

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

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

On Vacation—But Working—

F. W. Kondak, district forest ranger, is now on his vacation at home, but could not resist the temptation of opening his office in the post office this morning just to see how things were going.

To Attend Funeral—

The city office staff will attend in a body the funeral of Mrs. Mary Knap, to be held this afternoon at two o'clock. The city office will be closed from two until 3:30 o'clock.

Quartette to Sing—

The Nazarene mixed quartette, which was to sing for Dr. Orion Wilby Friday evening was delayed on route here and will sing at both the morning and evening services tomorrow, to be held at the Riverside chapel at the corner of First and Lane streets.

Summer in La Grande—

C. D. Graham, of Maxville, who has been spending the past few days in La Grande, declares that this city is "just like summer." In Maxville the mercury was around 10 to 25 degrees below zero and here, with no zero weather in sight for the past three or four days, the temperature is almost too good to be true.

To Take Office—

The county officers will take up their official duties at the court house on January 1. No formalities are attached to the assumption of a county office. Attached to the official notification of election is a form which is sworn to before any notary public or other person authorized to take oaths and all that remains is to go to work on the first of the year.

Still Freezing—

In spite of the moderation in the weather many residents are experiencing trouble with water supplies. The long cold spell has gradually frozen deep into the ground water at the present time many water mains are out of order. A number have frozen last evening and the city office is literally besieged by persons who are attempting to obtain the services of the city's electric thawing apparatus.

Now at El Paso, Texas—

Douglas Kline, of this city, who left here for San Francisco in October, has been located in El Paso, Texas, by the Southern Pacific railroad company, with which Mr. Kline is now employed. He also visited for a short time in Los Angeles.

where he met Warren Foster, a former La Grande boy. Mr. Kline reports the weather cold in 12 days but not disagreeable. He also states that the Elks club at both San Francisco and El Paso is not as good as the one in La Grande.

On Trestle Tonight—

Ben Nelson, who was arrested Christmas eve charged with drunkenness and possession of liquor, was fined \$25 on the first charge and \$25 on the second. Nelson will be tried in municipal court tonight at 7:30 on the possession charge.

To Officiate at Installation—

Geo. T. Cochran of this city, a Past Grand Master of the Masons of the State of Oregon, left last night for The Dalles, where, by special invitation, he will act as installing officer for Wasco Lodge No. 15. A large meeting will be held at The Dalles, and several hundred Masons will gather to witness the ceremonies of installation, which is one of the most beautiful of Masonic ceremonies. Mr. Cochran's broad acquaintance over the Eastern Oregon district will especially render this the occasion for a renewal of old friendships.

Asking for Cookies—

The Ladies Auxiliary to the American Legion is issuing the following appeal: "Have you a boy at home that loves mother's cookies? In the veterans' hospitals throughout the country there are hundreds of men, who after all are only boys grown up, who look forward to their mother's like another need to make." These cookies are sent to the hospitals by the ladies of the Auxiliary and the La Grande ladies are expecting to send a batch to the Veterans' hospital at Portland on December 31st. Those who can spare a dozen cookies should take them to Mrs. C. N. Palmer, 703 Adams avenue, and she will send them to Portland. Let this be your holiday gift to the man who is suffering now that the world might be safe for democracy.

Personal Mention

W. E. Scott of Joseph is now registered at the Foley hotel.

Clude Bloom of Cove was at the Sommer hotel last evening.

Sam Ash is visiting his parents in this city. Mr. Ash has, until recently, been located in Wyoming.

H. W. Oliver, school teacher and optometrist of Wallawa arrived in La Grande this morning on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Massee, who spent Christmas in La Grande, returned to their home in Pendleton yesterday.

Miss Eva Minko, of Baker, who has been visiting here at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. Larkin, left on the branch train this morning to visit for a few days in Enterprise.

Jan Tanner of La Grande, left on the branch train this morning on a business trip to Wallawa. Mr. Tanner is employed by the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company.

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THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



Dunham Wright Tells Of Route Of Oregon Trail

Answers Article by M. D. Abbott, Recently Printed in the Portland Oregonian, Locating Famous Home-Seeking Highway.

