

# 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.

**From Pilot Rock**—J. S. Redwell, who lives in Pilot Rock, is in La Grande at present.

**At Sommer**—George Tonking who lives at Baker, registered at the Sommer today.

**From Tolocaset**—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Briggs, of Tolocaset, are making a short visit in La Grande today.

**North Powder Couple**—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Burnett, who reside at North Powder, are in La Grande today.

**To Enterprise**—F. E. Gildersleeve returned to his home in Enterprise this morning after a short visit in La Grande transacting business.

**Goes to Elgin**—Sherwood Williams, of the La Grande Investment company, boarded the branch line train this morning for a business trip to Elgin.

**Party from Baker**—B. L. Harvey, Leo Kelly and Howard Stumbough, all of Baker, are staying at the Sommer hotel. They are in La Grande on business.

**From Union**—G. E. Dunklee, manager of the Central Railroad of Oregon, with headquarters at Union, came over to La Grande today on business.

**Foley Visitors**—Mrs. A. G. Butterfield and children of Joseph, are visiting La Grande today and are stopping at the Foley.

**From Wallowa**—Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Stevenson, who live in Wallowa, are registered at the Foley during a short visit in La Grande.

**Comes to La Grande**—Mrs. Joe Schultz and family, of Baker, arrived in La Grande this morning on No. 17. She will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Handy of this city.

**Union Ladies Pass Through**—Misses Helga and Agnes Nollan, two prominent young ladies of Union, went through La Grande headed for Elgin, where they will visit with friends. Miss Helga Nollan is teaching English in Union high school and her sister is a student at O. A. C.

Have you visited the Exclusive Fruit and Vegetable Store? Buy your Oranges, Celery Hearts, Grape Fruit and Nuts here. Our Prices Will Knock You Dead A Happy Xmas to Everybody  
**N. A. Desilet**

**Prize Waltz REX HALL**  
OLD TIME DANCES THURSDAY MODERN DANCES SATURDAY  
The names of couples that appeared in this space up to Dec. 27 will compete for the prizes.  
First \$30.00  
Second \$20.00  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29  
Come and Boost for Your Favorite  
**N. A. Desilet, Manager**

**Special**  
This Week  
**20% Discount**  
On all Trunks Suit Cases Traveling Bags Boston Bags  
Buy where you can save money.  
**Clint's Clothiers**  
The Store With a Conscience.  
1108 Adams Ave.

**Joseph Visitor**—J. S. White, well-known resident of Joseph, is registered at the Savoy hotel today while making a short visit in La Grande.

**Returns Home**—Willard W. Carp, who lives in Walla Walla, returned to his home this morning after a visit with friends and relatives here.

**Leaves for Elgin**—A. M. McCullough and brother, N. M. McCullough, both of Elgin, left for their home this morning after a short visit in La Grande on business.

**Doing Some Shopping**—Mr. and Mrs. Burr Smithers and son were in La Grande today doing some shopping. They are well known people of Union.

**Going to Baker**—Mrs. L. E. Perin left last night for Baker, where she will visit her son who is quite ill. She makes her home in Allice.

**To Portland**—Mrs. A. H. Johnson, of this city, left last night for Portland, where she will spend a few days visiting with friends and relatives.

**Back to North Powder**—Thelma Brant, of North Powder, has been in La Grande the past few days visiting with her Grandfather Mr. D. A. Davis of this city.

**From Canada**—Elmer Beswick who hails from Canada, arrived in La Grande today and is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Alvaro Beswick of this city.

**To Portland**—Mr. and Mrs. William Ash left Tuesday night for Portland, where they expect to make an extended visit among friends in western Oregon.

**Christmas Visit Over**—Mrs. L. J. Stites and baby boarded No. 24 today for Huntington. She has been visiting here with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Lane during the holidays.

**Brotherhood Meeting**—The Presbyterian Brotherhood will meet at the home of D. J. L. Jagie on Washington avenue on Wednesday of next week. Dr. Ingie will talk on "That Machine Which is Known as the Human Body."

