

# PHONE CO. TO GO PIECEMEAL

Sale or Discontinuance of Service Ordered in Elgin by January 1.

ELGIN.—Through an order of the United States bankruptcy court, H. L. Shoemaker, trustee of the old Union County Telephone company, is empowered to sell any part or all of the Elgin Telephone Co. system which has reverted back to the bankrupt concern through foreclosure of a mortgage held upon the property. In case of sale is not made service will be discontinued January 1.

While this appears to be a drastic move, in effect it probably means only the sale of the Elgin and Imbler exchanges to an outside concern and the reversion back to the farmers of most of the former lines. It may mean the discontinuance of service on some farm lines.

The step was taken following the failure to sell the property at Sheriff's sale a few weeks ago. Under present conditions with the lines in bad order and the farmer lines not heavily patronized, the system has been rapidly eating its head off.

The Home Telephone company, which operates in all other parts of Union county, and in Walla Walla county is a likely bidder for the Elgin and Imbler exchanges. This company has been averse to buying with the former lines attached, but with an opportunity to take the two city services it is almost certain it will submit a bid.

Any farmers who wish to take over their own lines can purchase them at a reasonable figure and will be allowed to connect up with the main city lines at 60 cents a month.

## MARKET NEWS

### A GRANDE MARKETS TODAY

**Top Price Markets.**  
Ranch eggs, 50c dozen.  
California tomatoes, 20 cents per pound.  
Cabbage, 2 to 3 cents, top quality.  
Flour, straight, \$1.70; patent \$2.00, Washington hard wheat, \$2.00.  
Oranges, medium 60 cents, large 90 cents.  
Lemons, 50 cents per dozen.  
Sweet potatoes, 10 cents per lb.  
Florida grapefruit, 15 cents.  
Cranberries, 25 cents per lb.  
Eggplant, 10 cents per lb.  
Paranipe, 5 cents per pound.  
Egg plant, 20 cents per pound.  
Head lettuce 18 cents, 2 for 35c.  
Home grown celery two bunches for 25 cents.  
Potatoes, \$1.75 per 100 pounds.  
Bunch beets, 2 for 15 cents.  
Bunch carrots, 2 for 25 cents.  
Cauliflower, 10 cents per pound.  
Turnips, 10 cents per bunch.  
Green peppers, 30 cents per lb.  
Red peppers, 25 cents per lb.  
Black Emperor grapes, 20c lb.  
Hubbard squash, 5 cents per lb.  
Pumpkins, 5 cents per lb.  
Brussels sprouts, 20 cents.  
Raisins, 15 to 20 cents per lb.  
Cane sugar, \$10.50 per 100 lbs.  
Tillamook cheese, 45 cents per lb.  
Creamery butter, 55 cents 1 lb., \$1.10 2 pounds.  
Ducks and geese 25 cents, turkeys 25 cents, hens 25 cents.  
Spring chickens, 35 cents.  
Clams, 10 cents per pound.  
Eastern Oysters, 65 cents per pint.  
Olympic Oysters, 55 cents per pint.  
Crabs, 25 cents a piece.  
Beef loin and flat bone, 25c.  
Lamb chops, 40 cents.  
Shoulder lamb chops, 50 cents.  
Round Steak, 25 cents per lb.  
Potatoes, 15 to 18 cents.  
Beef hot, 5, 10 and 15 cents.  
Leg of lamb, 40 cents.  
Pork, whole shoulder, 14 cents.  
Pork, shoulder roast, 20 cents.  
Pork chops, 25 cents.  
Steak, 20 to 25 cents.  
Lamb sausage, 50 cents per lb.  
Gasoline 22 cents.  
**Coal Prices.**  
Mine run and nut, \$12 delivered.  
Egg and stove, \$12.75 delivered.  
Lump, \$13.25 delivered.

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### A SUGGESTION TO PARENTS

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Employment Department  
Loan Department  
**Hemphill Trade Schools**  
125 N. 5th St., Broadway 9551  
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## Rhinelandert



This is the first boy born to a Yank soldier's wife on the Rhine during the American occupation. She is the little daughter of U. F. Kelley and wife of Santa Ana, Cal. Just four years old couple weeks.

month, it is probable that this will have to be done to insure farmer service for the present.

After the state of affairs of the last few months and the present condition of the system, the Home Telephone company would not doubt be welcomed by most all concerned for it will be able to keep lines and equipment up in good shape.

### IANY AUTOS PASS ON OREGON TRAIL

BAKER, Ore. (Special).—A conservative estimated total, 55,592 automobiles, the bulk of which were tourists, passed through Baker on the Old Oregon Trail during the last year, according to an exhaustive report prepared by Walter Mencham, president of the Old Oregon Trail association, and presented to the Baker county chamber of commerce yesterday. This figure is double the total of 1922.

