

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS.
December 28—Election to vote upon school budget.

To Union on Business.
S. F. Andrew, J. H. Thompson and Don Smith made a short business trip to Union yesterday.

At Hot Lake.
Chris Lund, who has been ill for some time, is now at Hot Lake sanatorium receiving medical aid.

At Home.
Donald Pank was unable to be at work at the Red Cross drug store yesterday because of illness.

Here on Business.
James Clifford, of Wallawa, was in La Grande Wednesday on business. He registered at the Summer hotel.

Go to Portland.
Mrs. Charles Gump and her father, Mr. Gavin, left this morning for Portland, where they will visit friends.

Mother and Baby Go Home.
Mrs. Clyde Hunting and her baby boy returned home from the hospital today.

Mrs. Lamb Is Recovering.
Mrs. Roberta Lamb has recovered sufficiently from her recent operation to leave the Grande Ronde hospital today.

On Way to Imbler.
E. O. Bloom, of Freewater, was in the city this morning on his way to Imbler, where he will be employed for the next three weeks.

Returns From Baker.
Mrs. Anna Hillman, who has been in Baker for a short time on business, has returned to her home here.

Here From Portland.
Clarence "Pat" Clapp arrived in La Grande this morning from Portland, where he now makes his home, and will visit here for some time with relatives and friends. He formerly lived in La Grande.

In City From Union.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Connor and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller and family, all of Union were in La Grande Tuesday night. They attended "Blossom Time."

Left for California.
After visiting at Pendleton and Hells for some time Mrs. Ella Landers of this city, has left for California, where she will spend the winter.

Perry Patient Leaves Hospital.
Mrs. L. L. Northcott, who was operated upon at the Grande Ronde hospital recently, returned to her home at Perry today.

To Visit Parents.
Mrs. William Workman went to Enterprise this morning, where she will visit her parents for several days. She arrived in La Grande yesterday from her home at Field and visited last night with Mr. Workman's mother here.

To Attend District Meeting.
Miss Gene Workman has returned to La Grande after attending a meeting of telephone operators from all over the state at Portland. She will go to Pendleton this evening, as a representative from the local telephone office, to attend a district meeting.

Home From Toledo.
Mrs. E. A. Thornburg was in La Grande this morning on her way home to Enterprise. She has been at Toledo, Oregon with her daughter, who underwent an operation for appendicitis, for the past two weeks.

Union Grange to Meet.
Dr. W. T. Phy, master of the Union Grange, announces that the regular meeting tonight will feature the program announced for two weeks ago. J. A. Nice, of North Powder, who was to assist them was ill and could not come. But he, and a delegation from his

group as well as a representation from the Medical Springs Grange will attend this evening's meeting. Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, lecturer of the Oregon state Grange, will deliver a talk, and Dr. Phy is to speak.

Error Corrected.
In the heading of a frontpage story in last night's issue of The Observer the following: "Father and Sons Will Dine Tomorrow Evening" should have read "Father and Sons Will Dine Friday Evening."

Hope For "Blossom Time."
Mrs. Hector McDonald and Mrs. Charles Hunter motored to La Grande from Wallawa Tuesday evening and attended "Blossom Time" presented at the Arcade theatre last evening. They remained here all night and returned to Wallawa yesterday.

Returns From California.
Mrs. E. C. Courtney returned to her home in La Grande this morning from San Francisco, California, where she was called by the illness of her brother, Robert Murray. He also returned to La Grande.

Prices Transposed.
In J. C. Penney's advertisement in yesterday's issue of The Observer correct prices were quoted at \$2.25 and refined pumps at \$3.50. The prices should have been: comfort shoes \$3.50 and refined pumps \$4.25.

Stage Changes Time.
The Motor Transit company announced this morning that the stage that formerly left Joseph at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, will now leave there at 2:15 o'clock, arriving in La Grande 45 minutes earlier than before. They will continue this schedule during the winter months for better connections and service.

