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J. Lyon Johns, son of Mrs. C. E. Johns, arrived in La Grande Saturday evening from Seattle. Mr. Johns enlisted in the Aviation Corps and was stationed at Kelly Field for over a year. Fearing that his company would not get across in time for the real fighting, he transferred to the 44th Balloon Squadron, which was in line for immediate transportation across. They were sent to Newport News and had received their overseas outfit, when the "flu" broke out and the company was quarantined. Then came the signing of the Armistice and he was discharged.

Beeswax for Cracks.

Cracks in furniture may be filled in with beeswax. Soften the wax until it is like putty, then firmly press it into the cracks and smooth over with a thin steel knife. Sandpaper over the surrounding wood and work the dust into the wax. This gives a wood finish or color, and when the furniture is varnished the cracks will disappear. Beeswax is better than putty, for putty soon dries, crumbles, and falls out.

Cynical Observation.

A woman may insist on having the last word in an argument, but even after you've granted her that you've got to be mighty careful or she'll start another argument.—Exchange.

Coal.

Though wood and turf formed the fuel of our early ancestors, investigations have proved that the Britons, even prior to the Roman occupation, made use of coal. But as it was possible to utilize only such coal as lay at or near the surface, the practice did not make headway for many centuries.

Worryin'.

Mah boss sayes folks ginally worria de mos' leut de things whut don' nebuh happen—Ah reek'n da's right—Ah bin worryin' de longes' case he don' nebuh raise mah wages!—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Rugby School.

The famous English school at Rugby to which "Tom Brown" went and at which he had so many adventures, was founded in the year 1567. Or, at least, it was in that year that one Lawrence Sheriffe of London, grocer, started a free school at Rugby, which afterward became the Rugby which we know today.

Unfortunate Fact.

There is one guess that is pretty accurate. Men who make speeches like to make them.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Products of Cashew Tree.

Besides the nuts used in confectionery the Indian cashew tree yields an insect-repelling gum, a juice that makes indelible ink, and three kinds of oil, one edible, the others used to tan fishing nets and preserve wood.

Social and Personal

Ross Badger, of Union, is in town today on business.

Frank Smith, merchant from Elgin, is in town today.

Mrs. Agnes Rusk leaves for Walla Walla, to spend Christmas with her mother.

G. L. Larson and family are in Portland spending Christmas with relatives.

Miss Ruth Courtney, a student nurse at Hot Lake, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. Fred Schilke and Mrs. Frank Jackson spent the day in Baker City yesterday.

Dallas Johnston of Huntington, is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ruby.

Mrs. C. W. Thompson of La Grande went to Baker this morning to spend the holidays.

Mrs. W. G. Hunter and daughter Carrie left this morning for Baker City to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Meade left this morning for Payette, Idaho, to spend the holidays with friends.

Miss Pauline Lederle leaves tonight for Walla Walla to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Good.

Geo. Ellis and wife of Boise, Idaho, are visitors in the city for a week. They are stopping at the Foley.

Mrs. Carrie Dorothy and daughter, Miss Leonora, will arrive this evening to visit relatives during the holiday period.

J. M. Blakely, a prominent sheep man of Enterprise, is spending a few days in La Grande this week. He arrived yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Huntington Curry of Vale are in La Grande to spend the holidays with the Currys and visit with old friends.

Mrs. Sheffner of Pullman, Washington, passed through La Grande yesterday enroute to her ranch near Ontario for the holidays.

C. R. Eberhard and family left today for Joseph where they ate Christmas turkey with L. Knapper and wife, parents of Mrs. Eberhard.

Miss Faye Clark, county superintendent of Malheur, will arrive in La Grande this evening to spend Christmas at the Geo. H. Curry home.

Miss Joseph Evans is here from Portland to spend the holiday period with her father. She is attending the Washington high school in Portland.

Mrs. Ery Freeman of Portland. Job Printing, The Observer, Main 37

arrived in La Grande yesterday, to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pennington. Mr. Freeman came today.

Kenne Evans, cashier of the La Grande Grocery company, has returned from Pendleton where he went to meet his daughter, Mrs. Josephine and also to visit Mrs. Evans who is in the hospital in that city.

Samuel Berry, who arrived from Los Angeles, and Laurence R. Martin, from Fort MacArthur, Cal., are a couple of Uncle Sam's boys who are here for the Christmas holidays. They were registered at the Foley yesterday.

Captain and Mrs. H. L. Underwood arrived home from Dallas, Texas, today. The captain is here on a ten day furlough and Mrs. Underwood will remain here. The captain has had charge of the Dallas branch of the medical research laboratories.

F. A. Ramos, one of the big ranchers of the Tolocast country, came down to La Grande last night to be at the bedside of his little son who is very ill. The little fellow has been fighting the epidemic for several weeks and is very weak. It is the sincere hope of the many friends of the Ramos family that a change for the better will soon appear.

C. O. Ramsay arrived in La Grande this morning from Wenatchee, Washington.

Dick Kelly, who has had a hard rub with influenza, is now able to be up and around.

