

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

December 15—Local teachers institute here.

Severe Case of "Flu"

Mrs. G. W. Nelson has a very severe case of "flu" and is in a critical condition at her home in La Grande.

Spent a Few Hours Here—

Lee Morelock, United States deputy marshal, of Portland, spent a few hours in La Grande Sunday on official business. He returned to his home on No. 19.

Is In Portland—

Joe Woods, of La Grande, appointed head of the Harding Memorial campaign in Union county, is spending a few days in Portland on business. He is expected to return to La Grande Wednesday.

Three Drunks Arrested—

Jack Flynn, "Big Chief" an Indian lumberjack, and J. Finley were arrested by the police over the weekend charged with drunkenness. They are to be tried in the police court today.

Sells Six Lots—

L. Paus recently sold six lots on T avenue to E. W. Baumgardner, of Pendleton, Oregon. The sale was handled by Phy. Black and Stoop, real estate dealers.

Builds New Bungalow—

Mr. Snyder has purchased six lots on M avenue from P. E. Gerold, and is erecting a modern bungalow on one of the lots and expects to build two more in the spring. Phy. Black and Stoop handled the sale.

Hears of Brother's Death—

William Bollons received word yesterday from San Antonio, Texas, of the death of his brother, Jack Bollons. Mr. Bollons is survived by a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Joe Nix, of San Antonio, and Mrs. William Stafford, of Houston, Texas.

Building Permit Issued—

A building permit was issued Saturday to Charles Watkins to erect a one story frame garage on Lots 4 and 5, Block 19, in Fredmore's addition fronting Y avenue between Fir and Greenwood. The preliminary estimated cost is \$75.

Installed as Secretary—

"Moses" Lyman of La Grande has been installed as secretary of the Reserve Officer Training Corps association of O. A. C. Lyman is a junior in the school of commerce and is a member of the Omega Upsilon fraternity.

Sells Home—

E. W. Baumgardner recently sold his home at 1044 Fourth street to L. Paus, an engineer on the O. W. Mr. Paus has faith in the future of La Grande and has been here for several years. The sale was handled through Phy. Black & Stoop, real estate agency.

December tenth, last day to pay the water rent without a penalty. (12-6-23)

Building New Home—

Mr. Plummer, minister of the Church of God, has purchased a lot from C. J. Black in the sugar addition and is erecting a new home. The sale was made through Phy. Black and Stoop, real estate dealers.

Dr. Milliken to Speak Here—

Dr. W. T. Milliken, D. D., Educational Director for Oregon Baptists, will speak in this city Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. in the Baptist church. All persons interested in religion and education are invited. On Wednesday night at 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. C. Austin, financial agent for Linfield College at McMinnville, Oregon, will speak at the Baptist church. Mr. Austin has recently been promoted to director for Baptists in the state of Michigan and this will be his farewell address to his many friends in this city.

NINE DEAD IN TRAIN WRECK

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214 E. Washington street, Springfield, Ill.

W. B. Donovan, manager, New Haven Baseball club of the Eastern league.

E. Pannell, Pullman porter, 211 West One Hundred North street, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sullivan, of Springfield, Ill.

Mrs. Carl D. Kinney, Chicago.

Five of the injured, who railroad officials said were taken to a hospital at Erie, Pa., were:

Carl D. Kinney, manager of the Chicago Major league, Chicago, fractured leg and shoulder.

George Weiss, New Haven, Conn., president of the New Haven Baseball club of the Eastern league; lacerations of the back and bruises.

John Zaniet, New York city, right forearm broken, scalp wound and body bruises.

George E. VanHagen, Chicago, back injured.

George E. VanHagen, jr., Chicago, slightly hurt.

Engineer Blamed.

An official announcement, issued at the executive office of the railroad, stated that the second section of the Twentieth Century Limited, which had passed the first, struck an abandoned automobile at Poochey crossing and was forced to stop.

"The first section of the train also was stopped by this accident," the statement read, "and was run into by the third section, resulting in the death of eight passengers and a Pullman porter and the injury to five passengers, who have been taken to the hospital at Erie, Penn.

"Our information at this time indicates that the accident was due to the failure of Engineer Charles Patterson of Cleveland, of the train that ran into the train about to obey caution signals one and one-quarter miles east and the stop signal, approximately one-quarter of a mile east, of the point of the accident and also the signal and lighted flag from the train ahead."

MEX REBELS ON WAY TO MEXICO CITY

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Colonel Mayer and the provisional governor, Angel Camarin, they also captured machine guns, rifles and horses.

An unconfirmed report says Berlanga and Mayer were executed by a firing squad after a summary courtmartial.

Jalapa Losses Heavy.

MEXICO CITY, via Laredo, Texas. (By the Associated Press.)

General Frederico Berlanga, with a portion of the 25th cavalry which refused to join the de la Huerta revolt, and hundreds of partially equipped and unorganized agrarian civilians, stubbornly contested attacks against Jalapa, capital of the state of Vera Cruz, by rebel troops of General Guadalupe Sanchez according to announcement of the war department.

There were more than 300 deaths on both sides during three long attacks, the department added.

Discussing the situation with correspondents, General Miguel Acosta, first undersecretary of war, declared the entire republic was tranquil except the states of Vera Cruz, Jalisco and Zacatecas. He said the outbreak in Zacatecas was due to a revolt of former subordinates of General Estrada, including General Alfredo Garcia, whose followers interrupted railway communication with Juarez.

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For some time friends of Mr. Coolidge had urged him to make his position known soon and it had been planned by some of them to have the president's candidacy indicated in a response to the recent unanimous endorsement given him by the South Dakota Republican proposal convention.

Too frequently persons who have not inquired into the matter express the opinion that the farmers' difficulties are due to reckless expenditures for land, speculative speculation, and other purposes during the flush years. The percentage who suffered in this way, however, does not seem to be very large. The farmers' troubles are due primarily to the low prices of their farm products and the high prices for the services and articles they must buy.

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"The existing tariff has given a substantial measure of protection to the growers of certain varieties of wheat," said Mr. Wallace, "but not sufficient to make good the difference in cost of production and marketing here and in some competing countries when all factors are considered. Any effort which has the effect of advancing wheat prices at home must be supported by an advance in the tariff on wheat."

Mr. Wallace outlined his suggestion for an export corporation, which he first announced recently in an address at Chicago, to take care of surplus agricultural products.

"Many objections, some of real merit, can be urged against such a plan," he said. "It is conceivable that there are some obstacles which may not be overcome. However, there seems to me no much merit in the proposal that it is worthy of the most painstaking analysis."

"Unfavorable exchange rates with European countries, together with financial difficulties in those countries which need our surplus make it more difficult for them to buy and our export outlet for farm commodities is narrowing. Aside from this difficulty, it is to be expected that as the countries of Europe get on their feet, they will strive to produce more of the things they need and buy less from us, and this must be considered in planning our future production."

"Studies indicate that 42 per cent of the farmers tell that their financial difficulties are due to low prices of farm products; to high

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state of agriculture in all sections is now satisfactory. In many regions agriculture still is at a disadvantage.

"The ratio between prices of most farm products and prices of other commodities is still far out of line. Industrial wages continue at war-time levels and thus help to maintain high prices for most things the farmer buys. High freight rates still prevail, and buy and our export outlet for farm products, place one more additional burden upon the farmer which he can ill afford to pay in view of the prices he must take for his products; also they place him at a disadvantage with his foreign competitors in world markets in farm products we export.

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