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UNION COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

(From the Elgin Recorder)

Cadin Crawford, former farmer of the Flat now residing near La Grande, was a business visitor in Elgin Monday.

Lester, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Helland, who was seriously ill for several weeks, is now able to be up and will soon resume his studies in school.

R. W. Garrett, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Elgin for the past two weeks, left the latter part of last week for his home in Gilliam county.

Mrs. D. Sommer and Mrs. J. F. Bater will leave this evening for a visit with friends and relatives in Portland. Mrs. Bater will also go to Salem to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliff.

Henry Bader has not appeared at all natural to his friends this week. An inquiry elicited from Henry the information that he had a mixup with a heavy-weight dentist, and as a result lost all of his upper teeth.

About 20 Pumpkin Ridge residents and neighbors of Al Hug banded together Monday evening and went to the Hug home, where they treated Al and his bride to an old fashioned charivari. The men folks were treated to a box of cigars, while the ladies had to be content with cold cash, with which they were told to purchase their treats. A merry evening was spent until 11:00 o'clock, when the visitors retired to their homes, leaving the newly-weds to undisturbed slumbers.

Mrs. Day and little Son, of La Grande, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Masten, of the Flat, a few days this week.

Wm. Adams, who has been superintending the planing mill at Minam for the past several weeks, has completed his labors there and returned home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Morelock, accompanied by her son, Cleo, and daughter, Leontine, returned Sunday morning to their home at Joseph, after a brief visit with Elgin friends and relatives.

Arthur Bussear has been on the sick list for several days and unable to leave his home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Masterson arrived Monday evening from Wallowa for a visit in their former home with friends and relatives.

Chas. Tamarius was down from Pumpkin Ridge Tuesday and says the snow is at least two feet deep on the level in his section. He states that a continued wind storm would drift the snow to an extent that travel would be most difficult.

Miss Clarice Fine has resigned her school on Indian creek to take charge of the fifth grade taught by Mrs. Frank Fine, who resigned on account of poor health. Miss Stoddard, of La Grande, will finish the term on Indian creek and began work Monday.

Floyd Galloway returned the latter part of last week from an extended visit to Portland, Eugene and points in southwestern Washington.

He reports a pleasant trip and says business conditions are pretty much the same in all points visited.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris, pioneer residents, departed Monday evening for Portland, where they will spend the winter and make side trips to Corvallis, Tacoma and Seattle. They will not return to Elgin before the advent of spring and hope to avoid some of the rather strenuous winter by spending the time nearer the coast.

(From Union Republican)

W. W. Stevens, of Union, was this week appointed Deputy Assessor for this section, and will be ready for the work when the time comes. Mr. Stevens held this position last year and as far as the Republican is advised gave satisfaction.

J. W. Baxter is about completing a fine big barn for J. W. Chadwick at the Junction.

Fred Fox, of the public schools teaching force, is on crutches this week, owing to a sprained ankle.

There is plenty of good sleighing at Medical Springs, says H. E. Watts, of the Park, who was in the city Monday on business.

Mrs. C. E. Bean, recently operated upon in the hospital at La Grande, is reported mending rapidly and getting along well.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wright expect to leave this week for California, and while away may decide to go to Honolulu. While in California, about the 25th, they will attend the wedding of Will Wright, of Portland, and a lady from Kentucky, the ceremony to take place in San Francisco.

Mrs. Skiff has been confined to her home this week with la grippe.

Miss Hazel Adams expects to return to college the last of this month.

J. A. Farley expects to move to Park section about the first of February.

Mrs. C. W. Erwin and daughter Eva Jane, have returned from Portland, where they have been visiting for several weeks.

Robert Withycombe returned Tuesday from Corvallis, where he attend-

ed the big horse show in that place, and he says it was great.

Word from Miss Lone Eaton, who is in Seattle, says: "We are having some winter here. Seven inches of snow and everybody has la grippe."

The North High Valley school gave a box social last week, clearing \$56. The funds will be used to buy an organ for the school.

How to Cure Colds.

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MUSICIAN MARRIED.

Wallowa Girl Who Charmed Felice Lyne Cupid Target.

A quiet home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pace on Thursday, Jan. 6, when their only daughter, Florence Virginia, was married to Rudolph Hensel. Rev. Mr. Cook performed the ceremony. Only the immediate relatives were present, relates the Wallowa Sun.

Immediately after the ceremony the newly-weds left for a short trip. Although the many friends of both parties were not informed of the time, when the happy event was to take place, they were in readiness before the train left as the large quantity of rice in the auto and near the depot testified.

