last time until he returns to it a bridegroom. He was in excellent spirits.

There was a flurry around the White House this morning and Mrs. Galt disappeared from view at her home all day.

It is announced that everything is in readiness for the ceremony tonight at 8:30 o'clock. The honeymoon place is still secret.

A storm this morning blew away during the day, giving promise of a clear night.

Many Hogs Shipped.

The Wallowa Sun says: Saturday was surely hog day on the Wallowa branch. On the out-going freight there were 24 cars of fat porkers. Five cars were shipped from Wallowa, two from Lostine and 17 cars from Joseph and Enterprise. The Elgin Forwarding Co. of Joseph shipped two cars and from Enterprise one, while the Farmers' Meat Co. of Joseph shipped three and J. W. Chandler three and G. M. Conner two. The latter five cars were out of Enterprise. The shippers of the five cars from Wallowa were: H. M. Pfeiffer one, J. D. Hackett two and Wm. Hunter two.

In this shipment of 24 cars there were practically 2400 head of hogs that went out on this train. The average weight of all hogs sold on the Portland market as reported by the Live Stock Reporter was 205 pounds and the bulk of the sales at 6 cents means that the value of this shipment of hogs amounted to \$29,520.00. A nice little sum to come into the county in one day for hogs.

This is just one shipment. There are hogs going out to the market on nearly every train and it shows the prosperous condition of our thrifty farmers. Wallowa county raises and ships more hogs than any other county in the state.

GOOD OLD FASHIONED WAY.

Col. Ed. Stringham Believes in Re-membering "Editors."

"I have always thought editors were human at times," said Col. Ed. Stringham yesterday as he entered the Observer office. "So much so," he continued "that when butchering time comes around I think of what the poet said about a 'man is never so happy as when his stomach is full of grease.'"

And with that Col. Stringham handed two packages of pig meat through the window, one of sausage and one of the backbones and spare ribs. For which he has the thanks of the almost at times human editor.

STRANDED WOMAN HELPED

Young Mother Deserted by Husband Given Assistance Here.

Homeless, deserted by her husband prior to the birth of a child now but a few weeks old, a woman with two children was picked up on the streets this morning by the Salvation army. She was given warmth and food at the barracks and provision made to have her way paid to Spokane where she claims to have a brother. Ensign Childers provided her with a haven there in Salvation army circles until she locates relatives. She has been bumped about from one city to another and was in a destitute condition.

Will Move to Lostine.

C. W. Allen, who moved to Milton several months ago from the Wallowa country, is preparing to move back again and will soon open a general merchandise store in Lostine.—Milton Eagle.

LIBRARY SETS A NEW RECORD

NOVEMBER BANNER MONTH OF EXISTENCE.

New Books Soon to Be Put on Shelves for Patrons of the City Library.

November was the banner month for the La Grande library—the institution was more freely used than in any month since its institution. Iva Emily Head, librarian, has just completed the report for that month and it discloses a record. The following books were used:

Children's books circulated 1249
Adult books circulated 1228
Total books circulated 2477
Attendance 3986
Books repaired 92

One hundred and five new books are ordered and the shipment will probably be here soon after Christmas. They will be ready for circulation a few days after they have been received.

TROJAN WALK BY GIRL.

Mountaineer's Daughter Insures Herself Christmas Box.

Having heard that the Salvation Army was providing Christmas boxes for such homes as are seldom if ever visited by Santa, a little mountaineer girl of tender years this morning wrapped up her tiny limbs and started out afire for La Grande. She had to wade through six miles of deep snow to get here. She found her Christmas box alright and after hob-nobbing with Salvation army officials, cheerfully started back the six miles again—all in one day, but a happier Christmas there won't be in this man's country—those who saw her face beam with joy as she plodded homeward positively assert.

LOG DRIVE AGAIN.

Grande Ronde Lumber Company Will Float Part of Their Supply.

