



### Our Pledge

On New Year's Day, while resolutions are in order, the management of Hill's Department Store pledge themselves to continue to make our name stand for quality and right prices, to offer the latest merchandise, and to make our store a pleasant place to shop, and continue our service to you.

Remember Our January Clearance Sale Starts Tomorrow

**HILL'S DEPT. STORE**

A Good Place to Trade

ed their titles in important matches and the end of the season round four new title winners at the bag. They are Pancho Villa, Filipino whitewind, who knocked Jimmy White, 1916 Britisher, from the flyweight throne; Johnny Dundee, New York Italian, who battered Eugene Cruz, French war veteran, into defeat two months after the latter had knocked out Johnny Kilbane for the featherweight scepter; Harry Gehl, Pittsburgh "windmill," who deprived Johnnie Wilson, of Boston of middleweight laurels; and Mike McTigue, Irish-American, who won the light-heavyweight crown by outpointing Battling Siki, the much-heralded son of St. Patrick's Day in Dublin. McTigue narrowly saved his title by getting a draw in a rubber match with Young Scudling, Georgia schoolboy, in October.

Many a man who thinks he is aspiring to higher things is more by aspiring to a better job.

### NEW HARDWARE COMPANY OPEN

The Skala Hardware company, recently opened in La Grande in the Hoehly building fronting Adams avenue, is now firmly established. The business is owned by Mr. Skala and two sons, H. H. Skala is acting manager. "We are quite pleased with the prospects in La Grande and feel that we made a wise move in locating here," Mr. Skala stated. The hardware store carries all kinds of hardware, paints and sporting goods, also harness and harness repairing. "The Skala's" formerly lived in Montana, coming to La Grande two years ago, but being unable

### Operated On For Appendicitis

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER. Many times, no doubt, you have seen the above headline in your newspaper. Very often it has told of some friend suddenly stricken with dread appendicitis. The newspaper, however, neglected to state that appendicitis is usually preceded by stomach trouble. They don't tell you that the afflicted person suffered frequent attacks of heartburn long before he went to the hospital.

Wallo heartburn is not always a sign of an inflamed appendix. It is always a warning that something is wrong. In many cases it results from indigestion, which is one of the preliminary causes of appendicitis. If you suffer from a burning, stinging sensation in the stomach, especially gas, and stomach, nausea or other distress after eating, go at once and obtain a bottle of South Bros' M. A. C. the guaranteed stomach treatment. So pleasant, harmless, it will rid the stomach of catarrh, flatulence, indigestion, helps digestion and cleanses the bowels of poisonous waste matter. Price \$1.25. Money back if the first bottle does not relieve. Red Cross Pharmacy will supply. Mail orders accepted.—Adv.

### ORDER

Bell Center Brick ICE CREAM for your New Year Dinner.

**Blue Mountain Creamery**  
1100 Wash. Phone Main 60 La Grande, Ore.

DEMAND GENUINE

### Monogram MOTOR OILS

You know that good oil is cheaper than repairs. Think of this when you buy oil again—whether by the quart or barrel. If your dealer cannot supply you with MONOGRAM, we can.

BRING YOUR CAR

**C. W. Bunting & Son**  
Wholesale and Retail Monogram Dealers

# STOP

LONG ENOUGH, KIND FOLKS—TO RECEIVE OUR GREETINGS FOR A

## Happy New Year FOR 1924

We appreciate your wonderful patronage of the past few months, and it is our aim in the service of this store, to continue the giving of high standard merchandise at saving prices.

IN 1924 YOU WILL FIND

new departments in our store supplying your needs more thoroughly at prices you can well afford—

Keep Your Eye on the Corner for the New Year.

## SCRANTON & SHORT INC.

Don't Say "Bread" SAY

### SUPERFINE

MADE WITH MILK For Sale at All Grocers

## La Grande Bakery

Formerly McPherson Bakery La Grande, Ore.