Mrs. Hensel is one of Wallowa's accomplished musicians. While attending St. Francis academy at Baker she attracted much attention by her vocal ability. After hearing her, the actress, Felice Lyne recommended her for the International Academy of Music in Paris for which coveted place she was duly elected. Mr. Hensel is employed with the local branch of the Forest Reserve, and is very popular with the musicians.

The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice water, but a temperature of about 90 degrees F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

FRUITS FOR DISTANT MARKETS Care in Picking and Packing Essential to Development of New Outlets

Washington, D. C. Jan. 17.—The importance of careful picking and handling in preventing decay in such fruits as cherries and prunes is brought out in Bulletin 331 of the United Press Department of Agriculture, which contains a report of experiments conducted with these fruits in the Willamette Valley, Oregon. Hitherto it has not usually been found profitable to ship fresh cherries and prunes from this region to distant markets because of the unsatisfactory condition in which the products arrive. These investigations demonstrate that a great part of the decay can be prevented by the exercise of proper care, but that unless care is exercised there is little hope of disposing of the fresh cherry and prune crop of this region in distant markets. The facts brought out in the investigation are believed to be applicable also to other sections of the country.

The losses which shippers of cherries and prunes experience are due chiefly to brown rot and to other fungi which gain entrance through abrasions in the skin, or other injuries to the fruit. The brown rot must be controlled by proper orchard practice. On the other hand, the loss from those forms of fungi which do not attack healthy, sound fruit can be minimized by careful handling.

In order to demonstrate this fact the investigators stored various lots of carefully handled fruit and of commercially handled fruit for varying periods in a refrigerator car, in which the conditions were made as nearly as possible identical with those under which the fruit would travel in actual commercial practice. At the end of 5 days in the iced car, the carefully handled fruit showed an average of only 0.5 per cent decay, while the commercially handled fruit showed 2.8 per cent of decay, or practically 6 times the amount. At the end of 10 days the carefully handled fruit had 1.5 per cent of decay, and the commercially handled lots 12.3 per cent, or 8 times as much. Ten days is approximately the time required to ship fruit from the Willamette Valley to Chicago.

Similar results were obtained from experiments with prunes, although with them the percentage of decay for both commercially handled and carefully handled fruit was smaller than with cherries. It is pointed out, however, that although every effort was made to have the conditions ap-

proximate those in actual transportation, it is probable that the fruit kept better in the iced car used for these tests than it would in the ordinary refrigerator car in transit.

Experiments were also conducted both with carefully handled and commercially handled fruit to determine the value of precooling before placing the fruit in the refrigerator car. These tests show that precooling is undoubtedly of value. On the other hand, it can not be relied upon to prevent losses due to careless handling. Injured fruit will decay whether it is precooled or not, and for this reason precooling is not recommended unless it is preceded by adequate care in picking and packing.

It is also pointed out that any delay between the picking and the shipping of fruit hastens decay. The amount of damage done in this way will vary, of course, with the weather conditions, but under any circumstances it is considerable.

In view of these facts it is recommended that every precaution should be taken in picking the fruit not to bruise it, and that it should be transferred as few times as possible from one container into another. While it is being held in the orchard after picking it should be kept in the shade and the hauling wagon should be provided with good springs and covered with canvas in order to keep off sun and dirt. In grading all damaged fruit should be culled out, and as soon as the shipment has been packed it should be placed in the refrigerator car.

The extra expense of careful handling, it is said, will be more than offset by the reduction of losses from decay and the ability of the fruit to maintain itself in good condition while exposed for sale. If these suggestions are adopted generally by fruit growers and in the fruit to maintain itself in good condition while exposed for sale. If these by fruit growers and in consequence a larger proportion of the crop marketed fresh, it is believed that the industry will benefit greatly and its extension will be made profitable. That this fact is being recognized by fruit growers is indicated by the cooperation afforded the Department in its investigation by the growers in the Willamette Valley.

BIG ENGINES COLLIDE

Wrecker Called From La Grande to Clear the Trouble

Baker Ore, Jan. 15.—Two heavy O-W freight engines locked horns in the local yards yesterday afternoon the locomotives being slightly damaged. One engine was backing up on the passing track, while the other was running ahead on the other west-bound track. The switch connecting the two tracks was accidentally turned and two engines were running toward each other so fast that neither could be stopped in time.

They "side-swiped" each other and the tender of one and the main body of the other locomotive left the rails. The assistance of another engine was needed to pull them apart and the La Grande wrecker was called to get them back on the tracks.

