

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

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

Leave for Portland—

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Carlson and son, John, left yesterday for Portland to spend the holidays.

Home for Holidays—

Miss Mildred Fox is home for the Christmas holidays. Miss Fox is a student at the Washington Normal school.

Purchased New Car—

Oliver W. Harnden has bought a Special Six Studebaker sedan which he will give to his wife as a Christmas present.

Library Closed Tomorrow—

The La Grande public library will close this evening at 5 o'clock and will be closed all day tomorrow, Christmas, according to an announcement by Miss Mabel Day this morning.

Home for Holidays—

Miss Ethel Smith, who is a student at the University of Oregon, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Home from School—

Donald Egan and Lorette Anderson arrived in La Grande this morning to spend Christmas with their parents in this city. Both boys are attending Notre Dame University at South Bend, Indiana.

To Pendleton—

The 19-44 Pipers orchestra of Eugene, which played here last evening for a University of Oregon dance, left for Pendleton this morning and will play several dances in that city.

Gone for Holidays—

Miss Margaret Daugh and Miss Florence Thompson, teachers in the high school, left last evening for Seattle and Eugene, respectively, to spend the holidays visiting their parents.

Fire Call—

A fire call was turned in at 9:40 o'clock this morning from the Fred Greaves home at 1612 Y avenue. The fire was out before the arrival of the truck, no damage being done.

Nazarene Speaker Coming—

Dr. Wiley, president of the Nazarene College, of Nampa, Idaho, accompanied by a mixed quartette, will be passing through La Grande shortly en route to Portland and other points and where he will lecture and the quartette will sing. Dr. Wiley has very few equals in the northwest and his coming visit to La Grande Friday evening, December 26th, is looked upon as a treat. The speech will be given at 11 o'clock in the evening at the La Grande Y. M. C. A. and the public is invited to attend.

Personal Mention

Mr. D. Strangman of Empire is now registered at the Foley hotel.

Mrs. J. Aulman of Enterprise, is in La Grande on a shopping trip. She is registered at the Sumner hotel.

Wild Ducks Show Gratitude for Good Meals and Shelter

KINGSVILLE, Ont., (AP)—Interesting data on how birds of a feather flock together, and how they return year after year to the same place, was furnished by a flock of wild ducks in a pond at this place. The ducks, which were supplied with new 1924 traps.

Mr. Miner caught 17 wild mallard ducks in a net and ascertained that six of the older birds had already been marked with his aluminum tags bearing various verses of the Scriptures. One bird was at least six years old, having been marked in 1918. All the birds were supplied with new 1924 traps.

Obituary

WILLIAM FRANK GEKELER (Contributed)

William Frank Gekeler was born in Richardson county, Nebraska, to George and Catherine King Gekeler, January 22, 1882, and died in Portland, Oregon, December 22, 1924, at the age of 42 years and eleven months.

At the age of three months his parents brought him to Grande Ronde, Oregon, where he lived until two years ago when he moved to Portland.

On March 14, 1882, he was married to Edith M. Carter and to them five children were born: Mrs. Bernice Taggart, William Roy, Benjamin C., Kathryn Redhead and Kenneth L. Besides his widow and children he is survived by his aged mother, six grand children: Kermit, Edith and Kenneth Taggart, Maurice and Helen Gekeler, and Robert Redhead; two brothers: Charles H. and George O. Gekeler; five sisters: Mrs. J. W. Hughes, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Mrs. E. H. DeLong, Mrs. W. A. McCall and Mrs. Ray Spencer.

Mr. Gekeler was a charter member of the Blue Mountain Grange. He was loved and respected by all to La Grande Friday evening, December 26th, is looked upon as a treat. The speech will be given at 11 o'clock in the evening at the La Grande Y. M. C. A. and the public is invited to attend.

The Way Uncle Sam Says it



XMAS TREES ON TRAINS.

Christmas trees will be placed in the observation cars of three O. W. trains that pass through here tonight—No's 18, 25, and 26, according to announcement today by W. Balfour, superintendent of this division.

MARKETS TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore., (AP)—Cattle and hogs steady; sheep nominally steady. Eggs and butter firm. Butter 18c.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Butter 17c.

ILL AT HOME

Mrs. Ethel Ross is ill at her home on East Adams, according to reports received today.

Man on Engine is Frozen.

THE DALLIES, Ore.—The body of an unidentified laborer was taken from behind an engine tender of a westbound passenger train at Arlington, the first casualty of the cold in this district, according to reports received by local railroad men. The body was frozen, and it was necessary to break one arm, which was hooked around a rung of the iron tender ladder, to remove it.

Bitter cold continued here, with no indication of relief. The low mark for last night was eight degrees below zero, while the maximum was nine degrees above. All main-traveled highways have been scraped clear of snow and were open to travel. It was announced at the local highway office. Local merchants were making deliveries with horse-drawn sleds.

Yesterday In Congress

Congress was in recess.

