

Local News In Brief

Went to Omaha—J. H. Keeney has gone to Omaha, Nebraska, on a business trip.
Here from Union—W. W. Stevens, county commissioner, was a visitor in La Grande yesterday.
Drunk Fined—Carl Erickson, charged with drunkenness, was fined \$15 in the municipal court by Judge J. D. Sifer.
Out again—After several days at home because of illness Sam Andrew is able to be out again.
Here from California—Mrs. C. C. Westenhaver, of Riverside, California, has arrived in La Grande and is a guest at the home of her son, R. E. Westenhaver.
To visit parents—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wickes left last evening for a two weeks trip to Redmond, Oregon. They will visit Mrs. Price's parents there.
Here from Portland—Mr. and Mrs. William Spring returned to La Grande from Portland and will visit here all this week with relatives.
Went to Pleasant Valley—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hixon went to Pleasant Valley this morning and will visit there the remainder of this week.
To visit relatives—Mrs. Lee Clower went to Caldwell, Idaho this morning to visit relatives. She will also visit at Boise this week.
Left this morning—After spending the week in La Grande visiting with friends and relatives Miss Marjorie Hixt left this morning for her home at Telford.
To visit here—Mrs. C. M. Smith and daughter, Dorothy, arrived in La Grande this morning from Portland and will visit here for some time with Mrs. Frawley and daughter, Mary.
At Wallowa—J. P. Morelock spent Sunday night at Wallowa. He went to Wallowa Sunday evening and returned to La Grande yesterday morning.
Attended picnic—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Maryin, of Wallowa, passed through La Grande Sunday, by auto, on their way to Meacham to attend the L. O. O. F. picnic there.
Went to Palmer Junction—Mrs. C. Mollard and baby, Carl, went to Palmer Junction this morning to spend the week with Mr. Mollard who is employed there.
Home from Spokane—Mrs. H. R. Pope and children of Viora, Oregon, passed through La Grande this morning en route to their home after spending two weeks at Spokane, Washington, visiting relatives.
From Wallowa—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hastings were among the Wallowa people who were in La Grande Sunday en route to Meacham for the L. O. O. F. and Rebecca picnic held there Sunday.
To visit—Mrs. A. E. Arnold and two children arrived in La Grande this morning from Spokane, Washington, on their way to Elgin to visit. Miss Wilma Arnold came to La Grande from Elgin to meet Mrs. Arnold and accompany her to Elgin.
Here from Illinois—Mrs. Marjorie Francis arrived in La Grande this morning and will spend the summer here visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah McCall.

two daughters returned to La Grande this morning from their home at San Francisco to meet their son, Howard, who arrived on train No. 24 from San Francisco, California, where he is associated in business. They will return to Enterprise this afternoon and Mr. Dohbin will spend two or three weeks with them.

Left Sunday—The Elida Pipers, University of Oregon orchestra, left Sunday evening for Portland after playing at the "Yankee Paro" here last week. The orchestra will disband for the summer. Abbie Green, of La Grande, who is a member of the orchestra, will play with the "Night Hawks" at the new Corvallis hotel this summer.

Returned home—Mrs. J. E. Schaefer and daughter, Miss Mabel, have returned to La Grande from Fairfield, Iowa, where they have been visiting for the past three weeks. Mrs. Schaefer also visited at Chicago while in the east. They formerly made their home at Fairfield and have many friends and relatives there. Mrs. Schaefer is employed for N. K. West's here.

In North West—Thomas H. McDonald, chief engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads is touring the Northwest and will be in Pendleton Thursday or Friday. He will probably also visit La Grande.

Left for Arco—Mrs. E. B. Guye and daughters, Barbara and Beverly and Mrs. E. G. Perrin left this morning for Arco, Idaho, where Mrs. Perrin makes her home. Mrs. Perrin was formerly Miss Roteria Smith of this city.

To spend summer here—Miss Lorraine Pierce, youngest daughter of Governor Walter M. Pierce, came in Sunday evening and will spend the summer here at the farm home of her brother Lloyd Pierce.

To attend summer school—Miss Sarah Riddle, who has been spending a short time at her home here, after teaching school at Vancouver, Washington last year, left Sunday for Eugene to attend summer school at the University of Oregon, which opened June 22.

