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DECLINE HITS TRADING OVER THE COUNTRY

Jump in Railroad Carloadings Noted in Weekly Report.

USUAL NOVEMBER SLACKENING FELT

Better Than Two Years Ago Is the Railroad Loading Record—Steel Holds Its High Place in Trade.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Signs have not been waiting during the past week to show that the usual November slackening in industrial activity is under way. Railway carloadings for the week ended November 11 showed a further falling off in traffic, although the total number of cars loaded, 245,000, exceeds the movement in the corresponding weeks of 1921 and 1920. One result of the improved car situation has been further gains in soft coal production, which now is well established at a rate appreciably above 11,000,000 tons a week. It is considered that the danger of a fuel famine is past.

Steel production continues to hold up remarkably well. The country's mills are working at a rate not far short of 80 per cent of capacity and the trade reports that sufficient orders are booked to ensure the maintenance of approximately this scale of activity into the first quarter of the new year.

Pig Iron Tends Lower. Pig iron prices, along with those of coal, are still tending lower, but this is merely a natural sequel to the abnormal scarcity situation produced by the strikes. Prices of finished steel show little change. This is due largely to the fact that buyers feel apparently that prices may go lower.

Automobile output also is high. Some 217,000 passenger cars were turned out in October, an unusually large number for this season of the year.

In cotton, a government report of November 14 places the total at that date at 8,876,000 bales, which was generally interpreted by the trade as indicating that the crop will turn out to be in the neighborhood of 10,000,000 bales. Probably as a result of this conclusion the market was forced to absorb a large volume of liquidation which originated in speculative quarters and the principal futures fell below 25 cents. Before the week closed, however, trade buying again appeared and prices rallied materially.

Wheat Gives Way. Wheat, after early firmness, gave way moderately, partly in response to apprehensions of an easing in the car situation might have an unfavorable effect on prices. It is realized that inability to move grain has been delaying marketing and that more cars are likely to mean more grain at the central markets, with corresponding declines in prices.

Foreign buying meanwhile continues light, even at around 70 cents a bushel is approximately 50 per cent above the price of a year ago. Banking reports confirm those from industrial sources and point to the conclusion that the peak of seasonal demand has been passed. Discounts with the federal reserve banks fell rather sharply and the reserve ratio of the system as a whole rose from 75.2 per cent to 78.7 per cent. Security prices continued reactionary but there was a tendency in some quarters to regard this as part of the aftermath of an overdone speculation for the year.

MRS. HILTS IS LAID TO REST

The funeral of Mrs. Rachel Hilts, who passed away last week, was held this afternoon from the Bohnenkamp chapel at two o'clock. The services were in charge of the local Order of the Eastern Star and the interment took place in the Masonic cemetery.

Accused Warden Cleared by the District Court

HELENA, Nov. 27.—A complete victory for Frank Conley, former warden of the Montana penitentiary, who was sued by the state for an

MISS LULU BETT IS FINE DRAMA

Prize Winning Selections Seldom Are Released for Amateur Performance as This Drama Has Been.

Interest centers in the Neighborhood club play, "Miss Lulu Bett," which is to be presented by a specially selected cast Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the high school auditorium.

It is the drama that won the prize of \$1000 for 1921 and it is an unusual opportunity to see a drama that is still being produced by road companies. Late plays are seldom released for amateur production until age melts away their attractive features, but in "Miss Lulu Bett" such is not the case.

Seal sale opened this morning at Silverthorne-Weights' drug store. A large advance sale of tickets was recorded.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ENLISTED

Drive for Membership Closes; Harding's Side Is Winner. The campaign conducted during the past week by the Y. M. C. A. for new members ended with the membership materially increased. Although the quota of one hundred was not quite reached the drive was very successful and with a peppy bunch of new members, mostly recruited among the young business men in the city, enrolled, the Y. M. C. A. promises to have a record season coming.

Charles Harding's "reds" won in the competitive contest with a lead of about 700 points over A. W. Nelson's "blues" who are blue inasmuch as the "reds" are confidentally expecting to be treated to an oyster supper celebrating their victory. Both sides worked hard and both brought in enough at the last minute to make it a whirlwind finish.

A new class, the young men's business class, has been started and will meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 until 7 o'clock.

SCOUTS WILL PRESENT PLAY

Another dramatic production that will be presented to the public within a short time is "A Regular Fellow," a four-act comedy drama given by the boy scouts of La Grande in the high school auditorium on Friday evening, December 1. Miss Friederike Schilke, whose success with the high school operetta was so great, is directing the drama, which also includes its success.

