

Local News In Brief

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

Spends Day in La Grande.
Mrs. Margaret Head, of Wallowa, is spending the day in La Grande.

Here on Business.
James W. Erdley, of Baker, is a business visitor in La Grande today.

Mrs. Karther Improving.
Mrs. Charles Karther, who has been ill at her home for a week, is reported to be improving.

Shopping in Portland.
Mrs. Florence Bacon, county treasurer, went to Portland Thursday night on a week end shopping trip.

To Hot Lake for Treatment.
John McElhenny, of Heppner, Ore., spent last night at the Sommer hotel en route to Hot Lake, where he will take a course of medical treatment.

To Portland for Christmas.
Mrs. W. G. Sawyer went to Portland this morning to spend Christmas with her mother.

New Forman at Shops.
Ed Shaver has arrived here from Portland to take charge of the C. W. H. & N. shops as general manager. He succeeds Edwin Thomas, who with his family, is moving to Argo, Wash.

Takes Patients to Hot Lake.
Mrs. E. E. Harmon passed through La Grande this morning on her way to Elgin, from where she accompanied her father, A. Kloostra, to the Hot Lake sanatorium yesterday. Mr. Kloostra is a Union county pioneer.

At Tolocost Today.
Mrs. T. O. Burnwell went to Tolocost this morning, where she is visiting her husband, who is employed there today. She will return to La Grande this evening.

Went to Huntington.
Mrs. E. C. Courtney went to Huntington this morning, where she will visit with her husband, who is employed there for a few days.

Home From Pendleton.
St. Adolph Stegert returned to his home in La Grande this morning after attending the water carnival at Pendleton last night.

Home From Baker.
After spending two weeks at Baker under a physician's care, Mrs. D. Homan was in La Grande this morning on her way home to Enterprise.

Here From Baker Yesterday.
Paul Carpenter, county agent of Baker county, was in La Grande yesterday. He called at the Union county agent's office.

Mrs. McAdory Is Better.
The condition of Mrs. McAdory, who has been seriously ill for a number of days, is said today to be much better.

Red Cross Man Here.
E. P. Corbett, field representative for the Red Cross society in the state of Oregon, is making his sentimental visit to La Grande today. Mr. Corbett makes his headquarters in Nanaimo, B. C.

Salvation Arm Services.
Regular services will be held tonight at the Salvation Army hall. Sunday's services include a special service, with P. L. Johnson as speaker, at 8 p. m.

Accident Victim Recovering.
Albert Johnson, who suffered a compound fracture on his left leg, above the ankle, Thursday afternoon, is pronounced in good condition today at the Grande fonda hospital, where he is receiving treatment. Johnson was working with logs at the Mt. Emily

UNION HIGH SCHOOL IS ADVOCATED

Wright, H. E. Dixon and the county school superintendent, don't let any home-made lawyer confuse you with regard to these points. Consult a lawyer.

The chief points raised, and discussed around which the most misrepresentation has taken place, are here-with listed and answered:

Why Make Changes?

1. Why cannot lumber operate school as at present and take pay for outside pupils from the funds provided by the county high school tuition tax. Answer: Lumber has a small district and a large school and is not paying a heavy tax, which makes it impossible for them to make improvements, buy new equipment or enlarge the school plant as and when growth demands. Lumber has not received full cost of educating outside pupils, as last year the average cost was \$115.48 for the county while the receipts from the one and one-quarter mill county high school tuition fund was \$79. Lumber's average cost was \$117.17.

What About Grammar Schools?

2. Will the proposed plan affect Grammar school grades in the component districts. Answer: No. (Sec. 490, official pamphlet Oregon School Laws, 1925.) It is for high school purposes only and is different from a consolidated district which unites all grades.

What About Indebtedness?

3. Would the new district assume the indebtedness of any of the lumber district or of any other district? Answer: The union high school district does not assume any of the duties or obligations of the component districts. (Opinion of Oregon Attorney General, Oregon School Laws, 1925, Sec. 490, page 144.)

Why Stipulate Lumber?

4. Why does the petition call for location of the school at Imbler? Answer: The law requires that the location of the site for the proposed union high school be stated in the petition. (Sec. 490, page 144, Official Pamphlet, Oregon School Laws, 1925.) Imbler already has the buildings and equipment and is centrally located. It is the only one of the said districts that now maintains a high school and nearly all of the children in the said districts now attending high school are going to Imbler.

Can Site Be Changed?

5. Can the site of the high school be changed after the district is formed. Answer: Yes, by a majority vote of the people of the union high school district at a meeting called for the purpose. (Sec. 490, page 144, Official Pamphlet.)

What Is Tax Increase?