Work started—J. D. Tobin, contractor to build the overhead crossing at Meacham, has started work excavating and making preparations for actual work which will start in the very near future. The overhead will be built across the railroad tracks about 100 feet below where the highway now crosses the tracks.

Returned home—William Stone was in La Grande this morning on his way to his home at Island City. He has been attending the University of Oregon at Eugene during the past year. He spent a week in Portland attending the Rose Festival and visiting his sister before returning home.

Returned from trip—Mrs. J. J. Burebride, accompanied by her daughters, Miss Ethel and Mrs. Ray Summer and small daughter, and Miss Winifred Scott, have returned to La Grande after a two weeks motor trip to Salem, Utah. They report an excellent trip with very little trouble.

Visited here—Mr. and Mrs. N. Nelson have had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Hagen, of Moscow, Idaho. Mr. Hagen is Mr. Nelson's cousin. They left for their home in Idaho this morning. Mr. Hagen is a prominent business man of that place and is State senator from Northern Idaho.

Visiting here—Mr. and Mrs. William Smith and their small niece, Betty Ann, of Portland, are visiting in La Grande at the J. T. Harvey home. They will also visit other relatives here. They motored to La Grande Saturday and attended the South-Columbia reunion here Sunday. They will return to Portland in about a week.

Met son here—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dohbin and

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Personal Mention

Billy Johnson of The Dalles is in La Grande, visiting with his aunt, Mrs. Fred Curry.

F. G. Carto, of Austin, spent the night in La Grande last evening and left this morning for Prairie City on business.

Mrs. J. Hallgarth returned to her home at Elgin this morning from Bend, where she has been visiting.

Mrs. C. O. Goralline and daughter, Lois, passed through La Grande this morning on their way to Enterprise to visit.

Mrs. S. S. Jenkins returned to her home at Wallowa this morning after several days spent at Baker visiting.

Mrs. Bert Oakman returned to her home at Oakman Junction after several days spent in La Grande.

President's statement that there was still too much waste and too great a tax burden on the people. "If earnest intent to conduct federal operations economically, if honest effort to conserve the taxpayers' money, if determined to reduce government costs and at the same time increasing governmental efficiency, be paramount and false economy be eradicated."

The general's statements was a direct reply to expressions in some quarters that the president's economy program was being carried in an extreme and that it might, in the end, damage business.

COOLIDGE TO URGE TAX CUT (Continued from Page One) tion of the public debt and operation of the postal service. Would Make Further Cut In his desire, he added, to hold expenditures for the coming year, including the amount applied on debt reduction but excluding the postal service, within \$3,275,000,000, or \$125,000,000 less than estimated for this year.

Mr. Coolidge also declared he would attempt to hold estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1926, to \$3,980,000,000, expenditure of the postal service. No estimates were given of the amount needed for reducing the debt and operating the postal service.

The president told his audience, made up of cabinet officials and departmental executives, that they must continue their efforts to decrease the cost of government. He gave congress credit for supporting the budget, and declared that while the tax burden had been materially lightened, it "is still with the people."

Pointing out that the number of employees in the executive civil service total \$4,595,700 June 23, 1925, as compared with 440,000 nine years before, the president emphasized that every effort is made to prevent any surplus in personnel, although he did not advocate an advocate an "unmanned public service" feeling "this would be false economy and disastrous in its results."

Lord Takes Floor. Calling upon each supervisory official in the spending agencies of the government to remember his responsibility to the taxpayer, General Lord complimented the officials on the progress already in accomplishing savings and eliminating waste, but quoted the

PINE PESTS TRYING ON DYING BARK

(Continued from Page One.) ed that trees that were sheltered by other trees or shrubs on the south side of them were not brown. Also hearing that it was a common occurrence for trees to be "frosted" in other forests I supposed that that was the cause.

All of the "frosted" trees are now sending out new growth on the ends of the limbs, and top, depending on the amount that the needles have been killed, and other conditions.

However, as the green in any plant is the chief manufactory of food, will the trees starve to death before the 1925 growth is done? Also will these trees have enough strength to resist an attack from the beetles? The life of an insect infestation is usually about three years. The beetles got a tiny start last year, with the weaker condition of the trees they may get a better start this year, then look out for the big damage in 1927.

The Western Yellow Pine is the most important tree for production of lumber in the West. With three fourths of the original supply of the timber of the United States gone, and we are using it five times as fast as we are producing it, it is hard to say what the price of lumber will be in 1945.

