

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

November 24—L. H. S. football team plays Wallowa high at Wallowa.
November 29—Thanksgiving football game here between Enterprise and L. H. S.
December 7-8—Presentation of "Gypsy Rover" operetta by L. H. S. glee club.

Election of Officers

The Women of the Mountaineer Legion will hold an election of officers Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

W. C. T. U. To Meet

The W. C. T. U. will meet at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, November 22, at the home of Mrs. O. W. Jones, 296 Penn avenue. All members are requested to be present.

Visiting Auto Agency

Mr. DeNorie, factory representative of the Jewett automobile, is in La Grande today visiting Tracy Hollister's auto agency at 1115 Washington avenue.

Building Permit Issued

A building permit was issued yesterday to George McVay to erect a one story frame garage on lot 14, block 39 Chaplin's addition on Sixth between Spring and Pennsylvania. The preliminary estimated cost is \$100.00.

Formerly Lived Here

John Clifford, for a long time a resident of La Grande, came in from Portland yesterday and is spending a few days with the trainmen of the city. He is the official representative of the firemen's order and his time is taken up with matters pertaining to railroad work.

New Grill Opened

The R. B. Grill, formerly the Boston Lunch, has been opened by Rogers and Blanchard, according to an announcement made today. Mrs. Blanchard will have charge of the culinary forces which means that neatness and cleanliness will be over in evidence.

Baker Mason Honored

Dr. Carl G. Patterson, prominent in Masonic affairs in this city, returned yesterday morning from Portland where on Saturday evening he was a member of a class of 10 upon whom were conferred the honorary degree

of Knight Commander, Court of Honor, at the Scottish Rite cathedral. The degree is conferred only for exceptional work and service in the lodge. Members of the class were elected by the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, which met at Washington, D. C., October 18. Samuel L. Beer, also of this city, is a Knight Commander, Court of Honor. Following the ceremonies Saturday evening a banquet was served at the Benson Hotel in honor of the class.

Education Week Program at Chamber Luncheon a Very Interesting One

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ing statistics on the cost of educating children here.

"The cost per child for education each year in La Grande," Mr. Hampton stated, "is only \$72.50. The average cost throughout the state is \$73.50. In Emulation it costs around \$100 to educate each child per year." At present La Grande schools are accommodating 1,800 pupils, 100 more than at this time last year.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Judge T. H. Crawford announced that efforts were being made to procure Milton A. Miller to address the schools and the parents-teachers association here some time this week as part of Education Week program.

Mr. Gouffrey, representing a musical drama, "The Messiah," spoke at length on why La Grande should consent to the staging of "The Messiah" here. He stated that a committee he appointed to act with the Neighborhood Club in regard to arranging this drama, Dr. Landis assured him that the committee would be named in due time.

The Pacific Fruit and Produce company presented a handsome box of splendid apples to H. E. Dixon due to the fact that he was the "luckiest man in the house." He accepted them.

Reverend Crounsey, of the Episcopal church, returned grace and the high school chorus, with over two score voices, sang two delightful numbers and a grand hymn. Both services were very well rendered.

Next Tuesday the Chamber will meet at Island City at one of those famous "chicken dinners."

MANY PLANS TO RELIEVE FARMER

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cliffers, is another item in his program.

Alleged combinations in coal, oil and sugar are to receive further attention, according to Senator Brookhart, and he also is much interested in development of waterway transportation.

As to politics, the senator said he still favored former Senator Kenyon of Iowa for the Republican presidential nomination, and declared Judge Kenyon should be drafted. Reiteration that the Republican party would meet defeat if it does not nominate a progressive, Senator Brookhart said that, whether President Coolidge should be re-elected as a progressive, would depend much upon the president's declarations in his opening address to congress.

Senator Brookhart has not yet determined whether he will participate in the conference of Republican senators to organize the new senate.

Adding Finishing Touches To the Arcade Theater

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The large, new pipe organ is placed above the stage and an attractive lattice partition separates it and the players from full view of the audience.

Floors in the new building slope to the front at the proper angle so that every seat occupant has perfect unobstructed vision. Probably the most beautiful feature of the theatre proper is in the ceiling which is handsomely decorated and the lighting effect is superb.

