Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

March 5, 6, 7—District high school basketball tournament at Union.

Feed and Initiation—

At the regular meeting of the Elks lodge this evening there will be an initiation and a clam feed after the business session.

Fire Call—

The fire department was called for the second time within two months to the Krause rooming house at 1617 Fourth street yesterday. The fire originated in a defective chimney. About $50 worth of damage was done. A fire was extinguished by the firemen in the same chimney on October 7.

Ranks High—

J. A. Gaskill, valley rancher has received notice that his Hard Federation wheat which was entered in the International Hay and Grain Show at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago received seventh place in the ranking. The importance of this award may be realized when it is stated that wheat from Canada, United States and nearly all parts of the continent was entered in the show. The winning wheat weighed 64 pounds to the bushel while Mr. Gaskill's weighed 62.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Carl Hallgarth, who has been visiting in La Grande for a few days, returned to her home in Elgin this morning.

Mrs. S. G. Hudson went through La Grande this morning en route to Elgin. Mrs. Hudson has just returned from a visit in Ione, Oregon.

W. J. Fleming of Baker, Oregon, was in La Grande on business yesterday. He registered at the Foley hotel.

Mrs. Ray Duncan of Cove was in La Grande this morning doing Christmas shopping.

H. Z. Taylor of the Standard Oil company with offices in Enterprise, was at the Sommer hotel last evening.

S. G. Gaulke of Wallowa was in La Grande yesterday. Mr. Gaulke was a guest at the Sommer hotel.

PREFERS GOING TO JAIL TO PAYING WIFE ALIMONY

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Charles D'Arcy, well-to-do San Francisco business man, was in jail Tuesday, reading some of his favorite authors and taking a rest for an indefinite period, because he refuses to pay his wife $300 a month alimony unless she obtains a divorce.

D'Arcy appeared in court Monday with a suitcase filled with clothing and books. When he was informed that he must pay $300 a month alimony, for which he is 11 months in arrears, he said:

"I intend no disrespect for the court, but I have decided I know more about this case than anyone else. I will stay in jail before I pay."

FARMERS' UNION TO MEET

THE DALLES, Ore.—With between 250 and 400 delegates and members expected, the annual state convention of the Farmers' union will open here for a three day session. Economic and political problems facing the Oregon farmer will come up for consideration during the sessions, which will be presided over by Herbert Egbert, state Farmers' union president, and also a Wasco county rancher.

The delegates will be guests of the Kiwanis club at a banquet to be given at Hotel Dalles.

Hunt's Letter

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cesar solicitor. But when his verdict is adverse to the individuals who have benefited by transfers before death they still can carry their case to the courts.

Mr. C. for instance, was 71 years old. He had been a chronic sufferer from diabetes and contracted pneumonia. He was told that when pneumonia developed where diabetes existed death usually followed. He transferred property valued at $500,000—and died.

Here the solicitor upheld the agents and review board that the transfer had been made "in expectation of death."

But did Uncle Sam get any tax? He did not. A court, sitting as a jury, overruled agents, review board and solicitor.

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Such cases could be cited by the score. And every dollar of tax so evaded must be made up by heavier taxes on the rank and file of taxpayers.

WEST RANGES IMPROVE SOME

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ranges in Nevada and Utah and also all the Pacific coast states. Even in the drought areas of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, sheep have come through fairly well. The demand for all classes of sheep continues strong, especially for breeding ewes.

In Oregon, according to F. J. Kent agricultural statistician, the condition of ranges Dec. 1, 1924, was 72, Dec. 1, 1923, 102; Nov. 1, 1924, 84.

Condition of cattle Dec. 1, 1924 was 76; Dec. 1, 1923, 99 and Nov. 1, 1924, 75.

Condition of sheep Dec. 1, 1924 was 82; Nec. 1, 1923, 101, Nov. 1, 1924, 76.

FLOUR PASSES $9 MARK

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP) — Flour of the best Family Patent grade rose above the $9 a barrel price Wednesday for the first time in about four years when local milling houses increased their quotations 10 to 20 cents a barrel. In carload lots the range Wednesday was quoted at $9 to $9.25 a barrel when sold in 98-pound cotton sacks. Higher cash wheat prices was given as the reason for the strength in flour premiums by millers.

RABBIT DRIVE PLANNED

PENDLETON, Ore. — Farmers living in the vicinity of Echo have announced that they are seeking the aid of men, women and children to help them kill at least 20,000 jackrabbits. A monster drive will be held December 28, near Harris canyon.

