

Local News In Brief

Any La Grande subscriber to the Observer who does not receive his paper by 8 o'clock in the evening, please call Western Union, Main 24, and a special messenger will deliver a copy.

COMING EVENTS.
Dec. 28.—Annual venison feed of Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club at Foley hotel.

To Haines.
Mrs. A. Camel boarded No. 24 for Haines, where she will spend the Christmas with her folks.

Leaves for Baker.
H. A. Bodmer, in the tire business in La Grande, left Saturday for Baker for a short visit.

Hilgard Man in Town.
G. I. Wade who hails from Hilgard, spent Saturday in La Grande on business.

Registered at Savoy.
J. A. Hill, of Mesquero, Ore., arrived in La Grande Saturday and registered at the Savoy hotel.

In Baker.
Mrs. John Lane and daughter Beale, left Saturday for Baker, where they are spending the holidays with relatives.

From Everett, Wash.
Mrs. W. R. Rinehardt, who makes her home in Everett, Wash., arrived in La Grande Saturday night for a short visit with friends.

From Pendleton.
Little Arva Dyer came over from Pendleton to spend Christmas with her grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Chell of 1702 Adams.

Spends Xmas in Union.
R. A. Wilkins and wife of La Grande are spending the holidays with J. W. Kennedy and wife of Union.

Visits in La Grande.
Mrs. J. H. Burk and son spent Saturday in La Grande doing some Christmas shopping. They returned to Union on train 24.

Xmas in Union.
Miss Lucille Craig, of this city, left Saturday for Union. She will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Zeak of that city.

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2—Mrs. Birnie - Mr. Leo Hanson
3—Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Prior
4—Berlyce Looker - E. B. Smith
5—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lane
6—Richard Osborn - Mrs. Beulah Dunbar
7—Mrs. M. H. Michell - Mr. C. Freeman
8—Mrs. Norris - Mr. Buffington
9—Mrs. Hiatt - Mr. Williams
10—Mrs. Johnson - Dr. Woodall
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Back from Salt Lake.
Miss Helen McDonald, former reporter for the Observer, returned to her home in La Grande Saturday, after a several months' visit in Salt Lake City.

In Cove.
Mrs. H. A. Tripper and daughter, residents of Walla Walla, Wash., went through La Grande Saturday en route to Cove where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Born.
Saturday morning, a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Jasper, prominent people of Albee, at the Grande Ronde hospital. The baby registered just 8½ pounds on the hospital scales.

At Home.
Misses Mildred and Sarah Riddle, school teachers of North Yakima, Wash., respectively returned to their home in La Grande Saturday to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. C. M. Riddle.

Union Not to Play.
Communication was received from Union that the American Legion basketball team of that city were unable to play the Stoddard brothers at the Y Monday owing to the fact that their schedule left no opening at that time. Possibly a game can be arranged in the future between these two teams.

Back from Willamette.
Dop Cramer, who has been attending the Willamette University, returned home last night to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cramer, of La Grande.

Dance Tomorrow.
What promises to be one of the most enjoyable events of the holiday season is a dance at the Country club on Tuesday evening, December 27. The dance is to be given by the students and alumni of the University of Oregon and all high school and college students are invited to be their guests on that evening.

XMAS TREE STORY RETOLD

Holiday Season Revives Interest in Where the Holiday Decorations Came From.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Each holiday time brings the usual story about the Christmas trees, where they come from, how many, and the means used to bring hundreds of train loads of them to the markets.
But the Christmas tree and the holly and the other greens which go so far toward making the holiday "atmosphere" are doomed to extinction unless some means are taken to reproduce them. The state of Vermont alone furnishes five million trees for the Eastern markets each Christmas time and unless means are taken to conserve and reproduce the supply some time will be exhausted. The American Forestry Association has issued a Christmas tree monograph on the subject.

"The first step to save the Christmas 'greens' is to use better fire prevention methods. Wholesale cutting by vendors who never go into the woods except at this season and the 'holly' price in big cities are denounced. On the other hand proper cutting aids the growth of the larger trees and if properly done is a help. The holly is being cut by the untimely in a way that borders on slaughter, and only the right sort of cutting will save this valued green for the holiday season.

"Ten of the 25 kinds of fir trees found in the world are native to North America, eight occur in the Pacific slopes and in the Rocky mountain regions, and only two are found in the eastern United States, and one of these—Fraser's Fir—is limited to the high mountains of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee. Most important in the Western group are the Grand Fir, Noble Fir, White Fir and Red Fir. The Balsam Fir is unquestionably the best known and most widely distributed of our native firs. It is one of the most beautiful evergreen trees native to North America. It frequents bogs, swamps and other wet places. Among its chief associates are the American Larch, Arbor Vitae, Black Spruce and Red Spruce. Its companion species are not many for few trees can withstand the extreme wet and cold conditions of our northern bogs and swamps.
"The Balsam Fir is a tree which satisfies many human wants, but the greatest of all its gifts is the Christmas tree. As a Christmas tree it has no superior, and in many localities no other native tree has Christmas tree qualities that even approach it. The European Fir, so common throughout many parts of Continental Europe, has many characteristic in common with our Balsam Fir. It, too, has been used for centuries as a Christmas tree. The similarity between these 2 firs is very marked, which may have helped develop our high regard for the Balsam Fir and rate it as the foremost Christmas tree of the eastern United States.