Contest Draws Attention.
A unique contest is attracting considerable attention to the show window of the Binnie's jewelry store, where a beautiful diamond ring—without-a-name basins in the admiration of passersby while it waits to be awarded to the lucky contestant. There are only two more days in which a name may be submitted, the contest closing at 9 p. m. Dec. 12. Superintendent J. T. Longfellow, Mrs. W. P. McAdory and Robert S. Eakin have been chosen to decide the three most appropriate names submitted. The first prize is the diamond ring itself; the second, a \$10 merchandise check, and the third, a \$5 merchandise check.

Consolidation Statute Not Favored by I. C. C.
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train control devices, the report continued. A slight reduction in the number of accidents at grade crossings also was noted, from 5,218 in 1924 to 5,217 in 1924.

In its task of fixing the valuation of the railroads of the country undertaken several years ago, the commission reported considerable progress. With respect to steam railroads, 63 percent of the accounting reports, 70 percent of the engineering reports, and 64 percent of the financial reports have been completed, while work on the balance was said to be well advanced. The valuation work is linked with the recapture by the United States of half of railroad earnings which expressed a "fair return" and this was declared to have brought payments of \$2,311,329 to the Treasury, where they are placed in a railroad contingent fund.

The income by railroads of securities having a total par value of \$207,777,000 was approved during the year, and among the more important of its activities directly to check railroad charges, the report noted action taken under the Hoch-Smith congressional resolution, which directed investigation particularly of rates on agricultural products. The situation in the western half of the country, it

SAYS PEOPLE DEGENERATING

HOT LAKE (Special).—That improved methods of transportation, with all their advantages, have brought a degeneration of civilization was the theme of a short talk given by Dr. W. T. Phy when a program was held here last night.

"Always in the westward trek of civilization," said Dr. Phy, "we find only the bravest, the strongest and the most courageous setting forth to new lands when transportation is difficult and hazardous. This was true when America was settled. It was true when the first hardy pioneers pushed westward to our Pacific coast. The degeneration of the first fine American stock of the residents settling states like Oregon has always come when routes and methods of transportation were made easy and open to all."

Dr. Phy, in speaking of the airplane, declared that no one can predict what revolution it will have made both in passenger and freight traffic within even the next five years.

Three students of the La Grande high school, Tom Bruce, Jacob Charlton and Jack Hiatt, drove out to the lake for the program and assisted with several musical numbers. Bruce offered a solo, "My Wild Irish Rose." Hiatt held the audience with some of his jazz, while Charlton and Bruce gave a group of popular duets.

C. A. Hirscoe, organist at the Pendleton theater, also sang a group of songs.



What Shall I Give Him this Christmas?

Here Are a Few Suggestions:
Cigars, pipes and accessories for the smoker—safety razors, shaving necessities for dad and big brother. Photo albums for last summer's pictures and a new camera or Kodak for next summer—bath spray—shaving mirror—vacuum bottle, etc.

Your Nearest Store Will Solve Your Gift Problem. Come Early—Things Are Going Fast.

Glass Drugs Inc.
The Retail Store
La Grande, Oregon

Markets

PORTLAND GRAIN MARKET.
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Wheat—BIBB hard white, December, at \$1.64; January, at \$1.66; hard white B. S. hard, soft white, western white, December and January, \$1.65; hard, winter, northern spring, western red, December and January, \$1.65.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE.
NEW YORK. (AP)—Stocks—firm; market shares equal.
Bonds—Mixed; Brazilian issues higher.
Foreign exchange—Steady; sterling and francs firm.
Cotton—Lower; decreasing spot demand.
Sugar—Easy; larger Cuban crop estimates.
Coffee—Firm; higher Brazilian market.

CHICAGO. (AP)—Wheat—Firm; light stocks.
Corn—Strong; foreign buying.
Cattle—Weak.
Hogs—Steady; light weights active.

SAN FRANCISCO. (AP)—Butterfat—59 1/2c here today.

