

Merry! Merry! Christmas to Everyone

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FEDERAL MEN AND OFFICE S IN BIG RAID

Came to City to Buy Pool
Hall and Worked Suc-
cessful Program.

CITY ENRICHED BY SEVERAL FINES

Judge Kitchen Levies Fines
and Jail Sentences on Men
Found Guilty of Having
Liquor.

Arriving in La Grande ostensibly to purchase a pool hall and become citizens of this valley H. B. DeRay of Missoula, Montana, and W. L. Priest of Tacoma, assisted in staging last evening what proved to be the most successful prohibition cleanup that La Grande has witnessed since the brass rail became unpopular and the swinging door swung into oblivion.

Messrs. DeRay and Priest carried their parts well for they had local real estate men searching for property that suited them, even going as far as make trips over the valley in order to get a bird's-eye view of their future home.

When the zero hour came the police department, assisted by the sheriff's office, swooped down on the Woodard-La Bine place on Jefferson avenue searching the premises and placing both proprietors under arrest. In addition to the arrest of Woodard and La Bine, Perry Wright and Ed. McClendon were taken in, and R. G. Estes was also arrested on the charge of having liquor in his possession.

Four were tried last night and one this morning in the city court, presided over by Judge R. J. Kitchen. Woodard and La Bine were found guilty of violating the city ordinance each receiving a sentence of 60 days and a fine of \$300. La Bine's sentence was indefinitely suspended under good behavior but it was stated that if his behavior warrants releasing the suspension, he will serve 150 days. Perry Wright and Ed. McClendon, found guilty of having liquor in their possession, were fined \$250 each. Wright has not yet paid his fine and is in custody of the officers. R. G. Estes was found guilty of having liquor in his possession and fined \$100.

Quantity of Liquor Taken.
According to the officers fourteen and a half gallons of "moonshine" liquor was confiscated, consisting of two five-gallon kegs, two 2-gallon bottles and twenty-four quarts found in a trunk along with five pints concealed on the counter between cigar and a half pint were found in the desk and 500 empty flasks were also found. A complete coloring equipment was located in the rear of the place which is situated on Jefferson avenue and formerly was known as the "Kelly" place. The officers also stated that a small quantity of liquor was found in a suitcase in Woodard's room.

LaBine Pays Extra.
When La Bine and Woodard were arrested the former was under the influence of liquor and received a fine of \$25 for drunkenness. His trial was postponed until this morning to allow him to recover.

Federal Men Help.
That the assistance of the two federal men who came to town to buy a pool room was valuable to the officers is quite plain for their work was timed like a time-lock on a safe and seemingly their program was carried out in detail.

Those federal men certainly put one over on me," remarked Estes this morning. "I have never been arrested in my life before and I don't sell liquor, never have and never intend to, and with this kind of a record I realize the seriousness of the charge which needs some explanation. On November 22nd, W. L. Priest, who assisted in the raids last evening, was in La Grande for some little time and made my place (Continued on Page Eight)

HIGH SCHOOL BADLY BEATEN

Alumni Team Hands Them
a Heavy Dose of Defeat;
Took early Lead and was
Never in the Least Dan-
ger.

Probably the strongest Alumni basketball team that has been assembled in many years appeared on the floor of the high school gym yesterday afternoon in hoop tops and decisively whipped the Blue and White cagers 49 to 12. The Alumni, with a beautiful and consistent display of team work and brilliant playing, waded away from the younger generation like an airplane would outdistance a horse and wagon.

Hummett, Lynch, Captain Metcalf, Smith and Funk took the floor at the beginning of the game facing McDonald, Black, Stoddard, Theison and Joe Reynolds. Fresh from college and in the pink of condition the majority of the Alumni players hit up a fast pace and never slowed down until the final whistle. The echoes of the opening whistle had hardly died away when the Alumni were trotting back to the center and the score board registered 2 points. The scoreboard kept right on registering and at the end of the first half it read 25 to 4.

Second Team Pups Up.
The second half started and continued just the same as in the first can- to until the final eight minutes. With the score 42 to 4 in favor of the old grads, the entire first team was put out and a team, consisting of Stager, Eugene Metcalf, Owen Price, Clifford Hickland and Reid Geddes took their place.

