

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

Union County Annual Armistice Day Celebration - La Grande - November 11.

Here from Elgin - Bernal Hog, of Elgin, visited in La Grande yesterday and today.

Here from Baker - Jack Weaver, resident engineer in the Baker highway office, was a business visitor at the local highway office this morning.

To Enterprise on Business - H. A. Jackson of Boise, Idaho, passed through La Grande this morning on his way to Enterprise on business.

Attending Dairymen's Meeting - H. G. Avery, county agriculturist, went to Elgin this morning. He attended a dairymen's meeting there today.

To Baker on Business - Mrs. Harriet Macdonald went to Baker this morning. She will be there a short time on business.

Teacher at Union - J. W. Baxter Jr., teacher in the high school at Union, visited in La Grande over the week end.

Returned from Portland - Mrs. George Fox and Mrs. Josephine Stoop returned to their home here this morning after visiting for some time in Portland.

Went to Baker - Mrs. Gilbert Bryant went to Baker this morning, where she will receive medical treatment. She will return to her home here this evening.

Home from Portland - S. W. Andrew, who has been visiting in Portland for some time, returned to his home here Sunday. He was accompanied by his son-in-law, L. W. Dixon, who will remain here indefinitely.

Here Sunday from Baker - J. W. Erdley, of Baker, was in La Grande Sunday. He attended the Union meeting of the M. L. A. here.

Able to Be Out Again - S. G. Bradshaw, who has been confined to his home for the past four weeks on account of illness, is able to be out again.

Attending P. T. A. Convention - Mrs. Lou Harris is in Portland representing the Greenwood Parent-Teacher association at the convention of the Oregon Parent-Teacher association. She will return to her home here Monday.

Inspecting Bridges Here - G. F. Paxson, field engineer of state bridge construction and maintenance, of Salem, arrived in La Grande today. Accompanied by M. Stephenson, bridge engineer in this district, he left today on an inspection trip of bridges in Eastern Oregon.

To Fetch Stolen Car - Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Helm and Miss Marie Couture drove to Umatilla last evening to get the Williams car located there after its disappearance a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. Helm and Miss Couture returned last night. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are waiting for repairs before driving the recovered automobile home.

Arrived Here Monday - Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Watkins, accompanied by little Miss Joan Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Watkins of this city, who have been visiting in Arkansas and Oklahoma for the past three months, arrived in La Grande Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins will remain here at the home of their son until Friday when they will return by auto to their home at Bandon, Oregon.

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MISSIONARY CONVENTION UNDER WAY

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of the society in all units of the conference.
Mrs. Brock Speaks Tonight
Tonight Mrs. Brock will deliver an address on home mission work, using as her subject, "Holding the Ropes for the Gold Diggers." Her appearance on the platform will be preceded by a ceremonial of the Queen Esther, a junior home missionary society of North Powder. Mrs. Lubkin of Boise will lead devotional services.
Election of officers is to be the prime business of the morning session Thursday, which is the concluding day of the session.

Mystery of Man's Bones Puzzles La Grande Officers

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morning that the severed hand might have come from many miles up the stream. It was at a point not far up the hill from the bridge, he recalls, where the body of an unidentified man was found early last spring. From the condition of the bones, he estimates that they have been lying in the water for a number of months.
To Seek Body
Klinghammer plans to continue the quest for the body within the next day or two. His investigations last night indicated the "hobo jungle" above the bridge, where wayfarers are wont to seek shelter and a place to stow their gear. There was nothing there, however, to arouse suspicion.
When the story reached the streets this morning, an attempt was made to connect the find with that of the mysterious "brown-clad" discovered at Portland early this week, but the foot in the Grande-Ronde river has apparently been parted from human company too long to permit the conjecture.

ROAD AWARDS MADE TODAY

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and Nicholson, of Tacoma, \$21,509.
La Pine-Corral Springs section of the Dalles-California highway, Deschutes and Klamath counties, 28.2 miles of surfacing, to Carl Nyberg, of Spokane, for \$295,000. This contract must be approved by the bureau of public roads.