6. How much would this increase the taxes of those residing in the district? Answer: Last year a levy of one and one-quarter mills was raised for the county high school tuition fund but this amount lacked \$8,147.53 of paying for the actual cost of educating students going to high school from the districts having no high school. Enough has been placed in the budget for the coming year to make up this deficiency which will make the tax levy for the high school tuition fund approximately one and eight-tenths mills for 1926. A law was passed at the last session of the legislature allowing the school board to figure in certain items such as interest on investment, interest on current warrants, etc., as part of the cost of education which they were not allowed to do before. (Sec. 419, page 156, Official Pamphlet.) This will raise the tax levy still more when this is put into effect, making the levy two mills or more. The present cost of operating the Imbler high school:

4 teachers \$5,280.00
Fuel 250.00
Rent, 1/2 building 725.00
Janitor 275.00
Light and power 20.00
Miscellaneous 200.00
Total \$6,950.00

The total assessed valuation of these various districts is \$2,522,565. A three-mill levy on that valuation will raise \$7,567.69; which is \$500 in round numbers more than it costs to run the high school at present. In other words, if this school existed and was in operation, you would pay approximately one mill more than you are now paying. One mill will mean \$100 additional tax for each \$1000 you are now assessed for. This will give your children first-class educational advantages, and give you a voice in their education.

What Co-operation Possible?

7. What arrangements can be made with the Imbler district for the use of buildings and equipment? Answer: The union high school board may, for school purposes, contract with a regular school board for the use of any property belonging to the regular school district for such time and according to such conditions as may be mutually agreed upon between such boards. (Sec. 494, page 145, Official Pamphlet, 1925.) Imbler school board has agreed to rent the portion of the building used for high school purposes at the rate of interest they are now paying on their bonded indebtedness for that portion.

Is Unreasonableness Possible?

8. If the Imbler school district should be unreasonable in her demands what recourse has the union high school district? Answer: They can build their own building any place it where the voters may decide or they can vote to dissolve the district which would leave them the same as before they were united. (Sec. 490, page 144, Official Pamphlet, 1925.)

Are Meetings Required?

9. Can new buildings be erected or the district be taxed for any other purpose without a duly authorized meeting and election held for that purpose? Answer: No. The union high school board has



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Oats—No. 2 white feed and No. 2 gray, December and January, \$3.30.
Corn—No. E. Y. shipment, December and January, \$3.75.

ART CONTEST TO BE HELD IN SCHOOLS

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In the high school contest, to be divided as follows:

Senior—\$50, offered by the art department of the club.
Junior—\$25, by C. A. Hinzman.
Sophomore—\$15, by Mrs. George Stoddard.
Freshman—\$10, by the Art Re-

search club.

At the same time, the members of the Neighborhood club will be entered in a similar art memory contest, for which the art department is giving a prize of \$25. A number of girls' out of high school are taking associate membership in the club for the privilege of enrolling in the contest, the officers report.

To Be Held in January.

The contest proper will be conducted during the third week of January, with the awarding of the prizes scheduled as a part of the club's celebration of art week, the second week in February.

Climaxing at the same time will be an art essay contest among the high school students of Union county. Dr. W. T. Pihl has offered a \$50 scholarship as first prize and the Union county chamber of commerce is giving a second prize of \$20. The awards will be made at the demonstration meeting during February.

Gainsborough's "Blue Boy" is to be the subject of the essay. When the winners of the county schools have been named, they will be brought to a central place for a final competition, which is to involve the writing of a second essay.

Mrs. E. P. Mosaman, who is the mother of the picture library idea that had its beginning in La Grande last February and has since led to the establishment of 40 art libraries throughout the state, is receiving daily inquiries about the contests, and sending out quantities of information to both city and county schools.

J. H. STEVENS,

75, PASSES ON AT LAKE

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Came West in 1855.

The decedent, born in the east April 3, 1850, came west five years later strapped to saddle bags. He passed through the Grande Ronde valley that year, going still further west, but five years later returned to what is now Union county and took up a residence that was hardly broken until his demise.

More than 50 years ago he was married, the ceremony being the first to take place in the old Episcopal church, an historic landmark that was rased more than a year ago to make way for the present modern edifice.

Mrs. Stevens preceded him only a few months before they would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

In business life here, the deceased was affiliated with the Stevens Bottling works on First street between Washington and Adams avenues. As his health failed him, he sold his interests and since then was retired from active business.

Mr. Stevens leaves no immediate relatives to mourn his loss although the entire community and district were saddened today when his passing became known. Fraternaly, Mr. Stevens was a

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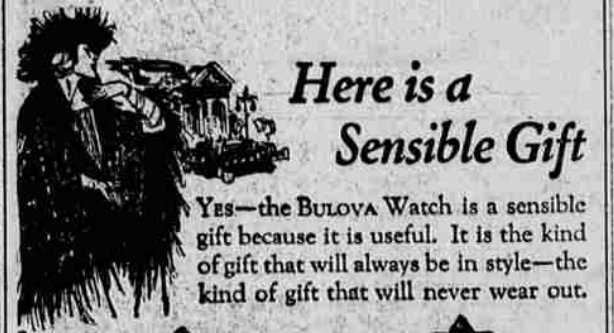
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have lived a life of usefulness.

Following this exercise initiation ceremonies were put on. Alex McKinnon, of the county, year to King of Summerville, Fred Terpany, of Elgin, King of Union and Dr. J. L. Ingle of La Grande, spoke during the evening.

Before the meeting ended it was unanimously voted to continue the county meetings during the next year and dates and places were arranged for them. Everyone voted that Union was a good host.

The proceeds received for the banquet was announced by the master of the Union lodge to be used for the benefit of the Masonic home at Forest Grove.



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