A senate committee began hearings on the postal rate bill.

Hearings on the Boulder canyon dam bill were concluded by the senate reclamation committee.

The shipping board voted a decree of separation for the board and the emergency fleet corporation.

President Coolidge completed a statement announcing his decision on the sugar tariff, the nature of which was not disclosed.

Appointment of a new secretary of agriculture is expected to be made before March 4 so that he can serve for a time as assistant secretary.

Complete election returns gave President Coolidge 15,718,789 votes, John Davis, 8,275,362 votes, and Robert M. La Follette 4,322,319.

Investigation by the justice department into charges that a senate committee employee accepted money to influence legislation disclosed that no law was violated.

It was made known that President Coolidge feels the American government can take no official notice of Mussolini's speech suggesting a moratorium for payment of French debts.

GRIEF INDUCES DEATH

THE DALLIES, Ore.—Mr. Mary Pierce and Mrs. Louise Hall, both 85 years old, were inseparable companions in life and now they are inseparable in death.

A week ago Mrs. Pierce, a paralytic invalid for 10 years, died here. Mrs. Hall, a companion in affliction, being blind, was her friend until the end. Just one week later, Mrs. Hall followed her friend to the grave. Grief over the loss of her companion brought about her death, physicians said.

The body of Mrs. Pierce was interred in the Maupin cemetery. The body of Mrs. Hall was laid to rest in the Oddfellows' cemetery here.

DUTY ON CHERRIES URGED

THE DALLIES, Ore.—Cherry growers of southeastern Washington and Western Idaho are solidly behind the movement instituted by Wasco growers for a permanent protective tariff on cherries imported to bring from Europe, according to L. D. Beard, emissary of the local growers, who returned from a trip which included Core, Milton and Everett in Oregon, Pasco, Emmett and Lewiston in Idaho and Clarkston in Washington.

Mr. Beard, who is manager of the local co-operative growers' association, previously visited all of the larger cherry-growing sections in the Willamette valley and in California.

Professor Hurt Badly.

ALBANY, Ore.—Dr. A. C. Schmitt, ex-Albany banker and at present professor in banking at Oregon Agricultural college, who was injured in an automobile collision last week, will not be able to take up his class work at the college because of his serious injuries. Mahan Singh, the Hindu student who was with Dr. Schmitt, was bruised and cut and has left the hospital.

FORGER SUSPECT TAKEN

MEDFORD, Ore.—A man giving his name as Donald J. Ritter of Chehalis, Wash., was arrested here after attempting to pass two \$1 bills which had been raised to \$10 on Medford merchants. J. E. Hutton, ex-chief of police and garage man, and his clerk, L. J. Smith, ex-banker, detected the forger.

The man was held for United States secret operatives. He is about 25 years old and worked as a laborer.

Ritter is said to be wanted in several western Oregon towns for passing raised currency.

SIGNS PENSION BILL.

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press).—President Coolidge today signed the Omnibus pension bill granting pensions to a number of individuals who have served in the armed forces of this country.

23RD HOLY YEAR IS OPENED TODAY

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and the draperies and canopies that lent gorgeous color to the general background left a panorama of solemn grandeur imprinted on the minds of the favored hundreds who saw the ceremony at close range and the thousands of others who filled the spacious basilica and overflowed into the expansive square in front.

Impressive Ceremony.

By far the most impressive part of this age-old yet ever new ceremony was that in which the Pope, holding in his right hand the little gold hammer which somewhat resembles in shape an ordinary chairman's gavel, struck three times the massive Holy Door, which, in accordance with plans previously worked out by the "sacramental" corps of workmen permanently employed to keep the great edifice in repair—yielded to these blows, gradually falling open. It will remain open during Holy Year, after which the door will be replaced and will remain closed another 25 years until it opens again by the same ceremony.

Immediately after the Holy Door had fallen open and was rolled away on casters that previously had been attached, the news was proclaimed by the pealing of the bells of the great Mother church, in which the bells of all the other 400 churches of the Eternal City joined.

Romans Indifferent.

The inhabitants of Rome usually are more or less indifferent toward ceremonies in St. Peter's which pilgrims from afar would almost give a right arm to see, but the ritual of opening the Holy Door, coming as it does only every 25 years, was enough today to lift the occasion far above the ordinary. It therefore served as a magnet not only for the thousands of pilgrims and tourists who already have arrived but also for tens of thousands of Romans who can see the great dome of Michelangelo any time as they go about their daily tasks.

All around the portals, even under the statue of Constantine, were tribunes and boxes decorated in red and gold for the diplomatic corps, the Roman aristocracy, the Order of Malta, the family of the Pope and one section reserved for members of visiting royal families. In a special

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place facing the throne was erected a stand for the Sistine choir, conducted by Abbe Lorenzo Perosi, and for the six heralds, with their six famous silver trumpets for announcing the arrival and departure of the Pope.



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