From that minute on it was a game. The second team didn't know what it meant to quit fighting by a sheer demonstration of pep and fight, scored 4 points while the Alumni were gathering 7. Too much cannot be said of these fellows. Individually weaker than the Alumni by a large margin, by teamwork and collective fighting, they held the older fellows down and scored basket for basket against them. Before they had entered the game had merely been a scene of brilliant, aggressive play, the part of the Alumni and back-lashed attempts to play by the first team. Three members of the first team were fighting but two others, old players and supposedly fair basketballers, showed their stuff was more anything else but hoop artists.

Main Staff.
On the Alumni team, Reid Geddes, Walter Stoddard and Eugene Metcalf were outstanding stars. Reid's work at guard was a revelation even to those who had seen him play in past years. McDonald, at center, was absolutely out of the high school players class and Stoddard, with some of the shiftest dribbles and most accurate shots, stood out as one of the best players La Grande has ever produced.

On the high school team neither Lynch nor Captain Metcalf showed to advantage. Smith fought hard, Hummett played the floor in fine shape and Joe Funk also showed up very well.

The second team showed up no exceptional man but they played together, fought together and showed that they had the "old blue and white fighting spirit" firmly under their belt.

Summary.
Score by halves: 1st and 2nd TD. Alumni 49, 25, 24-49.
High School 12, 12-12.

Line-Up.
Alumni—Metcalf, center; Theison, on and Joe Reynolds, guards; Walter Stoddard and Black, forwards; High school—Captain Metcalf, center; Lynch and Smith, forwards; Funk and Hummett, guards.

Substitutions.
Clifford Horstman for Reynolds; Kingwell for Black; Black for Theison; Stager for Metcalf; E. Metcalf for Hummett; Hickland for Funk; Price for Lynch; Geddes for Smith.

Scoring.
McDonald, 14; Stoddard, 12; Black, 4; Theison, 10; Kingwell, 4; Horstman, 4; Smith, 2; Funk, 2; G. Metcalf, 2; Stager, 2; Geddes, 2.
Referee—Charles Reynolds.

THE WEATHER.
PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—Tonight and Sunday rain in the west, rain or snow in the east accompanied by fresh southerly winds.

ONE WOUNDED IN BIG PAY ROLL HOLDUP

Bandits Escape with \$20,000
of Christmas Payroll
in Pennsylvania.

PAYMASTER IS SHOT WITHOUT WARNING

Robbers, Four in Number,
Descended on Officials on
way to Beading to Pay
Miners.

(By Associated Press)
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—Ross Dennis died on his way to the hospital.

(By Associated Press)
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—Four bandits shot and wounded Ross Dennis, paymaster of the Pittsburgh Coal company today, and escaped with a satchel containing about \$20,000 in a holdup that occurred in the hills behind Mount Lebanon, near here, while the company officials were taking the Christmas pay to the miners at Beading, Pa.

Dennis was riding a motorcycle in advance of the automobile in which the superintendent and three employees were guarding the satchel. The bandits shot Dennis without warning and closed in on the car covering the occupants. They claimed the satchel and escaped. County detectives, armed with riot guns, rushed to the scene.

MERRY X-MAS TO ALL STATES JOE

Merchant Who Lost Store
and Equipment By Fire
Extends Greetings to the
Trade.

"I wish the Evening Observer would extend for me the season's compliment with my sincere wish to all the people of La Grande and the country. May it be a merry Christmas for all is my wish."

The above message is sent by Joe Carr of the Carr Furniture Company, which lost its entire stock and business in a fire that occurred last Sunday morning.

BEAN WILL BE GOVERNOR OF STATE 2 DAYS

Will Take Office By Virtue
of Being Speaker in the
House of Representatives.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23.—Louis E. Bean, of Eugene, by virtue of his office as speaker of the house of representatives during the last session of the legislature, will be acting governor of Oregon for two days, starting at midnight Sunday, states the Oregonian.

This was announced here tonight by Acting Governor Ritner, who said that he intended to leave Pendleton late Sunday for Garfield, Wash., and probably would be absent for two days.

Acting Governor Ritner later called Mr. Bean by telephone and informed him of his plans. Mr. Bean probably will not come to Salem unless summoned to look after some important state matters.

Since the departure of Governor Olcott for the east three weeks ago Mr. Ritner has been looking after the affairs of the executive offices. Mr. Ritner's proposed absence from the state now makes it possible to hand the honors down to Mr. Bean. Should Mr. Bean leave the state before the return of either Acting Governor Ritner or Governor Olcott Oregon would be without a presiding executive.

