Local News In Brief

Spent Christmas Here—
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Masse and daughter, Natalie, of Pendleton, formerly of La Grande, spent yesterday here visiting friends.

To Attend Meeting—
E. D. Towler of La Grande, principal of the local high school, left for Portland to attend the state Teachers' meeting.

Goes to Portland—
H. M. DuBois, of Enterprise, left for Portland, where he will attend the State Teachers' meeting to be held there today. While in La Grande Mr. DuBois stopped at the Sommer.

Building Permit Issued—
A building permit was issued Monday to George Lyman to repair a two story brick business building on Lot 8 and 9, Block 112, in Chaplin's addition, fronting on Jefferson between Fir and Elm streets. The preliminary estimated cost is $1000.

REDUCTION OF RATES GIVEN

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posed" from points shown to San Francisco, Cal., with privilege of feeding in transit on the Southern Pacific in the Sacramento valley;

Fat Cattle.

From	Prsnt.	Proposd.
Huntington	$241.00	$206.00
Baker	241.00	199.00
La Grande	229.00	186.00
Joseph	252.00	219.00
Meacham	222.00	193.00
Pendleton	212.00	188.00
Pilot Rock	222.00	199.00
Messner	205.00	171.00
Heppner Jct.	205.00	171.00
Heppner	214.00	182.00
Arlington	195.00	165.00
Condon	212.00	182.00
Biggs	185.00	164.00
Shaniko	207.00	146.50
Two Spgs.	205.00	172.00
Bend	225.50	185.00
The Dalles	178.00	161.00

Sheep—Double Deck Cars.

	Prsnt.	Proposd.
Huntington	$226.00	$226.00
Baker	226.00	219.00
La Grande	222.00	216.00
Joseph	226.00	226.00
Meacham	220.00	212.00
Pendleton	220.00	207.00
Pilot Rock	216.00	216.00
Messner	230.00	183.00
Heppner Jct.	203.00	188.00
Heppner	203.00	202.00
Arlington	201.00	182.00
Condon	201.00	201.00
Biggs	198.00	180.00
Shaniko	198.00	198.00
Two Spgs.	213.00	213.00
Bend	213.00	213.00
The Dalles	177.00	146.00

"You will note that the proposed rates on cattle are a reduction in the present rates ranging from $17 per car at The Dalles to $42.00 per car at Baker. The rates on sheep in double deck cars are based 100 per cent of the cattle rate, and while this does not result in any reduction from some of the points shown, material reductions are made from other points of origin such as Pendleton, La Grande and Baker.

"We have today discussed the proposed rates with Mr. Geary, who is of the opinion that the proposed rates are quite a concession on the part of the interested carriers, and he believes they will be of material assistance to the livestock shippers in Eastern Oregon. He suggested, however, before our proceeding with publication that we submit the figures to you.

"I have no doubt but what this proposed adjustment will be satisfactory, and if you will advise me on receipt of this letter, we will proceed with immediate publication.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) A. E. Edmonds.

FREE MATINEE GIVEN CHILDREN

A matinee for the community children was held at the Star Theatre Christmas afternoon which was attended by a capacity crowd. Not a seat was left vacant and standing room was at a premium.

The pictures were shown free by Meyers and Ford, proprietors.

In Chicago a man who killed another was acquitted because nobody could prove that the dead man had ever been alive. The law ought to film some of its comedies.

THURSDAY

Write Me About Your Case

IF you will write me about your condition, I will send you my **FREE** illustrated book which tells many things about Piles and other rectal troubles which YOU should know.

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Young men who received gold for Christmas find it draws better interest in new clothes than it does back of a time clock.

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Save $5.00 to $10.00 on Your Suit and Overcoat

THIS WEEK

CLINT'S CLOTHIERY

"THE STORE WITH A CONSCIENCE"

LOCAL MAN IS ON COMMITTEE

H. K. O'Brien Named on Open River Committee in Interest of Columbia River Development.

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—To arouse interest throughout the Columbia River area in the further development and the maintenance of an open channel from Portland to the Sea, an Open River Committee consisting of 22 prominent Oregon and Washington business men has been organized by the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

