

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

December 12-13—High School Operetta.

Visit in Elgin—
Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Holbrook of La Grande spent Sunday in Elgin visiting relatives.

Visiting Here—
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson, of Ellensburg, Washington, are visiting in La Grande at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carr.

Walla Walla Man Arrested—
S. Sheff, of Walla Walla, was arrested by Traffic Officer Dunn for speeding. Sheff furnished \$100 bond. His trial will be held at a later date.

Take Offenses—
Lee Warrick, county sheriff, left Saturday night for Vancouver with William Greer, U. S. Army deserter, to turn him over to the military authorities.

To Hold Hearing—
A naturalization hearing will be held at the court house before Judge Evans, of Portland, next Wednesday. Four applications for citizenship are to be acted upon.

Stoddards in Portland—
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stoddard of La Grande, registered at the Imperial, spent the week end in Portland. Mr. Stoddard is manager of the Grand Round Lumber Company plant at Ferry.—Portland Oregonian.

First to Cross Bridge—
Chief of Police Clint Haynes and Traffic Officer Alonzo Dunn, were the first La Granders to cross the White Salmon-Hood River Interstate bridge over the Columbia river, which was opened to traffic about ten o'clock, with appropriate ceremonies, Saturday morning. They were returning from Portland and were among the first cars to cross the span.

In the East—
Reverend Hall K. Wallis, of the Community Church of Island City, is in the East where he is attending an Epworth League Convention as Council of Deans of the Epworth League Institute, at Chicago, Ill. During Mr. Wallis' stay he will also visit a brother at Minneapolis, Minn., and his mother and father and another brother at Aramoor, South Dakota. He expects to return to Island City about the 15th of this month.

Personal Mention

Mrs. John Minnie, of Union was shopping and visiting friends in La Grande Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Chaitwala of Union Junction, were visitors to La Grande Saturday.

C. C. Green of Pendleton was registered at the Foley hotel yesterday.

Glen Thompson returned on No. 24 this morning from a trip to Portland.

Mrs. G. E. Hivens of Portland went through La Grande this morning on her way to Enterprise to visit her mother, Mrs. A. Mathison.

Mrs. H. E. Elicer and children of Kelso, Washington, were in La Grande this morning on their way to visit relatives in Leaside.

Ted Benson and Roy McGraw of Wallawa were among the guests registered at the Summit hotel yesterday.

"Well, Abe, how was your going-out-of-business sale?"
"Fine, I think I have another one shortly."

Protestant Churches in Europe in Need of Help

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is material. The Churches need money to recoup their shrunken endowments and replenish their depleted treasuries. Churches need to be built and repaired.

The people need a moral tonic. They need a new grip on themselves and a new vision of life. They need new hope. Material relief will be very temporary. It may be necessary for the time being, but it is not the principal thing which they need.

"The second need is spiritual. The Churches in America often furnish spiritual help, but even some of this spiritual assistance must be conveyed to them along material lines. The Churches here must aid in providing an adequately trained leadership in the Churches of Europe. Many theological seminaries are crippled and there are not enough ministers to carry forward the work of Protestantism. This is particularly true in Czechoslovakia, where there is a great religious revival. Hungarian students are now being brought to America to complete their training in some theological seminaries.

America Is Hope.
"The Churches of America must take over, at least temporarily, much of the missionary work which the Churches of Europe formerly carried on in other lands. For the next fifteen years, at least, the Churches in America must assume the major burden of missionary endeavor throughout the world.

"Above all, the Churches must seek for a revival on the spirit of confidence and good-will in Europe. There is buried and class prejudice and racial bitterness. For all this there must be substituted the spirit of love and good-will."

LIBERAL VOTE IS STRONGEST

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to midnight. While definite deductions regarding the relative ultimate strength of the eight contending major parties are as yet impossible, the present returns indicate that the Socialists will enter the new Reichstag as the strongest party. Their gains were made chiefly at the expense of the Communists.

The Democrats ran exceptionally well in the non-union districts and in all probability will elect a deputy as against 23 last May.

Nationalists Make Gains.
The German Nationalists appear to have advanced the distance from Ludendorff's party but they have also lost votes to the German People's party. The Nationalists will probably be second strongest in the Reichstag.

If the Socialists, Catholics and Democrats maintain the ratio reflected in the early returns they will command sufficient mandates to constitute a new government coalition.

Up to midnight Ludendorff's fascist party had failed to qualify for a single seat in any one of the electoral precincts thus far reported. Its losses in Bavaria were a startling feature of the voting there and it is apparent that the electorate was seeking vengeance on the Ludendorff-Hitler faction for its attack on the church and its quarrel with Prince Rupprecht.

Going Up!