## SPORT NEWS

### Year's Best Fight Was Dempsey-Firpo Battle

O. of South American Was High Mark in 1923 Pugilism

NEW YORK, (AP)—Establishing a record for championship activity, the pugilistic season of 1923 has taken rank as the most spectacular, if not the greatest ever witnessed.

Nine battles with world's cham-

Suits spanged and pressed, 75c  
Pants spanged and pressed, 25c  
Suits cleaned and pressed, \$2.50  
Pants cleaned and pressed, 75c

### Weavers

Tailors, Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers  
Phone M-725 Depot St.

Every Article in the Store

REDUCED

10% to 50%

No Exceptions

At

**CARR'S**

JANUARY SALE



### Grande Ronde Hospital

A nonsectarian and ethical institution that does not advertise your sickness or broadcast your operations, but gives you service equal to any institution in the Northwest.

We employ only graduated nurses

## SKAGGS Cash saving stores

The Personnel of SKAGGS UNITED STORES unite in extending the Season's Greetings to the people of the Great Northwest. And hope that the New Year will bring to all new opportunities and much happiness.

Money Saving

## SKAGGS

Cash Stores

UNITED STORES

Oregon Washington Idaho Wyoming  
Utah Nevada California

## Happy New Year to You

We believe in the Grande Ronde Valley—the opportunities, the location and the people, and the steady, progressive prosperity of the past is only a criterion of the future—and the year 1924 will be the dawn of a new era of progress and prosperity.

Therefore we all join in wishing you a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

## GLASS DRUGS

The Jewel Store

### Pattison Brothers

Take pleasure in extending all friends and customers their best wishes for a

## Happy New Year

### Railroad Rates and Transportation Costs

Railroad Supplies Up 100%  
Freight Rates 32 3-10%  
Passenger Fares 35 3-10%

Freight rates and passenger fares on the Union Pacific System have advanced less than half as much as the increase in the cost of engines, cars and other principal items of railroad expense.

Comparing pre-war prices with those of today we find:

Commodity	Pre-War Price	Present Price	Pct. of In-crease
Coal, per ton	10.00	14.00	40%
Freight locomotive	25,000.00	64,000.00	156%
Freight car	4,000.00	5,800.00	145%
Ties, each	.25	.34	36%
Steel (bridges, tanks, etc.)	50.00	90.00	80%
Steel Passenger Coach	15,000.00	20,000.00	33%
Cotton Waste, per lb.	.05	.055	10%
Block Signal, per mile	1,200.00	2,300.00	192%
Switch Lamp, each	4.00	8.40	110%
Fuel, per ton	2.10	2.85	36%
Average annual earnings per employe	(1922)	1,898.47	104.6%
Taxes	4,558,83.00	13,251,522.00	290%

In the face of these increases, freight rates on the Union Pacific System during the same time have increased only 32 3-10 percent and passenger fares 35 3-10 percent.

In 1913 we received for hauling a ton of freight one mile, 9.7 mills; for hauling a passenger one mile, 2 1/4. In 1923, these rates were 1.285 and 3.035 respectively. The 1923 freight rate represents a reduction of about 11% under 1921 and passenger fares about 8% under 1921.

In order to earn enough gross revenue to purchase a pint of ink, it is necessary for us to haul one ton of freight 42 miles; for a cross tie, 65 miles; a hand lantern, 97 miles; one freight car wheel, 111 1/2 miles; and one monkey wrench 97 miles.

To pay for a day of track labor it is necessary to haul one ton of freight 236 miles. For a day's wages of a freight train crew 2680 miles. For a day's wages of a machinist 461 miles. For a ton of fuel 263 miles.

The railroads of the United States maintain the lowest rates and the lowest capitalization per mile, while paying the highest wages of any country in the world.

So long as the railroads' cost of doing business remains at the present high level a general reduction of freight and passenger rates cannot safely be made. Constructive suggestions are always welcome.

C. R. GRAY, President.

## UNION PACIFIC SYSTEM