

Local News In Brief

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

Annual Fire Meeting—
The annual meeting of the La Grande fire department will be held this evening. Officers will be elected for the coming year.

Here for Week-End—
Miss Edith Shall of Wellton, a guest of Miss Thelma Kitchen over the week-end.

Another Dog—
The police station today is the scene, and probably will continue to be, of a puppy whose parents were fox terrier and bull terrier. A resident of La Grande found the pup deserted near his home and Clifford Haynes is now harboring the "philly" along with Mike, the cat, and Psycho, the police dog.

Enrolled in Sweeney School—
Word has been received that Sebastian J. Gettle of this city, is now attending the Sweeney Automotive and Electrical school at Kansas City, Mo. He has enrolled for the complete automotive and electrical course and upon graduating will receive the degree of certified automotive mechanic.

Personal Mention
I. Altman, Enterprise merchant, was at the Sommer hotel yesterday.

Ray L. Osborne, auditor for the Union Pacific System, is now at the Hotel Foley.

Miss Eileen Campbell, instructor at the high school, arrived in La Grande this morning after spending several days in Pendleton.

Miss Florence Thompson of the high school faculty, returned to La Grande this morning from a trip to Salem to visit her parents.

A. A. Smith, prominent attorney of Baker is now registered at the Hotel Foley.

Dan J. Tanner of La Grande left on the branch train this morning on a business trip to Enterprise.

Leta E. Hall of Island City was among the guests registered at the Sommer hotel yesterday.

Mrs. W. G. Robertson of Tolo was in La Grande this morning on a shopping trip.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gray and Mr. Gray's mother, Mrs. Loretta Gray, left for Oda's Ferry, Idaho on No. 24 this morning.

Loren Tucker made a business trip to Enterprise over the weekend. He also visited his uncle, M. H. Tucker, who lives at that place.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN HOME PATRONAGE?
Thinking every Union county merchant would rather buy high grade calendars for 1925 from local dealers than from foreign ports, we are prepared to handle your calendar business in the future. Seventy-five 1925 lines to choose from. Telephone Main 31 for samples and prices. Nelson Printing Co. 1-5-It.

JANUARY ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE SAVE 20% to 50% On Quality Merchandise AT CLINT'S Standard Lines Only. All Suits and Overcoats going at One-Third Off! Our Entire Stock Placed on Sale NOTHING RESERVED "Outfitters for Men and Boys."

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SUPERSTITIOUS SNOW AT M. S. ONES BEWARE IS FOOT DEEP

Pessimists Find That Friday the Thirteenth Appears Three Times on 1925 Calendar.

This is a year for the unlucky and superstitious to gaze upon with repulsion and fear because three "Friday, 13th's" appear on the 1925 calendar. Pessimists in Pendleton discovered this fact first. The optimists found that three of the legal holidays are very outlying in that they fall on Saturday or Monday, giving a two day holiday. May 30, Memorial day, is on Saturday, as is July 4th, Labor Day, September 7th, is on Monday, Washington's birthday is on Sunday and Easter, which occurred April 29th last year, will be April 12th this year, making the Lenten season begin February 25th on Ash Wednesday.

But to get back to those three Fridays, the first one is not far distant. It will be here the second week in February. Then in March it repeats and the third one comes in November.

Congress to Work on Important Legislation (Continued from Page 1.)

the administration bill providing for increases in both postal rates and salaries and in the event of its failure to send the vetoed salaries bill back to committee. Such developments would come before 4 p. m. Tuesday, the hour set for a vote on the question of sustaining the presidential veto with the possibility that action might be taken by the senate which would make a vote on the veto unnecessary.

Take Up Muscle Shoals. After the postal question is out of the way, the senate will again be in position to resume consideration of a wide range of measures on the unanimous consent calendar. Action on those bills will be made possible by the unanimous decision of the House to suspend the rules and to pass the Howells-Barkley bill to abolish the railroad labor board not to call the proposal up Monday, when under the rules, consideration will be in order.

Works at Night. Walk down near the smelter, sitting under the yellow-leaved trees on the old Hart estate, an ancient Spanish domain, you will see a little group of Mexicans banking in the sun. Here comes a brown-faced, lantern-eyed man, sombrero pulled low over his eyes. He is accompanied along beside his two burros, laden with jumper knots to sell. But this is a day-time diversion. With the fall of darkness, this man goes to work. His friends all leave the plaza for more arduous duties.