Erwin Gregory obtained a permit this morning for building a house on Seventh street between E and P. The estimate called for a \$300 expenditure.

Until the rural returns are received no estimate of the ultimate strength of the German Nationalists will be possible, as their stronghold are in the Prussian agrarian sectors.

ELKS HONOR MEMBERS WHO WERE CALLED

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which closed the industrial portion of the November and Protective Order of Elks for the year 1924.

With apparently marked rapidity is the roll of the dead of the La Grande lodge filling. Scorpions on the walls of the lodge room, but one by one, have been filled. More than a hundred names appear thereon. During the last twelve months the following Elks have died: P. A. Proctor, R. E. Smalley, J. M. Berry, John Riggs, Samuel A. Harris, T. H. Crawford, F. J. Minor and J. M. Hiltz.

TWO PIONEERS ANSWER CALL

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charge of the services with Reverend Elmer Green, pastor of the Methodist church, preaching the funeral services. Interment will take place at the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Souders was born February 17, 1828 and has made La Grande her home since 1877. Her husband passed on in 1919 and she is survived by one son, David Williams, of Hills, Wis.

THIRD PERSON SHOT COUPLE

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from behind, the position of the woman's body and other indications made the theory that she committed suicide highly improbable.

The condition of the vicar's car and the recovered contents of the trunk, together with the judge's decision to take his deposition, but postponed this action in deference to the wishes of the American consulate, which feared a serious effect on the wounded man because of his extreme weakness.

FEDERAL OIL BOARD HELD A NECESSITY

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bureau in Washington and its wards.

"It should be impressed, however, that although it is the duty of the government to solve the problem, the government's participation should eventually be cooperative rather than initiative in character.

Describing the growing popularity of the national park system, visited last season by record crowds in spite of conditions adverse to travel, Mr. Work said he hoped congress would see fit to create an outdoor playground, readily accessible to the millions of persons from densely populated centers of the east. He observed that the western states so far have virtually a monopoly on national parks, the only one in the east being Lafayette National park in Maine. A committee has inspected proposed sites for a national park in the southern Appalachian mountain region, and its recommendation will be presented to the present congress.

of the government. Superimposing the production and gauging of the 40,000,000 barrels cost the government only \$250,000.

"The formation of a permanent federal oil commission, to include the secretaries of war, navy, interior and commerce, to study the conservation of our oil deposits and more thorough and economic methods of recapture, to be comprehended in a national continuing oil policy, is an urgent necessity in the interests of the public."

In his discussion of territorial affairs, Mr. Work said the government's activities in Alaska and in Hawaii should be handled independently of the interest of economy and efficiency.

The present system, he added, causes duplication of effort, overlapping of functions, and extravagance in expenditures, but the coordination of allied activities would avoid lost motion and confusion.

Because of the vital commercial position in the Pacific, Hawaii must have adequate harbors, said the report, which added: "This development is proceeding with excellent cooperation between federal and territorial departments, but at best is hardly keeping pace with the rapid increase of trans-Pacific trade in which American ships are participating each year in growing numbers. This harbor work dovetails into the scheme of national defense and should not be neglected."

Discussing the need for a bureau of public works, the report recited that such a bureau could coordinate governmental industrial organization, efficient and economical in time of war or emergency, to bring instantly into action the whole united engineering and public works functions of the government. It would enable the governmental service to attract and hold the highest type of technically trained men by offering more permanent and dignified work.

In asking for congressional authority to effect certain reorganizations within the interior department, Mr. Work declared that much had been done already toward eliminating duplication, but that other necessary steps could not be taken without legislative enactment. As a proof of this, he cited the following: The reorganization steps taken thus far he cited the appropriation for his department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, which is \$290,472,724 or \$29,598,352 less than for the preceding year. An appropriation of \$267,785,596 is asked for the year closing June, 1926.

Fruit Shipments Reported.
HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Reports of apple shippers showed that 2,300 cartons of packed apples had been forwarded to domestic and export markets. Total on other fruit products and allied products follows: Peaches 3,410 cartons, apples 429 cartons, fruit jars 25 cartons, potatoes 2 cartons. The total potato tonnage was estimated at 100 tons. Most growers, however, stored in bins.

What the Japanese need is something like the question of bobbed hair to take their minds off emigration.

FARMING IN BEST SHAPE SINCE 1920

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prosperity. Nevertheless, the show-up of 1924 brings prosperity nearer to the farmer than it has been for some time.

All Sections Not Prosperous.
Though the crop story of 1924 improvement to agriculture as a whole, the improvement will not be shared by all sections of the farm population. It was pointed out, grain producers may earn approximately \$200,000,000 more than last year but of this the wheat growers stand to gain by far the greater share. Corn growers will have less to sell this year and as a whole the Corn Belt must look for increased returns from higher hog prices. The large cotton crop should enable the South to hold a relatively satisfactory position.