NOT GUILTY, 7 PRISONERS TELL JUDGE

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jointly with Robinson and Wallace, and was given until Saturday at 10 a. m. to prepare his plea.
No time has been set for trial of the several cases, since Judge Knowles will be in Wallawa county next month for the November term of circuit court there.
Motion day preceded and followed the arraignment of cases today.
Tomorrow the judge will try a divorce case in Baker.

LANE VALUATION INCREASES

EUGENE, Ore.—More than \$4,000,000 increase in property values in Lane county was shown in the annual assessment summary of the county just completed by Assessor Keoney. The total assessed valuation was placed by the assessor for 1925 at \$27,064,620, as compared with a total in 1924 of \$22,916,676, an increase of \$4,147,944. These figures are exclusive of the assessed valuation of public utility properties, which is fixed by the state public service commission.



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JOSEPH, NEZ PERCE HEAD, IS HONORED

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mountains were high and the water cold and clear," according to the chief's story, which appeared in the North American Review in 1873, and later in Northwesters Fight and Fighters by Cyrus Townsend Brundy. "This promise (to Lewis and Clark), he adds, "the Nez Perce have never broken. No white man can accuse them of bad faith, and speak with a straight tongue. It has always been the pride of the Nez Perce that they were friends of the white men."

Beginning in 1842 when Elijah White, an Indian agent, signed a treaty with the Indians, a number of agreements were made to help preserve this friendship. In 1848, the peace commissioners again promised friendship with the Nez Perce, and in 1854, a large Indian council (no whites), led by the great Kamikin, was held in the Grande Ronde valley, where tribal boundaries were defined, and the lines of the white settlements were decided. That was followed in the next year by a great council at Walla Walla called by Governor Stevens of Washington territory, and attended by 5000 Indians from all the tribes of the northwest. This was for the purpose of establishing definite lands for the Indians and whites, but Old Joseph refused to sign any treaty unless he could have the Wallawa country, and 6400 square miles, including the Wallawa region, were given him. However, it was not until four years later that this treaty was officially ratified, and in the meantime, no money had been forthcoming for the hunting ground that had been taken away. In 1856, a council was called, but failed; however in 1859, in a council with A. J. Cain, chief justice, Joseph again insisted that the Wallawa country (which probably included Grande Ronde valley, as the Grande Ronde river was formerly known as the Wallawa) be left to him.
The Treaty of 1858.
A remarkable treaty was made in

1858, when, after a session that lasted far into the night, the Nez Perce agreed to remain friendly to the whites, and even help them against other tribes. In fact, after the Whitman massacre, they took sides with the whites, and let the Cayuses be slaughtered. All of which foregoing, tends to show that at heart the Nez Perce were peace-loving folk, wishing only to be left alone with their ancestral homes, their families, and their cattle.

Eight years after the meeting with Governor Stevens, on in 1863, another great council was called, in an effort to gain more land from the Nez Perce, and for the first time we hear of Young Joseph representing his band. Under the leadership of a chief called Lawyer, one-third of the Nez Perce sold their land to the government, but young Joseph, mindful of his father's warning not to give away his country and to take no pay from the United States, refused, and so the tribe was split—one-third under Lawyer, selling their rights and all lands outside of the Lapwai reservation where they lived, and two-thirds, under young Joseph and Eagle-of-the-Light, insisting on Wallawa. And to show how much land he and his people owned, Old Joseph planted poles around it saying, according to the young chief's story:

"The Home of My People."
"Inside is the home of my people—the white man may take the land outside. Inside this boundary line our people were born. In circles around the graves of our fathers, and we will never give up these graves to any man."

Although the United States claimed to have bought all the Nez Perce country outside of the Lapwai reservation, this could not have been so, since no one chief had authority to transact business for any but his own band, and Joseph did not consent to the sale. But he and his people were undisturbed for several years, and in 1872 President Grant, by executive order, set off the Wallawa and Imnaha valleys for the Nez Perce. The order was revoked two years later, and the settlers entered Joseph's land. But the region was not large enough for the newcomers and the original owners, and trouble brewed, although in young Joseph's story he claims the Indians bore all losses with patience, wishing for peace, above all else. They steadily refused to move to the Lapwai reservation, and refused presents or annuities offered by Indian agents.

