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PRESIDENT ASSUMES CONTROL OF ROADS

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tariffs if they are found to be necessary.

Aside from the President's statement, there was no comment in the capital last night on the Government's move. Secretary McAdoo declined to be quoted, and members of the railroads' war board said they would have no statement to make until later.

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YOUNG WIFE STRALS TO SAVE HUSBAND

A story of exceptional interest, together with the usual excellence of Pauline Frederick's getting has made of "Double Crossed," a Paramount picture which will be shown at the Arcade Theatre on Friday and Saturday, a remarkable production.

The theme deals with Eleanor Stratton, a young society matron, much in love with her husband, who overlooks a so-called detective trying to blackmail him. Shamelessly playing eavesdropper, Eleanor leaves that in his early life her husband, whom she had been inclined to place upon a sort of pedestal as an example of perfection, had committed a rather serious theft.

The "detective" is attempting to get "him" to commit still another by threatening to expose the first. Touched by her husband's terrible fear lest she herself should learn of his early crime, Eleanor resolves to prevent his becoming a thief again by obtaining the paper the "detective" wants for him, herself.

From this point the photoplay sweeps through a series of unexpected and thrilling situations until a climax wherein Miss Frederick reaches her highest standards of acting, brings the story to an end and Eleanor and her husband are reunited and happy once more and their confidence in each other restored.

GERALDINE FARRAR COMING

Geraldine Farrar, the noted prima donna, will make her debut under the Arteratt trademark at the Arcade on Monday and Tuesday in "The Woman God Forgot," a spectacular photodrama written especially for her by Jeanie MacPherson, and produced under the personal direction of Cecil B. DeMille, the noted director.

For her theme in "The Woman God Forgot" Miss MacPherson has taken the story of a Princess who sells her country for the man she loves. The whole story is taken from a chapter in the early history of America telling how the Spanish invaded Mexico and of their conquest of Montezuma. She falls in love with a handsome young Spaniard, which role is played by the ever-popular star, Wallace Reid.

Imbler Schools Give Christmas Program

The Bird's Christmas Carol Is Rendered—Notes and Personalities of the Imbler District.

IMBLER, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Imbler public schools gave a Christmas program in the attendance hall Friday evening. The decorations were within Christmas keeping and the tree was very beautiful. Each and every child received a present. The program consisted of a four-act drama entitled "The Bird's Christmas Carol," which was well rendered. Christmas songs were sung by the different grades. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Williams favored us with a song helping to make the program a grand success. The hall was filled to its capacity.

Miss Edna Holmes has been very ill the last week but is convalescent at this writing.

Mrs. Walter Westfall returned Friday from Beard, Nebraska, where she was called by the serious illness of her father. She reports very cold weather in that country. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bingmann were in La Grande Thursday doing some shopping.

P. H. Westenskow returned Saturday from eastern points where he went to sell several car loads of apples. He said that winter was reigning supreme in Montana but the weather was somewhat milder in Utah.

Andrew Anderson arrived in Imbler from Monte Sun, Utah, to visit his daughter, Mrs. Dan Westenskow. Wm. Henry returned from Blue Creek, Utah, to spend Christmas with his family.

Sherwood Williams was a visitor to Elgin Sunday.

IMBLER, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Miss Minnie Besant came over from Wallowa for a few days visit with her mother.

W. E. Moore and wife left Tuesday for a visit with friends in Portland and San Francisco.

Lute Strinham, R. O. McElrino, and Frank Perry were among those who took in the L. D. S. conference. Mrs. P. Westenskow went up to Perry Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Perry.

Lute Holder has been feeling quite bad the last week and has not been able to attend to the meat market, only part of the time.

Alvidore Andow has accepted the position at the depot recently vacated by Darrel Larsen.

Dr. Gillmore was called to Summerville Tuesday to see Mr. Carter who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Huron were in La Grande Tuesday to see Mr. Huron's brother who passed through on his way east. Mr. Huron is now in the service of Uncle Sam.