The plot of the play is set at a camp of the boy scouts and is built around a mischievous son, played by Jack Coombs, whose father also is taking a leading part in the Neighborhood club play "Miss Lulu Bett," who arrives at the camp "disguised" but in the ensuing events, including the capture of a moonshiner's gang, he is transformed into a real "he-man" boy.

The play is tense with interest and educational as well, showing the good features of scouting and scout life. The entire cast is working hard on the play and a full house is confidently expected on the opening evening.

ARMY READY TO HELP THE POOR

According to officers of the Salvation Army there are several poor families in La Grande on their list to be aided through the Thanksgiving period. Anyone having food to donate to these families will communicate with the army and messengers will be sent for the food. The army guarantees proper distribution of all articles and food entrusted to it.

ENGLAND FIRM WITH HARDING ON OPEN DOOR

(By Associated Press.) LAUSANNE, Nov. 27.—Preparation of a separate peace treaty between Turkey and the United States is under consideration at Lausanne, says a dispatch today. The correspondent suggests this is perhaps the subject of yesterday's conversation between Richard Washburn Child and Ismet Pasha.

(By Associated Press.) LAUSANNE, Nov. 27.—Russia today formally demanded to be permitted to participate in the discussion of all questions on the Near East agenda so that durable peace might be effected.

(By Associated Press.) LAUSANNE, Nov. 27.—Lord Curzon, the British foreign secretary, today authorized the official statement to the press that England supports America's "open door policy" in Turkey and regards the San Remo agreement for division of the Mosul oil district as void.

ART PROGRAM TO BE HELD

On Tuesday afternoon the La Grande Neighborhood club will present the first of its series of art programs, taking the life and sculpture of Michael Angelo as its subject, to be presented by Miss Margaret Annon. Slides will be used to illustrate the work of the sculptor. Mrs. A. J. Richardson will render "Caro Mio Ben" by Giodanni La Serenata by Tolsti, both of these being numbers of exceptional merit composed by great Italian masters.

GOVERNMENT IS LATE WITH CASE

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—United States government is barred by statute of limitation, the supreme court held today, from proceeding against the Oregon Lumber company and others to recover valuable lands in Oregon which the government alleged were fraudulently patented. The land is alleged to be worth \$52,000 and is located on the Sumpter Valley railroad, southwest of Baker.

Yardage Gained Huge. La Grande made a total of 586 yards from scrimmage, 65 yards on punts, 15 yards by the forward pass route, and gained 216 yards on runs.

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LOCALS SCORE 72 POINTS AND WALLAWA NONE

Play Was Marked by Great Amount of Brilliant Plays; Larson Returns Kickoff 90 Yards for a Touchdown.

Saturday's results: La Grande 72, Wallawa 0. La Grande 21, Alumnus 6. La Grande 23, Elgin 0. La Grande 7, Pendleton 25. La Grande 52, Union 6. La Grande 72, Baker 6. La Grande 72, Wallawa 0. La Grande 7, Enterprise 0.

At Pendleton: Pendleton 26, Columbia College 0. At Union: Elgin 26, Union 12. At La Grande: La Grande 72, Wallawa 0.

La Grande high school now has a just claim to the championship of Eastern Oregon. Her overwhelming defeat of Wallawa Saturday by the score of 72 to 0 strengthens their claim to an enormous degree. Athena, the only other team claiming the championship, has nowhere near the records and victories that the locals have.

Saturday's game was one of the most brilliant games on the part of the Blue and White that has been seen for many a year. Tiger Larson who ran back a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown through a broken field, is credited with the most sensational play of the day. Chet Garrity, who intercepted a pass and ran 80 yards for a touchdown, stands next to Tiger in brilliant plays. Sherwood, who played his finest game, is the outstanding star of the day with five touchdowns made, on mighty runs, one 55 yard counter, two 50 yard sprints, one 35 and one 20 yard runs, all of them coming on off tackle plays. Chet Garrity scored two touchdowns. Beardon went 56 yards on a double crisscross for a touchdown that also put him in the hall of fame. Tiger scored one touchdown and Kerr tore off one with a 30 yard run that also goes down as a feat of note. E. Metcalf booted six drops for extra points. Some game, as it were!

Despite the large score, it wasn't the walk-away that the casual reader would expect. Seven of the touchdowns were made on individual plays of remarkable brilliance. But at that Wallawa only made consistent yardage against La Grande—three or four times. They threatened La Grande's goal in the last of the first half and might have went over but for the whistle. Wallawa's passes were responsible for the greater share of their gains.