Star

Starting FRIDAY
A WORLDWREATER!
A spirited, fiery stallion who defied the laws of man and who dominated his roving band of horses like an emperor. Thrill as you see this white beauty fight against the stacks of civilization.

White Outlaw

ALSO A COMEDY
TONIGHT
"THE DEMON"



SCOUT the marauding horse
HUNK the mounted knight

First Xmas Packages Arrive at Post Office

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the letter or package.

"It is a fact that three-fourths of all mail that is posted through a clock in the afternoon of each day. During the Christmas season this year it might be a timely suggestion to reverse the general year and mail early and often, thereby posting three-fourths of the mail before 2 p. m. each day.

B. P. O. ELKS WILL ASSIST SANTA CLAUS

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Grande is expected to be at the party on Christmas day. Name has to stay away, whether his father is the richest man in town or poor as the poorest church mouse. This is a party for the children, and children do not draw social lines.

The Elks are recognizing, however, that there are homes in La Grande where Christmas philanthropy needs to be expressed in gifts more substantial than toys and tinsel. And they have made full preparation to carry cheer to families that otherwise might find the day less joyous than it ought to be.

A request is broadcast today for the names and addresses of needy families. If anyone knows of one such in La Grande, he is asked to call the lodge headquarters, or some member of the Christmas committee, which includes: Harry Hoffman, chairman; C. L. Berry, secretary; Hugh E. Brady, Lester Bramwell and Ed Meyerstick.

GRID BANQUET THIS EVENING

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Each case reported will be investigated, to insure a fair division of the Christmas fund among those who merit assistance, and delivery will be made the day before so that the children and some of the vegetables and fruit may be prepared for the holiday dinner.

Most of this Christmas joy that the Elks are spreading is the fruit of the '49 show they held this fall in accordance with their tradition, but the fund has been swelled with contributions from the benevolent treasury in order that Santa Claus can proceed to each of the very last stockings without fear pumpkin pie generously topped that his pack may run short, with whipped cream has pre-

Toys

TINKER TOYS - DOLLS - TOOL CHESTS - WORK BOXES
PLAY BOXES - BEADS - STUFFED ANIMALS
"HOLLIE" ANIMALS - BATTERIES
BALLS - ETC.
And all kinds of toys for the small child—
lovely for the Christmas tree.
Art & Baby Shop
1394 Adams Avenue.
Butterick Patterns - D. M. C. and Nun's Ball-proof Thread, Etc.

Contested



Thomas F. Woodcock of New York has been named by President Coolidge to the interstate Commerce Commission. But radical leaders in the Senate have twice succeeded in blocking his confirmation, and in the forthcoming session of Congress they are expected to renew the fight.

Prineville Balers Busy

PRINEVILLE, Ore.—Surplus alfalfa hay on the Ochoco irrigation project is being baled and shipped this fall to Portland and lower Columbia river points by B. H. McMeikle, Redmond warehouse man. Between 150 and 200 carloads will be shipped over the City of Prineville railway, it is estimated. Approximately 15 tons are loaded to the car.

GRID BANQUET THIS EVENING

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The alfalfa will be followed, but inferior alfalfa will be given by J. T. Lang, fellow superintendent, Thorson Bennett, the new coach, Mr. Patton and Mr. Glass, some of the football men and others of the guest portion of those present.

A turkey menu that begins with the benedictine treasury in order that Santa Claus can proceed to each of the very last stockings without fear pumpkin pie generously topped that his pack may run short, with whipped cream has pre-

pared under the direction of Miss Tols G. Davis of the domestic science department.
Footballs and goal posts wound with blue and white ribbons will figure in the decorative scheme worked out by domestic art room under Miss Stella White's supervision. The flowers will be white chrysanthemums. Place cards and favors will harmonize with the football motif.
Seven girls of the domestic science department will serve the courses.

