

WINTER'S GRIP NOT LOOSENED

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Snow has continued to fall here for the past several days, a little at a time. The valley is covered with about six inches of snow, while higher in the hills the snow is somewhat deeper. In the timbered sections to the north, and on the summit between here and Panwaka, it is reported to be around two feet in depth. The weather has been somewhat warmer lately, and the snow has become soft and has settled considerably. Much is being cut in all parts of this section as the bunchgrass patches are practically all covered. The Hobbs and Hurrell sheep which were being held on the Judge Couch ranch in the hills east of here have been moved to the valley.

The stock shipments from this county are reported to be very heavy. Some nine or ten cars of cattle were loaded at Elgin last week, and five cars of cattle and a car of hogs were shipped here. The early winter together with a scarcity of feed, with relative high prices, are leading factors causing stockmen to market everything they can.

The recent snow is said to have boosted the hay prices to some extent here. Some hay has been sold during the past week at prices ranging from \$14 to \$16 per ton in the market. A few weeks ago a considerable amount of hay in the valley near Lathrop was sold at around \$10 per ton.

A recent item concerning the statement that the rural mail carrier on route one had changed his mode of travel from automobile to horse and cart, was a mistake. The route is still being traveled with a car. The road in parts of the hill section traversed by the route are very difficult to travel with a car due to a large amount of snow.

A. N. Lathrop of Lathrop delivered a load of fat hogs to J. L. Maxwell at Wallowa the latter part of last week. Gastin and Cummins took a part of their cattle to the stock yards here the last of the week, loading out Saturday morning for the Portland market.

A fairly large crowd of people attended the Armistice day services held here Tuesday. Captain Elmer Hagen, acting as chairman of the occasion, opening the meeting. Other speakers on the program were Rev. H. W. Oliver and Rev. Weston Shields. Several members of the Chief Joseph Post, at Elgin, were present and assisted the local members.

Practically all damaged telephone lines in this end of the valley have been repaired and are in good working order again. Last wrestling fans are eagerly looking forward to the matches being arranged for the 25th of this month, when Jim Norwood will meet Ray McFarrell of Pendleton, and Al Gustave, a wrestler from Walla Walla.

Mexico Extends Welcome
To German Investigators
HAMBURG (AP)—One thousand German business men, industrialists and scientists are to visit Mexico during 1925 at the invitation of the Mexican government, setting through the consul-general at Hamburg. The purpose of the visit is to re-establish and extend friendly relations between the two countries, and to give the Germans an insight into the customs and institutions of the Mexican republic.

The Mexican government promises the visitors all possible facilities. Transportation on the Mexican railways is to be free of charge. Pullman cars in which the visitors can sleep even when a stop of several days is made in a city, are to be at the free disposal of the tourists. There are to be instructive lectures, visits to industrial plants and scientific institutions, luncheon and banquets by various Mexican chambers of commerce, and official receptions. German newspapers bringing samples of goods with them are to have them admitted free of duty.

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Depression Reigns In Russian Ship Centers

BAKU, Azerbaijan, (AP)—Of not appear to be wholly satisfied with life under the Bolshevik regime. Here, as elsewhere in the Soviet union, there is much unemployment. The streets are overrun with half-naked and famished beggars and children. One cannot enter a restaurant, hotel or a public garden without being assailed by starving men, women and children who beg for black bread.

If you are a self-made man, let somebody else brag about the workmanship.

In the harbor of Baku at this moment is a great forest of cargo boats, rotting at their moorings for want of use. A single touch is imparted to the picture by a number of related torpedo boats, submarines and cruisers which are relics of the old Russian imperial navy. The same situation exists at Batumi, Sevastopol and Odessa.

Even the oil industry, which the natives call the commercial part of the campaign, is dead. The oil wells are there, to be sure, but Russia has neither the capital nor the machinery to develop them properly. A single American oil company is operating at Baku, and their activities, which are on a small scale, are confined to drilling and prospecting.

Baku at one time was one of the richest and gayest cities in Russia, but now a dull, dirty, depressing place that draws only those who have business or official relations with the Azerbaijan government.

The streets exhibit a fair amount of stink, but the goods are of a cheap, tummy-chafing and high in price. The people seem somewhat more cheerful and better dressed than those in Moscow, but they do

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Reservoir to Be Built

ST. HELENS.—The St. Helens water board has accepted the plans of Floyd W. Allen, Portland engineer, for a reservoir for the proposed new water system. A tract of land has been purchased on the McIntire place, about two miles west of St. Helens and the reservoir will be built there. The land has an elevation of 245 feet above the river level and 14-inch main which will lead to the city will provide a pressure of 85 pounds. The reservoir will be constructed of concrete and have a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons.

Plans for the construction of the reservoir, pipe line and distributing system will be asked for soon. The estimated cost of the entire system, including the reservoir, is \$150,000.

GUARD MEETING CALLED.
SALISBURY, Ore.—In response to telegraphic orders from western army headquarters, Brigadier-General George A. White, commander of the 32d Infantry brigade, comprising the infantry troops of Oregon and Idaho, left for San Francisco for a conference with Major-General C. G. Morton and his staff.

Guard commanders from other states in the 9th corps area, consisting of Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Wyoming and Utah, also have been ordered to the corps area conference, it was said.

Further development of the national guard, including the matter of federal allotment, will be taken up at the conference. With General White was Colonel H. U. Welch, who commands the 156th Infantry regiment.

YOUTHS ROLL 200 FEET

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Sam In-donachie, 29, and Gordon Cunningham, 19, escaped death narrowly when they rolled nearly 200 feet down Big Mitchell, near Mitchell point, on the Columbia high-ways. Their clothes were torn off and they suffered severe bruises, though their injuries were not considered serious. The accident occurred when a rock to which the boys had clung in their ascent, gave way. They fell about 40 feet and began to roll. The other boys in the party telephoned for help.

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