

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

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

Wallowa-Union County Basketball Tournament, here, February 27-28.

Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, March 3.

L. H. S. Senior play, March 20-21.

Union County Agricultural Economic Conference, Eight, March 12; Union, March 13; La Grande, March 14.

Returned from Portland—
After spending several days in Portland Mrs. R. P. Landis has returned to her home here.

Have Son—
Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Goss are the parents of a baby son born to them yesterday, February 26, at their home on Oak street.

Marriage License—
Mike Ray Moffitt and Miss Velma Latimer were married yesterday by Hugh E. Brady, justice of the peace. The young couple are both residents of La Grande.

Left for Baker—
Mrs. E. Rosenbaum left La Grande this morning on No. 24 en route to Baker. Mrs. Rosenbaum will spend a few days in that city doing L. D. S. relief work.

Attended Convention—
Wilbur Gettings and Leslie Gettings of Wallowa, were visitors to La Grande Wednesday. They attended the district convention of the Knights of Pythias at Union Wednesday evening.

Return Home—
Mrs. C. M. Tyler and two children of Ontario, Oregon, left this morning en route to their home after spending several days here visiting at the home of her brother, Henry Hess.

At Portland—
Miss Laurela McCarthy has gone to Portland, where she will see Anna Pavlova, who dances at the Portland auditorium this evening. Miss McCarthy will return to her home here Sunday.

Arm Broken—
Mrs. Maggie Herman slipped and fell on the sidewalk yesterday and broke her left arm before the doctor. Both bones were broken and it will be several weeks before Mrs. Herman will be able to use the arm again.

To Make Home Here—
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Reed have come to La Grande from Pleasant Valley and expect to make their future home here. Mr. Reed is a freeman for the O.-W. R. and N. company.

Warned About Ashes—
The police chief today announced that anyone throwing ashes into alleys or streets would be prosecuted. Several complaints have been made lately in this respect.

Returned from Portland—
Jack Hlatt returned from a trip to Portland this morning on No. 24. While in Portland he selected several musical numbers which the Sunset orchestra, of which he is a member, will play at the annual chamber of commerce banquet March 3.

Proud Father—
E. M. Keown of the Veal and Perry barber shop in the Foley building is going around this morning with pride just oozing out of all over him. Why? Because he became the father of an 8 1/2 pound boy early this morning. Mrs. Keown and the baby are both doing well.

Returned Home—
Marie Colomb and mother, Mrs. Lucy Colomb, arrived in La Grande this morning after an absence of about three months. While away they visited points in California, Salem, Astoria and Portland. They report an excellent trip but are glad to get back to La Grande.

Arrived this Morning—
Ralph O. Coleman, of the Oregon Agricultural college, arrived in La Grande this morning from Corvallis and will referee the basket-

ball games at the sub-district tournament being held here today and tomorrow. Mr. Coleman will also referee at the district tournament at Union.

Here from Pendleton—
Mrs. A. J. Black of Pendleton, spending a few days in La Grande with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Cutler, who underwent an operation at the Grande Ronde hospital yesterday morning. Mrs. Cutler is getting along nicely according to reports this morning.

Returned Home—
Mrs. James Obuch has returned to her home at Pendleton after visiting in La Grande for the past three weeks with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Guye, who has been in the Grande Ronde hospital here, where she underwent an operation. Mrs. Guye is very much improved.

Giving Lessons—
Just what may be done with a piece of paper here and a dab of sealing wax there is being demonstrated at the Newlin Book and Stationery company today by Miss Sarah Judson of the Denton Paper company. Miss Judson is giving free lessons in this craft, sealing wax and basket making art also.

Personal Mention
Mrs. F. Ahnquist left this morning on No. 24 en route to her home after visiting here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Brown. She has been here two weeks.

Frank Marshall, of Wallowa, arrived in La Grande this morning from Portland, where he has been for several days. He will return to Wallowa sometime today by auto.

