

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

December 12-13—High School Operetta.

Leaves for Portland—

Mrs. E. R. Pittman of Kameh, left this morning for an extended visit in Portland.

Going South—

William Hamilton, of this city, will leave for California tomorrow via auto, where he will spend the winter hoping to improve his health.

Meeting Tonight—

The Ladies Auxiliary of the B. O. E. will hold a meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock. An election will be the feature of the evening.

Litch in Portland—

Sam Litch, water superintendent of Enterprise, Ore., is registered at the Hotel Oregon. He came to Portland with a shipment of livestock—Portland Oregonian.

Returns to Seattle—

W. E. Beckwith, business manager of the Apex Electrical company in Seattle, returned to this city this morning. He visited here at the J. E. Landers home.

To Haye Trial—

The trial of Z. Hopkins and Guy Glen, recently arraigned on charges of shooting game birds after sundown, will be held at the offices of the justice of peace at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. The trial will be by jury.

Meeting Last Evening—

The customary three rings calling the firemen to meeting last night had many local people rushing to the telephone directory to find out "where the fire was." The meeting was held in the usual manner at the station house.

Local Man Promoted—

Don MacClelland, former La Grande man who has been with the state engineering division at Jordan Valley, has been promoted to a post on the Turbine Irrigation project. Mr. MacClelland will make a special inspection of the project.

La Grande Is Oked—

"La Grande is getting along nicely," states J. W. Knowles, circuit judge, who is registered at the Imperial. Judge Knowles has exchanged benches with Judge Evans of Multnomah county for a few days.—Portland Oregonian.

Personal Mention

D. L. Tanner left on the branch train this morning on a business trip to Wallawa.

W. B. Bollans returned from a business trip to Portland this morning.

Mrs. Ralph Ladd and Mrs. Jerry Campbell left for Wallawa this morning to spend the day visiting.

Mrs. C. B. Woods of The Dalles left for Wallawa this morning.

Mrs. M. Anderson and daughter left on No. 24 this morning to spend the day in Baker.

Mrs. Claude Eaton and children returned from a trip to Portland this morning.

C. H. Frazier of Enterprise was registered at the Sommer hotel yesterday.

Mrs. C. C. Hall went to Hot Lake this morning.

this morning to be with her husband, who is confined at the sanatorium taking treatments.

H. Downer and family of Rosam, Montana, were registered at the Sommer hotel last evening. They are touring to the coast.

U. S. BUDGET IS GIVEN TO CONGRESS

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continue work "at a normal rate of speed on all new ships under construction within the limitation of authorized cost."

There were material reductions totaling \$5,000,000 in the war department's allowance, but no particular branch of the military service was singled out for reduced appropriations. Under the total authorized, the budget bureau declared, the regular army can continue on its present basis of 12,000 officers and an average enlisted strength of 118,000; the number of reserve officers who can be trained will remain about the same; attendance at the citizens' training camps must be limited to 25,000 instead of 33,000 in the current year, and the militia budget will be able to maintain an average strength of 175,000; a reduction of \$200 from the present authorization. The air service allotment was increased from \$14,200,000 for the current year to \$17,000,000. During the coming year to "enable the air service to make reasonable progress toward meeting its present shortage in heavier than air craft and at the same time assist in keeping alive the aircraft industry for use in time of emergency."

The total fixed for rivers and harbors improvement, \$59,277,299, is practically the same as the present year.

It was in the veterans' bureau estimate that the budget director made his blunder. Under the figures submitted a year ago, a net total of \$78,000,000 was topped off, in spite of increases in some departments of the bureau's activities. The factors which more than offset these increases included a drop from \$80,000,000 to \$28,000,000 for vocational rehabilitation, due to the decreasing necessity for giving vocational training to men wounded in the war; a reduction from \$127,800,000 set aside a year ago for possible use in bonus payments to \$22,000,000, which the budget director estimated would be sufficient to carry the payments through next year if applications continue to come in at their present slow rate; and a \$7,000,000 reduction in the amount set aside for hospital construction. The treasury department's reduction of \$16,810,000 under the total for the present year was largely accounted for by the fact that two requests amounting to \$16,140,000, resulting from the 25 per cent reduction voted by congress at the last session, were included in the expenditures of the current year and no like item was necessary in the new budget. The most guard allotment was increased by \$1,075,000, as a part of the drive against run rummers, while the total given the customs service was cut \$712,000, a reduction declared by the budget director to be due to decreased activities and an estimated falling off in refunds.

Included in the factors contributing to the shipping board's reduction of \$8,000,000 were enumerated improved methods of operation, together with the consolidation, curtailment and reduction in the number of trade routes and an improvement in freight rates. The budget bureau informed the president that the net increase

of \$42,000,000 in the amount set aside for the maritime department was "due primarily to an increase from \$12,000,000 to \$30,000,000 for the construction of rural post roads." There were various comparatively small increases in other activities of the department.

More than half of the \$2,288,000 increase in the allowance for the justice department was accounted for by a decision to more than triple the amount set aside "for the investigation and prosecution of war frauds." The war frauds item in the budget for the present year amounted to but \$500,000, but in the new budget it is \$1,725,000. "The amount set aside for enforcement of anti-trust laws was

increased from \$203,930 to \$228,000.

A net increase of \$23,000,000 also was shown for the postoffice department but the whole expenditure of that department is expected to be returned to the treasury along with a surplus as a result of postal revenues. In theory the postal service always is regarded in the budget as self-supporting, although it has not always been so in fact. The budget bureau declared, revenues for the fiscal year 1925 had been conservatively estimated at \$647,410,000, while the amount to be advanced to the department for expenses in only \$627,376,000. Should these expectations be borne out, a postal surplus of more than \$20,000,000 would be turned back into the treasury.