The balcony is large and well proportioned, the seat farthest to the top being almost of equal value to the first row. A ladies' rest room equipped with a lounging room constitutes a real home.

A real home cooked hot lunch, roast beef or roast pork with brown gravy and baked potatoes; also cold beef, pork or ham sandwiches, chills, tomatoes, hummus, pies, salads, all served, 11:30 to 2 p. m. and most of this menu is served all through the day at our fountain, Silverthorn Wright's Family Drug Store, 11-20-M

EDUCATION WEEK

"The individual improvement of humanity and the cause of little children are all inseparably bound together." —John Dewey. 11-20-5tp

NEW TODAY

WANTED—Experienced stenographer 12 work afternoons. Apply Green & Hess. 11-21-2p

WANTED—Six hogs, weight about 125 lbs each. No car market. Mixed group with three better hogs. Party can have same by paying costs and damages. Chas. H. Spencer. 11-21-5tp

FOR SALE—Habitat alfalfa. Prompt delivery. Phone 143-W. 11-21-5tp

WANTED—Three or four men: roofers and boarders. Inquire 2182 First street. 11-21-2tp

FOR SALE—Purchased R. I. Red pointers and cockerels. Inquire Observer. 11-21-2tp

LOST—Brown silk dress, lace collar. Leave at Norton's Art Shop, Broadway. 11-21-5tp

FOR RENT—Two room apartment. 423-44—429 1/2 First St. 11-21-2tp

with a very artistic feature and today Charles Weisberg, interior decorator of Seattle, is adding the colors here and there to make the job complete. He is one of the noted decorators in the country and many of the fine theatres, hotels, and larger homes of the coast show his handiwork.

F. A. Showers of San Francisco has just about finished installation of the new pipe organ, while Mr. Jacobson of Seattle is closing up his work of installing the theatre chairs. "We believe the Arcade will be a pleasure and a joy to the people of La Grande," said Mr. Meyers, one of the owners. "It has surely been our desire and intent to give La Grande the best that can be had in the way of modern theatre building and furnishings."

The exact date of the opening will be announced some time this week.

LARGE GAS WELL OWNED BY UNION OIL COMPANY NOW

(Special)

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—(Special)—The largest gas well in the history of the Rocky Mountain region was brought in November 14th by the Union Oil Company of California, according to official confirmation given by E. W. Clark, executive vice president of the company, here today.

The well, flowing between 50,000,000 and 100,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily. It is the Wellington No. 1, a test well located 65 miles north of Denver, and had been drilled to a depth of 4285 feet when the huge gas deposit was struck. Besides opening up strong possibilities of a great oil field to be found by going deeper in the formation, the case is spouting enough gas to supply all the towns in northern Colorado.

The extent of the gas pocket is, of course, unknown, but outside of the possibilities of the development of a gas field in this section of the country, the presence of gas in such huge quantities points very strongly to the existence of oil in the sands further down. The well is located on a structure which is controlled by the Union Oil Company of California with leases totaling 10,000 acres. The gas was found at the very top of the Wall Creek sands, believed to be oil bearing and with deeper drilling it is expected that the first real oil field in the state of Colorado will be realized.

History of the locating, securing and subsequent drilling of the structure by the Pacific Coast organization is a strong tribute to the geological land departments of the Union Oil Company. Under the direction of Frederick Burham, manager of lands, and C. R. McCollum, chief geologist, a complete investigation was made last year, as a result of which sixty five leases were secured.

The finding of a gas or oil field or both in the Larimer county section of Colorado being tested by the Union Oil company will prove of great value to the state, which at present has no profitable petroleum fields of its own. The gas or oil could be readily piped to Denver, the state center whose population and numerous industries are dependent upon coal for fuel.

PROMISE MEN BUTCHER STOCK

(Special)

Henderson and Walter Carper butchered three hives and four hogs Thursday and delivered them to the logging camp Friday.

Mrs. U. Poulson visited Friday with Mrs. Truman Poulson.

I. S. McDonald left Friday for La Grande, where he will join his wife, who has been under the care of the eye specialists, Drs. Harry and Lee Bouvy.