Hon. Walter Pierce gave a lecture in the Imbler Amusement hall Wednesday evening on why we should join the Red Cross. He was greeted by a large audience.

Mrs. Floyd Mann, of La Grande, has been visiting the Misses Solder for several days.

Chas. Benschader was a business visitor to Elgin Thursday.

Mr. Nichols of the Oregon Grocery Company was in Imbler Friday. Wm. Westenskow returned from Walden, Idaho, Saturday to spend Christmas with his family.

Alcel Schools Are Now Having Holidays

ALICEL, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—School was dismissed Friday until January 2.

The schools gave a very pleasing program Friday afternoon. A large crowd was in attendance.

Rev. Richards gave his Christmas sermon Sunday morning.

The Sunday school program and treat were given Monday evening.

A. L. Taylor returned from Red Oak, Iowa, Monday. He reports Iowa's weather rather colder than Oregon's.

The monthly League social was held at the home of W. R. Ledbetter.

The Junior League gave an entertainment to their mothers and friends December 14.

Fanny Van Hansen is recovering from her recent illness.

Mrs. W. A. Winters and daughter Margaret, Roger Rusk, Bertha Speckhart and Paul Kanantz were La Grande visitors at the school program.

Mary Taylor, Ruby Ledbetter, Edna Watkins, Eva Wright and "Jack" Wright are home for the holidays also Ray Ledbetter from Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hudson and son, Max, of Elgin, are visiting relatives in Alicel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Plass, of Walden, are visiting Mr. Plass' parents in Alicel.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Christenson, of Imbler, were in Alicel visiting Christmas day.

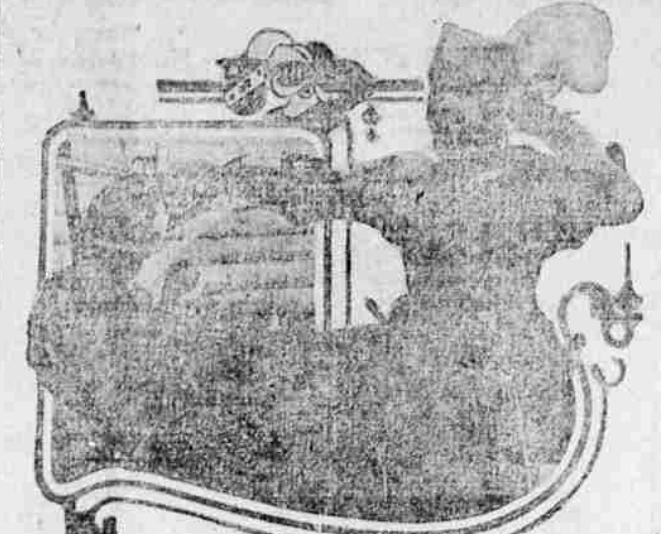
Mr. and Mrs. Giles Van Hansen spent Christmas in Elgin with Mrs. Van Hansen's mother.

Ralph Hudson has purchased a new car, a Christmas gift to himself.

Poisoning the Squirrels. ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 26.—Co-operative squirrel poisoning is the latest in Douglas county.

The county court has just appropriated \$1,000 in a revolving fund to provide the munitions for a concerted ground squirrel drive in the spring. This is to be repaid by the farmers after harvest, each man paying for the wheat and poison used on his farm. The cost will be very small through this arrangement.

CORTEZ UP TO DATE



When Cortez conquered the Aztecs many years ago, he was considered a God by the Indians. His soldiers carried long arms from which shot tongues of flame to the great dismay of the natives and thus he had a great advantage over those he attacked. Recently in California, Cortez again attacked and conquered the Aztecs and once more he had a great

advantage over the Indians. Not only did he use firearms against the crude implements of warfare of the natives, but in addition, an extensive telephone service was at his command to carry his directions to his forces. The recent occasion marked the big battle scenes for "The Woman God Forgot," Geraldine Farrar's new Artcraft film spectacle in which thousands of persons took part.

