

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS. December 28—Election to vote upon school budget. At Home—Mrs. Harry Turner is confined to her home because of illness. Visiting in Portland—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Whitney have gone to Portland, where they will visit friends for a few days. In City Saturday—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills and family were shopping and visiting in La Grande Saturday. Their home is at Cove. Visited Friends Here—Miss Opal Driscoll returned to her home at Tuleton this morning after visiting friends here for several days. To Attend Meeting—J. H. Russell, Union county fire warden left last night for Victoria, British Columbia, where he

Drove to Portland—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mohr, and family left Saturday night by auto for Portland, called by the sudden death of Mr. Mohr's brother-in-law. They plan to return to their home here tomorrow morning. Tickets Going Fast—According to a report this morning tickets for the father and son banquet to be held Friday night, are selling rapidly. Anyone desiring tickets are asked to call the chamber of commerce office for reservations immediately. Visiting Daughter Here—Mrs. Jennie Landrum is visiting in La Grande at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Hanna, Mrs. Landrum formerly lived in La Grande for a number of years. She now makes her home at Pendleton, but is planning to leave there in a short time for California, where she will spend the winter. On Way to Maxville—Miss Gertrude and Edna Singletary were in La Grande this morning on their way to Maxville, where they will join their father, A. C. Singletary, who is employed by the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company here. They expect to make Maxville their home. They are from Alexander, Louisiana. Register for Ride to Dinner—Member of the chamber of commerce who have not yet arranged a means of transportation to and from the chicken dinner meeting at the O. O. F. hall at 11:30 a. m. Tuesday. Members who have cars are requested by the office to stop their for passengers. Former L. H. S. Student—Word has been received here that Miss Ieta Stewart, a former student of the La Grande high school and who is now a senior in the Elmhurst Park high school, has won the honor of being on the grand honor roll in that school. The requirements for this grand honor roll are A or A-plus in all subjects. To Spain for the Holidays—Simon Urrilo, of Gooding, Ida., who has been a guest of his brother, Jose Urrilo, at the Palmer hotel of the past week, left Sunday for New York, where he will embark for Spain to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother. The Urrilo brothers came to America 12 years ago. After short residences in New York and Chicago, they found their way to the Northwest and have lived here since.

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ment engages in buying and selling, by that act it fixes prices. Moreover, it would apparently destroy cooperative association and all other marketing machinery, for no one can compete with the government. Ultimately it would end the independence which the farmers of this country enjoy as a result of centuries of struggle and prevent the exercise of their own judgment and control in cultivating their land and marketing their product. Government control cannot be divorced from political control. The overwhelming interest of the consumer, not the smaller interest of the producer would be sure to dominate in the end. Unless we fix corresponding prices for other commodities a high fixed price for agriculture would merely stimulate over-production that would end in complete collapse. However attractive this proposal was at first, through careful consideration it has led to much opposition on the part of the farmers. They realize that even the United States government is not strong enough, either directly or indirectly, to fix prices which would constantly guarantee success. They are opposed to submitting themselves to the control of a great bureaucracy. They prefer the sound policy of maintaining their freedom and their own initiative as individuals or to limit them only as they form group associations. They do not wish to put the government into the farming business.

Costs U. S. \$500 Each to Train 2nd Lieutenants. GALESBURG, Ill. (AP)—It costs the federal government in maintaining 124 senior U. S. T. C. units at as many colleges, about \$500 to produce a qualified second lieutenant of Infantry. Says Captain Robert W. Corcoran, 1st military instructor at Knox college, in an article for the Infantry Journal. "There is absolutely no market in which you can buy one, and there is no mechanical or other substitute for one when you need him," the officer writes. "In comparison with the wealth of the United States, and in view of the valuable insurance bought with these expenditures, the amount spent on U. S. T. C. units is infinitesimally small." Primarily the purpose of the U. S. T. C. is to supply nearly 16,000 replacements for the organized reserves of the army annually, and secondarily, to improve the physique, habits, minds and morals of a much larger portion of the population than finds its way into the reserves. Captain Corcoran says: "The influence of the corps is felt upon all students who have enrolled though no more than one-fourth of them may continue the work through the fourth year, qualifying for commissions." ARRIVES IN CHICAGO. CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge, accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, arrived here at 9 o'clock and was greeted by a great throng.

in the tendency of many states to improve the public schools and public roads largely at the expense of the local districts. Natural development of cooperative organizations as a specific need in agriculture, the report asserted, makes it seem obvious that governmental supervision and control are not desirable. Excessive regulation, it said, will smother the movement. RIVERS, HARBORS ESTIMATES. WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Work on the country's rivers, harbors, and waterways during the year beginning July 1 next will require \$65,896,066, in the opinion of the war department. Recommendations for appropriations for the various projects were made to congress today by Major General H. Taylor, chief of engineers of the army, under whose direction this work is carried on, in his annual report submitted with the government's 1927 fiscal year estimates. Expenditures for the last fiscal year amounted to \$49,832,928 and for the current year congress made a lump appropriation of \$40,000,000, of which \$25,070,985 has been allotted.