The huge eared denizens of the sagebrush desert multiplied with great rapidity last summer, until there be more of them than the district has known in years, and farmers have decided that if crops are to have a fair chance to mature next summer the jackrabbits must go. No guns will be allowed, but stout clubs will be needed.

Poultry Show Arranged

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — E. B. Pooley, who two weeks ago lost his Pine Grove packing plant and more than 10,000 boxes of apples, received a check for $24,247.22 from insurance companies. The fire loss was paid in just 12 days after the fire. It was the largest loss ever incurred from fire by a local orchardist.

Snow Turns to Rain

OREGON CITY, Ore.—The first wintry weather greeted the people of this city when the ground was whitened by 7 o'clock. Snow began to fall between 5 and 6 o'clock and there was a heavy fall or wet snow until about 12 o'clock when it turned into a light rain.

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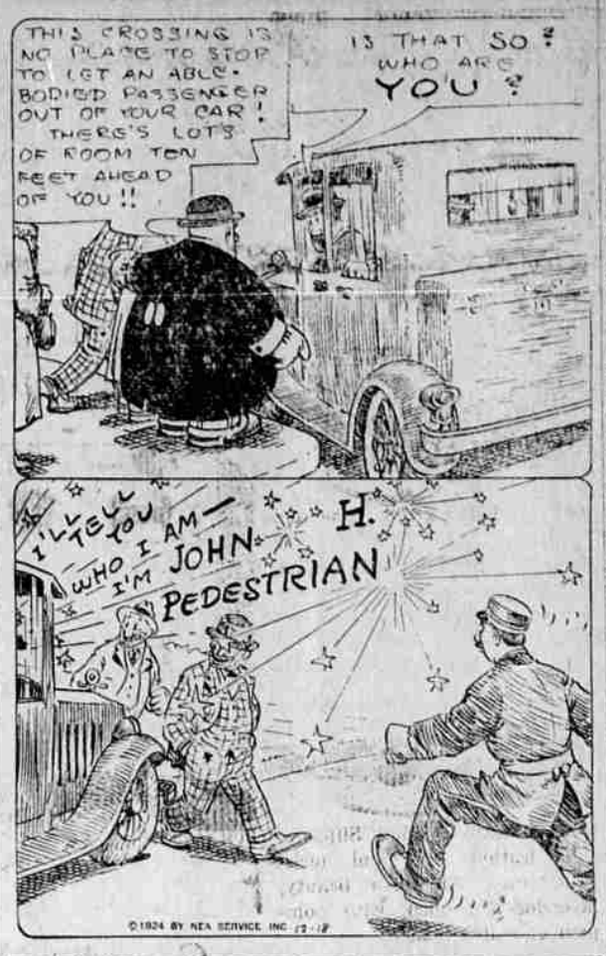

INDIANS SEEK HIDDEN GOLD

BUENOS AIRES, (AP) — Descendants of the Incas along the Andes still search to this day for the hidden gold which legend says their ancestors gathered to ransom their emperor Atahualpa from the hands of the Spanish conqueror Pizarro four centuries ago, and which they never delivered because Pizarro betrayed and murdered him. The gold promised by Atahualpa was enough to fill the room where he was imprisoned as high as his neck, and is supposed to have been buried and sealed with boulders somewhere in the Andes.

Every summer, when the mountain snows have melted, groups of Indians from southern Bolivia and northwestern Argentina pursue their quest, armed with picks and some of them carrying explosives to blow away the boulders which are supposed to cover the treasure. Last summer a number of them who had climbed Cerro Colorado in Argentine territory came across a mound of stones evidently piled by human hands. The stones were solidly fixed in a sort of concrete and resisted their picks. Then with dynamite they blew the mound open. The golden treasure they had hoped to see was not there, but instead the undamaged and well preserved mummy of an Inca chief. A few silver trinkets and a huge strange disc of copper had been entombed with him, but no gold.

The Indians carried their late ancestor to the town of Salta and irreverently sold him a few weeks ago to Justo Dacosse, an archaeological collector of Buenos Aires, who has brought him here and tells the story of the discovery. The mummy wears a crown of parrot's feathers as fresh as if they had just been plucked, and a curious blanket of black and white check with an embroidered red fringe. The long hair is plaited. A bone tag attached to the cross denotes he was of high rank.

Cauliflower Has Best Growth on Moist Soils

Cauliflower is one of the most sensitive vegetables to unfavorable growing conditions, and the better it is understood the better the results will be.