Chas. Bennett and son, Howard, who have been working at Maxville, are spending the week-end at home.

John Carper, who has also been working at Maxville, is at home for a few days butchering hogs for his winter meat.

Robert Carper returned home Sunday morning. She was accompanied by two of her grandchildren, Ella and Ellis Haney.

Ethel, Lillian and Emma Carper and David Carper visited Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Carper.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Taylor, of Grossman, called on Mr. and Mrs. Bert Taylor Sunday evening.

Jose Garret and sons, David and Ivan, returned to their work at Maxville, Sunday evening after spending the week-end at home.

Robert Carper returned home Sunday evening after working 3 weeks for Charles Hunter of Wallowa.

Howard Carper returned to his work Sunday evening after spending the week-end at home. His brother Harold accompanied him. They expect to saw logs for E. Z. Thompson, U. and Truman Poulson, who have been working on Dry Creek are at home for a few days.

Melvin, Orval and Ivan Carper visited Sunday with Chas. Bennett and children.

QUEER THINGS IN TAX LAWS

So Says Oregon Voter and Then Proceeds to Explain Their Attitude.

(From Oregon Voter)

Many odd things are done in Oregon in administering tax laws. The result is that many taxpayers escape their just share of the tax burden, while other taxpayers are forced to pay more than their just share.

Governor Pierce hit the nail on the head when in his campaign he mentioned the Hawley Pulp & Paper Co. assessment of \$270,000 on an actual value of \$1,500,000. This year according to reports to the State Tax Commission, the assessment has been increased to \$424,000.

Even after applying this increase, the property is assessed at only 14 per cent of its supposed actual value.



Henry H. Deterding, director-general of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Co., often called the "oil king of Europe," is in this country. It is not known whether his arrival has any industrial significance.

Last year the railroads and public utilities were assessed at 49 per cent of their estimated actual value, which means that they paid taxes 2 1/2 times as heavily as did the Hawley Company, assuming that the state tax commission's figures are correct.

It was also reported to the State Tax Commission that the Crown-Williams Paper Co., assessment this year was approximately \$1,000,000. This would be a 15 per cent basis as against 49 per cent for the railroads and public utilities.

Forgoing figures were brought out in a public hearing by the State Tax Commission, attended by the assessors of 20 Oregon counties. The chairman of the hearing, J. C. Serrine, stated his figures. It was said at the hearing that the Clackamas assessor customarily remained away from these annual hearings, preferring to take a chance on the railroads and public utilities being assessed higher if he remained away than if he was there to be annoyed. The higher the railroads and public utilities are assessed in any county, the less taxes the other taxpayers have to pay—hence the interested political interest of assessors in catering to resident home taxpayers at the expense of the railroads and public utilities.

These queer figures were typical of many that were brought out at the rate hearings in Salem. Other figures are: Many timber companies are paying \$100 taxes a year on each quarter-section of timber land. It is a race between the taxgatherers and the sawmills to see who will get the value out of the timber.

Cattle, banks, railroads and public utilities are assessed at about double the ration of farm lands and residence property. The reason apparently is that market reports, bank statements and public utility statements are public property, enabling the assessors to get to the bottom of their affairs. The value from these "easy marks of taxation" than from farms and residences, the real value of which is not obtainable from market reports and official reports that are readily accessible.

Some merchants are assessed up to 50 per cent of their own book value of their inventories on March 1, while other merchants—the great majority—escape at half or a fourth of that rate, depending on their ability to present satisfactory figures to the assessor.

Fresh land and range land is assessed in many counties at double the rate of improved farm lands, in proportion to the value of each class of land. The assessments of brush lands and logged-off lands would appear to be all out of proportion to their real value. In some counties they appear to be hit as heavily, proportionately as beef cattle, banks and public utilities.

Some assessors take income into consideration in fixing values, which they are required by existing law to do. Others do not take income into consideration, judging from their utterances at the hearing. An extraordinary situation results, which we will try to describe.