Mrs. M. G. Hoagland of Seattle, Wash., spent last night in La Grande on her way to Colorado, where she will visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lepper of Pasco, have been visiting for the past week at the home of Mrs. Lepper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Peehler.

Dr. Fred Jones of Wallowa was a visitor in La Grande Wednesday. He attended the K. of P. convention at Union.

H. E. Williams left yesterday for Portland, where he will spend 10 days on a business trip.

Satwood Callihan was in La Grande yesterday on his way to Dufur, Oregon, where he will be employed.

Buck Nell of Portland, is spending a few days in La Grande visiting friends.

William Berry, of the Pyramid Land company, is a business visitor to Cove today.

E. B. Connor, Union merchant, was a visitor in La Grande this morning.

H. G. Avery spent the day in Union on business.

J. A. Hingaman and his son, residents of Imbler, were here yesterday on business.

James L. Hand of North Powder was in La Grande this morning on land office business.

Argentina Hopes Soon To Stop Imports of Gas

Buenos Aires (AP)—The petroleum industry in Argentina is making such progress that in three years the country will have all the motor fuel its consumption requires, according to Dr. Tomas Le Breton, minister of agriculture, whose department controls the state oil wells.

More Gossip

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From Orient



Hollywood critics say Etta Lee, whose father is a Chinese physician in Honolulu, is the most beautiful oriental in the world. At least she is chosen as one of the 14 girls selected as 1925's most perfect "types."

OLD RESIDENT VISITS LAKE

HOT LAKE (Special)—An old resident of this locality, A. W. Rinehart, at present of Seattle, Wash., called to visit his wife who has been here with her niece, Mrs. Karstens of New York City. Mr. Rinehart had just returned from Yale, Ore., where he went to make a real estate transaction for his mother, Mrs. Lou Rinehart. The latter had property in the flooded section of Yale but suffered no great loss as the water entered only the first story of her home. Mr. Rinehart is employed in legal work in the state tax department of Washington and has returned to take up his duties there.

Mrs. Helene Zerns of Union brought her small son, Jimmy, over to the hospital where he was operated upon for appendicitis. The child stood the operation very well and seems to be recovering from its effects.

Mrs. Maggie Thomson of Hereford, Ore., is receiving medical attention in the hospital. Her niece, Miss Carolyn Thomson of Baker is here staying with her. The Thomsons are known in this section as being breeders of fine stock on a large scale.

Two well known residents of La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hill, are at the Lake for the baths and a rest.

John Price from La Grande has been here recovering from the effects of an injury which he received in an accident a short time ago.

Mrs. J. D. Haines of Enterprise, is at the Lake visiting her husband who is seriously ill. Mr. Haines is a nurse instructor in Enterprise. His brother R. W. Haines came over from Baker to visit him also.

Among other recent arrivals are Mrs. Minnie Hutsell, La Grande; Mrs. H. R. McDonald, La Grande, and Hiram Lake, La Grande.

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Markets

EGGS CENT LOWER

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle slow, hogs and sheep steady today. Eggs one cent lower, 26c; Butter 47c. Butterfat firm.

BUTTERFAT 18 1/2c

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Butterfat 48 1/2c here today.

PORTLAND GRAIN MARKET

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Wheat—Hard white B. S. Hart, February, \$1.92; March, \$1.97; soft white, February, \$1.87; March, \$1.82; western white, February, \$1.87; March, \$1.82; hard winter, February, \$1.87; March, \$1.82; northern spring, February, \$1.85; March, \$1.87; western red, February, \$1.85; March, \$1.80; BBH, hard white, February, \$2.15; March, \$2.20.

Oats—No. 2 white feed, February, \$10.30; March, \$12.50; No. 2 gray, February, \$10; March, \$11.00.

Corn—No. 2 E. V. shipment, February, \$19; March, \$19.50.

FLOUR

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Flour—No. 10 higher. Family patents, \$10.90-11.20 a barrel. Bran—\$23.50-24.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

NEW YORK (AP)—Stocks—Higher; 20 issues highest since 1923.