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Home From Baker—Mrs. H. G. Avery and two children have returned to their home here after visiting in Baker since Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter. Baker Publishers Here—Bernard Shalvorting and Lucien F. Armit, publishers of the Baker Herald, at Baker, Ore., were visitors at the Observer plant Saturday afternoon. Licensed to Wed—Roy H. Nielson and Miss Gertrude Hill, both of Elgin, were licensed to marry Saturday afternoon. Sent to Louise Home—Miss Lotta Tucker, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker, was committed to the Louise home at Portland at the close of an all afternoon hearing of delinquency charges against her in Judge J. G. Conch's court Saturday. Injured Foot—Jerry Miner was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital yesterday with an injured foot. Although the injury is slight it will be several days before he will be able to use the foot again. Home From Oakland—Mrs. James Bloodsworth, of Enderby, accompanied by her son, Charles, was in La Grande this morning on her way home after a two weeks visit at Oakland, California. Fined \$20—Floyd Crampton was fined \$20 by Judge J. D. Slater in municipal court this morning. Crampton was found guilty of having been intoxicated. To Visit Husband—Mrs. T. A. McKinstry went to Hot Lake this morning, where she will spend the day with Mr. McKinstry, who is in the hospital there. He is getting along very well. In City Yesterday—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Klinghammer and small daughter, Marjorie, who make their home at Enterprise, were in La Grande yesterday visiting friends and relatives. To Baker Saturday Night—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tall and Miss Genevieve Gibson motored to Baker Saturday night, where they stayed that night and Sunday visiting friends. On Way to Milton—Mrs. Candace Miller, of Wallawa, has been visiting in La Grande with Mrs. E. McGinnis. She is on her way to Milton, where she will visit her daughter. Brown Polo Game—There will be a brown polo game Monday, December 14, at the skating rink. This is something new in roller skating and several local people are interested in the game. In City From Elgin—Mrs. Grace Scudder and Mrs. Paul Scudder, both of Elgin, were visiting friends and shopping in La Grande Saturday. Here From Wallawa—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Norvegaard, of Wallawa, are visiting in La Grande at the W. P. Ballard home. Mrs. Norvegaard is Mr. Ballard's sister. Addressed Baker Memorial—Judge Hugh E. Brady addressed a large audience at the Elk's service in the lodge temple at Baker Sunday afternoon. He was guest in the evening at the annual banquet of past exalted rulers. Played Golf Yesterday—About twenty members of the La Grande country club took advantage of the nice weather yesterday and played golf at the country club course. H. E. Trixon made the best score of 46, which is unusually good considering the muddy field. Injured Hand With Knife—Thomas Bruce will be unable to use his right hand for several days the result of a severe gash caused by a bread knife last evening. The cut is through the fleshy part of his second finger, cutting the bone.

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150 ATTEND ELKS' LODGE OF SORROW. (Continued from Page One.) an the friends and families of those who had passed on, and over the fires and works of those who carry on the purpose of the lodge. Roll Call Read. The roll call of absent members was voiced by W. R. Winters. After the eulogy by Mr. Green, Raymond O. Williams sang a baritone solo. Mr. McArthur's address was followed by a violin solo, "Religious" by L. J. Lindsay, a closing ritualistic exercise and a pledge of allegiance by the audience. Rev. Henry W. Parker pronounced the benediction, and the gathering dispersed to strains of Handel's "Recessional," played by Mrs. Tedford on the piano. Judge Hugh E. Brady and committee arranged the details of the service, which is an annual feature of the Elk's program.

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PRESIDENT TO ASSIST CO-OP MOVE. (Continued from Page One.) food and their raw materials. Waste we can produce more. The markets for food are increasing much faster than present farm productivity. The future of agriculture looks to be exceedingly secure. Referring to the cooperative movement as the most important development of late years in the agricultural field and emphasizing the crop surplus problem as a vexing factor in the farm price situation, Mr. Coolidge expressed the opinion that with the economic information furnished by the department of agriculture with better warehouses and storage facilities and a better credit structure, much can be done to take care of the ordinary surplus. "With a production influenced by information from the department," he continued, "with adequate storage, supplied with necessary credit and the orderly market effected through cooperative marketing, agriculture could occupy its place on a sound and independent business basis. While the government ought not to undertake to control or direct, it should supplement and assist all efforts in this direction. "The leaders in the cooperative movement, with the advice of the department of agriculture having prepared what is believed to be an adequate bill embodying those principles which will be presented to the congress for enactment, I propose actively and energetically to assist the farmers to promote their welfare through cooperative marketing." As to proposals for the organization of cooperative organizations which the government would directly or indirectly fix prices or engage in buying and selling farm produce, the president made this observation: "This would be a dangerous undertaking, and as the emergency is not so acute, it seems at present to have lost much of its support. No matter how it is diguised, the moment the govern-

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