

# Local News In Brief

### Returns to Elgin—

Mrs. J. S. Spikes returned to her home in Elgin this morning, after visiting in Baker at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Stoddard, and returning to La Grande.

### Christian Church Choir—

The Christian Church choir, will meet at the home of Mrs. R. J. Cotter at 7:30 this evening, and a good attendance is desired.

### Marriage Licenses Issued—

Two marriage licenses were issued here this morning, James E. Rochau of Elgin, and Loretta Berg of La Grande, and William Waldo and Ida Meyers, both of La Grande, were licensed to marry.

### Baby Girl Arrives—

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Graham are being showered with congratulations over the Valentine which they received on February 14, when a nine-pound baby girl arrived at the Graham home.

### To Be Sentenced Friday—

Grant Geddes, Neal Smith and Clifford Alstott in circuit court this morning pleaded guilty to hunting in a game refuge. Sentences will be imposed Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

### Spend Week End in Elgin—

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Bacon spent the week end in Joseph visiting with Mrs. Anna Leslie. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Claycomb, formerly of La Grande, while in Elgin. The Claycombs are well pleased with their new home.

### Moose Elect Tonight—

A special meeting of the local Moose will be held this evening at which officers will be elected. A big feed will be one of the features of the meeting. All Moose are asked to attend.

### Joint Club Meeting Planned—

At the meeting of the Men's Club of the M. E. church yesterday evening a formal invitation was extended to the Men's Club of the Presbyterian church to meet with the M. E. Club in the M. E. church parlors on March 1. E. D. Towler discussed the religions of the world at yesterday's meeting. He gave a clear outline of the fundamentals of the religions of the world and contrasted them with the essentials of the Christian religion. While his talk was short, he covered the large field in a surprisingly thorough manner.

**COMING EVENTS.**

- Feb. 14-15.—Prune Week in Oregon.
- Feb. 16.—Chautauqua Board of directors meet.
- Feb. 20-24.—Father and Son Week—Banquet at Y. M. C. A., Feb. 24, 6:15 p. m.

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**Mr. & Mrs. P. J. Powers**

### Returns to La Grande—

Miss Irma Modders, who has been visiting in Baker at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Stoddard, has returned to La Grande.

### Rev. Plummer Arrives—

Rev. Charles A. Plummer, who for the past four months has been pastor of the Church of God, in Baker, arrived in La Grande last evening to continue his church work. Rev. Plummer delivered his farewell sermon in Baker Monday evening.

### Brother of Baker Man Dies—

Messrs. William and Paul Pollman received a telegram notifying them of the death at 5 o'clock Monday morning of their brother, Edward, at the family home in La Cygne, Kansas, after a long illness. The deceased was 51 years old and is survived by his mother, four brothers and three sisters.

### Two Patients Released—

Two quarantines were lifted yesterday and three new scarlet fever cases were reported. Joe Oliver, 403 Spring and the Tuily place, at the Lane Pine Dairy, were released. The new quarantines are at the following places: S. A. Wells, 1405 Sixth, W. Workman, 1517 Madison, and Muligan, 111 Second.

### Hunter Wields Gavel—

A. R. Hunter, member of the house from La Grande, held down the chair for a short time Thursday. He is half of the Democratic membership, but no one had observed the striking facial resemblance to ex-Speaker Champ Clark, of the national house, until Hunter began wielding the gavel like a veteran.—Salem Oregon Statesman.

### Will Aid Two Churches—

Rev. J. A. Smith spent Tuesday in Baker attending a meeting of the Committee of Home Missions. The purpose of this meeting was to consider the needs of the various fields in this part of the state and make recommendations for the necessary amount of money to carry on the work for the ensuing year, beginning April 1. Two churches in this county, at Union and Elgin, are among the number to be assisted.

