

Local News In Brief

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

Here Shopping—
Mrs. Fred Fox was shopping in La Grande yesterday. Her home is at Union.

Here from Wallowa—
Charles Hunter was transacting business in La Grande the first of the week. His home is at Wallowa.

In City From Imbler—
Mr. and Mrs. George Tucker, whose home is at Imbler, were shopping in La Grande yesterday.

In City From Union—
Mrs. Frank Conner was among the people from Union who were shopping in La Grande yesterday.

To Pendleton on Business—
T. R. Maxwell, manager for the Fletcher Oil company here, went to Pendleton this morning on business.

Shopping in City—
Mrs. W. L. Robertson and Mrs. Frank Braden, both of Berry, were shopping in La Grande yesterday.

Cove Man in Town—
P. J. Roberts, of Cove, in La Grande today, registered at the Sommer hotel.

Ill at Home—
J. P. Tyler, owner of the Blue Mountain creamery, is confined to his home today with an attack of tonsillitis.

Here from Summerville Yesterday—
 Clyde McClellan, of Summerville, was a business visitor to La Grande yesterday.

In City From Union—
 Rex Griggs, a poultryman from Union, was transacting business in this city yesterday.

Business Visitor in City—
 J. L. Soubie, of Baker, was a business visitor in La Grande yesterday.

Here From Portland—
 N. D. Zimmerman, senior member of the Zimmerman, Welles & Trowey company of Portland, is in the city to transact business with the M. E. Emily Lumber company.

Outfit Valetaria Shop—
 Jack Jackson, of the Hoffman Machine company, at Portland, is in town to outfit the new Valetaria shop on Fir street.

Moving from Ranch—
 W. C. Hoppel, cashier for the O. W. R. & N. freight department here, is moving this week from his ranch near Laid Canyon to the Deaton home at Fourth street and Spring avenue.

Mencham Here—
 W. E. Mencham, one of the instigators of the Old Oregon Trail highway movement, is registered at the Foley hotel. Mr. Mencham lives at Baker.

Visited Mother in Portland—
 Mrs. Roy Millering and her little daughter, Frances, arrived in La Grande this morning from Portland, where they have been visiting since Saturday with Mrs. Millering's mother, who lives there.

Attend Dedication Services—
 Colonel F. S. Ivanhoe, local attorney, went to Wallowa this morning where he will speak at the dedication services of the new Pythian temple there.

Here Yesterday from Imbler—
 Mrs. V. A. Berry, whose home is at Imbler, was shopping in La Grande Saturday and visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Glen Salling.

On Business for Hospital—
 Higer M. Larsen is in Portland for a few days on business for the Grande Trade hospital. Mr. Larsen is hospital superintendent.

Mrs. Pinto at Hospital Again—
 Mrs. Nick de Pinto was returned to the Grande Trade hospital last evening for treatment. She had been home only a short time following a previous stay there.

Attorney Senn is Here—
 F. S. Senn, Portland attorney, is in La Grande for the hearing of the South-Storia case scheduled for this afternoon in Judge J. W. Knowles' court.

Here From Cove—
 Mrs. Kelly, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Bess Kelly, and her son, Francis Kelly, all of Cove, were shopping in this city yesterday.

Teachers Exams in Progress—
 Nine teachers reported for the first session of state teachers' examinations at the courthouse this morning. Twenty-five are expected to appear before the end of the week. Superintendent E. A. Seavey is being assisted in the examining by Mrs. Mabel W. Cleaver.

Having Eye Treated—
 The Rev. L. Bouquet returned to his home at Enterprise this morning after having his eye treated by Dr. Bouvy of this city. Mr. Bouquet was cutting wood when a stick hit him in the eye, seriously injuring it. He has been in La Grande since Monday receiving treatment.

Sheriff Home from Salem—
 Sheriff Jesse Brooks returned home last night from Salem, where he conducted three prisoners sentenced from La Grande to the state penitentiary. He visited them at the prison the next morning after their commitment, and found them all in good shape. Ensign Barker, of the Salvation Army, accompanied the sheriff.