The estimates for the principal expenditures for the present 12 months follow:

	1924	1925
Public debt (interest)	\$839,000,000	\$867,000,000
Public debt (redemption of principal)	484,768,150	471,905,100
Postoffice department	637,376,000	612,015,150
War department	238,551,220	247,352,594
Navy department	239,783,978	249,219,143
Interior department	163,847,741	159,858,190
Treasury department	140,892,750	136,047,150
Agriculture department	22,741,514	25,842,555
Commerce department	24,917,822	22,629,616
Justice department	16,150,952	16,264,756
State department	8,355,260	8,576,346
Labor department	405,700,000	484,557,698
Veterans' Bureau	24,339,000	30,344,000
Shipping Board	4,511,874	4,511,874
Interstate Commerce Commission	721,500	682,230
Tariff Commission	550,000	1,010,000
Federal Trade Commission	8,222,270	7,324,000
Vocational Education Board	489,960	441,367
White House Executive Office	2,559,249	2,559,249
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MAIL BETWEEN DEC. 10 AND 20, P. O. ADVISES

Last year, through the generous cooperation of the press, the motives and other advertising mediums, Christmas mail was induced to dispatch their Yuletide presents earlier in the month than ever before in the history of the institution of gift exchanging in the holiday season.

As a result, the spectacle of the last minute rush of former years, with its attendant heart-breaking labor on the part of weary and nerve worn clerks and postal employees, was avoided.

This year Postmaster General New and First Assistant Postmaster General John H. Bartlett have determined to make an even better record and to banish for all time the suffering undergone in past years by those engaged in the sale or transportation of gifts. They hope to make "Shop Early" and "Mail Early" a habit with the American people.

Mailing early does not mean December 1 or before, but if everyone could get their holiday tokens in the mail between December 10 and December 20, the post office could not ask more.

Particular attention this year will be paid to reaching cards. Despite the success last year it was noted that the last-minute mail consisted largely of cards. Possibly many of them were returned greetings to friends, heard from on a previous mail, but overlooked on the original Christmas list. Unlike parcels and letters containing money or other valuables, cards can not be insured. "Do Not Open Until Christmas," therefore, it is possible that the happy mailers hold them until the last to insure delivery on Christmas Eve. This class of mailers this year, however, may find their cards undelivered until after Christmas Day.

Believing that the energies of postal employees should not be devoted to the last degree for avoidable reason, and intent upon securing for them the same Christmas privileges enjoyed by others, Postmaster General New asks the hearty co-operation of the public. The last-minute, or zero hour, has been moved up so that all postal employees may eat their Christmas dinners at home. Rural carriers will deliver no mail at all on Christmas day and clerks and carriers in the city offices will stop work promptly at noon.

With English coal reserves estimated at 125 billion tons, we would guess off-hand that American reserves are a couple of tons.

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COAST GRIDIRONS DRAW CROWDS OF ENORMOUS SIZE

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press).—The constantly growing interest in college football was manifested in the far west this season by increased attendance everywhere and by several unprecedented crowds. It is roughly estimated that more than eight hundred thousand fans saw games in the territory from the Rocky mountains westward.

The greatest single attraction proved to be the coast conference game between Stanford and California, old time rivals. A throng estimated at 90,000 overflowed the California stadium at Berkeley.

The stadium had been filled to seat 74,000 and something like 15,000 more had been allotted places on the hillside overlooking the gridiron. There had been no general sale of tickets; students and alumni had disposed of them all. The throng was overwhelmingly partisan, and both factions could find comfort in the result—a 29-20 tie.

The California-Southern California game drew 59,000 to Berkeley. California officials predicted that the New Year's day game between California and Pennsylvania will fill the stadium again. 30,000 at U. S. C. Idaho Game.

The coliseum at Los Angeles entertained one hundred twenty thousand during the season. The largest single attendance was 20,000 for the Southern California-Idaho game. A larger crowd is expected, however, for the meeting between Southern California and Syracuse next Saturday. A game of more than 50,000 is anticipated.

The Washington stadium at Seattle attracted 50,000 more. More than 25,000 of them came to the Washington-California game. Proportionate increases in attendance were reported at athletic fields in regions less thickly populated.

The Stanford-Notre Dame game, also billed for New Year's day, is likely to draw everybody that can be wedged into the field of the tournament of roses at Pasadena. It is considered probable that when the post-season attendance is counted, it will be found that the states of the Pacific slope have recorded close to a million admissions.

SIXON Considers Busy Overhauling Bolsheviks

BERLIN, Saxony (AP).—Preparations for winter sports in this region and other parts of Germany have already begun. At the fifth annual meeting of the Association of Bolshevik Masters of Thuringia, it was decided to award prizes at the different winter meets. A proposal to interest the bolshevik enthusiasts of other countries in an international festival and sled contest to be held early next year, when the snow in the mountains is at its best, was made and efforts will be undertaken to carry out the idea.

ARMY HEADS URGE SOLDIER DEVELOPMENT OF EXTENSIVE UNITED PARTICIPATION IN ARMY ATHLETICS

WASHINGTON, (AP).—Development of extensive united participation in army athletics is to be the object of a three-year program to be initiated by the War Department on January 1.

Under the program, as it is being developed by Major T. J. Johnson, army athletic officer, only one of five will be allowed to play on a team, although there are a few exceptions. Golf, tennis and polo are to be the particular arenas for officer sportsmen, while the rank and file will contend in baseball, football and basketball. All-star officer teams are discouraged.

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