The old-fashioned log-drive is to be in vogue again down the river to Perry this coming spring. The Grande Ronde Lumber company has a big crew at work in the Jordan Creek section and large quantities of logs are being banked at the river near the old Longley place. These logs which will probably amount to between two and three million feet, perhaps more, will be driven down to Perry during the high water season in the spring. It has been several years since logs were brought in large quantities down the river in this way, in fact there has been but little delivery in that way since the Perry company started their logging railway up Rock creek.

The Grande Ronde Lumber company is also receiving rail shipments of logs from the branch line as well as from their own railway in the districts south and west of Perry. In addition they will have for the coming year a very large quantity by means of the old-time drive.

LOST IN SERBIA.

Alarm Is Felt for Former La Grande Young Woman.

A Washington special of the 16th instant says:

"War dispatches from Serbia have caused a feeling of alarm for the safety of Mme. Slavko Grouitch, American wife of the Serbian Foreign Minister, who is at the front with the army."

"With Mme. Grouitch is Miss Elva Reed, of La Grande, Ore., her assistant. They are in charge of the Frothingham Red Cross unit."

"Mme. Grouitch was Miss Mabel Dunlop, of West Virginia. She was socially prominent in various capitals in the country, on a charge of pre-Grouitch, was charge d'affaires of the Serbian legation at the Court of St. James when the war began. He joined his regiment, and his wife came to this country to arouse her American sisters to aid the Serbians."

"After a lecture tour in the United States Mme. Grouitch returned to Serbia and is believed now to be in the thickest of the fighting being done by the fast-disappearing Serbian army."

Photographs of Mme. Grouitch and Miss Reed were printed in the Observer just previous to their departure from New York for Serbia a couple of months ago. Miss Reed was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reed, former residents of La Grande.

Baker Bowlers Beat La Grande.

Baker, Dec. 18.—The Baker second team bowlers took the La Grande "crabs" into camp on the Superior alleys last evening, winning three straight games and the match with a total of 2355 pins against 2090. Baker's margin of victory being 265 pins. Prof. Romig made high score of 218 and Alf Liebe's average of 184 was the highest.

PRISONER LIST BIG.

Thirteen Thousand Captured by Austrians During Recent Days.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—(Wireless to Sayville).—Thirteen thousand five hundred Montenegrins and Serbians were imprisoned by Austrians in five days of fighting.

STREET CAR LOADED WITH WORKMEN FALLS IN RIVER

Spokane Accident May Claim Death Toll of at Least Ten: Many Hurt

Spokane, Dec. 18.—Seven are believed to have met death and ten were injured when an "Aster" street car plunged into the Spokane river early this morning when the middle span of Division street bridge collapsed beneath it.

A majority of the victims were working men enroute to work. The bridge collapsed without warning and noiselessly dropped into the river with the car. The motorman, conductor and many of the injured escaped through the windows and doors, and were removed by firemen with ladders.

The entire police and fire departments aided in the rescue. Tugs and row boats were requisitioned.

A big crowd gathered on the shore. A second car leaving the bridge clung to the approach by the front trucks and narrowly escaped sliding back into the chasm.

One body was recovered in the first three hours of work. The identified is Samuel Howard.

DELAY IN ARRAIGNMENT.

Accused Bomb Plotters Ask for Four More Days to File Pleas.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Baron von Brincken, C. C. Crowley and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, recently indicted in bomb plots, appeared in the federal court today. Attorneys for them waived the preliminary reading of the indictment and asked for postponement of pleading for four days. This the government permitted.

SCHOONER BLOWN UP.

Accident Occurs 12 Miles Off Cape Ann—Many Missing.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The gasoline schooner Manomette blew up and sank yesterday 12 miles off Cape Ann. Four of the crew were saved and ten are missing.

BANK CLERK UNDER A CLOUD

THE NATION'S LARGEST BANK SECRETS BARED.