"Hole-in-the-Wall" is another rendezvous for the smugglers. It's on the Mexican side of the river, yet American territory. It's about five miles from the village of Fabens, Texas. There are a few adobe houses and a drinking place or two. But "Hole-in-the-Wall" is a center for the smugglers. Government agents admit they're practically helpless. There are not enough of them.

Sitting Pretty. As the smugglers are having things pretty much their own way, and the fighting still goes on down along the Rio Grande front in the southwest's rum war. Diamonds give a disagreeable odor when reduced to powder, so never reduce your diamond to powder, Nelson Printing Co. 1-5-It.

Utilities "Profits" Thoroughly Explained. Utility companies do not make a "profit" in the sense that other businesses do. Their earnings, under existing methods of fixing rates, are based upon a fair and reasonable return upon the fair value of their properties. The theory of this is that it serves the public interest in two ways: 1. By enabling the utility company's customers to have service at fair rates. 2. By offering assurance of earnings high enough to attract investment by the thrifty and prudent savers, without whose investment the utility company could not utilize new discoveries and inventions and build the new plants and buy the new equipment required to meet increasing demands for service.

Canada is making as much macaroni as Italy. You know macaroni, it's spaghetti's big brother.

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Poets' Corner BUT YOU OUGHT TO HEAR HIM HOLLER WHEN THE PAPER DOESN'T COME. My father says the paper he reads ain't put up right; He finds a lot of fault, too, he does, 'cause it ain't all right; He says there ain't a single thing in it worth to read, And that it doesn't print the kind of stuff the people need; He tosses it aside and says it's strictly on the bum, But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come! He reads about the wedding and he snorts like all git out; He reads the social doin's with a snorts like all git out; He says they make the papers for the women folks alone; He'll read about the parties and he'll holler 'bout 'em and fret and groan; He says if information it doesn't have a crumb— But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come! He is always first to grab it and he reads it plumb clean through; He doesn't miss an item, or a want ad—that is true; He says they don't know what we want, the darn newspaper guys; "I'm going to take a day sometime and go and put 'em wise; "Sometimes it seems as though they must be deaf and blind and dumb"; But you ought to hear him holler when the paper doesn't come!

Hunt's Letter (Continued from Page 1.)

way for in Potomac Park. The white man's bathing beach in the Tidal Basin, they say, so why not the negro's? Isn't this the capital of the United States? And isn't the black man the equal of the white under this government? By this very reason, they choose as particularly appropriate, the site across from the majestic marble memorial to the Great Emancipator.

Sentimentally, the white population object to any such argument or any similarly appropriate alternative as to the site. But practically, the proposition of this bathing beach is one that is stirring the racial prejudices of the town as nothing has for decades.

If it is to be settled without sorrow, it will require all the tact, diplomacy and common sense that in authority here can muster. Strange are the anomalies in politics. Jim Watson of Indiana, assistant leader in the senate, arch-enemy of the direct primaries, is fearful that the coming session of the Hoosier legislature may repeal the direct primary and thus contribute to his overthrow in 1926.

This because of the fact that Watson's enemies in Indiana, including Ex-Senators New and Beveridge, have their fences so well in hand that they might be able to control a state convention again Jim when he comes up for renomination.

So for the present, feeling his best bet lies in a direct appeal to the voters, Jim wants the primary retained.

MARRIED HALF CENTURY JAN. 3 (Continued from Page 1.)

grandchild. Hicks was born at Navoo, Ill., and his parents crossed the plains and located at Salt Lake City in 1848. Mrs. Hicks was born in Cardiff, South Wales, England, and came to this country with her parents in 1862, who located in southern Utah. Mrs. Hicks is 68 years of age and her husband is 84. She was presented with a beautiful gold brooch Saturday night. Mr. Hicks was given a handsome gold pen. Despite his age, he writes as well as a man half his age.

German Merchants to See Mexico. HAMBURG, (AP)—A party of German merchants and manufacturers will leave here Jan. 21 for Mexico, where they will be given an official welcome. They will tour Mexico for 30 days, visiting the industrial, mining and other regions of the republic. The travelers will land at Vera Cruz, but their return trip will be made through the United States.