### Visitors at Meyersick Home—

David Ayers and Charles L. Chandler are visiting at the home of Ed Meyersick. Mr. Ayers is on his return trip to Illinois, from which state he departed in October. Since that time, he has been visiting in Portland and other western points. Mr. Chandler has been in the West for 45 years and is going back to Illinois to visit his brother, whom he has not seen in that time.

### Rumors Unfounded—

The rumors floating around town during the past few days to the effect that the O.-W. had increased its force here by a considerable number have no foundation in fact whatever, according to W. Bollons, superintendent of the road. Because of illness, several men were taken on to take the place of the sick men, but no increase in the force has been made.

**Dangerous Liquids.**  
Gasoline, ether and benzine should not be kept on shelves in a cabinet in the house, the national board of fire underwriters says in a recent article. It is exceedingly dangerous as either gasoline or benzine gives off an ordinary temperature inflammable vapor. Through these vapors, a light at a distance may ignite the liquid. If there is a small leak in the container in which any of the liquids are kept, sufficient vapor may form to cause a violent explosion. With ether the danger is even greater than with gasoline or benzine.

**Lace Tree.**  
The lace-bark tree provides the women of Jamaica with ready-made lace, from which caps, bonnets, and nets are made. The inner bark of the tree is soaked in water and divided into separate layers. Each layer is stretched and spread in the sunshine. The application of water bleaches the lace. A tree that flourishes in the South Sea islands produces fruit which, as a food, resembles very closely a newly baked loaf. On account of this it is known as the bread tree.

## HOUSTON AGREES WITH COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Secretary Houston has agreed with the senate judiciary committee not to make any additional loans to foreign governments, until given full time for deliberation, no matter how pressing the demand might be, three sisters.—Baker Democrat.

## LABOR RULES COST MILLIONS

The entire country, its consumers, its farmers, its workmen, and even the railway employees themselves, are directly interested with the railroads in cutting down railway operating expenses.

## SLEEPING MALADY RAGES IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Sleeping sickness has caused 47 deaths in New York city since January 1, Health Commissioner Copeland has announced.

## COMPOSER AT SIX



Master Morton Gould of Richmond Hill, New York, has earned a place in the ranks of the American prodigies. At the age of six he has composed several selections, including a waltz which was recently published.

## Soap Mentioned in Bible.

The word soap is to be found in the Bible, in Jeremiah, Chap. II, verse 22, which reads: "For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God."

This is the keynote of the case presented by the railroads to the United States Railroad Labor Board, now in session in Chicago.

The railroads have submitted evidence to the board to show why the railway agreements affecting railway shop labor should be abrogated, believing that this is a vitally important step in the process of reducing operating expenses.

This step is not only necessary to insure adequate earning power to the railroads, but will make possible an ultimate reduction in rates.

The agreements were made by the Railroad Administration just before the end of Federal control. The sum total of the rules and working conditions provided by the National Agreements have increased the operating expenses of the railroads by hundreds of millions, and have decreased the efficiency and output of the employees in other ways, resulting in losses which cannot be calculated in dollars and cents.

For several weeks the railroads have been multiplying instances of the absurd and extravagant results of the labor rules fastened upon them by the National Agreements.

In one case cited before the board a machinist was paid 16 1/2 hours' wages for work all performed within eight hours. This case illustrated the effect of the rule that for each "call" the worker is to be paid five hours' wages even if he works only ten minutes.

The case of a car repairer on the Virginian Railway, who was recently paid over \$1,000 for services which were never rendered, and in addition the same amount of overtime as was made by his gang, was another example.

In connection with the rule that none but mechanics or apprentices shall do mechanics' work, the following was cited to indicate its unfairness:

**Five Hours' Pay for 30 Minutes' Work**  
"The El Paso & Southwestern Railroad recently had an engine set out at Douglas, and about the time it was ready to go to its train, it developed that a window light was broken in the cab. It was necessary for the foreman to call a carpenter to do the work that he could have performed himself in a few minutes. The train was delayed one hour and 30 minutes, and the employee called to do the work was paid five hours for work requiring 30 minutes."