Clerk Charged With Giving German Agents "Inside News."

New York, Dec. 18.—The Government has caused arrest today of Frederick Schleindt, a German clerk in the National City bank, the largest in the country, on a charge of participating anti-ally conspiracy. It is alleged he furnished German secret service men with information of the finances of the National City, and other banks in connection with munitions purchased and other allies' transactions.

PENDLETON OPTIMISTIC

"Great Need of Accommodations" Cited by Paper.

Pendleton papers are much concerned over the prospective changes in railroad circles. While the Observer yesterday was giving authentic announcements from President Farrell's office, outlining precisely what the changes mean, in that they take no men from La Grande but on the other hand make La Grande a greater railroad center than ever, the Pendleton Tribune was asking pertinent questions of its readers. Said the Tribune last evening:

What is Pendleton going to do? Effective January 15, 1916, Pilot Rock Junction becomes division point instead of Umatilla.

All employees now at Umatilla will be transferred to Pilot Rock Junction.

Engineers on passenger and fast freight runs will be transferred from La Grande to Pilot Rock Junction.

Within 90 days the payroll at Pilot Rock Junction will be \$10,000 monthly. Within 90 days there will be a hundred families either at Pilot Rock Junction or in Pendleton whose livelihood will be dependent upon the railroad work at Pilot Rock Junction.

These conditions call for: Houses in Pendleton in which these families and other employees can live comfortably, reasonably and within reach of their work.

More adequate and rapid transportation facilities between Pendleton and Pilot Rock Junction.

A hard surfaced road down the river from Pendleton to Pilot Rock Junction.

A club house and community room for these employees.

Some expression, at least, of appreciation of these changes which will add so much to Pendleton's population and industrial growth and some effort, at least, to welcome them and make them comfortable and at home.

What is Pendleton going to do?

La Grande is up in arms over the action of the O. W. R. & N. in making the new Pilot Rock Junction the terminal for engineers on the passenger and fast freight runs from Huntington. The order which becomes effective January 15, provides that all passenger and fast freight engineers and firemen shall run direct through from Huntington to Pendleton and from Pendleton to Huntington, thus eliminating La Grande as a division point for these men and bringing from 10 to 20 families to Pendleton.

A mass meeting of the business interests was held in La Grande last night and a committee appointed to

BOY INJURED WHILE HUNTING

DANGER OF LOSING RIGHT ARM SERIOUS.

Companions Bring Aid Post Haste—Wound Is Ugly One.

Small boys and a gun were the plot in a distressing accident on the cliffs above the Oro Dell dam about noon today when Barney Lester, 18 year old son of Monroe Lester of the North Side suffered injuries to his right arm that may mean amputation. He is now at the hospital where surgeons are trying to save the member.

The accident was followed by spartan work for assistance by companions and others drafted into service. Barney and Bud Towery, aged eight, had been up on the cliff near Devil's Slide. In going down a steep rock Barney purposely dropped his gun to the bench below but it was discharged by the act. The load hit him in the arm tearing ugly wounds in the fat and muscle. In addition to causing excruciating pain, it tended to blind him. Bud ran for assistance and at the foot of the hill met Dallas Green and Harris Humble. The latter ran to a telephone, and Green brought the wounded boy down to the river by great physical effort. The wounded boy couldn't see though he was able to walk some. A woodhauler was called into service, helped carry him over the ice toward, but in the meantime Dr. Hall had been called by the Humble boy and he met the procession near the brick yard and transferred Barney to his machine and rushed him to the hospital. The boy's relatives were quickly notified. It is still too early to definitely predict if the arm can be saved.

School Children Frolic Around Tree

Baker, Dec. 18.—"Merry Christmas, Baker, 1915," was the sign stretched in front of the big Christmas tree on Main and Washington streets this afternoon, when 500 pupils from the Baker high school, from the grades in the same building, grouped about the big evergreen, while the high school band played "Annie Laurie," and Loring Pfeffer turned the crank of his movie machine.