War Clouds Gather.
Year after year the trouble grew, and in 1876, General Howard was ordered into the region to establish a military camp near Alder. He called a grand council, which resulted only in bitter feelings on both sides, and left each with a stronger determination to stand for what he thought right. In 1877, war broke out in earnest, and at White Bird creek, the soldiers were forced to retreat, although outnumbering the Indians. In a few days, General Howard arrived with reinforcements, and the Indians crossed Salmon river where the army followed and was cut off by the Indians from its supplies. It took two companies to open the way again. But the Indians had decided to seek the English territory, where they believed they would find justice. General Howard followed, an expedition for all the world like nothing so much, suggests J. Nelson Barry, historian and special student of this period of Oregon's existence, as Pharaoh following the children of Israel in their flight to the Promised Land.

Another army entered the field, under General Gibbon, and engaged the wanderers in battle in Moravia; then they headed toward the Yellowstone, and with the strategy and cunning of a trained military leader, Joseph turned his people this way and that, dodging around two thousand miles until at Bear Paw mountain, they were surprised by General (then Colonel) Miles, and his troops who had been advised by telegraph as

to the whereabouts of the hostiles. Even then, asserts Joseph, they could have escaped if they had left their wounded, old women and children behind. At any time he expected help from some of the Nez Perce who had escaped to Sitting Bull's camp in Canada, only a short distance away, but winter was coming and his people were killed, scattered or tired of fighting, so when General Howard arrived and consulted General Miles, the warrior chief, on October 4, 1877, gave up his gun to General Miles with the words: "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more."

Whites' Promise Broken.
According to the chief's own statement, and the admitted belief of army officers present at the surrender, General Miles agreed to return the Indians, of whom there were only 87 warriors, including 40 wounded, 184 squaws, and 147 children, with their remaining stock, to their own country. This was never done, although Joseph seems not to have blamed the general with this fault. The Nez Perce were taken to the Tongue river, to Bismarck, and finally to Fort Leavenworth, and Baxter Springs, Kan., where many died in the climate unhealthy for them. In 1895, a mere remnant of the staunch band of Indians who stood for their rights as they saw them, were sent to Colville reservation in Northern Washington, a climate similar to their own beloved Wallawa.

Even there, Chief Joseph, no longer young and dashing, but still mindful of his people, made a trip to Washington to plead with the president that the land given his people be saved from the whites, who were encroaching. Again, a few years later, he revisited the east on a friendly trip to see the president and General Miles. On September 22, 1894, he peacefully departed to meet the Great Spirit (Chief), and the Nez Perce lost their gallant leader, and the United States the last and one of the most shrewd warrior chiefs that ever led his people to battle. Chief Joseph did not seek death, either. He wished only to retain what the Great Spirit had given his fathers. But even in war his tactics drew praise from military authorities. His warfare did not include scalping, the mistreatment of women and children, or the torture of captives, and he did not permit the murdering of innocent families that happened to be in the path.

Chief Joseph Remembered.
To his eternal memory, he recently has been consecrated a mountain that guards so loftily his beloved Wallawa country—one of the Wallawa peaks shall henceforth be known as "Chief Joseph," a tribute both to the father who taught, and the son who carried out the principles exemplified in the younger warrior's life. Surely, could Joseph have chosen, no testimonial would have pleased him more.

No traveler has ever crossed the great southern desert of Arabia.

Obituary

ADRIAN GOYETTE
Adrian T. Goyette, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Goyette of Cove, died at 7 a. m. Thursday at the home of his parents. Death was caused by complications following whooping cough.
The funeral was conducted at the Goyette home at 2 o'clock this afternoon, following which the little body was interred in the cemetery at Cove.

Stage Beauty Is named in \$100,000 Love Theft Suit

Leading figures in the \$100,000 love theft suit brought about by Mrs. Katherine Frey of Louisville, Ky., are shown leaving the courthouse at Mineola, N. Y. Mrs. Frey charges that Miss Wilda Bennett, stage beauty, alienated the affections of her husband, Charles Frey, society footballer. Left to right shown: Miss Wilda Bennett, William J. Fallon, attorney for Miss Bennett, and Charles Frey, whose affections are alleged to have been seduced at \$100,000. Mrs. Frey is in the back.

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