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A SOLEMN, SERIOUS MATTER.

Barney Lester, a bright boy eighteen years old, is in the Grande Ronde hospital with one arm removed.

It is a repetition of the old, old story of a boy and a gun.

Barney, like other boys, loved a gun. He went hunting Saturday and in climbing down a cliff the gun was discharged removing all flesh and muscle from his right arm making amputation necessary.

Poor Barney, everyone's heart goes out to the little fellow who will go through life handicapped by the loss of one arm. He is brave and will do the very best he can under the circumstances, but that will not make him the fit and fine youngster he was before this accident happened.

Here we have the solemn, serious warning right before us.

What will parents of other boys do?

Will they continue permission for

Coffee

If you can smile at breakfast time, the day is won!

The great service of Schilling's Best is to help make your breakfast the beginning of a happy day!

We can't risk anything in producing such coffee. It must be free from bitterish chaff, evenly ground, absolutely protected.

The airtight tins furnish the protection. The coffee is economical—goes further.

Schilling's Best

the youngsters to carry guns into the hills, or anywhere else for that matter, or will they unite as one person and demand that steps be taken once and for all to do away with gun carrying?

It might be your boy next time. Let us hope such will never be, but then it might be so.

Let us not let this matter rest. Why not take it up in the public schools, in the pulpits of the churches, in the Y. M. C. A., in the young people's meetings, and in every instance

urge against the carrying of guns.

Some time maybe, when legislators get tired of legislating against everything else there will be some laws passed about the sale of guns and ammunition, and the carrying of guns that people will be forced to respect.

Manager Lafky could not help the wind blowing down his Christmas trees Sunday. But they are all right side up with care today and the movement is a good one.

PERSONALS.

Dr. G. W. Tape of Hat Lake is on his way to Portland on business.

L. H. Russel returned today noon from a business trip to Portland.

Fred Kiddle is among the La Grande boys returning yesterday from Eugene where he is attending U. of O.

Mrs. Horace Knott and son are over from Enterprise to visit several days with relatives and friends.

John French is home from Kamela to spend the holiday season. He says the weather has been below zero several times in the upper country.

L. West of Grandview, near Yakima, was in La Grande this morning on his way to Wallowa to visit his son George West whom he has not seen in 14 years.

Miss Anita Worth is home from Pullman where she is a student in W. S. C., to visit with her mother for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. W. G. Sawyer and her sister, Mrs. Cornelia Barker-Carse, who has been visiting here for some time, left today for Portland where they will spend the holidays.

Mrs. M. A. Ghormley of Enterprise returned home this morning after spending Sunday with her daughter Ruth of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wenzel and daughter left last evening for Merrill and Grand Rapids, Wis., where they will spend the holidays with relatives and former neighbors. They expect to return to La Grande soon after January 1st. They were on the train that was stalled at Union until today noon.

Foley Hotel Guests.

Thos. T. Zillmer, Portland; A. Gustafson, San Francisco; E. A. Waller, Seattle; E. Badame, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. T. Jack, Baker; Jas. Gilbert, Seattle; H. A. Scriffler, Walla Walla; H. M. Wood, Portland; John McCarty, Portland; R. F. Holme, Portland; Bernard, Orton, Portland; C. C. Ghormley, Enterprise; Mrs. C. C. Bell, Wallowa; Smith Bell, Wallowa; O. F. Kahler, St. Louis.

Guests at Sommer.

M. B. Reuhan, W. H. Gerian, Portland; A. W. Perley, I. B. Tuttle, Elgin; J. S. Cochran, J. E. Elliott, Enterprise; Leon Rice and wife, St. Louis; J. H. Payton, Portland; D. B. Sells, Portland; Mrs. Minnie Keeton, W. M. Wagner, Joseph; Miles Putnam, Huntington.

Maxwell Car Makes Record.

R. W. Leighton, Maxwell agent at La Grande, received today the following telegram which is self-explanatory:

"A Maxwell stock car broke the world's non-stop record of 12,405 miles this morning at Los Angeles. The car averaged 22 miles per hour and 23 miles to the gallon of gasoline. The run was strictly official under the American Automobile Association rules. The car is still running and will continue to pile up mileage."

John Harvey is home from Grande Ronde hospital where he has been for three weeks.

The passengers on the belated trains can have a good time snowballing, so why should they worry.



"La Camille"

Reg. Trade Mark, U. S. Pat. Off.

The one perfect front-lace corset with that exclusive VENTILIO back, and VENTILIO front shield. A model for every possible figure and a price for every purse.—\$2.00 and up.