E. B. MacNaughton of Strong and MacNaughton, estate managers of Portland, is chairman of the organization. Other members are Howard K. O'Brien, president Oregon Hardware & Implement Co., La Grande, Ore.; F. W. Callister, president First National bank of Albany, Ore.; Carl G. Washburne, president First National Bank, Eugene, Ore.; E. C. Apperson, president First National Bank of McMinnville, Ore.; Leslie Butler, president Butler Banking Co., Hood River Ore.; Judge J. T. Horick, The Dalles, Ore.; L. R. Steinhammer, manager Vancouver Woolen Mills, Vancouver, Wash.; and the following men from Portland: J. C. Ainsworth, president United States National Bank; A. H. Averill, president A. H. Averill Machinery Company and a member of the Commission of Public Docks; Edward Cookingham, president Ladd & Tilton Bank; John H. Burgard, president of John H. Burgard Company, insurance agents and chairman of the Commission of Public Docks; H. L. Corbett, president Eastern Oregon Livestock Co., H. M. Haller, vice-president Kelley-Clarke Co.; D. T. Honeyman, treasurer Honeyman Hardware Company; Peter Kerr, president Kerr, Gifford & Co.; L. A. Lewis, president Allen & Lewis, wholesale grocers; A. L. Mills, president First National Bank; D. C. O'Reilley, president Diamond O Navigation Co.; H. B. Van Duzer, manager Inman-Poulsen Lumber Co., and chairman of State Highway Commission; J. M. Warren, president Warren Packing Co. and president of the Port of Portland Commission; Raymond B. Wilcox, president Wilcox Hayes Co., importers and exporters.

This committee was organized primarily to oppose the construction of the proposed bridge across the Columbia between Rainier, Ore. and Longview, Wash. or any other bridge which would require construction of piers in the Columbia and thereby obstructing the channel.

In view of the fact that the United States government, the Port of Portland and he Portland Commission of Public Docks have expended $33,759,073 in developing the channel from Portland to the sea, and in providing unexcelled terminal facilities in Portland, which has resulted in a saving in freight rates of $18,925,019 to the shippers of produce in the Columbia watershed during the past two years, the committee is determined that to protect this investment and to perpetuate the annual saving to shippers, there shall be no impediments placed in the way of free and unobstructed navigation of the channel.

They point to the fact that it is the tendency of ocean commerce to turn to larger vessels, and that instead of permitting an obstruction to the present channel, its present width and depth should be increased so that producers of the Columbia Basin may have the advantage of shipping their products to the world's markets on these ships.

All of the great ports of the world have carried on a successful fight to prevent bridges or other obstructions being placed across their harbors. Philadelphia has become a great port largely because no bridges were permitted across the Delaware River below that city. New York has an unobstructed harbor in the main channel of the Hudson. San Francisco has never consented to a bridge across the Golden Gate which would interfere with the free entrance and exit of steamships. The absence of bridges across the channels serving London, Hamburg and several other great European cities is given as the secret of the success of those ports in maritime commerce.

The committee emphasizes the fact that if other great ports of the world in congested areas where a bridge would be of great public utility, will not tolerate a bridge obstructing their shipping, there is no reason why business men, the farmers and others of the Great Columbia Basin should permit the construction of a bridge across the greatest fresh water port in the world, when there is apparently little demand or need for it.

NEW TODAY

FOR RENT—Room suitable for 2 gentlemen. Inquire 1906 Third. 12-26-2t

WANTED—Woman to clean office mornings. Dr. Ingle. 12-26-1t

LOST — Saturday night, a gold wrist watch on black band, between P. O. and L. & L. Drug store. Finder kindly return to Donohue Furniture store and receive reward. 12-26-1t

LOST—Fountain pen. Keepsake. Finder please phone 514-J. $5 reward. Mrs. Ed Cross. 12-26-2tp

FOR SALE—Five Jersey cows, 1 heavy team. C. J. Blackington, residence brick house near Union Oil tanks. 12-26-3t

WILL RETIRE PUBLIC DEBT

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he debt totalled only about $1,000,000,000. There were some 2 per cent bonds maturing in 1930, a 4 per cent loan of 1930, and certain Panama Canal bonds then outstanding. The public debt jumped at the beginning of the war, and the peak was reached in August, 1919, when the figure was more than $26,500,000,000.

The last Treasury statement put the debt at $22,100,000,000, consisting of $1,000,000,000 of pre-war debt, nearly $15,000,000,000 of 4 per cent Liberty Bonds, $760,000,000 of 4¼ per cent Treasury Bonds of 1947-52, $4,000,000,000 of Treasury certificates maturing in less than a year, and $320,000,000 of Treasury savings securities.

Debt Cut Down

Ever since the end of the war the Treasury Department has been hard at it in getting the public debt as low as possible. During the war the Treasury carried a cash balance of $1,125,000,000 to take care of unexpected large expenditures. When peacetime operations started this balance was too large, and it was used to reduce the debt. Since then the debt has been reduced as follows: 1920, $1,185,000,000; 1921, $322,000,000; 1922, $1,014,000,000; 1923 $614,000,000—the figures referring to the Government's fiscal year.

One of the biggest problems now confronting the Treasury is the wiping off of the $22,000,000,000 debt. Congress lent a hand at the end of the war by passing the Victory Loan act, which established a "cumulative sinking fund" calculated to retire the debt — less money received from our foreign debtors — in about twenty - five years. It was figured the sinking fund would retire half of the debt —$10,000,000,000—and that the foreign Governments which borrowed from the United States during the war would make up the other half.