During continued to increase but heavy marketing may not result in great increase. There is no certain prospect of increased income from cattle and sheep production.

"In the main it may be said that the year will bring increased income to the sheep-producing regions, to the Corn Belt, and possibly to the 'cotton states,' the report continues. Tobacco, fruit, vegetable, and dairy producing states probably will not contribute much to the estimated increase in the gross agriculture income of the year. The increase is \$200,000,000 in income this year over last year. Returns on the estimated present value of farm capital from this income, if spent,

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ing costs were not greater than those of the crop year of 1923, would amount to 2.5 percent. This return is much below the average return to other capital. Income from agriculture has not in any year since the price decline of 1923 sufficed to allow both a commercial return on capital and adequate rewards for the farmers' labor, risks and management."

Wheat Outstanding

The outstanding event in the history of 1924 has been the wheat situation, the report said. Apparent surpluses of bread grains have been much reduced, and the world's crop promises to be between 200,000,000 and 350,000,000 bushels—low that of last year. Exportable surpluses in the principal producing countries have been reduced and requirements of the importing countries have been increased. The demand for wheat from the United States should be stronger than it was last year. Wheat promises large yields per acre, and a total crop larger than that of last year is expected on a reduced acreage. Reduced yields in foreign countries have brought about a market situation in which the American farmers are receiving higher prices for a larger crop. Nevertheless, the rise in the price of wheat has not yet sufficed to give a bushel of wheat its present purchasing power. While the wheat situation has greatly improved, it has not yet reached a point where farmers should think no further readjustments are necessary. It would be a mistake to suppose that the wheat acreage may again be expanded with the expectation of high prices.

The outlook for cotton is promising. This year's crop should contribute approximately \$1,500,000,000 to the purchasing power of the cotton growers. Cotton yields this year have, for a time at any rate, set at rest any fear that American cotton production will not again be able to meet the world demand.

Livestock Picking Up

The livestock industry is on a firmer foundation than at any time since the price collapse of 1919, and 1920, said the report, although 1924 was not a year of good profits for cattle and hog producers. Cattlemen have had a harder time than any other group of livestock producers. Slow but steady liquidation has been going on in the cattle industry for three years. Today, however, many of the wartime loans, with high interest rates, have been paid. Money is available on more favorable terms, conditions in the cattle country are improving, and the prospective reduction in hog raising should strengthen the market for beef.

Speaking of the report said regarding the impact of the tax bill, it is to be expected that the amount of the farmers' income. Selling values of land which serve as a basis for taxation do not rest only on current earnings but also on anticipation of future earnings. This often means that taxes have to be paid on fictitious values.

Recommendations.
"Perhaps the general property tax system should be modified," said the report. "Another defect in our tax system which tends to increase the burden on agriculture is the fact that a large amount of personal property in urban centers escapes the tax assessor. Some tax evasions are unlawful and others have the smelton of law. Applying the latter are those made possible by the enormous volume of tax-exempt securities that has been issued. Farmers' wealth is mainly in the form of land and other forms of personal property which can readily be assessed. Farmers are consequently forced to pay a larger part of the total tax bill than their share of the national wealth warrants. To ease the tax burden on agriculture the tax burden on securities should be lifted. This means of relief, coupled with wider diffusion of public burden, should be sought at the earliest possible moment."

Pointing out that bills have been introduced in Congress in the last two years which would put the government squarely into the business of promoting cooperative associations, the report declared that the need for strong cooperative marketing associations could not be over-emphasized but that they should be controlled by their membership and kept free from domination of government agencies or commercial interests.

"Cooperative marketing is a logical development in the rural economy of a nation," the report continued. "Cooperative marketing may be described as an effort on the part of the producer to resuscitate the understanding and control of the marketing process which his forefathers possessed. Good, sound growth in the cooperative movement has been somewhat retarded in recent years by overenthusiastic persons who have held it up as a panacea for all the ills from which the farmers are suffering. Successful cooperative boards of control and would have these bodies assume control of a number of highly important activities such as the dissemination of market news, a service which is already carried on efficiently by the federal department of agriculture and which in-

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the interest of the farmers should be kept in the control of a well-organized impartial permanent government department devoted to the service of agriculture and free from entangling business alliances. "The relationship of the government to cooperation should be one of service. It should help the farmers market their crops just as it helps them to produce crops not by doing the work but by supplying information which the farmers can not get for themselves. To go further would be to injure rather than aid the cooperative movement of agriculture and which in-

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