METCAL SPRINGS, Ore. (Special)—I take notice of a communication from one M. D. Abbott credited to the Oregonian and republished in "The Morning Herald" of December 17, 1924, in which he endeavors to correct a mistake as to Pyle canyon being on the Old Oregon Trail, all of which is true. Pyle canyon was never any part of The Old Oregon Trail. However, Mr. Abbott makes many mistakes in his location of The Old Oregon Trail, yet in his closing words he says: "Let's keep the Old Oregon Trail where it belongs."

That being my contention is why I am writing to definitely describe the route taken by the first wagon train to cross the country from old Ft. Hall to Ft. Dalles under guidance of Dr. Marcus Whitman in 1843 and the route as a trail by the Hunt party as early as 1811. I feel it but appropriate at this time to describe the route taken by the first wagon train from old Ft. Hall or near this point. There were other routes branching off, one to California and on to Oregon on the south side of Snake River by Owyhee and Malheur rivers. This was a desert and circuitous route. It was from this route the Stephens Creek led an emigrant train into the John Day country and those left them, lost and wandering. It was in the wanderings of this train that the gold of the mine named 22 Blue Bucket mine was found.

North Side Trail.
Another route was crossing Snake river near Ft. Hall by the way of Lost River, Wood river, Big and Little Camas prairie to the intersection of the original Old Oregon Trail or Whitman route at a point where a great emigrant train had been massacred in 1852. There had been no travel on this route or north of Snake river since the massacre as the Indians had said no train should ever pass down the north side of Snake river. The old road had grown up in weeds. I was in the train that made the road by Lost river in 1882. We had 200 wagons. The Indians put on their war paint. So did we. We expected to have a scrap with them. Great numbers of Indians were constantly in sight on the hills in the day time. We were holed for them. We had to make the road must have a wide interesting tales to tell of old times in the Grande Ronde valley.

Miss Cressie Groat of Wallawa went through La Grande this morning en route to her home after spending the holidays visiting in Pendleton.

A. A. Smith, prominent Baker attorney, is in La Grande on business. Mr. Smith is registered at the Foley hotel.

J. P. Saunders of Wallawa was in La Grande yesterday. He returned to his home this morning. Mr. Saunders was a guest of the Sommer hotel.

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WANTED—To trade for city property 200 acres irrigated, hay or dairy ranch on highway, one mile from town, White P. O. Box 520, La Grande, Oregon.

last the 17th canyon road as to part whatever of the Old Oregon Trail. The Old Oregon Trail branched at Fort Hall, Ida. (near Pocatello) 1 branch crossing the Snake river and going by way of Lost River to Ft. Boise; another traversed the Snake river on the south to American fall, where the river was ferried, the trail continuing in a northerly direction to Fort Boise. Still another trail continued on the south and west side of the river, without crossing it, all the three trails coming into one at Furewell Bend, (just south of Huntington) at what was known to us pioneers as Old Fort; thence the trail followed north up what is known now as Burnt river canyon to the old Straw ranch, for many years a highly prized landmark.

Here the trail left the canyon, taking the tops of the bald hills, east of Baker, coming into Powder river valley by way of the Virgilio mine (now known as the Virgilio mine). Thence it continued north, crossing North Powder river at the Dr. Anthony place and continuing north passing the Wolf creek canyon and traversing the Ladd Canyon. One road used to go by way of the Hot Lake to the old town of La Grande, but the oldest trail keeps high upon the tops of the hills back of La Grande coming out just above the town of Oro Dell on the Grande Ronde river, and as far as I know, did not cross that river at all, but was what was sometimes called the "dry road," which came out down through Camas prairie, Umatilla county, crossing Birch creek above the town of Pilot Rock and finally reaching The Dalles by the way of Butler Creek, Henninger, Deachutes, etc.

From Ladd's canyon there was, in 1865, a trail leading to the town of Oro Dell, thence over the Blue mountains, called the Mencham route, crossing the Blue Mountains at which used to be known as Summerville, being a military grade constructed by the United States troops as a direct route to Fort Walla Walla.