PRISONERS AT MT. JOY FREED

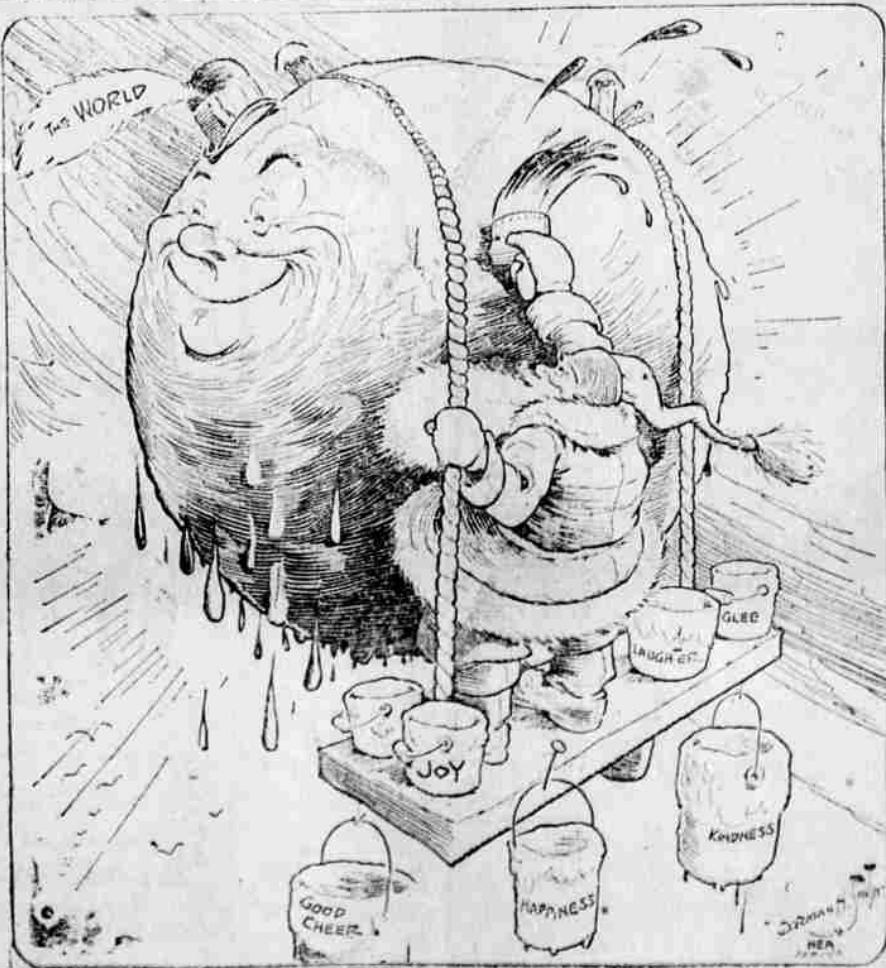
(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—Two hundred and sixty-four Republicans, who have been held prisoners in the Mount Joy prison were released today, having signed the declaration of allegiance to the free state. Four were women.

FUNERAL OF MRS. DECIOUS SUNDAY

The funeral of Mrs. Jennie Decious who died yesterday morning, will be held at the Hohenzollern chapel under the auspices of the Rebekah lodge tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. Reverend A. R. Sifton will deliver the funeral sermon.

NO OBSERVER CHRISTMAS
The Evening Observer will not issue a paper on Christmas day believing that it is one day when everyone in this world who can possibly do so should cease work and enjoy the glories of that greatest of all days.

EVERY COLOR BUT BLUE



LID CLAMPED ON BOOZE ALL OVER NATION

Congressmen and Senators
Threatened With Dry
Capitol Building

NONE CAN SAVE THE CAPITOL BOOTLEGGERS

Airplanes May Be Used for
Christmas Whiskey That
Is Stranded Off Coast;
Blockade Hard to Run.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—"Be of good cheer," was Prohibition Commissioner Haynes Christmas message to "friends of the Eighteenth amendment" in which he declared the success attained in prohibition enforcement gave "every reason for hopefulness, gratification and congratulations."

CLAMPING DOWN LID

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Whispered charges that bootleggers ply their trade under the capitol dome were recognized today by Senator Charles Curtis, chairman of the rules committee, who ordered the capitol police force to arrest any bootlegger who ventured to practice his trade in the capitol, irrespective of who interfered with him.