Some taxpayers who enjoy little or no income from their property, or operate it at a loss, and can make out a good case to the assessor or the assessing boards, are let off with low proportionate valuations. Fair enough. But if they are not on the job personally or through attorneys, to make their claims impressive, their lack of income is not taken into consideration. Few taxpayers know the law or know that a lack of income may cause an assessor to reduce their assessment, so few taxpayers get the benefit of that consideration. Much inequality results.

No rule of law is laid down for guidance of assessors or its state tax commission as to how values shall be fixed. Each assessor is a law unto himself and can change the rules for his county any time to suit himself, without notice and without explanation. He simply has to satisfy himself in his own mind that he is being fair. That is all the law and his oath require of him.

It is the same as to the State Tax Commission. In its hands are the fate and future of the utilities and the railroads in so far as taxation affects them—and taxation taken far more of their net earnings than ever goes to their stockholders. Yet the law lays down no rule for it to use in assessing and fixing valuations. Certain practices grow up whereby the state tax office follows certain rules—and the rules are not put in language, are not binding and may be re-made at any time in any case without explanation and without invalidating any assessment. Just about the time the rules have prevailed long enough to give investors confidence, so they can figure about what their taxes will be on a new investment, the rules are changed without notice and the investor discovers that he is hit.

Of course, the courts require that all property shall be assessed alike, but discrimination has to be thrust indeed before a court will assume that the assessing officers did not take into consideration all the elements that affect values and assess fairly.

EDUCATION WEEK

Visit your schools and encourage the teachers of your boys and girls. 11-20-5tp

UNION HOLDS FATHER AND SON BANQUET

UNION. (Special)—Union's second Fathers and Sons banquet was staged at the Union Hotel last Tuesday evening and from a numerical standpoint at least it outlasted the one a year ago. Over a hundred turned out for the event, those parents who are sojourn hunting out boys who were fathers or whose dads were not in Union at the time and some bachelors came in with several boys under their wing. After the feed all repaired to the parlor where L. Terrell spoke for the fathers and Max Jensen, president of the high school student body, responded for the boys. Then Chairman "Loosh" Wright announced that all the boys were invited to the Cozy Lake last week for medical treatment of the evening's program. The fathers and sons banquet has become a fixed annual event in Union.

William B. Baxter and Bruce Davis were selected as the two delegates from the high school to represent Union at the Older Boys' conference in Pendleton. The two young men left for the latter city Friday afternoon.

Two Union boys are taking active part in the O. A. C. athletic, Everett Kuba trying out for the freshman basketball team and George Brown having been selected as one of the players on the college quintet.

R. H. Rohrig is confined to his home nursing a fractured rib as the result of a strain while at work the first part of the week.

W. V. Connor and daughter Ruth, spent Saturday shopping in La Grande. They returned to Union Saturday evening.

One evening last week a separator which belonged to J. C. Serrine, was destroyed by fire. The machine was standing near Mr. Serrine's residence in North Union when the first started.

Mrs. Edith Phy and two daughters Margaret and Marcia, returned last Wednesday from Eugene where they had gone a few days ago on an automobile trip.

D. M. Hoots, who recently sold his ranch to Mr. Belber, has moved to their new home in North Union and is improving the new residence which he has purchased.

Mrs. Nell Schoonover went to Hot one-fifth of the total money paid for meat.

Ad Gustavo, the wrester, was a passenger through Union last Saturday. He was going to Pendleton from Baker where he had just participated in a match the night before.

Bert Knight and family arrived home from Portland last Tuesday. They attended the stock show and remained over for a short visit.

The Junior Campfire girls, who have recently organized under the leadership of Mrs. Schaudier, held a meeting last Thursday and elected the following officers: President, Fay Bundy; secretary, Vera Weaver; treasurer, Vivian Smith; and reporter, Lorain Eberhart.

Full houses greeted the two night production of Hall Caine's novel film "The Christian," at the Cozy Friday and Saturday evenings.

BUSINESS WOMEN'S MEETING THURSDAY

The Business Women's club of this city will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Neighborhood club rooms. Following the business session a short program will be given, with Mrs. Catherine Eriksson, deputy supreme commander of Women's Business association, as speaker. All members are urged to be present, unless the announcement.

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RED CROSS DRUG STORE

The R. B. Grill

Formerly known as The Boston Lunch is now open under the new management of Rogers and Blanchard.