Oregon Is Optimistic as New Year Forges Ahead (Continued from Page 1.)

which the soil and climate of the state are peculiarly adapted, such as walnuts, celery, and other products. Fall wheat planting acreage increased 5 per cent over that of last year, and it is figured that the spring planting of wheat and most other crops will be at least the same proportionate increase. Actual construction of 200 miles of railroad was undertaken by Oregon in 1924 and will be in full swing again with favorable spring weather in 1925. Mining does not furnish any considerable amount of employment in Oregon, but there is some activity in the southern part of the state in developing new work, which is expected to continue on about the same basis during 1925.

Idaho. Lumbering, agricultural, and mining are the principal industries in this state. During winter logging operations practically cease and some mills close. The past several months shown slow condition with production curtailed and yards well stocked. The over-supply of skilled woodmen, however, has been very slow during the off season, and even difficulty was encountered in finding well-trained men, such as graders. There should be a gradual absorption of men back into this industry, beginning in March or April, and business should be fairly satisfactory for at least the first six months of 1925.

Limited building construction within the state, railroad and highway improvement, and small industry will continue about as in 1924. Construction of irrigation works will doubtless employ the usual quantity of labor. Agriculture will show some increase in acreage, dairying, poultry raising, and other livestock, getting away from one-crop farming and employing the usual numbers. Mining is keeping up a tremendous pace, and prospects are favorable for continued peak production of the silver-lead-silver districts throughout the year. The shortage of miners shorted last December changed to a surplus about five months ago, and now there is a superabundance; the operators, though, are employing all who can secure accommodations, and are believed that the demand for both skilled and unskilled labor during 1925 will exceed that of 1924 in most activities, and will continue transient arrivals there is likely to be a surplus.

California. The industrial and agricultural prospects in California for 1925 are most encouraging, and an increased demand for skilled and unskilled labor in most industries is anticipated. Building is showing remarkable signs of accelerated activity, indicating greater demands for building tradesmen. Most of the large cities contemplate the erection of more homes and industrial

buildings during 1925. Because of recently voted bond issues in some of the larger cities, including San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Jose, there will be more public work under way in 1925 than during 1924. Increased activities are also expected in the mining industry of this state, especially in the mining of structural and industrial materials, such as cement and clays. New oil wells have recently been brought in in the southern part of the state, which points to more production in this industry. The California Manufacturers' Association reports better prospects and a greater demand for skilled and unskilled labor in 1925 compared with 1924, particularly in furniture factories, ash and door mills, paint and electrical goods, stoves, lamp, line and cement quarries, and roofing materials. Cannery reporting greater production prospects in the coming industry for 1925. Market is now practically cleaned up, and if raw material will be available, there will be a greater demand for labor in this industry than existed in 1924. The prospects in agriculture are also favorable, and so far the rainfall has been normal. Increases are expected in deciduous fruits, grapes, and other orchard crops due to new plantings coming into bearing. The increase in bearing acreage of these permanent orchard and vineyard crops, according to the California Development Association, will be about 137,000 acres. The planting of cotton, beans, barley, truck crops, and winter vegetables will be increased during 1925. Walnut growers expect an increase in yield of about 4,000 acres, and a 50 per cent crop increase for 1925. The cotton-picking industry will also expand during 1925, indications pointing to higher production and more employment in this important industry of the state.

Montana. The prospects of rail employment in all lines of industry look very favorable for 1925. Farmers are more optimistic. Building construction work will show steady growth. The mining and oil industries are showing signs of continued expansion and a comprehensive road-building program is being pushed with considerable promise of its going through. Sentiment in favor of marked economy in public expenditures is very noticeable. Restored confidence and general improved conditions combined with a feeling of caution, will probably result in a normal steady and healthy program of public work. As this condition effects labor it will probably mean a gradually increased demand for skilled help, and promises full employment to common labor with a fairly even balance between the supply and demand. A large road-building program is anticipated, and it is probable that the crop acreage for 1925 will be about the same as in 1924. Much increase in wool acreage is not expected. Increases, if any, will come in feed crops and it is not thought that the domestic farm help will increase to any great extent. However, with good employment conditions existing in other lines, a surplus of farm labor is not anticipated.

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