**To Visit Son**—Mr. and Mrs. Q. B. Witty left last night for Caldwell, Idaho, where they will visit their son who had the misfortune to receive a severe injury as the result of a fall from a load of hay.

**To Pendleton**—Mrs. John Crowder and Mrs. J. L. Ruby left this morning for Pendleton. They will make a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Howard of that city who are former La Grande residents.

**Going to Portland**—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Altenburg and family left this morning on No. 17 for Portland where they will make an extended visit. Mr. Altenburg makes his home at Imbler.

**To Visit Sick**—Mrs. J. G. Stuart of this city went over to Hot Lake today to visit with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Blair who is quite ill. Mrs. Blair lives in Payette, Idaho, and was out here on a visit.

**In Portland**—Mrs. Fay Catlin, secretary of the Red Cross here, is spending a week in Portland, visiting her mother, Mrs. A. B. Thompson. She is expected back about the first of the month.

**Returns to Pendleton**—Mrs. Jennie Kearns and children returned to Pendleton today after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. D. W. Caldwell of Island City. Mrs. Kearns teaches in the public schools in Pendleton.

**Real Estate Licenses**—This is the time of the year when everybody must have new licenses. The real estate men must secure 1922 licenses and renew bonds amounting to \$1000 before the first of the year, the local realty board announced today.

**Commission Meets**—Last night the city commission met and discussed several matters of minor importance of the regular routine nature. The meeting lasted just twenty minutes, equaling the speed record made a week before in transacting business.

**Botoms to Baker**—Mrs. J. E. Bailey and her little son returned to Baker, where they make their home, today after spending a very pleasant week visiting with her sister, Mrs. Harry Colman and her father, Mr. James Jones of this city.

**Visits to Elgin**—Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dellisano, formerly of Walla Walla, Wash., have been visitors in La Grande for the last few days. Mr. Dellisano is endeavoring to purchase a billiard parlor but could not find one opening here. They left for Elgin, this morning to meet the situation at that city.

**Reverend Hughes Here**—Rev. B. S. Hughes, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Union, drove over to La Grande today to visit the city.

**Union Ladies Here**—Miss Lucille Pierce, seventh grade teacher in the Union schools and Miss Alice Hall, senior in high school, were La Grande visitors today.

**Pythian Social**—The Pythian Sisters will again meet at the K. of P. hall Friday night, December 30th, which will be the last meeting night in this year. There will be a social, given in honor of Mrs. Louise Ruberson, of Seattle, Washington, formerly of La Grande and an old member of Rowena Temple. All members are requested to be present. A very pleasant evening is anticipated for all who come.

**Dance at Country Club**—Members of the Country Club have arranged to have a New Year's dance at the club house Saturday night when the old year will be danced out and the New Year ushered in with proper demonstration of gladness. A special orchestra has been employed for the occasion and every member of the club is expected to be present for this will be one of the big social events of the organization.

**Peasants Hide Their Money**—(By Associated Press) PARIS, Dec. 28.—The ingenuity of French peasants in hiding money has surpassed itself in the case of a man near Lorient who received a 1000 franc note and a 500 franc note in payment for produce. He hid them in the muzzles of his double-barreled shotgun, believing that would be the last place thieves would search for money.

He made a mistake, however, in not taking his wife into the secret. A neighbor called a few days later, in the absence of the man of the house, and asked for the loan of the gun to get a hare.

The hare escaped and when the peasant came in that evening his wife remarked that the neighbor must be a very bad shot.

"Why?" the peasant asked. "Because he used both charges of your gun on a hare without hitting it."

"My shotgun?" inquired the peasant with a gasp, at the same time making for the corner where the weapon hung.

The civil court of the department of Morbihan will have to decide the delicate point of law whether the neighbor is responsible for the loss of the 1,500 francs.

**IN TROUBLE AGAIN.** (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Freed by President Harding from Atlanta federal penitentiary, Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, was reprimanded Tuesday by Union station police here for making a speech without a permit before leaving for Terre Haute, Ind.