The soil is the most important factor in raising the plant. When the soil is in a rich loamy condition, full of humus or organic matter, it will naturally produce a fine large plant which is usually responsible for a good head. Cauliflower requires an unusual amount of soil moisture and responds best where it is possible to irrigate during the dry summer period.

The best seeds are imported from Europe. The cheap seed is worthless, and a good uniform field of first grade heads can come only from a high grade seed strain. The good seed also produces a large, solid, white head on a short stem, on which the leaves of the head fold closely about, thus protecting it from weather conditions before marketing.

Cultivation is necessary to keep the ground from losing moisture during the growing season. At intervals of 10 days from the time the plant is planted it is carefully cultivated until the growing season is over. Where irrigation is practiced, water is applied often enough to keep a uniform amount of moisture in the soil, thus insuring a steady growth of the plant.

The best way to do this is to run the water between the rows rather than to use the overhead sprinkling system.

There are only 75 cops of the great ask in existence. This is because it takes to lay aside your for the future.

YANK TOURIST STILL PAYING

LONDON (AP)—The expenses and exasperations of post-war travel with passports are gradually being reduced for everybody except Americans.

Beginning Dec. 1, British subjects for only seven shillings six pence, can obtain passports valid for five years from the date of issue. No visas at all will be required for visiting most of the continental countries to which the English go in large numbers. The Briton simply puts his $1.75 passport in his pocket and crosses the channel. For an extra five shillings he can have his passport extended to ten years.

His lot is a lucky one compared to that of the American traveling abroad. First of all the American must pay his own government $10 to get a passport which expires in 12 months and cannot be extended for a period longer than two years from the date of issue. Then for each country he visits, except Switzerland and Belgium, he must pay another $10 for a visa.

The American is merely an innocent bystander suffering from a little game of retaliation against his government. When the United States began charging $10 for visas to visit America foreign nations, instead of turning the other cheek, gave the Yankee wallet a wallop by charging American $10 each to cross their frequent frontiers. As not infrequently happens, Europe comes out ahead in this little game. Only a few thousand Europeans visit America each year, while tens of thousands of Americans tour Europe, and most of them pay from $20 to $50 each for visas.

The Liberal British press and the people it represents, seems devoutly to long for the good old days of no passports at all, considering them, now that the war is over, "a sinister reflection on a peaceful land."

REEDSPORT MAN FREED

ROSEBURG, Ore.—Gale Walker, of Reedsport, a prisoner in the county jail serving a sentence of 60 days on a charge of giving liquor to a minor, has received a reprieve from Governor Pierce and has been released from the county jail.

Walker was janitor of the high school at Reedsport, and was convicted of giving liquor to some of the boys. He was fined $250 and sentenced to sixty days in jail. Friends interceded in his behalf and obtained his release.

Stockmen Warned of Snow

MEDFORD, Ore.—After a week here and in the valley of almost continuous fog which had been quite dense for several days rain began to fall and special warnings from the weather bureau predicted snow and colder, with strong northerly winds, during the next two or three days, and requested the notification of livestock interests in this county to that effect.

Nuremberg Sets Fashions For German Toy Shops

NUREMBERG (AP)—Toy autos are decidedly the fashion in this year's Christmas market, and next to the auto comes the Zeppelin, glutting the German toy market. As millions of German children saw the Los Angeles in its various trial flights before the big hop to America, the toy Zeppelin appeals to them mightily.

In the realm of dolls, as indispensable to little girls as ever, the cloth doll, indestructible but rather ugly, is the predominant variety.

RUM DEALERS OPPOSE BILL

DUBLIN (AP)—The Free State government has passed through the Dail a bill to check the abuses of the sale of drink in Ireland. The measure is concerned with restrictions of the hours of opening, and the placing of clubs of all classes in the same position, the ordinary drink shops.

While the Temperance party considers the measure too moderate, the licensed trade is much disturbed and has called upon the senate to delay passing of the bill until a government commission has inquired into the whole matter. Ministers have indicated the opinion that there are more than twice too many shops for the sale of drink throughout the country, and the trade contends that in abolishing those surplus to requirements the government must compensate the dispossessed.

The trade also demands a reduction of the license duty proportionate to the restriction in the hours of sale, and binds its members to withhold all support, financial and electoral, from any candidate for the Dail who will not pledge himself to sustain its demands.

More ducks are eaten in China than in any other country, which should teach them to stay away from there.

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