Poured Beer in Sewer

Baker, Jan. 15.—Approximately 1500 gallons of beer, composing the stock of the Resort saloon, was destroyed yesterday under the direction of Manager Eugene De Freece and Emil Glutsch of Portland representing the Weinhard company. The beer was poured from kegs into the sewers and while a few filled buckets arrived early on the scene and put a stop to the practice. Mr. Glutsch stated that the cost of shipping would be so heavy that it could not be done at a profit, hence the decision to destroy the stock.

Little News O' the Day.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 17.—David Altizer, veteran baseball player of the Minneapolis club of the American association, today took a job with an oil company, traveling in Northern Minnesota. He says he will retire permanently from baseball.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 17.—Eastern horsemen were well represented at the opening of the national horse show here today. Local business men gave \$10,000 to pay for getting and staging exhibits and for the entertainment of visitors.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 17.—One of the features of the electrification in Montana of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad is that a train dispatcher has control over the flow of electricity in the overhead. He is able, by his knowledge of the grades and the location of trains, to supply extra current where it is needed and cut it off where it is not needed. Trains going down grade generate electricity.

Annual Automobile Show Opened.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 15.—Exhibits valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars were in place today when Detroit's annual automobile show opened. Three big buildings are required to house the display of pleasure cars and trucks.

RELIGION MAKES GREAT PROGRESS

1915 Good Year For Churches In America.

EVERY CREED SHOWS GAINS

War Tragedy is Credited With Turning Men's Minds to Contemplate Serious Things of Life—Financial Support and Literature Keep Pace With the Professions of Faith.

Religion, despite the war or because of the war, made extraordinary progress in this country and throughout the world in the year 1915. Although the churches entered upon the year much discouraged on account of the disturbance of material things, they have been making steady gains.

Some analysts of the situation hold that the minds of men are turned by the tragedies of the trenches and the battle fronts to consider life from a more serious point of view. The year 1916 opens with the hopes of religious leaders fixed on still greater fruition for their work.

Statistics now at hand from the principal religious bodies in the United States show an increase of 780,000 in a total of nine large denominations, which were credited with having 33,800,000 communicants out of the grand total of 38,725,000 reported for last year. When the complete figures are compiled in February it is believed that the same substantial rate of increase will be shown. The indications are that smaller organizations are making relative progress.

The Presbyterian church has gained a larger number of new members than in any year in its history. The gains of other churches for 1915 are: Catholics, 242,000; Baptists, 145,000; Methodists, 104,000; Lutherans, 60,000; Disciples, 50,000, and Episcopalians, 26,000. These figures would indicate that of the more than 100,000,000 inhabitants of the United States about 40,000,000 have church membership.

Laitly Has Been Most Active.

It is asserted that one factor in this growth on the Protestant side is due to the development of various activities among the laity, such as the laymen's missionary movement and various efficiency organizations in which the members themselves help the clergy in surveys and canvassing.

Contributions for missions to the various denominations have been unusually large. The Protestant Episcopal church has raised \$20,000,000 for its work and exceeded its missionary apportionment. The Methodists passed the amount which they hoped to raise by \$105,000. The Roman Catholics have been successful in obtaining abundant funds, and they have recently started to raise \$500,000 for a headquarters of the Knights of Columbus in New York city.

Benevolence to the war sufferers, to Christian associations, the Salvation Army and other agencies have been very large. The Jews have recently started a movement to raise funds for those of their race in war stricken lands.

Roman Catholics have shown growth in influence and under the new pope have increased their power in various European countries, including England.

Most of the religious faiths are free from controversy. The Episcopalians are debating still the question as to whether or not their board of missions should have voted to send delegates to the Panama congress on religious work. The Presbyterians are still struggling with the perennial problem of the orthodoxy of the Union Theological seminary, New York.

The literary output of the religious organizations has been unusually large.

The printing of Bibles was the largest in the history of the world. American publishers, in part because of the war, have even been selling copies of the Scriptures in England. The American and British Foreign Bible societies in 1915 distributed the largest number of copies of Holy Writ in their existence.

The output of books on general religious subjects written by both clergymen and the devout laity has been unusually large. There has also been a notable increase in the production of religious musical works.

MAKE QUARTZ GLASS HERE.

Another New Industry Added as Result of European War.

The United States has gained a new industry as a result of the war, it being the manufacture of quartz glass, which is used in the making of crucibles, test tubes, retorts and other vessels used in laboratories. It is imperative to acids and heat and is said to be the only known substitute for platinum, which makes it generally valuable to the chemical industry. It is also used in the arts.

The glass was formerly made only in Germany and has sold freely here in spite of a high tariff. It is made of a peculiar sand that is found only in Nebraska, this sand having heretofore been exported to Germany and then returned to this country in the finished product. The glass is now being made in this country in the opaque as well as the transparent and semi-transparent state.



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