More than 1000 of those cars stayed at the local tourist camping grounds. The words of hotel managers and the signed statement of the attendant in charge of the alfalfa weevil quarantine station, at which all cars must stop, are submitted to substantiate the remaining figures.

Forty-four states, beside British

Columbia, were represented at the campground. Idaho led with 756 cars and Oregon was second with 448. Kansas, Illinois, Nebraska and Iowa were all over the hundred mark.

The report, which included the campground tax of 50 cents per night, the state tax of 3 cents on gasoline and an estimated 75 cents from each tourist, concludes that in Baker county alone more than \$172,515 was expended by tourists here during the year.

## ELGIN LODGE HEADS NAMED

ELGIN (Special to the Observer).—Officers were elected here at its annual election last Friday at the Mason lodge No. 95, the Knights of Pythias and the L. O. O. P. lodge.

L. E. Hill heads Orion lodge Knights of Pythias, for the coming year as C. C., following the election held December 11.

Other officers chosen follow: Earl Chandler, V. C.; Bernal D. Hug, prelate, Ed Mason, M. W.; Sam Mason, M. A.; Charles Paxton, I. G.; Henry Paxton, O. G.; Arthur Halgirth, K. of R. and B.; Paul Sadler, M. F.; B. L. Shoemaker, M. E.; and Jesse Crum trustee.

Veteran's jewels were presented at the meeting to C. W. Chandler and William Ezell.

Harry J. Hug was elected noble grand of Elgin L. O. O. P. lodge at its annual election last Friday night. Mrs. Mae Rasmussen was elected noble grand of the Rebekah lodge at their annual election.

A joint installation will be held January 11.

Other officers chosen were: Nels Rasmussen, V. G.; L. E. Ruckler, secretary, and Albert Rasmussen, treasurer. Appointive officers will be announced later.

The Rebekah officers are: Mrs. Rasmussen, N. G.; Ruth Patten, V. G.; Nellie Rush, recording secretary; L. H. Buckley financial secretary, and Martha Blanchard, treasurer.

C. D. Bean was chosen worshipful master of Elgin Masonic lodge No. 98 at the annual election of officers held last Saturday night. Mrs. Elba Hill was chosen worthy matron of the Eastern star at its regular election held on Friday night. A joint installation of officers of the two lodges will be held December 27.

The Masonic officers follow: C. D. Bean, W. M.; H. E. Bowles, W. J.; E. C. Terpany, J. W.; G. F. Smith, treasurer, and E. F. Weiss, secretary, all elective officers. The following appointive officers have been named: E. G. Bailey, S. D.; L. E. Hill, J. D.; W. J. Hazelwood and Guy I. Patten, stewards; H. L. Wells, chaplain; E. O. Wilson, marshal; J. W. Rhodes, tyler.

The Eastern Star officers follow: Mrs. Elba Hill, W. M.; E. E. Tarris, W. P.; Mollie Allen, A. M.; L. Denham, secretary; Henry Hug, treasurer; Mrs. Elba Bean, Cond.; Mrs. Alda Bean, Asso. Cond. The appointive officers for the Eastern Star will be named later.

## ROAD CONDITIONS IN EASTERN OREGON

The conditions of state high-ways in Eastern Oregon, according to the weekly report of the commission, follows:

**LaGrande - Wallowa Lake Highway**

LaGrande - Island City: Paved. Island City - Elgin: Minard - Wallowa - Lostine - Enterprize - Joseph - Wallowa Lake: Macadamized and in good condition. Baker-Cornucopia Highway

Baker - Halfway: 19 miles macadam; 21 miles graded roadbed. Baker fair county road.

**Old Oregon Trail-East of The Dalles**

Ontario - Huntington - Baker - Union - LaGrande - Pendleton - Umatilla - Arlington - The Dalles: Macadamized entire distance and in good condition. Blue Mountains kept free of snow by snow plows.

To make trip without difficulty on morning following heavy snows machines should not leave Pendleton or LaGrande until about noon.

Details can be secured from Highway Division office at LaGrande.

**Old Oregon Trail - West of The Dalles**

Columbia River Highway Section The Dalles - Hood River - Portland - Rainier - Clatskanie - Astoria: Seaside: Paved entire distance.

**Oregon-Washington Highway**

Pendleton - Washington State Line: Paved.

Pendleton - Pilot Rock - Vinson Heppner Junction: Macadamized except between Vinson and Jones Hill where going is very rough.