CITY DADS IN LIVELY SESSION

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tion of the detention hospital for persons with contagious diseases, in the residential district in West La Grande near the Grande Ronde hospital. He said that efforts were being made to build up that part of the town and that such an institution there would prove a handicap to property sales.

Commissioner B. P. Landis replied that there would be nothing objectionable in the hospital.
After some discussion it was decided that Mr. Dixon and others interested would visit the contagious hospital in company with city officials to further inspect the place.

Company Furnishes Bonds.

In reference to the Stutz pump truck, recently purchased for the fire department with the understanding that the selling company would put up a 20-year bond, an agreement satisfactory to both parties in the sale was reached and the city attorney and the city manager were given authority to close the deal, following a final inspection, which will be held today.

Complaints of inadequate signals at railroad crossings and a

GIFTS FOR HIM
Knit Ties 69c
Cut Silk Ties 85c
Silk Sox 69c
Silk Sox 79c
Silk Sox 98c
Suspenders, boxed 69c
Suspenders, boxed 79c
Slippers 98c to \$2.98
Initial Handkerchiefs, each 15c

60 STORES
E. J. Breier Co.
THE HUB

HOTEL ASTOR
2nd & Hill Los Angeles
EVERY ROOM has PRIVATE TOILET
50 Baths New, Modern
Close to Shopping District and Theatres
FREE GARAGE Tariff from \$1.50

SPECIAL--
We will have on Special Sale Saturday, the most astonishing line of Coats, Cloth and Silk Dresses ever shown this season in this city, at such low prices that will be an agreeable surprise to you.
Also a line of new Xmas Novelties. Make it a point to see them.
The Paris
Foley Hotel Block.

Xmas Gifts
AT CLINT'S
Our Store just brimful of useful Xmas Gifts for Men and Boys of Quality Wearing Apparel
at Moderate Prices.
CLINT'S CLOTHIERY
"THE STORE WITH A CONSCIENCE"

Jack Hilary Will Face A More Serious Charge

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near future.
The dismissal of the charge of cruelty to animals will also result in the calling off of Hilary's trial set for next Monday.

Union Pig Club Boys Reorganize For 1926

The Union pig club boys reorganized yesterday afternoon with the help of the county agent, H. G. Avery with Lloyd Edwards, of the Union experiment station, as leader of the club.
Several of the boys are planning to buy purebred pigs this year and expect to take away some of the prizes that have been going to the Cove, Imbler and Island City boys during the next year.

In New York, when a man wakes up shot he wonders if it was his wife or a burglar.

Reading the New York dispatches indicates his great white way is really her great fight way.

and, has been brought under examination in proceedings under the resolution.

Although the hearings now being held in the western district are broad in scope, the report added, "It is recognized they will not afford a record upon which the mandate of the Hoch-Smith resolution can be fully complied with, even in the western district. However, it is hoped that these hearings will afford a means whereby situations of pressing importance in the western district may be brought before us for consideration prior to a more comprehensive study to be made of the rate structure as a whole.

"We are now engaged in working out the details of a comprehensive plan for such a study. The task assigned to us by the resolution is one of magnitude which it will take time to complete. Current work is taxing the capacity of our forces and when the nationwide study we contemplate is under way those forces will be inadequate."

JAMES CRUZE'S SUCCESSOR TO "THE COVERED WAGON"
The Pony Express rides again! Across 2,000 miles of danger-swept wilderness, to eternal glory! Against this inspiring panorama, James Cruze has produced the Great American Super-Picture! More spectacular and thrilling than "The Covered Wagon." And a bigger love story.
WITH BETTY COMPTON, RICARDO CORTEZ, ERNEST TORRENCE, WALLACE BEERY
PRESENTED BY ADOLPH ZUKOR and JESSE L. LASKY
"THE PONY EXPRESS"
A Paramount Picture
Fables, "Where Men Were Men"
Special Musical Interpretation
TODAY Friday—Saturday Adults 50c; Children 10c
ARCADE