Arrived Last Night—
 Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Beroin arrived in La Grande last night from

Portland. Mrs. Beroin is well known here having formerly lived in this city. Provision for her marriage was Mrs. Maud Leander. Mrs. Beroin has recently been appointed local district representative of the Union Savings and Loan association of Portland.

Helped Purchase Sheep—
 H. G. Avery, county agriculturalist, in Cove, and Union today, in business. Yesterday he accompanied Lester Blackwell to Enterprise and assisted him in purchasing four purebred sheep.

To go to Portland—
 Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stewart, of Island City, will leave the last of the week en route to Portland, where they will visit for two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are taking two cars to Portland and are looking for someone willing to drive one of them.

C. C. Gets Magazine Cut—
 The chamber of commerce was recipient today of the cut for the newspaper picture of La Grande used by the Union Pacific system in its December issue of the Railroad magazine. The cut will be used in future publicity of La Grande.

Visiting Eastern Oregon—
 S. M. Kemp, of Oshkosh, Neb., is in La Grande today on his tour through Eastern Oregon counties. Mr. Kemp came west for a visit with his daughter, at Baker, and becoming interested in the county set out on a tour that may lead to his removing here from Nebraska.

On way home from Portland—
 Leslie Gettings, of Wallowa, was in La Grande on his way home after a trip to Portland, where he visited his sister, Mrs. Johnny Sherman, who now makes Portland her home. He was away two weeks.

Finds Sister Better—
 Mrs. C. P. Smith, of Wallowa, who was called to her old home in La Grande, was about 10 days ago by the illness of her 19-year-old daughter, who is now recovering from the patient much better.

Moves to Enterprise—
 C. W. Brown, assistant manager of the Baker store of the J. C. Penny company, has been promoted to the management of the Penny store at Enterprise and moved through La Grande en route to his new location Monday. He will move his family to the Wallowa county seat later.

Traveling Through this Section—
 George Beechill, superintendent for the Potted Contracting Company of Portland, was a visitor at the state highway offices here yesterday. Mr. Beechill is traveling through Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho looking for new business. He was superintendent in charge of the pavement construction at Elgin in 1925.

Relief Visitors to Train—
 The Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Sims, of Elgin, were at the station this morning to bid farewell to their daughter, Mrs. Thomas Hinton, and to the little new grandson who was born in the Grande Trade hospital about two weeks ago. Mrs. Huntington, whose home is at Fossil, Ore., has been

a guest of her parents for two months' edition carries the annual age at Elgin.

Farm Bulletin Special—
 The annual Christmas edition of the Farm Bulletin, published by the county agent, H. G. Avery, is off the press and in the mails today. The Bulletin is a monthly publication distributed to all farmers of the county. This month's edition carries the annual report of the agent.

Has Taught 30 Years—
 Miss Ida Roberts, of Cove, who came to La Grande, last night to be here for teachers' examinations at the court house today, has been teacher in Eastern Oregon for 30 years. At present, she is in charge of a school near North Powder. Miss Roberts also is a newspaper woman, and the daughter and granddaughter of newspaper publishers. With her sister, Mrs. Grace, she edited and published a newspaper at North Powder for several years.