Marshal Foch Goes Home to Eat His Christmas Turkey



Probably no native of a foreign land ever received such a welcome in the United States as Ferdinand Foch, generalissimo of the allied armies. And none a warmer Godspeed upon departure. Above is a portion of the crowd that acclaimed Foch in New York as he left on the Paris for home and a close-up of him as the Paris sailed.

"On the trunk of the Balsam will be found a large number of little blister-like sacs of balsam. A finger nail will puncture the little blisters and there will flow a small quantity of balsam, as clear as crystal. When refined, this is used in making microscopic slides in our scientific laboratories. It is used chiefly to attach cover glass to the slides. Balsam is also regarded as an excellent medicine.

"Cones and buds of the Balsam Fir are also very distinctive. The buds are almost round, about one-sixth of an inch long, clustered at the end of the twig and appear to be covered with a coating of varnish. The cones are from two to four inches long, cylindrical, and stand erect on the twigs. Their scales fall off soon after they reach maturity and leave a bare central axis. This is an unusual habit among evergreen trees. In the Northwest many collect the leaves and use them in filling pillows and cushions, for the leaves when dried emit a very fragrant odor. The wood is soft, does not contain resin passages and ranges in color from white to brown. It weighs about 24 pounds per cubic foot and is used extensively in the manufacture of paper pulp, crates and packing boxes.

"There are twenty kinds of Spruce trees and they occur in every country in the Northern hemisphere. Eight are native to North America, three being found in the eastern part and five in the Western part.
"Deep green leaves which are armed with spines along the margin distinguish Christmas Holly. The leaves are so bright and they often reflect light as mirrors. The small bright red berries are also a helpful means of identification in Fall and in Winter. An old manuscript in the British Museum states that the 'holly hath berries as red as a rose.' Devout people regard the leaves of the Holly as a symbol of the Saviour's crown of thorns.

"Unfortunately the methods of collecting the branches is very destructive. In many instances the tops of the trees are cut out completely, leaving nothing but an erect bare trunk. We need the holly sprigs for decorative purposes at Christmas, but in order that a future supply may be insured, special steps must be taken to regulate the cutting in such a way that all the existing trees may continue to produce annually an abundant supply of thrifty branches.

"The American Holly, also called Christmas Holly, and the closely related European Holly, are needed with our Christmas traditions. Many people are familiar with the holly leaves and berries, but few of them know that they grow upon trees which are common in the coastal plain regions of the South and found locally as far north as Pennsylvania and along the Atlantic Coast to southern Maine. While the Christmas Holly may reach a height of 50 feet and a diameter of 2 to 3 feet in Arkansas and Texas, it rarely exceeds 20 feet in height and a few inches in diameter in the extreme northern part of its natural range.

"Of course, nobody, particularly the young folk, wants to miss Mistletoe. It is the only parasite plant that is used at Christmas time. It is sometimes called a tree thief, for it gets all its nourishment from the trees upon which it lives. In the South one may see thousands of trees literally festooned with the Mistletoe. It sometimes grows in the form of a witches' broom, or one may see it dangling down from the branches of a tree in graceful array. It always appropriates for its own development the lifeblood of the tree upon which it feeds. Some four hundred species of mistletoes are listed. Most of them occur in the tropics, and nearly all of them are parasitic. Many varieties are found in the United States. They occur from the coast of New Jersey southward and westward.

"In Oklahoma the mistletoe has been selected as the State flower. If you question an Oklahoman about the parasite plant as a State flower, he is likely to answer that it may may tap a Maple tree for syrup, and the Pine tree for turpentine. It is fair for the Mistletoe to tap trees so that it may develop and become available for decorative use. Examination of the leaves of the Mistletoe show they are almost nerveless, thick and fleshy, and a magnifying glass will show only about 200 breathing pores to the square inch, while in the common blue there occur at least 200,000 breathing pores to the square inch.

"Large quantities of Trailing Pine, also known as Princess Pine, and Ground Hemlock are used at Christmas time. These plants really are not pines or hemlocks, but closely related to the foras.

"The Red Cross Thrift Shop is open daily now in the New Foley Building, off the Adams avenue entrance. Thursday will continue to be Thrift Day and on this day all who have donations for the shop are asked to have it ready to be delivered, that being the day collections are made. 13-16-tpf

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"About five years ago my health began to fail. I lost my appetite and my stomach became so weak and upset that nothing agreed with me. My back hurt me like it would break in two and I would get so weak I would have to give up and go to bed. My neighbors had to come in and look after me at times,

and I was as despondent and miserable as any person ever gets to be. "Tania" has been a wonderful help to me in every way. I am so well and strong now I do all my housework without getting tired and am able to enjoy life again. Tania certainly has been worth its weight in gold to me.

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