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EXCHANGE NEWS

(Elgin Recorder)

W. P. Van Houten, who has been visiting in this city for several weeks at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Earl Baird, returned Monday evening to his home in Union.

Jas. Hallgarth is the proud possessor of a new motor-cycle of the Indian type, 1916 model. He traded his Harley-Davidson in on the new machine, securing the same from R. W. Leighton, of La Grande.

J. C. Weatherly has recovered sufficiently from his recent illness to be around town meeting old friends and hopes to soon recover his usual strength.

Mrs. Ben Grandy, Jr., of La Grande, and Mrs. W. P. Day, of Island City, were passengers on Tuesday evening's outgoing train en route to their homes after having visited several days on the Flat at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Masten.

F. E. Smith, Robt. Blumenstein and W. J. Henry were among the Elgin good roads advocates who attended the good roads meeting held Thursday evening in La Grande. Attorney L. Denham, who was transacting business in that city at the time, was also present.

C. W. Gore, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power Co., with headquarters in La Grande, and D. Taylor, auditor of the company of Baker, were in Elgin Monday looking after the interests of the company. They returned to La Grande on the evening train.

"Park Place Farm" is the name given by W. E. Hug and his son, Bernal, to the well improved ranch owned and conducted by them east of Elgin. Newly printed stationery bears the name of the farm, location, etc. The owners are among the most progressive farmers of this section.

Sam Hallgarth has completed the

work of moving to the Hallgarth farm residence, where he will make his future home. Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hallgarth, have moved into the residence erected a few years ago by Jack Hallgarth and located on the land allotted to Jake in the division of the Hallgarth estate.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bussear have disposed of their residence property in this city to D. B. Bennett and left Wednesday evening for Drain, Ore., where Mr. Bussear recently secured a tract of land and on which they expect to make their future home. Their Elgin friends wish them success in their new home.

Mrs. May Hathorn and son of Grass Valley, Mont., are visiting the Dodson family of this city since the 22nd. Mrs. Hathorn is a sister of the elder Mrs. Dodson and had not seen her in thirty-two years.—North Powder News. The Hathorns recently visited in Elgin and were en route home to Grass Valley.

Dick Hardy, of Minam, is among the visitors in Elgin today.

Harley Hamilton passed through Elgin yesterday en route to his home in Joseph.

Roy Cope and his young brother departed a few days since for Vincennes, Ind., their former home and where they will again make their residence.

A. J. Woods drove down from the Walter Wade farm this morning. He came in a sleigh and said that while the road was none too good he had seen it much worse.

Automobiles that have been stored away during the winter months are now undergoing an unusual grooming by their owners or in public garages, preparatory to the coming season. The other day one enthusiast said: "Gosh! My old car is champing at the bits for a run," and we guess that fairly expresses the feeling of all auto owners—a newspaper never has the feeling.

F. E. Graham, local stock buyer, made a business trip to Wallowa during the week.

Ed. Coe and family will occupy the residence vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hallgarth and belonging to Mrs. Herb Hallgarth.

Thelbert Choate was a visitor yesterday from Summerville. He was accompanied home by his wife who has been visiting in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hug, whose wedding occurred last week, went to Minam yesterday morning to visit a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cortes Goff.

Mr. and Mrs. Byram Mayfield arrived yesterday evening from Enterprise for a visit at the home of the former's parents, Elder and Mrs. G. E. Mayfield.

"Dick" Galloway, former Elgin resident now residing at Wallowa, passed through here Tuesday en route to La Grande.

Mrs. Hattie Mays and daughter, Miss Ruth, returned Sunday from a visit on the Wade farm with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Weatherspoon contemplate moving to the Springdale farm in the near future and may give up their residence in town.

Miss Bessie Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Graham, returned Tuesday from Walla Walla, where she has been for an extended period.

Mrs. M. O. George and son, William, went to Gwynn Siding, Wallowa county, a few days since to visit with Mr. George, who is employed in a logging camp there.

George H. Adams, Sr., left Monday

evening for Salt Lake, where he expects to remain several weeks visiting relatives and looking after business interests.

Mrs. Perc Gilman arrived Tuesday from La Grande for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodser Gray, and with other relatives in this section.

J. C. Brown, a real estate dealer of Weiser, Idaho, returned to his home Monday evening, after a visit in this section at the home of Percy Chandler and with other friends.

"Soapy" Davis, who has a line of traps out at the Hallgarth cabin on upper Elgin creek, came to town. The first of the week and reported having secured several fine specimens of mink.

Propose Vatican Ban

Rome, Feb. 20.—(By Mail)—According to well informed Vatican circles the Congregation of the Index has just prepared a ban of interdiction against all the recent works of Gabriele D'Annunzio, one of Italy's greatest modern poets novelists, dramatists, and it might even be said, probably her greatest modern patriot. The publication of the decree is expected to arouse one of the stormiest affairs of modern Italian life since the separation of the Vatican and the Quirinal.