Bonds—Irregular; trading restricted by bank rate rumors.

Foreign exchange—Steady; French francs slightly higher.

Cotton—Lower; beneficial rains in Texas.

Sugar—Firm; Cuban special.

Coffee—Steady; foreign buying.

CHICAGO (AP)—Wheat—Strong; predictions, unfavorable weather.

Corn—Firm; sympathy wheat.

Cattle—Steady to higher.

Hogs—Firm.

TRAPPER HUNT KEPT UP

BEND, Ore.—Two local men, J. O. Gerking and Clyde Short have left Bend to search for Charles George, trapper, who was last seen a month ago.

It was feared that George perished in the snow covered mountains after following his trap line too far from his cache of supplies.

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Actress Entertains Aviator



Fayella Dean, movie actress, entertained Lieutenant Leslie Arnold, world flyer, when both were together on a speaking tour at Milwaukee. Miss Dean's husband, Wheeler Okman, makes his home in New York. Arnold is a bachelor. "We're just friends," says Miss Dean of Arnold.

NEVADA JUDGE WANTS CHANGE

Jurist Calls for Modification of the Eighteenth Amendment.

RENO, Nev. (AP)—Frank H. Norcross, former chief justice of the Nevada supreme court, author of a resolution in the state legislature calling on Congress to assemble a national constitutional convention to amend the eighteenth amendment, declared that universal contempt of the law is being instilled in the minds of the country's citizenship. He believes that the federal constitution should be substituted by a provision empowering Congress to prohibit or regulate the importation, manufacture and sale of liquor, thereby placing the entire question in the hands of the national legislature.

With such a modification of the eighteenth amendment, in his opinion, Congress would feel free to enact moderate liquor legislation that would command the respect and support of the country at large. Such legislation, he considered, should not permit the return of the saloon, but probably should allow the sale of liquor under some such system as that prevailing in several provinces of Canada.

Position Explained.

Explaining his position, Judge Norcross says: "I voted for the Nevada prohibition act and supported the eighteenth amendment. But I am convinced that they have failed. As a consequence we are living under a national law and state statutes that are being openly flouted by millions of people."

"Congress can never have a free hand to deal with the situation unless we return to the correct principle of making the constitution the repository of congressional power and not itself a penal code."

"Too radical legislation has always failed to accomplish desired results. Natural laws control penal laws and there are fixed limits beyond which penal statutes cannot go and be generally respected. There are extremists who believe that even the moderate use of intoxicants is harmful. On the other hand, a large portion of the population believes that their moderate use is not wrong. For a minority or even a majority of a free people to impose their particular ideas upon a large portion of the population having radically different views has never yet been successfully accomplished."

Judge Norcross added that if the states themselves called a constitutional convention, the question could be removed from politics and solved. This would not be possible, he said, by any other method, as Congress, even though a majority of its members were opposed to the eighteenth amendment, would never initiate a resolution for its revision.

SENATE PASSES BILL.

SALEM, Ore. (Special to The Observer).—Yesterday afternoon, a short time before the closing of the thirty-third session, the senate passed three armory measures: Forest Grove, La Grande

and Cottage Grove. The drive to put over the armory program started in earnest when Senator Hare urged passage of the Forest Grove bill. Immediately following passage of this bill Senator Dennis, of Union county, put forth the bill of La Grande for a state armory. He declared that there was not an armory east of the Cascade mountains at present, although the people of Eastern Oregon have paid taxes equal to those contributed by the residents of other sections of the state.

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REV. NELSON KNIGHT

Two more were converted last evening. Great results follow Rev. Knight's praying for the sick. However, he does not make a hobby of it.

Next faith healing service on Monday evening—a welcome to all.

New Church of God Chapel, corner 22 and Spruce—Adv.

Baby Shoes

A new shipment of beautiful Soft Sole and First-Step Shoes, Slippers and Oxford. Priced from 55c to \$1.60.

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