White Bread, Quick Service, Good Home Cooking and Pastries—the kind Rogers can cook.

We cordially invite you to give us a trial. 11-20-5tp

BRITON SURE OF ACCORD WITH FRENCH

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ing in office at the head of a minority ministry. Deputy Rommele was called to order by a vicious interjection and then was instructed to leave the chamber but flatly refused President Loeb's command, whereupon the president announced a 15-minute recess.

Rommele, who is one of the most ultra radicals, remained in the chamber and when the session was resumed he again refused to leave, whereupon President Loeb announced a postponement until Thursday. Chancellor Stresemann, nervously fumbling the manuscript of his speech, appeared impatient over President Loeb's decision, while a majority of the bourgeois parties were inclined to favor the forcible ejection of Rommele. This the president declined to countenance, apparently because such a procedure would have been viewed as a concession to the reactionary elements.

TWO FIRES IN WEST OREGON EARLY TODAY

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three-quarters of a block at Satsunda 20 miles east of Portland, early today. The entire town was threatened for an hour because the water system failed, but fire fighters gained control after two hours work.

The fire started in a pharmacy from an undetermined cause. An early estimate of the loss places it at \$40,000.

\$225,000 Fire Loss

PORTLAND, (AP)—Loss estimated at \$225,000 resulted from a fire which early today destroyed the Pacific Coast Coal company's main dock and bunkers. The flames for a while threatened to travel along the entire north water front.

EDUCATION WEEK

Average annual salary of teachers in U. S., 1913, \$515. Average annual salary of teachers in U. S., 1920, \$827. Judge for yourself whether or not the teachers are paid. 11-20-5tp

JORDAN VALLEY BONDS INVALID

SALEM, Ore.—Under a supreme court decision rendered here, the Jordan Valley Irrigation district in Malheur county is invalid, was not legally organized and as a district has therefore never existed.

The opinion was by Justice Rand, who sustained Judge Dalton Biggs of Malheur county in a suit of William Woher et al, versus the Jordan Valley Irrigation district in a suit to determine the validity of the proceedings under which the district was organized. The lower court held the district invalid and the plaintiff appealed.

Bonds amounting to \$750,000 have been voted by the district and \$200,000 worth of bonds have been issued. All of these are now made invalid by the decision and the work of organization will have to be gone thru again. This district has not as yet done any construction work as a district, although there has been some private construction.

Use of Dairy Products Grows

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Forty-nine gallons of milk, 16.1 pounds of butter, and 2.5 pounds of cheese were the average consumption of dairy products of each person in the United States during last year, statistics of the Department of Agriculture show. Use of these commodities showed an increase over all previous years. It is estimated that a little more than one-fifth of the total money paid for food last year was spent for dairy products.

Advertisement for French & Greene Frocks. Features 'New Velvet and Satin Frocks' and 'French & Greene Ready-To-Wear & Shoes'. Includes an illustration of two women in elegant dresses.

Advertisement for Art & Baby Shop. Offers 'Stamped Goods' and 'Art & Baby Shop' items. Located at Sommer Hotel Bldg., Phone 305-W.

Advertisement for 'Merry Go Round' movie. Features 'STAR' logo and 'MERRY GO ROUND' text. Starring MARY PHILBIN and NORMAN KERRY. Running at The R. B. Grill.



Let's See If We Are Not All Aiming at the Same Target.

Your wife has said to you, "George, I'd like to see you select a nice, new brown suit this week so that you'll have it for Thanksgiving." She wants you to look right.

You say to yourself, "I wonder how much I will have to pay for a really good quality." You want your money to be spent right. We say to you both: "Here are the suits and the styles—the patterns that will look best on you—the qualities that will work longest for you—and the prices that will be of least trouble to you."

We are all aiming at the same target—let's get together!

- Michaels-Stern Suits \$22.45 to \$48.50
Michaels-Stern O'coats \$20.00 to \$38.50
Berg Fall Hats \$4.85 to \$10.00
Arrow Fine Shirts \$1.45 to \$8.85
Nettleton Fall Shoes \$12.00 to \$13.00
Standard Merchandise of Quality

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