MRS. ROBERT PATTISON CORSETIERE.

Other models at \$2.00 up. Residence 1702 Oak. Phone Red 3221

Just Received Another Shipment of "Chief Joseph" INDIAN BLANKETS

The Indian Robe With True Indian Designs, Rich Beautiful Patterns, Full Size Priced \$5.00 to \$7.50

Many are buying "Chief Joseph" Indian blankets to send east to friends—There is not another thing that would be more highly prized than an Indian blanket; being purely a western product, in the east are quite a novelty.

They put into a dozen uses in every home—no one ever has too many Indian robes—

Do You Know What to Give Him for Christmas



If you are puzzled just step into our men's furnishing department, and your problem will be solved. Scores of useful gifts that are sure to please him—at pleasing prices.

Leather collar, boys ... 75c to \$2.00	Silk mufflers ... \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50
Men's military brush sets ... 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00	Men's fancy Xmas ties ...
..... \$1.25 to \$5.00	Kid gloves \$1.00 to \$2.50
Pullman slippers ... \$1.25 to \$1.50	Men's linen initial handkerchiefs 25c
Arm bands in fancy boxes 25c, 50c	Men's Interwoven hosiery 25c, \$1.50 box
Xmas garters 25c, 50c	Suit cases \$2.00 to \$10.00
Xmas suspenders in box 50c	
Combination sets 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25	

N. K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

Savoy Hotel Arrivals.

Albert E. Hubbard, Portland; F. M. Pilkington, Seattle; Gladys Scott, North Powder; Mrs. B. A. Endrup, Hilgard; Hazel Ford, Elgin; Mrs. C. L. Damerell, Kamela; Mrs. B. F. Cook, Kamela; Mrs. J. M. McKinna, Kamela; A. C. McLennon, Lewiston; F. Clark, Aicel; Nellie Rush, Elgin; P.

R. McMillen, Aicel; Mertle Cummings, Elgin; J. F. Elliott, Elgin; W. S. Cook, Pendleton; C. S. Hamer, Meacham; Lawrence Hayes, Meacham; W. P. Rollins, Imbler; D. C. Hawley, La Grande; G. E. Garn, Imbler; Lee Jack and wife; E. A. Sones, North Powder; A. Paynor, Council; G. G. Bensing, Chas. Smith, Hot Lake; Henry Inwall, Portland; A. W. Per-

son and wife, Fairfield, Wn.; F. W. Nelson, Portland; James McFarland, Portland; Leonard Billings and wife, Imbler; J. J. Rostin; H. Remelard, Elgin; A. O. Rider, Elgin; LeVina Dale, Flora; Mayme Alexander, Elgin; E. R. Humphrey, North Yakima; Mrs. G. M. Jasper, Freewater, Oregon; H. A. Belding, Portland; R. C. Carnell, Portland; J. T. Whitby; L. A. Stringham, Imbler; Orville Baker; H. H. Horn, Elgin; Mrs. Carl Hadlin, Evans.

Our Store's First Birthday Wednesday, Dec. 22

Mistletoe and Holly will be
Given to all Adult Callers--
YOU ARE INVITED

The La Grande Pharmacy

Corner Adams and Elm St. West-Jacobson Building. - - Adolph Newlin, Manager

Come and Celebrate With Us

Wednesday, Dec. 22nd
Afternoon and Evening

On the above date this pharmacy will open its doors to the public. While our celebration will not be elaborate, we shall appreciate a visit from you and we extend

A Cordial Invitation

to be present. We intend giving the store a somewhat holiday appearance, will have music during the afternoon and evening and will have Holly and Mistletoe for all who call whether any purchase is made or not.

This is not an invitation to buy anything, we simply ask the favor of a call, and shall endeavor to make you feel at home.

We ask you therefore to kindly remember the date and call during the afternoon or evening as may be most convenient.

Announcement

Storage Battery Service

We examine and test your battery free of charge.

We now have an expert battery man and are equipped to do all kinds of battery work and repairing.

LEIGHTON'S GARAGE

The careful man knows his time is slipping away and his earning power is also slipping away. Your time and earning power are going; put your money in the bank for old age or a rainy day.

BANK YOUR MONEY TODAY.

YOU MUST DO SO TO HAVE IT TO-MORROW.

BANK WITH US.

WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST ON TIME DEPOSITS

La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON

Capital \$200,000.00 Surplus \$50,000.00
Reserves \$1,000,000.00

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C. C. Penington, Vice President
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