Although D'Annunzio's literary fame has long been established it is only since Italy began her military career four years ago with the campaign in Tripoli that D'Annunzio has won for himself a place in the hearts of all Italians along with Garibaldi, Victor Emmanuel and King Victor's two immediate predecessors.

D'Annunzio's poetry during the Tripoli war, singing the glory of Italian arms aroused all Italy to a veritable frenzy of appreciation and admiration. Even this war outdone when early in the present war D'Annunzio made himself the champion of Italy's entrance and both by pen and voice worked day and night with all the genius at his command until Italy finally got in. His reward was the decoration from King Victor Emmanuel of the order of the Annunziata, which makes him a cousin of the King, and the enshrining of himself in the hearts of the Italian people as its most popular idol.

Under the circumstances the Congregation of the Index is declared seriously to have considered the advisability of a ban at the present moment against D'Annunzio's latest works, nearly all of which consist of poems inspired by Italy's military glory. It was recognized that such an action at this time undoubtedly would call down on the Vatican the anger of all Italy. More than a few Italians would be inclined to regard the ban as another Vatican blow at the Quirinal.

On the other hand, the venerable cardinals composing the congregation of the Index, finally decided that their duty was purely a religious one and that therefore they had no right to let any other consideration interfere with its discharge. The question works of D'Annunzio are said to have been condemned on almost every score on which it is possible for the Congregation of the Index to condemn modern writings.

It is understood the ban will announce that the writings possess religious and philosophical errors; that there is in them a grand mixture of sacred and profane words and sacred and profane ideas; that there is repeated abuse both of biblical words and biblical images, and that above all they are profoundly irreverent to such a degree as greatly to disturb the mind of any Catholic reader.

It is not expected that D'Annunzio will take the ban of condemnation with a great degree of seriousness. He has never at any time showed himself as being very susceptible to charges of any kind that might be brought against him.

One of the last decrees of the Congregation of the Index was against all the works of Maeterlink, the great modern Belgian poet and playwright.

Syrian Girl Starts Fund

Newark, O., March 6.—Miss Annessa Sahadi, 19 a Syrian girl here has sworn her allegiance to the cause of the Defense of the United States and she has started a popular subscription fund among the Retail Clerks Association of the United States asking each member to contribute 25 cents, the total to be given to the Adjutant General of Ohio to use for building a submarine for the United States government.

The project has the approval of state officials and Miss Sahadi was given a check for a substantial contribution by the governor. The banks have volunteered to be depositaries for the fund. Already more than \$300 has been subscribed here. Circular letters have been sent to the secretary of every retail clerks association in the country asking for their support and favorable replies have been received from many of them.

Miss Sahadi was born in the foothills of Mt. Olive near the cities of Beirut and Damascus, both famous in biblical history, and she seeks to show the people of the United States how deeply at heart the Syrian people have the welfare of the United States.

Sun Gives Best Heat.

Prof. E. C. Titus, in an address states that light is a much better cure for disease than a hot water bag or poultice. He says that when rays of light fall on the skin some are arrested by one layer of skin and some by another, while some are not stopped until they have penetrated the subcutaneous tissues. When the light is thus arrested it produces radiant heat, which has a higher penetrating power than convection heat, such as generated by poultices, etc. Radiant heat penetrates two inches or more, while convection heat is excited principally on the surface.

2 LEAGUES GO-MINGLE

IMBLER AND ALICEL VISIT EACH OTHER

News and Personal Mention From and About Imbler

Imbler, Oregon, March 16.—About forty members of the Epworth League attended a social at Alicel Friday evening, the latter chapter being the host. The young people enjoyed a pleasant evening of games, music, stump addresses, lunch and similar diversions, and reached home about 2 o'clock Saturday morning.

Frank Perry has sold his home in Imbler to John Coble, taking his team and wagon as part payment.

Harry Cleaver is canvassing the town in the interest of life insurance.

Friday afternoon the 6th grade in D. C. Wilson's room rendered a spirited and interesting debate, in which six girls were pitted against six boys and proved, at least to the judges, that "Woman is as intelligent as man."

A fairly large audience assembled in the Amusement hall Monday evening and were entertained by an interesting lecture when Ben Grandy of La Grande talked on Adventism and the European war.

Today's Oddest Story

St. Paul, Minn., March 6.—The big state of Minnesota has inherited a machine that makes rain unnecessary but it may lose it by a case in court today. Martin Gulliksson, inventor of the machine to so pulverize the soil as to bring moisture up from underneath, willed the patent to the state when he committed suicide. His survivors today are trying to break the will.



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