Thus it will be seen that the Old Oregon Trail did not in reality pass through a single town, except Fort Boise, Idaho, after it left Fort Hall until it reached The Dalles. There was no Baker in 1843 when I crossed the plains. Union and La Grande were stage change stations. There was no town at Pendleton, and Umatilla was the metropolis of eastern Oregon. But what is most important, none of those two towns or cities was ever really on the Old Oregon Trail, yet it is claimed that they are for the purpose of securing the traffic and making money; but let's keep the old trail where it belongs.—M. D. ADAMSON.

BUSINESS

PREDICTS PROSPERITY

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more's Ohio also were among the year's important railroad developments. Several other possible dividend developments are pending.

Steel Industry O. K.

The steel industry enjoyed a good first quarter, but the second and third quarters were poor, unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation falling to the lowest level in 10 years in July with operations below 50 percent of capacity. Business picked up in the fourth quarter with indications of a steady increase into the new year.

The oil industry was again hampered by the excess production of crude oil which, combined with the extraction of more gasoline through improved cracking processes, made it a particularly poor year for the refining companies and the smaller producers.

New building construction during the year was estimated by members of the trade at \$2,000,000,000, a new high record. Automobile output for the year was estimated at 2,500,000 vehicles, or less than 10 per cent below the high record established in the previous year. Several companies found it necessary to cut prices in the last few months of the year in order to dispose of heavy inventories before starting work on new models.

Copper prices stiffened towards the close of the year with indications of an increased export demand, but the industry was still hampered by the competition afforded by the low-cost producing red metal received from Africa.

Public utilities enjoyed one of the best years in their history, with large economies effected through several important consolidations, particularly in the middle west.

The textile industry was one of the outstanding sore spots. The American Woolen Company and the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, respectively, the largest woolen and cotton manufacturers, found it necessary to curtail operations and suspend the payment of dividends on their common stock.

Agriculture Better.
American agriculture is in the best position it has held since 1920 according to the annual report of the Secretary of Agriculture, with prospects that the gross income from agricultural products may reach \$12,000,000,000 in the crop year 1924-25. In the crop year 1923-24, gross income from such products was \$11,500,000,000, and in 1921-22, the low point since the war, it was \$9,500,000,000.

Unfavorable trade conditions in the chemical and packing industries were reflected in the recovery proceedings against the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., and the Wilson Packing Co.

There were no serious labor disturbances during 1924. The only threatened dispute in that of the engineers on western railroads, who do not appear altogether satisfied with the recent five per cent increase in wages granted by the Railway Labor Board.

La Grande Warmest of Eastern Oregon Towns

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Eugene—81; Inboke of snow, weather cold.
Monday, December 22.
La Grande—During day, weather moderate; during night minimum 1 degree above, 3 a. m. 11 above. Sunny skies.
Eugene—One degree below, 11 above.
Salem—11 above.
Hastings—20 above.

Tuesday, December 23.
La Grande—Minimum during night, 9 degrees below zero.
Eugene—4 below.
Pendleton—19 below.
Baker—14 below.
Union—14 below.
Mesa—26 below.
Elgin—21 below.

Wednesday, December 24.
La Grande—5:30 a. m., 7 below; 1:30 p. m., 11 degrees above zero.
Other nearby points reported much colder weather throughout the day. Juntura, Ore., was 16 below; Vale 22 below.

Thursday, Christmas Day.
La Grande—Maximum, 26 degrees above zero; minimum 2 degrees above zero.
Hood River—12 below; Clatskanie—6 below zero.

Friday, December 26.
La Grande—Coldest during early morning 5 above zero; 9:30 a. m., 11 above zero.
Portland—Minimum 13 above.
Eugene—One degree above.
Salem—Five degrees above.
Baker—10 degrees below.
Umatilla—9 degrees below.

Saturday, December 27.
La Grande—Coldest during early morning, 10 degrees above zero; 8:30 a. m., 15 above zero. Other Union county points colder.
Albany—13 above.
Salem—6 above.
Baker—4 above.
Pendleton—12 above.
Portland—23 above.

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