Wonderful Pine Stand. There is a most wonderful stand of yellow pine reproduction extending from the hills east of High valley, north to the hills North east of Elgin, which is doing its very best to replace the timber that was cut. It is making an exceptionally fast growth, and is about half grown to merchantable timber. Wood can be cut from it now, cutting out the diseased trees, and those that have been crowded out. This forest of yellow pine reproduction, is practically outside of the National Forest boundaries, and therefore outside the control and protection of the United States Forest Service. It will some day be very valuable, and very necessary for American Economic progress.

Now the question is what are we going to do about it? Destruction of Racks Averted by Officers (Continued from Page One.)

lens remained. The rack still in the river, legally, without a doubt, but whether or not the commercial interests have the moral right to interfere upon the recreation of hundreds or even thousands of private fishermen still remains a mooted question.

In order to go into the matter more or less thoroughly it will be necessary to describe the racks over which the trouble is being raised. The racks are placed in the stream for the purpose of trapping the salmon and are in action a good deal like the old fashioned mouse traps.

About 100 yards below the hatchery the first of the racks has been placed across the river. This consists of rough boards which simply form a fence with V shaped openings at intervals. The salmon under these openings of the wide stream and after passing through are unable to find their way out. About 500 yards up stream from the first barrier another fence has been placed. This one has two inch openings in the form of a vertical lattice work.

Small fish such as trout can get through this upper fence but the salmon are trapped and kept within the enclosure until spawning time in September or October. They are then sealed out and the spawen used for artificial propagation of the fish.

The local sportmen are up in arms for the reason that the fence practically eliminates the salmon fishing above the racks. Of course there are at present a few salmon in the stream which got up stream before the racks were put in, quite a few of these have already been caught and of course the number will never be further increased this season.

The local rights for placing the racks in the river are plain. The code laws of Oregon section, 7415, by the title of "Racks and other obstructions for hatchery purposes" reads: "The fish commissioner and the fish commission of the United States government or any individual operating hatcheries are hereby authorized to erect racks, traps, or other obstructions across any of the streams in this state for the purpose of obtaining salmon for propagation purposes and it shall

be unlawful for any person or persons to injure or destroy such racks, traps, or obstructions by any mean whatever or take, kill, destroy such racks, traps or obstructions by any means whatever or take, kill, destroy or molest any such rack, trap, or obstruction across any stream in this state."

Thus the only recourse for the sportmen to take is to have the racks removed by the regular legislative repeal process. In support of the racks it might be stated that the ones in Catherine Creek do not seem to be able to obstruct the passage of trout in the least. The fences are placed in the stream in a way to allow the trout to go through almost without difficulty.

Some of the above large trout, now weighing over four pounds, will be stopped in the same manner as the salmon, but the men in charge at Union maintain that the industry formed by the racks will serve as a sanctuary for these large trout which can fall on the fence and be removed.

Citizens Not Opposed. Representative citizens of Union are not opposed to the racks. The writer was somewhat surprised upon interviewing several prominent business men in that city to find them actually in favor of the traps.

They gave as their reason for this attitude the fact that the greater portion of the spawen taken in the traps is to be hatched right at the Union hatchery and the fish returned to the stream after obtaining size.

The advocates of the system point out that the natural methods of spawning are very uncertain, it is estimated that only 19 per cent of the spawen reproduces by natural methods. By the artificial means in the hatcheries from 80 to 95 per cent of the spawen is hatched successfully.

This greater number of fish will be placed in the stream each year to return four years later. Of course the fish hatched in the hatchery will be scopped up down on the Columbia River by the nets and exists but this is a condition that whole whether the salmon are propagated by natural or artificial methods.

As to the trout fishing all true hook and line fishermen maintain that the salmon fishing in Catherine Creek has already nearly ruined when hundreds of men line the banks of any stream armed with gigs, spears, pitchforks or anything else, the trout fishing is ruined.

Cars Collide, Two Injured. SALEM, Ore.—Daniel Cronin, who lives a few miles north of Salem, suffered serious injury on the head and body when an automobile in which he was riding collided with a truck. Arthur Madson, who was driving the car in which Mr. Cronin was riding, escaped with slight bruises and lacerations. Mr. Cronin was removed to a nearby dwelling and a physician was summoned.