Creditors "Slow Pay."

It was necessary to make a change in the Government's fund plans, however, when it became apparent that it was going to be hard to get some of the debtor nations to pay, for a while at least.

Thus far the settlement of the $11,000,000,000 foreign indebtedness has progressed only to the point of a debt-funding agreement with Great Britain. Cuba has paid her debt, and Finland's agreement is ready for Congressional approval; but the latter obligations were so small that they make no appreciable difference in the larger totals.

The British debt, aggregating $4,600,000,000, will be paid during the next 62 years in United States securities at par.

"So long, therefore," explains Secretary Winston, "as any obligations of the United States can be acquired in the market below par we may expect to receive our own securities and not cash. This is an advantage in expediting payment of the public debt, because under the law securities received are canceled."

(This means that Great Britain can buy a $100 Liberty Bond in the United States for $97 and turn it in to the Treasury Department for a $100 credit on her debt, thus saving $3. This will amount to considerable in paying a debt running into hundreds of millions.)

In reducing the public debt the Treasury also uses any surplus revenues which it happens to have at the end of a fiscal year.

Plan Explained.

Explaining the plans for wiping out the debt, Secretary Winston says:

"Eliminating the question of general foreign debt payment and not relying on surplus revenues, which are uncertain, but based solely on the sinking fund as at present constituted and the British refunding scheme as executed, it is believed that the public debt should be substantially retired by 1952, which year happens to be the maturity date of the last maturing funded obligations of the United States, the Treasury 4¼s. There are many contingencies which affect this estimate, but it is safe to assume that a plan of refunding that part of the maturing debt, which cannot be presently met, to maturity dates within the next thirty years is a sound policy to be pursued."

PACT NEEDED TO THWART DODGERS OF TAX, CLAIM

GENEVA, (AP)—Governmental tax experts who met here recently unanimously recognized the necessity of international agreements to aid in the apprehending of tax dodgers that they might be forced to meet their obligations.

The double payment of income taxes was stamped as undesirable, but the experts of many countries who are working for an international taxation treaty favor a thorough exchange of information so that fraudulent payments of taxes at home or abroad may be checked. The double payment of income taxes arises from persons being obliged to pay the tax to their home countries and also to a country in which they may be temporarily residing.

In commercial enterprises the experts agreed that when an undertaking is carried out entirely in one country the income should be regarded as originating in that country irrespective of the nationality of the person. When the undertaking is carried on partly in one country and partly in another they agreed that the income should be regarded as divided between the countries in question.

WOOD'S SON SPECULATOR, SAYS TIMES

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department and Major General Wood, who directed his son and aide to end all speculative operations. The advice and command were immediately responded to."

"A local investigation of the reports by the Times," it says, "has disclosed the fact that Lieutenant Wood began making remittances to this country in the fall of 1922 and that these grew steadily, although at times the were subject to the usual fluctuations of active accounts.

"The funds, in main, were cable drafts purchased in the Manila office of Hongkong and Shanghai with instructions that these funds were to be transmitted to the New York office of that institution.

"On arrival heer the New York branch paid the funds to the Chase National Bank which in turn transferred them to the eCntral Trust company of Chicago, where they were deposited to the account of Osborne Wood.

"This year some remittances were made by Osborne to his father-in-law, Henry H. Thompson, know as 'pyramiding,' or the purchase of additional stock with profit saccumulated on papers from former purchases.

"Lieutenant Wood is believed to have 'caught' the beginning of the so-called dividend market in the fall of 1922 and happened to pick out the one stock whose advance was most violent and consistent.

"This was the Standard Oil stock of New Jersey, whose directors in the early fall of 1922 were laying plans for a stock dividend of 400 per cent. This stock, which the lieutenant operated in, advance-president of the United States Finishing company at 220 Broadway.

"Wall street speculators are inclined to believe," said the Times, "that Lieutenant Wood must have followed the speculative method

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11:00 A. M.	1:00 P. M.
2:30 P. M.	3:30 P. M.
4:30 P. M.	5:15 P. M.

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Leaves Union	Leaves La Grande
1:00 P. M.	5:15 P. M.

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7:00 P. M.	11:00 P. M.

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LA GRANDE OBSERVED XMAS DAY

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theater was very well attended.

In most of the local homes the regular old-time family Christmas was observed, with its bountiful dinner, its Christmas tree, and all that goes with them.

The greater share of the programs given at the churches occurred either Christmas eve or Sunday. The Catholic church of La Grande held midnight mass Christmas Eve and several of the other religious denominations here observed Christmas day collectively.

Little liquor, compared with past years, flowed Christmas. Only a few arrests were made and the officers report that the city was freer from pre-Volstead celebrations than ever before.

Many visitors from other cities spent the day here with friends or relatives and in practically every case the Christmas dinner was one at which the entire family was gathered.

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