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FAMILY IS KILLED WITH AX BY FIEND

BRISTOL, Tenn., Nov. 27.—James W. Smith, 50, a grocer, his wife, their 2-year-old daughter Ruby, and their niece, Mrs. Deline Burchfield, and her son Charles, 13, were murdered here early Sunday morning and the house in which they lived burned over their heads.

Ben Burchfield, 41, husband of the murdered woman, was arrested at Johnson City Sunday afternoon and is being held in connection with the crime. He protests his innocence, but officers say his shirt and trousers were covered with blood when he was taken.

The crime was discovered about 4 o'clock Sunday morning when the fire department was called to the combination residence and grocery store of Smith on State street.

The charred bodies of the five were found in the ruins of the structure. They evidently had been beaten to death with an axe.

Burchfield and his wife had been separated and he is said to have made threats against her.

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FINAL NIGHT OF OPERETTA

Large Crowd Attended Both Nights; Production Was Highly Successful.

The final showing of the high school operetta "The Maid and the Middy" was held Saturday evening in the high school auditorium before a large crowd and was pronounced as great a success as on the first night. The production was truly a delightful one and with a cast capable of bringing out the best in the play and supported by a chorus of equally high class.

As on the opening night, nearly every seat was filled before the curtain went up and none went away dissatisfied. The Snow Dance, with Mary Jean Thatcher taking the leading part, was very beautiful, the effect being heightened by the artistic lighting effects.

Announcement was made that the Neighborhood Club of La Grande would present "Miss Lulu Bett," a dramatic production, in the high school auditorium on November 28 and 29.

MRS. GREENE PASSES AWAY

Mother of Mrs. George Cochran Called Death Saturday at Her Home in Los Angeles.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. M. E. Greene, Mrs. George Cochran's mother, came to La Grande Saturday evening, announcing that she had passed away quite suddenly, apparently from heart trouble. Mrs. Cochran left for Los Angeles yesterday morning.

Mrs. M. E. Greene was 72 years of age at the time of her death and had been a resident of Los Angeles for many years. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. George Cochran, of La Grande, and two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Moore and Mrs. Mattie Roberts, both of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Greene will be interred in the family burial grounds at Los Angeles. Many friends of Mrs. Cochran in La Grande sympathize deeply with her in her great sorrow.

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CAME TO TELL THE TRUTH IS TIGER'S WORD

Clemenceau Is Being Urged to "Soft Pedal" His Open Faced Remarks.

TELEGRAMS ASK HIM TO BE EXPEDIENT

Frenchman Replies That He Did Not Come Here to Be Expedient But He Came Here to Tell the Truth.

(By Associated Press.) ALBANY, Nov. 27.—Despite the attacks in the senate and from the British government, Georges Clemenceau, Tiger of France, today declared he would speak out his piece in his own way, no matter whom he might offend.

He has received many telegrams urging him to tone down his remarks so as not to offend that portion of the nation he had come to win for France. One telegram urged him to "say things America wants to hear and be expedient."

"I did not come here to be expedient," the Tiger declared, "I came here to tell the truth. I did not come to say pleasant things, but things that would help preserve the peace of the world."

HARRY C. GRADY DIED SUNDAY

Veteran Railroad Man Had Been Ill for Many Months—Was U. S. Marshal Under Grover Cleveland.

After months of illness which transformed Harry C. Grady from the dapper, energetic railroad conductor to a man who was forced to stay in his home almost continuously, death came Sunday evening about 7:20 o'clock.

Harry Grady was born in Clon Mel, Ireland, on March 19, 1860, and came to this country in infancy with his parents who located at Joliet, Illinois, residing there until 1882 when they removed to Kansas and Harry entered railroad work. He was for several years a conductor on the old Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf railroad, now the Frisco system; and during that period he was located at Fort Scott, Kansas, much of the time as headquarters. In 1885 he was wed to Miss Emma Henderson, one of the popular Fort Scott ladies whose family was among the leaders of that community.

Two children were born to this union, Ellen Grady of Portland and Harold Grady of Fresno, California. Mr. Grady came to La Grande in 1888 where he worked for the O.W. railroad company continuously except four years he was United States marshal for the state of Oregon under Grover Cleveland's administration.

The deceased leaves eight brothers and sisters. He was a member of the Masonic order, the Shrine and the Elks lodges. Funeral arrangements await information from the son, Harold, as to when he will arrive. The remains are at the Bohnenkamp undertaking parlors.

TWO ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

(By Associated Press.) KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 27.—Hunting accidents claimed two lives yesterday when Cecil Caldwell was accidentally shot by his own gun. Antone Bunnum was accidentally shot by Edward Holliday, aged 13.

WHEAT MARKET

PORTLAND, Nov. 27.—Wheat sold today at \$1.11 1/4 to \$1.14.