Traffic between Jones Hill and Vinson may be handicapped by snow or mud at this time of the year and local inquiry should be made before attempting a trip.

Harrington Patriot: There is a modern tendency to think well-fed means well-bred.

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# Phone MAIN 56

## IMBLER LEGION TO HAVE XMAS TREE MONDAY EVENING

IMBLER.—(Special).—The American Legion will have their Christmas tree Monday evening. There will be a present for all and a good time is assured, although it would be better if they would have it on a different evening.

The churches will also have Christmas trees on Monday evening. There will be a present for all and a good time is assured, although it would be better if they would have it on a different evening.

The High school students have been making the best of the time practicing basketball. They are getting ready for the series of games with the different schools. Imbler has a very good team this year and with practice under the direction of Prof. Morgan they will be able to meet the teams of the different towns and they expect to carry away all the honors this season.

Monday night the last of the year course was given. Dr. Chase gave a lecture on sleight and unsight, that was very interesting. The lecture was put on by the K. P. and Pythian lodge and as a whole was very interesting as well as educational.

Mrs. Albert Keefe spent several days in LaGrande visiting the last week.

William Ruckman and son Harry have spent several days in rounding up their cattle. They have brought them in to feed for the winter.

Ira Hobson and family of Mill

Valley, California, arrived Tuesday evening to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ida Littreal. Mrs. J. J. Golden and son, of Portland, arrived Tuesday evening to visit her mother, Mrs. Littreal and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Myers came up from Elgin Wednesday to visit friends.

E. G. Long arrived Wednesday from a three weeks visit with his brother in Kansas. He also spent some time in Missouri. He reports a very nice time but was anxious to return to Oregon.

Frank and Floyd McKennon invited a number of friends to listen to the good merits of the life insurance, that they are representing, Wednesday, at the dining room of the hotel, where Mrs. Watson served thirty guests to a very delicious dinner.

Jas Andrews has been in LaGrande attending this week's court.

Leonard Billings has been on the jury the past week.

Mrs. Andrews has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cap Tuttle, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Burnhough were in Imbler Sunday.

The High School has divided into two divisions and has formed a literary society, with Miss Straw and Miss Alexander as leaders. The first program will be held in the school house Thursday evening under Miss Straw.

The High School has formed an orchestra as follows: Miss Bernice Stringham, piano; Miss Straw, violin; Wayne Welch, saxophone; Donald McKinnis, drums and Clinton Marshall, the cornet.

## Olson's ORCHESTRA

Organized in Spring, 1922  
Personnel  
A. L. Olson  
Mrs. H. P. French  
E. McManus  
E. Rosenbaum  
C. E. Mays  
E. Hilew  
O. Humphrey  
C. E. Mays, Mgr. Ph. 378-M  
L. R. Spencer Asst. Mgr. Ph. 337-H

## Christmas Suggestions

Dinner Sets  
Electric Percolators  
Thermos Bottles  
Pyrex Ware  
Sleds - Boys' Wagons  
Bicycle

## F.L. Lilly

Hardware  
Store Open Evenings  
All Week

Miss Straw will leave Friday evening for her home at Albany to spend Christmas.

Miss Alexander leaves Friday for her home in Challa to spend Christmas.

Mr. Hammerle also leaves for his home at Hillsboro to be with his family during the holidays.

Mrs. Elia Walker has gone to LaGrande, where she will spend the winter.

Dr. Vincent was in Imbler making one of his usual calls Wednesday.

A Community dance will be given at the farmer Union Hall Friday evening. A good time is assured and a light lunch will be served by the ladies.

Miss Marie Prior has accepted a position in LaGrande with the telephone company.

Ross Perry has purchased the Geo. Perry tract of land near the P. H. Westenskow place and has started to build him a home.

Jacking Helf and Fred Byler has joined the wood cutters at the truckman and Wiggins wood camp.

"Poor!" she exclaimed. "Why they haven't had the tonsils removed from a single one of their children!"

The proper study of mankind is a 10 cent store.

## UNION-LA GRANDE AUTO STAGE

| TIME TABLE   |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Leaves Union | Leaves LaGrande |
| 8:30 A. M.   | 9:30 A. M.      |
| 11:00 A. M.  | 1:00 P. M.      |
| 2:30 P. M.   | 3:30 P. M.      |
| 4:30 P. M.   | 5:15 P. M.      |

Sundays  
Leaves Union  
1:00 P. M.  
5:15 P. M.

Saturday Night Special  
Leaves Union  
7:00 P. M.  
11:00 P. M.

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SUNDAY AND MONDAY

# WESLEY BARRY

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