Boyd River Man 85. BOYD RIVER, Ore.—Charles Davidson, native of Knox county, O., celebrated his 85th birthday here. Mr. Davidson, who was a carriage painter of the old school, came to the valley more than 20 years ago. He was an original greenbacker, having voted for Peter Cooper for the presidency.

trip and it'll be fine stuff for us." He began explaining to a selected list of correspondents—the biggest man in the business and known to him to be particularly interested in the navy.

The notice was very short and some of them found it hard to get away, but Wilbur was insistent. He said it was their duty to go. They'd be royally entertained, too. As a favor to him, he asked it.

The result was—eleven distinguished journalists at Annapolis the next morning—the morning of the Los Angeles' expected advent.

But how to get to the Patoka, at anchor an hour's sail down Chesapeake Bay? It seemed odd no arrangements had been made.

However, the correspondents scoured up a launch, in due season hauled alongside the morning ship and started on the ladder.

Capl. Meyers, smoking on the upper deck, sent an orderly to investigate the eaters.

The orderly reported to the captain—the visitors waiting, now suitably, meanwhile—who sent a message by his executive officer.

"We don't feed you," the latter informed them hospitably. "Here, you," sternly addressing

one of the newspaper men, "You can't smoke here. You better all go back to Annapolis," he continued, "and when the Los Angeles gets here, you can come out in the bay and look at her—if you want. Civilians aren't allowed on board."

The next thing anybody knew Meyers had been summoned from the Patoka to the secretary's office to do a lot of explaining. Then he began his tour of apology.

To a disinterested bystander it looks a little as if the official who issued all those invitations and then forgot to provide for his guests' entertainment would feel a trifle apologetic, too.

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Markets PORTLAND MARKETS PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Livestock steady today; eggs and butter steady; lumber, 46c.

FRUITCROFT, SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Butterfat 52 1/2c here today.

Weekly Grain Exports, WASHINGTON (AP)—Grain exports last week from the United States were 2,337,000 bushels against 2,724,000 the week before.

Commerce department figures gave the following comparison between exports last week and those of the previous week: Wheat, 1,506,000 bushels against 1,224,000; rye, 72,000 against 273,000; oats, 165,000 against 476,000; corn, 123,000 against 228,000; barley, 491,000 against 521,000.

Canadian grain exported thru the United States ports was 1,567,000 bushels against 1,591,000. North American flour exports were 168,000 barrels against 129,000 barrels.

Visible Grain Supply NEW YORK (AP)—The visible supply of American grain shows the following changes in business: Wheat decreased 1,747,000. Corn decreased 790,000. Oats increased 865,000. Rye decreased 418,000. Barley decreased 50,000.

Portland Grain Market PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Wheat—Hard white B. S. Hart and soft white, June, \$1.80; July, \$1.45; western white, June, \$1.57; July, \$1.44; hard winter, June, \$1.58; July, \$1.44; northern spring, June, \$1.69; July, \$1.43; western red, June, \$1.52; July, \$1.40. Light hard white, June, \$1.60; July, \$1.46. Oats—No. 2 white feed and No. 2 gray, June, \$2; July, \$2.

Markets at a Glance NEW YORK (AP)—Stocks—Irregular; General Motors set new high record.

Bond—Mixed; oil issues yield to profit-taking.

Foreign Exchange—Steady; French francs at yenich low; low week.

Cotton—Steady; insufficient rain in Texas.

Sugar—Futuresless.

Coffee—Higher; steady Brazilian market.

CHICAGO (AP)—Wheat—Lower; increasing receipts.

Corn—Weak; favorable weather reports.

Cattle—Steady; broad shipping demand.

Hogs—Higher; packers inactive.

LOST LAKE BRIDGE READY HOOD RIVER, Ore.—J. M. Bentley, local contractor, has completed construction of a new bridge on the Lost Lake highway over the upper west fork of Hood River. County crews this week will complete approaches. The cost of the bridge was approximately \$6000.

With the advent of hot weather, hundreds of motorists journeyed to the lake district over this week end. The road was reported to be in excellent condition.

Crews are completing the grading of an approximate three miles of market road north of Dec, and crushed rock is now being spread over the new grade. The road, built under the market road law, will facilitate traffic to Lost Lake.

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