GOLD DEMAND LESS IN WEST
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Banks today reveals a dearth of calls for gold to be given at Christmas. The westerners are making their cash gifts this year in unromantic paper bills.
"It is quite as difficult to persuade a man to take gold these days as it used to be to get him to accept any other kind of currency," observed a banker who has watched the evolution of public sentiment over a period of 20 years.
"When I first came to La Grande, we used to keep a pair of delicate scales at the teller's window for weighing gold dust. Of course, we don't have to handle it very often, but once in a while a prospector would bring in a poke or two. Those scales were relegated to the basement long ago."
"Few banks keep any great amount of gold on hand nowadays. Before the war we regularly carried around \$50,000. Now we have only about \$10,000, and we keep that largely for sentiment's sake—like to have a little gold in the bank, you know. But actually it doesn't pay to keep it in large quantities. Should we turn it in to the treasury now, it would all be weighed, and we should probably take a loss."
Gold coins do not wear off noticeably, but there is a depreciation in weight after a good deal of handling. Sometimes Chinamen have been caught shaking gold pieces in canvas bags, the banker said. They burn the bags to recover the metal that rubs off.
If anyone, out of respect for tradition wants to make a gift in gold this Christmas, he can procure coins in denominations of five, ten and twenty dollars at the bank counter. The westerners, they lament, have forsaken their first love, and turned from gold to bills on crisp, clean paper.

FARM YEAR IS SUCCESS IN COUNTY
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Potato certification will never be successful here until growers learn to rid their fields of disease, the reports says. "Forty-seven growers planted certified seed this year." Of that number 13 fields were tested. Three passed the first certification tests but only one survived the final.
Ten farmers of the county planted additional fields for permanent pastures during the year. The fields ranging in size from two to 80 acres. This is a direct result of the 1924 Agricultural Economic conference report that not enough permanent pastures were available.
Great steps were made in rodent control and in combatting diseases common to fruit and vegetables. Tuberculosis tests by Dr. W. E. Thistlewaite, working out of the United States department of agriculture, revealed a surprising absence of the disease in dairy cattle.
"Hogs have increased slightly in Union county in the past year but the industry is far below the high mark of several years ago." The report says. "Farm sheep have displaced hogs in some places. Breeding stock has not been kept up except in the case of the boys' and girls' clubs."
Additional members and increased results is reported in reference to the boys' and girls' clubs. This work is under direct charge of the county agricultural agent. A large number of awards were received by club members at the Pacific International Livestock show at Portland and the Union Livestock show at Union. Club exhibits in the hog division composed most of the showing at the Union county fair.
Demonstration in home economics resulted favorably and growth in the poultry industry is manifest.
Summing up the year's work, the county agent's office and cooperative services have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars during 1925 for Union county farmers. In protecting the farmer from losses and in increasing his yields.
P. L. Ballard, county agent head with headquarters at Corvallis, in commenting on Mr. Avery's work for 1925, ranked it among the best in the state.

WOMAN'S BILL DEFEATED.
WASHINGTON (AP)—Mrs. Mary T. Norton, new Democratic congresswoman from New Jersey, in her maiden speech in the house Tuesday, closed the role of a defender of the working classes and remarked her appearance reminded her of the saying "fools rush in where angels fear to tread."
She proposed an amendment to the revenue bill to increase the income tax personal exemption to \$2500 for single persons and \$3000 for married persons. It lost, 207 to 64.

CONVICTS FIGHTS PAROLE
SALEM, Ore.—For the first time in many years a prisoner in the Oregon state penitentiary was said to be protesting against parole which is being considered by Governor Pierce. The convict, Harry Bloch, who is serving one year in the prison for a liquor violation.
It was reported that Bloch is opposing his parole for the reason that he is under sentence to serve 300 days in the county jail in lieu of paying a fine of \$1000 imposed by Judge Percy Kelly some time ago for a prohibition offense. Bloch's friends said he preferred incarceration in the penitentiary to serving a term in the county jail.

National Establdford to Be Held at Utica New Year's Day
UTICA, N. Y. (AP)—The Third National Establdford, America's counterpart of the national bardic congress of Wales, will be held in year at the armory here on New Year's Day.
Many entries have been received for the competitions in music, literature, elocution and art, but interest centers in the choral contests. The list of competitors in the solo, duet and quartet numbers also is large.
Rev. Dr. C. Edwards of Kingston, Pa., veteran establdforder, will be the conductor, and Mrs. Anna Davis Wynne of Hamilton, Ont., the official soloist.
More than 100 poems, essays and epigrams have been entered for the literary contests.

Black Marble Quarries Discussed at Banquet
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