Before boarding the train Debs addressed a crowd of several hundred persons in the station, expressing his gratification for his reception here and closing with a reiteration of his opposition to war and belief in the force of love in the redemption of the world.

**FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE.** LONDON, Dec. 29.—The governor of Madeira has received orders from Paris to prevent the departure from the island of former Empress Zita of Austria-Hungary for Switzerland, according to a Funchal dispatch to the Morning Post.

**J. P. McDonald, who died recently at Paisley, was a native son of Lincoln county, having been born at Lebanon in 1852.**

## SERBIA RAPIDLY RECUPERATING

(By Associated Press) MONASTIR, Jugoslavia, Dec. 29.—Few countries of Europe have shown greater recuperative power than Serbia. Although ravaged by years of war, famine and disease, and suffering the loss of nearly one-third of her male population, the country is today rapidly approaching complete restoration and stability.

Large cities like Monastir, Nish and Belgrade, where the enemy wrought the greatest havoc in property destruction, are now like cities resurrected and reincarnated. Everywhere dwelling houses, schools and business buildings have arisen from the crumbled ruins of their former foundations.

But it is not in reconstruction work alone that the country has made such wonderful strides. Throughout the kingdom the thrifty peasantry have been hard at work on the farms, in the vineyards, in the mills, tanneries and forests. And the product of their toil has been sent across the seven seas, and Serbia has received in return the much needed currency or merchandise of other nations.

While, like most other European countries, Serbia's imports exceed her exports by a considerable margin, it is believed that by 1922 the country will have reached a favorable trade balance.

At present the nation's trade is turning to countries which have a more favorable exchange, mainly to Austria, Germany, Italy and Czechoslovakia. The United States is pushing her trade with effort, and has almost doubled it during the last year. It is not yet for the high value of the dollar, America probably would be among the leaders in her exports to this kingdom.

One of the obstacles to the development of the country's commerce has been the lack of adequate railroad transport. It is short of locomotives and freight cars. But a large loan recently raised within the country for the improvement of transport facilities probably will have a far-reaching effect.

Friends of Jugoslavia are confident that in time these unfavorable elements will be overcome and that the triune kingdom will achieve a foremost place in the industry and commerce of southeastern Europe.

**RESPONSIBILITY FIXED.** (By Associated Press) NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 29.—City Building Inspector Joseph E. Austin, Lawrence E. Carroll, manager of the Rialto theatre, and Alfred S. Black, president of the Connecticut Theatres corporation which owned the theatre, are held criminally responsible for the deaths of nine persons in the Rialto Theatre fire of November 27, in a finding by Coroner Eli Mix Tuesday.

**WINTER WHEAT FAVORITE IN WEST** potatoes is mostly completed in Florida. The harvesting of the sweet potato crop is practically completed. The yield of some late plantings is poor due to the dry autumn but on the whole, the yield has been good. The northern navel oranges are ripening under favorable conditions in California but are small in size. The

**Red Cross Offices Moved To Second Floor Of Building**  
The Red Cross headquarters have been moved from the first floor of the Foley building to room 24 on the second floor of the same building. The Red Cross Thrift Shop is now located in the old Red Cross headquarters. The change has made quite an improvement in the efficiency of the two offices giving both branches more office room.

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## WILL SEEK TO BE RE-ELECTED

Senator Ritner Tells of His Decision Following Developments in State Politics.

PENDLETON, Dec. 29.—Senator Roy W. Ritner, who has served this section in both houses of the state legislature, and who has just completed a term in the senate where he served as president, announced at a banquet given in his honor by the Pendleton Commercial association that he would be a candidate for reelection to the senate.

"I had decided on my last trip to Salem not to be a candidate for the senate again, but in view of the recent developments in state politics brought about by the action at the special session, I have decided that I am going to be a candidate at the next regular election." The words of the senator, at the conclusion of his speech telling of the fight last week in the senate to oppose the proposed tax on gas to finance the 1925 fair, were cheered heartily by all present at the banquet.