CANNOT DELIVER GOODS

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Run running by airplane is the next move anticipated by a few desperate sea bootleggers who still are marooned off the coast with their Christmas cargoes. They cannot get small boats to run the blockade.

DAVE LIGHTNER GETS SENTENCE

(By The Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—Dave Lightner was today sentenced to eighteen months on conviction at his second trial of conspiracy to violate the narcotics and liquor laws. He is yet to be sentenced on conviction at his first trial of smuggling narcotics.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—Livestock was steady, eggs weak and butter steady today.

SICK TO HEAR X-MAS MUSIC

La Grande Orchestra Will
Render a Musical Pro-
gram at Hospital Christ-
mas Morning.

A musical program will be rendered by Loney's orchestra at the Grande Ronde hospital Christmas morning for the benefit of the patients. The orchestra will be augmented for the occasion and in addition to the orchestra numbers, other selections will be given. It has become a custom for the Loney orchestra to visit the hospital each year, and entertain the inmates with musical Yuletide cheer.

The following program will be played: Overture, "Merry Wives of Windsor"; "Nicola"; "Melodie"; "Rudolph"; "Fring"; piano solo "Syncope"; "Classique"; "Green"; by Abbie Green; selection "Irene"; by Tierney.

CAR STRIPPED DURING NIGHT

Burglars Break Into Otis
Veal's Garage and Take
Fixtures from His Car.

Thieves are still operating in La Grande. So affirms Otis Veal, barber, who resides at 1305 Tenth street. "When I went to start my car to drive to town this morning I had to pinch myself twice to see if I was dreaming and to ascertain if it was the same auto that I had left there the night before," he said this morning. "It was alright but it was sadly changed."

"The top was gone, a tire was gone, and the car was stripped of just about every fixture that could be handily removed and altogether it was a mournful looking car," he continued.

The burglars had broken into the garage sometime during the night and had left no trace that would lead to any idea as to their identity. Their get-away had been without a flaw and none of the neighbors had heard any noises. "I don't see why they didn't take the car while they were about it," was his comment. "Some people certainly take things easy."

IDENTIFIED AS MOB VICTIMS

BASTROPO, La., Dec. 23.—A warrant for the arrest of one man in connection with the Merrouge kidnapping affair was issued today by Attorney General Cuccu.

MERROUGE, La., Dec. 23.—Wire bound, mutilated bodies of two men recovered yesterday in La Fourche were further identified today as those of Watt Daniel and Thomas Richards who disappeared after being kidnapped by masked white robed men last August.

CHARGES PLACED AGAINST WEIRS

PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—Applications for habeas corpus for Cash Weir, was by his attorney today, to be extremely cautious about putting their funds into industrial enterprises. They are going to ask a great many perplexing and embarrassing questions. First among these is going to the question as to how far the particular plant has got its production costs down to a permanent level. These questions are going to be asked strictly from the (Continued on Page Eight.)

Santa Claus Will Appear Monday at 11 o'clock A.M.

Children are writing to Santa Claus this year and the ELKS Christmas committee are getting the letters. Many of these children are going to be happily surprised to find that Santa really hears what they have to say, for this year Old Santa gets his mail in care of the ELKS of La Grande.

A little girl by the name of Pauline Gates has written a letter and the ELKS committee wishes her to come to the ELKS club on Sunday morning where they can talk to her.

The huge Christmas tree for the ELKS great celebration and gift distribution has been erected in front of the building and lights are being strung making it a beautiful sight.

Promptly at 11 o'clock on Christmas morning Old Santa Claus will be there to distribute presents to the children of La Grande. During Christmas forenoon ELKS automobiles will run over the city distributing to many who need help, a dinner fit for the kings.

That the committee has been busy for the past two weeks of this great work is evidenced by wives of the committee members who assist their husbands are constantly working on the big Christmas undertaking causing them to be absent from the home fireside. But there is no complaint on ladies of the ELKS as they are so much interested in the success of the event as are the ELKS.

Drive To Clean Up La Grande Is In Progress

Simultaneously with the passing of an ordinance by the city commission authorizing the municipal judge to issue search warrants and giving the city officials the right to conduct raids immediately upon their license and the resulting trio of raids that took place yesterday, the cleanup drive is in progress. The cleanup drive is in progress. The cleanup drive is in progress.