ELGIN, IMBLER AND COVE WIN HONORS

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Portland and in counties where the quotas were not met, the work is still on, but in response to an appeal from Portland yesterday, Mr. Kiddie declared he couldn't consistently recall the workers in this county.

"Silent Ed" Turns Trick. From the very start Portland and Seattle managers were worried because there wasn't a great deal of notice from Union county. Mr. Kiddie came to be known at Portland headquarters as "Silent Ed. of Union."

Every time he sent a telegram it was optimistic in construction and meant something. His final report showing Union county over the treacher with a margin to spare, was equally to the point. Mr. Chapman now recognizes that work and not notes is characteristic of Union county which has done better than its share in every single patriotic movement to date.

Chapman Praises Unity. The following telegram has been received from the state manager: "Portland, Ore., Dec. 25, 1917. Ed. Kiddie, manager Christmas Membership Campaign: Congratulations on great success Union county. Convey thanks of state headquarters to the ladies of the Neighborhood Club of La Grande and all campaign committees in intercommunity and rural district of county. We are all proud of your superb record. Merry Christmas.—C. C. CHAPMAN."

The unofficial returns by districts now are:

District	Raised	Quota
North Powder	285	285
Union	749	720
Hot Lake	52	60
Ladd Canyon	70	65
La Grande	2220	2300
Imbler	544	560
Elgin	760	710
Cove	590	540
Perry	83	60
Kamela	75	50
Total subscription	\$5,495.	
Total quota	5,900.	

Red Cross Totals.

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Grant county has 1700 Red Cross membership, a percentage of 13; Josephine, 1300, 57 per cent; Union 5400, 108 per cent; Wallowa 3000, 100 per cent. The total for the state outside of Portland is 121,368; Portland, 60,355; Oregon, 184,324.

Portland is being jazzed. Three bands, a score of instrumentalists and 500 workers are now on the job. Leaders expect the campaign to be successfully concluded by Saturday, despite the torrential rains.

NORTHWEST NEWS

Telegraph Operators Not Exempt. NE WESTMINSTER, B. C., Dec. 27.—The much circulated report that telegraph operators would be exempted from conscription in Canada received a jolt today when the exemption claim of Arthur W. Boggs, railroad telegrapher, was denied by the appeal body.

The employing railroad sent strong letters declaring it nearly impossible to get operators and called Boggs—whose ground for a claim was national necessity—almost indispensible. Justice Murphy held the company's claim was based merely on economic reasons and that it was up to the company to put two men in Boggs' place if one could not be found to do the work.

Railroad Men Will Help. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The Western Department railroad war board, comprising the Southern Pacific, O-W R & N. railway officials, stated they will cooperate with Secretary McAdoo at all times.

Romance of College Days. PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—A romance of middle western college days culminated today in the wedding of Rev. Warren E. Shirey, pastor of Windsor Park Presbyterian church, Chicago, and Miss Willa M. Slusser, of Portland. The couple leave tonight for Chicago.

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Ambassador Makes Denial.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 27.—American Ambassador David R. Francis has published a disclaimer of the Bolshevik charge that the American Red Cross sought to aid Kaledines against the Bolsheviks.

Affairs. The most advanced Indians are being examined in line with the policy of removal from the government ward class as soon as they have proven themselves fully capable of handling their own affairs.

LEGAL NOTICES

Annual Stockholders Meeting. Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States National Bank of La Grande, will be held at their banking rooms on Tuesday, January 8th at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before said meeting.

T. J. SCROGGIN, Cashier.

Indians Are Examined.

PENDLETON, Dec. 27.—Umatilla Indians who feel themselves capable of managing their own affairs without Uncle Sam's guardianship are seeking to demonstrate this fact this week to officials of the competency commission of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

12-7 to 1-17.

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