C. O. Ramsey was an arrival in La Grande from Boise on today's delayed train from the east.

James Neill of Portland arrived in La Grande this morning to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Nellie Neill.

Fred Holmes, federal fuel administrator, who has been in Portland for the past few days came home this morning.

Oscar Johnson, Rollo Lyman and Phillip Heldenreich, La Grande boys attending the S. A. T. C. at Corvallis, arrived this morning for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Prince leave tonight for Portland, where Mr. Prince will attend the Principal's meeting of the teachers' association.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stoddard and children are in La Grande, visiting at the Stoddard home. Mr. Stoddard has been stationed at Vancouver Barracks but has received his discharge and is out of the service permanently.

The woman writer on the Newton Kansan wrote this one: "No women are allowed in the trenches, but the Y. M. C. A. is trying to make up for the deficiency by installing talking machines in every hut."

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

STORE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25th.

The Golden Rule Company

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The high school students and faculty assembled in the auditorium at 11 o'clock, Saturday morning, to listen to a short musical program arranged by Miss Rye. The higher grade pupils of the Central school gave six selections closing with "Silent Night, Holy Night." Their singing was excellent and greatly pleased the audience. Miss Marjorie Logan was the pianist.

These were followed by a selection by the Girl's Glee Club. The Boy's Glee Club was not represented Saturday, because they are learning patriotic songs for the entertainment in January and had not prepared Christmas songs. The girls sang "O Holy Night!" and were enthusiastically clapped back for an encore. Miss Rye is to be complimented for her splendid work in training the choruses.

The high school gladly welcomed back the principal, Mr. Du Bois, Saturday morning, after his absence most of the week with the influenza. Supt. Hampton took his place while he was away. Mr. Du Bois announced that school will reconvene Monday, the 30th, but New Year's day will be a holiday.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the teachers' examinations were held in the high school. Then senior assembly room was used and the poor seniors could be seen all the latter part of the week carrying piles of books to and from classes.

The second "six weeks" of school closed Saturday and the report cards were given out. The first semester will close February 2.

The first of the three games between the senior and sophomore girls' basketball teams was a complete victory for the sophomore. The score was 59 to 9. The seniors hope to win back their honors when their star players, who are ill with the influenza, return to school.

The boys' basketball games held on Thursday and Friday nights made the senior team the champion of the high school. Then Thursday night games were:

Sophomore-freshman—50-2.
Senior-Junior—24-15.
The Friday night games were:

Sophomore-mid-year senior—28-1.
Senior-sophomore—20-10.
The men on the winning team were Lloyd Chandler, center; Ray Leabatter and Frank Young, forwards; and Harold Wallisner, guard.

Miss George Wade sprained her ankle in the game Wednesday evening and was absent for the rest of the week. She expects to return after the holidays.

singing "Sleep Dearly Dear." The whole class gave a play, "Hansel and Gretel." After the program Christmas presents were exchanged among the children.

Christian Church Announcement.
Due to the quarantine the First Christian Sunday school was prohibited from having its regular Christmas entertainment and treats for the children but the Sunday school wishes to announce that as soon as the epidemic is over a program will be rendered and all the children will receive their treats.

Robert H. Coker, the new minister, regrets very much he is out of a job, and hopes that it will not be long until the First Christian church may resume all its services. He intends to take up some special Bible readings on the Lord's coming at the week-night prayer meeting which will be open to all the Lord's people without regard to any denomination. He believes that ministry is from God, and therefore for the people of God, and he hopes to see a number present beside those who may belong to the Christian church.

For Postal Card Users.
According to decisions of the post-office department, anything written or printed on the address side of a government postal card, except the address itself, that is, anything in the nature of a message on the address side, renders the card unusable.

Couldn't Have Worried Much.
Before he died at the age of ninety-six years, the oldest member of the British parliament said that he had no secret formula for the prolongation of life, except it might be that he never bothered about his health, he smoked and he ate and drank what pleased him most. It's quite evident that he was an honorary member of the Don't Worry club.

Speaking of Birds.
When little Willie was used to tell him she had been informed of his rule by a bird. Willie probably had imagined that either he was present, acting in a good cause or the tale-bearing fowl was a lyre bird.

Canada's Big Canal.
The Welland canal in Canada, carries navigation around Niagara Falls and connects Lakes Erie and Ontario. It is 27 miles long, was built by Canada and was opened in 1829 and cost about \$20,000,000.

Monasteries.
The monasteries once thickly strewn throughout England and much of Europe were called abbeys, from being ruled by abbots—or abbots from abbas, Syrian for "father"—as these governed by a prior were called priories.

Eggs in Newspaper.
To keep eggs fresh for seven or eight weeks or so wrap them carefully in pieces of clean newspaper. Wrap them tightly, pack them in a stone-ware jar, and keep the jar in a cold place. These eggs must be perfectly fresh when put away.

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Seedless Sultana Raisins, per lb.	15c
Popecorn, per lb.	20c
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