The inefficiency created in inflexible application of the rules contained in the agreements in question was illustrated in the following actual case which recently occurred on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad:

"An engine was placed in the shops for certain repairs. Because of the provisions of the National Agreement, it was necessary that members of five crafts perform parts of this work; formerly, the entire operation was performed by the members of but two crafts."

**\$6,500,000 for Work Not Performed**  
How the railroads of the country were compelled to pay almost \$6,500,000 in the first six months of 1920 for services not rendered because of the effects of but one of the 182 rules included in the Shop Crafts National Agreement was shown in the testimony.

This punitive payment for work never performed was required by a clause in the National Agreement, which provides that when employees are required to check in and out on their own time they will be paid one hour extra at the close of each week.

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**NEW TODAY**  
FOR SALE—Dry wood for sale. Phone Red 1822. 2-16-21.

**LOST—**Auto Chain in town. James Aikin Smith. Phone Main 128. 2-16-21

**ESTRAY—**Came to my place about Oct. 1st, one black mare, star in forehead, no brands visible, weight about 1300 lbs. Owner may have same by paying pasture bill and for this ad. 2-16-21

**FOR RENT—**Room and Board for gentlemen, in private family. Inquire at 2009 First St. Between Adams and Jefferson. 22-16-21

**WANTED—**Five- or six-room modern house. Will buy on terms or pay cash. Address Leo Hanford, 904 Alford St., The Dalles. 2-16-21

**WANTED—**A lady, as companion, and help with the work on farm.

with elderly couple. Call Red 262. 2-16-21

**CARD OF THANKS**  
To the I. O. O. F. and the Modern Woodmen Lodges, to the friends and neighbors whose loving sympathy and help in our recent bereavement did so much to alleviate our sorrow, we extend our heartfelt thanks, also for the beautiful floral offerings.  
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### How Police Dog Catches a Robber



Fritz, considered the champion police dog of the world, how the property of the New York police department, demonstrating at the police dog kennels near Sheephead Bay, Long Island, how he seizes the feet of a robber and holds him until officials arrive.

**Music in the Bath.**  
At the hotel (Kittling) in London, a bath is provided with a collection of records of such various and grand pieces of music as to give the bathers a musical treat. One of the records is played in the bath, which is a musical instrument that is played in a bath, and is as good as any.—Robertson Scott in London.

**Monks Used Charcoal.**  
Use of charcoal in Italy has always been very heavy because of its almost universal use for cooking and heating, says the American Forestry Magazine. At Vallombrosa a large quantity had always been made even in the time of the monks growing in the middle ages. Prior to the war this forest alone produced annually about 230,000 pounds of charcoal.

**Song Entitled-- Prunes Are The Dope**

PRUNES, you dear prunes, for you we all cry—  
We greet you, and eat you, for the price is not high;  
To you that are chronic, and must have a tonic, try this right soon:  
Cut out castor oil, cut out the pill when you feel ill—just eat a PRUNE.  
If you've got the gout, try this thing out, you'll find it's a snorter,  
You'll find you'll soon rally, if you trade on the alley—three pounds for a quarter!  
Head off the smallpox, eat Prunes by the Box, don't you dare wait!  
If you'll take 50 pounds, this I will do, just to help you—you can have 'em for eight!  
Prunes is not all I do sell; for Spuds—I've got Spuds—and more Spuds,  
I have the right dope on selling good Soap—Soap that's all Suds;  
U. S. Bacon in cans is my pride, canned fruits, and canned soups, more coming soon,  
So when you feel ill, don't take a pill—just eat a PRUNE!  
Do all my own work, don't keep a clerk; light my room by the moon,  
And the Lord only knows, I dress in plain clothes; doctor myself with a Prune,  
Live on plain hash; buy goods and pay cash—how can I run it for less?  
Don't pay out a cent; steal all my rent; and how I get PRUNES—you can guess.  
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