Sleighs packed with children and teachers crossed in front of the tree and snowballs flew thick through the air, for the youngsters needed no second prompting when told to put on a snowball fight. It came naturally.

The day was ideal for filming and the pictures will be used throughout the country, showing how the Christmas holidays are enjoyed in Baker.

take up the matter with President Farrell. What La Grande proposes, is instead of making the run straight through from Huntington to Pendleton the engineers and firemen run from Huntington to La Grande and then the men from La Grande to Pendleton and then double back. This would eliminate the necessity of the engineers and firemen moving from La Grande to Pendleton.

It is very probable that the local Commercial Association and business men will also take a hand in the matter as it is very desirable that the change be made as outlined by the railroad and make this the biggest division point on the line outside of Portland.

SLEIGH BELLS JINGLE AGAIN

DELIVERIES ADJUSTED TO NEW CONDITIONS.

Snow Storm Brings Stock Out of the Hills—Starkey Storm Big.

Jingle of sleighbells presaging a white and merry Christmas, is rapidly adding sweet music to the lover of winter weather. While the heavy snowfall has driven stock from the hills, and made valley traveling bad, the city streets are especially smooth and snow-coated. New turn-outs, some of them makeshifts, are hourly being added today to the transportation facilities.

Mailcarriers Use Sleighs.

The snowfall has not worried some of the city mail deliverers for the reason that the shift from the wheels to runners has been an easy one and on most of the streets mail delivering has become more of a pleasure than a task—as far as appearances go to the one who isn't doing the delivering.

City deliveries were made by sleighs today to a considerable degree.

Brought Horses From the Hills.

A. J. Sullivan came down from Starkey yesterday with a band of horses numbering about a hundred head which he will take today out to one of the former sugar company ranches near Hot Lake and there the horses will be kept for the winter. Mr. Sullivan has been wintering stock at the valley ranch for a number of years.

Some Snow at Starkey.

Fred Holke was down from his Starkey ranch this morning. He came down as far as Hilgard to deliver some dressed hogs and the sleighing was so fine that he decided to continue the trip on to La Grande. There has been but little snow so far in Starkey until the last fall, and now the depth averages a foot or more.

STUCK IN THE SNOW DRIFTS.

Dr. M. K. Hall Speaks at Cove and Is Caught in the Storm.

After addressing an audience in Cove Thursday on Social Hygiene Dr. M. K. Hall of this city started home in his Franklin car only to be caught in the heavy snow storm and spent some time trying to extricate himself and car from the drifts. He was unsuccessful in the effort until next morning and arrived in La Grande at near the noon hour.

COAST LUMBER TRADE.

Advance in Rates Operates as Stimulus to Shipping.

Portland, Dec. 16.—Spurred by a fourth advance in rates on lumber between Portland and California ports, owners of steamers on this coast are eager to get their vessels back into the lumber carrying service. It is said that at least a dozen vessels will be returned to this service shortly.

Lumber rates to San Francisco are now \$5 a thousand feet, and to San Pedro \$5.50. Every available vessel in sight is being taken for this service, and the demand is said by lumbermen to warrant hopes of a continued prosperity.

The steamer George W. Fenwick, turned back by W. R. Grace & Co. to her owners, the Hammond Lumber company yesterday, is to be loaded for San Pedro at the Tongue Point mill of that company. She has a capacity of 2,000,000 feet and at the prevailing rates, can earn \$11,000 and make at least two round trips a month. While she could secure at least \$500 a day on time charter, the difference is hardly sufficient to make up for the profit which the operation of the company mill will provide.

Another steamer expected back in this service shortly is the steamer Daisy Freeman. She is at present under charter to the Pacific Coast Steamship company, and operating out of San Francisco to San Pedro and way ports. That company is said to hold an option on her to purchase, but it is said, will not exercise it.