Senator Ritner said that his recent action in fighting the proposed gasoline tax which would rob the road funds of the state to pay for the 1925 fair, was a duty which he felt he had to perform regardless of the fact that the position placed him in opposition with many of his best friends. "In this particular case I could vote my conscientious belief and at the same time represent the feeling of the people of my constituency," the senator declared. "The 14 senators who stood solid against the attacks of the fair proponents, decided their action together and fought right through against the measure regardless of the consequences," Ritner declared.

The passage of this legislation to tax gasoline sales one cent per gallon for the fair and to draw this \$1,000,000 from the state road fund means the depletion of the maintenance funds for the state highway commission largely dependent. The future of the road program depends largely on a gasoline tax as has been used in the past," Senator Ritner said.

**FOUND**—Lady's hat on Island City road. Call at Observer and pay for this ad. 12-29-21

**Expression of Appreciation.** In behalf of the inmates of the Union County Poor Farm we wish to thank the Girls' Friendly Society of La Grande for their kindness in sending gift boxes at Christmas time. MR. and MRS. G. E. LUPHER. 12-29-21.

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cool weather is improving the quality of all citrus fruits in Florida. The mild autumn has been very favorable for orchard work of all kinds throughout the country.

The condition of all classes of live stock is generally good. Hog cholera is rapidly decreasing and very little other disease is reported. Much stock has been marketed during the last month and marketing continues heavy.

Young clover and alfalfa continue to look excellent throughout the North Central States. Pastures are still furnishing some feed except in the northern tier of states. Ranges in the southwestern and Rocky Mountain States and also in Southern California are suffering from lack of rain.

**NEW TODAY**

**WANTED**—Middle-aged single woman for cleaning and plain sewing Call Grande Ronde Hospital. 12-29-21

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**FOR RENT**—Light housekeeping rooms, 1492 O. 12-29-21

**GEO. H. VEHR'S, M. D.**—General surgery. Office over Silverthorn's. Office phone Main 112; residence phone Main 586.

**FOR RENT**—Two light housekeeping rooms, 1418 Monroe Ave. 12-29-21tp

**FOR SALE**—Sweet Cider, any amount delivered. D. C. Sievers, Phone 337J. 12-29-21tp

**COOKED FOOD SALE.** The Neighbors of Woodcraft will hold a cooked food sale at the Grande Ronde Meat Co. Saturday, December 31st. 12-29-21

**FOR RENT**—One five-room house with bath. 1426 S. avenue. No children. One two-room house, no children. One three-room house, no children. See J. L. Mars, 1804 Greenwood. 12-29-21f

**THRIFT SHOP OPEN.** 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. 12-16-21fp

**Old Tyme Dance** EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT at Eagles' Hall \$200.00 PRIZE given to the best old style waltzing couple between La Grande, Baker, Pendleton and Walla Walla. Governed by same rules as in the past. **P. J. Powers**

**A.R.C.A.D.E**  
STARTING FOR  
**Mon. 3**  
JANUARY 2. DAYS ONLY  
Metro's  
**Rex Ingram Production**  
**THE FOUR HORSEMEN**  
Of the Apocalypse  
Adapted by June Mathis from Blasco Ibañez's Novel  
SPECIAL NOTICE  
TIME OF SHOWS  
MONDAY: 2:—4.20—7:—9.15—  
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY: 2:15—7:—9.15—  
ADMISSION 85c  
Children—Matinees 25c— Nights 50c—

**STAR THEATRE**  
TONIGHT  
**Priscilla Dean**  
IN  
**"CONFLICT"**  
THE PICTURE OF A THOUSAND THRILLS  
STARTING FRIDAY, JAMES OLIVER CROWE'S "GOD'S COUNTRY AND THE LAW."

**ARCADÉ**  
TODAY FRIDAY SATURDAY  
**CHARLES RAY**  
Two Minutes To Go!  
A TOPNOTCH TALE OF COLLEGE DAYS PACKED WITH THE THRILL OF THE FOOTBALL FIELD.  
This football game at the end has America's greatest players smashing through it!