Swayne & Hoyt, who have been operating the other members of the Freeman fleet, or the Freeman company itself, could use the vessel quite handsly.

The Edgar H. Vance, also owned by the Hammond Lumber company, will probably return to this service shortly, although it is not known here when her charter expires.

Returns From Portland.

F. L. Meyers has returned from a business visit to Portland where he met with the State Bankers' association.

COUNTY CENSUS COMPLETED

Practically Five Thousand Five Hundred Pupils in County.

Union county has 5937 persons of school age, according to the returns received in the office of School Superintendent Ivanhoe. As to how this total is divided between boys and girls is not exactly known for the reason that a few of the smaller districts did not return reports with the numbers segregated as to sex. Revised reports have been called for from the clerks of these districts and these will be received probably within a few days.

AUSTRIAN NOTE IN ANCONA CASE GIVEN TO PRESS

RIGHT TO DISCUSS THE MATTER CHIEF CONTENTS OF DOCUMENT.

SUBMARINE CAPTAIN HELD NOT IN ANY WAY TO BLAME

Answer to the Note Will be Sharp and Stop Quibbling in Spite of Attitude Assumed by the Austrians—Very Grave Crisis Still Exists in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary of State Lansing has made public the Austrian note replying to American demands in the Ancona case. A significant feature is that Austria's insistence on discussion of the evidence is the principle involved. It held Austria is entitled to discuss the facts.

Regarding the commander of the Austrian submarine that sank the Ancona, the note declares that American demand "Doesn't in any way sufficiently warrant attaching blame to him," even if America's contentions are correct, and a "Most vigorous legal conception" is applied to the judgment of the case. It held Austria is incompletely informed of contents of the American and German notes regarding submarines. It suggested further parley.

Quick Answer Made.

A brief and sharp note permitting no quibbling will be forwarded to Austria tonight in the Ancona case. It was prepared by Lansing and the President approved it.

Officialdom held the situation still "Very Grave" and promptness with which America replied the Austrian note, leaves little room for doubt that Austria failed to comply with American demands. Specific details of the note are not learned.

Lansing also made public the Austrian admiral's official report in the Ancona case which says it tried to escape, declaring, "Foreign reports the submarine fired on the life boats are mendacious inventions and when steamer stopped the submarine stopped firing."

FIRST SNOW WELCOME.

Sleds and Sleighs Appear—Building Operations Proceed Without Halt.

(The Enterprise Chieftain)
The first considerable snow of the season fell Monday night all over the hills and upper valleys of the county. Nearly a foot fell and it has settled some but none has gone yet, and nearly everybody hopes it will lie on the remainder of the winter.

While wagons and automobiles are still used in the towns, sleds and sleighs have been put into service in the country. There is an excellent foundation for sleighing, and runners go much better than wheels just now. But the uncertainty of winter snow in this part of the county keeps many from giving up their wagons, as they think the ground may be bare almost any day, with a rain, a few hours of warm sun, or a chinook wind.

The weather does not appear settled and should more snow fall, the very best of sleighing would result, to the satisfaction of farmers who have not hauled in their grain yet. Many in the more distant hill districts to the northeast have been waiting in vain for good roads for nearly two months and would welcome steady sleighing.

War News of One Year Ago
Germany admitted an allies' advance in Flanders and France.
Italian Premier Salandra declared that the war would bring "an enlarged Italy" in 1915.

Rest Room May Be Provided.

Baker, Dec. 18.—A tentative movement has been inaugurated by business men and others to provide a public rest room for those who after the first of the year may be deprived of the places where they now congregate, especially during the winter months, if after the saloons are closed the first of the year there seems a necessity for such a place. The matter has been discussed at different times and certain citizens are prepared to go ahead if the situation after the first of the year seems to demand a public rest room. From the present outlook, it does not seem that such a place will be necessary, as many of the saloons will be kept open as lunch rooms, soft drink places, etc.