

LA GRANDE CHRISTMAS JOYOUS ONE

Santa Claus Visits Community with Pack of Holiday Cheer

CITY THOROUGHLY CELEBRATES DAY

Evergreens Laden with Sparkling Trinkets and Gifts Find Way into the Homes Here.

Santa Claus came to La Grande yesterday—even the veriest skeptic has to admit that—and a boundless train of pack sleds an abundance of Christmas spirit that filled the old town to the last crack and cranny and spilled over into all the country round.

There wasn't much snow, but the old saint didn't seem to mind that. He has lived too long and overcome too many obstacles to be kept from his work by such a trifle.

He must have arrived very early, too, for the nightgowners scattered that except from warm beds into the chilly gray Christmas morning report that their streets were blanketed to the top.

First of all he visited the churches, kneeling through various windows and bounding out of red paper napkins in a mad haste to make his rounds about the Sand Man.

He didn't forget the South Methodist church where preparations to receive him were made.

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CANTATA SET FOR TOMORROW

A Christmas cantata will be given tomorrow evening at the Methodist Episcopal church under the direction of Mrs. Sherwood Williams.

The chorus will consist of 24 voices. The soloists will be Mrs. Ray Fuller, soprano; Paul Knautz, baritone; Sherwood Williams, tenor; Mrs. Sherwood Williams, alto; Mrs. C. J. Downing, Mrs. Fuller, will sing "The Spirit of the World" and "The Christmas Eve" will be sung by "White" who played a "Watchdog" accompanied by the chorus. Paul Knautz will sing "The Heavenly King." A chorus of men's voices will give "March of the Men" after which a trio consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Paul Knautz will sing "Star of Bethlehem." Mrs. C. J. Downing will sing "Hark! Hark! Hark! Hark! Gaily" accompanied by the chorus. Sherwood Williams will sing a solo solo, "Light of Glory." "The Message" will be given by Paul Knautz and Sherwood Williams, a baritone and tenor duet.

The cantata will close with two numbers by the chorus, "The Light of the World" and "Lead Me."

At the morning services at the Methodist church the Rev. G. H. Hedges, formerly pastor of Longview, will sing a solo.

Points of nuts and juicy oranges by the wagon load.

Double stationery, cards and various items for the girls, boys, babies, knives, games and monkeys on sticks for the boys—there seemed to be no end to the toys that came out of Santa's plastic sack.

So warm and full was that day that the thickest fogs were on hand. Even the babies came in their mother's arms for their share of the presents.

The girls spent about \$1200 for their party this year. The proceeds from the 45 shows didn't begin to cover the expenses. If the funds declared they will have to find additional means to finance their Christmas hospitality.

In addition to the party, there was good cheer spread in the form of pantry stores for more than 20 needy families of La Grande. The baskets contained all the makings of a Christmas feast as well as sacks of potatoes, apples and flour for days to come.

Paul Knautz and a half baritone who more of nuts, King, was of sweet melody held his staff warm of reaching it west 1924.

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"Holy City" To Be Sung By Knautz

Band Concert Tomorrow Afternoon Promises to Be Exceptional Treat for Music Lovers.

A concert of exceptional appeal to music lovers—for those who interpret the higher class selections to followers of popular numbers—is promised here tomorrow afternoon when the La Grande municipal band will appear at 4 o'clock in the Arcade theater in the second of the winter series of recitals.

One of the leading numbers on the program will be "The Holy City" by Adams, with Paul Knautz as soloist and Mrs. Knautz accompanying him on the piano.

Other numbers will be played by the band, beginning with the ever popular overture, "Merry Wives of Windsor" by Nicolai.

Another selection of outstanding musical qualities will be Franz Schubert's "Song of Love" from "Hossam Time" which will follow Dally's "Blue and Grey." The Program.

The program is scheduled to begin promptly at 4 o'clock. All who wish to be present are urged to be in their seats at that time so as to avoid confusion resulting from late arrival.

The concert, free of charge, is as follows: Overture, "Merry Wives of Windsor" O. Nicolai

(a) Egyptian Serenade "Aminia" (b) Schmitt from "Lucia" (c) G. Donizetti (Messrs. Robinson, McMillan, Healy, Knautz, Bigger and McManus).

"Dance of the Hours" from "La Gioconda" A. Ponchielli "The Holy City" Adams

Paul Knautz, soloist. Mrs. Knautz, accompanist.

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Beauty



Betty Lee Cooper of Boston was just walking past a theater where one of Florence Ziegfeld's shows was playing. Suddenly a perfectly strange man accosted her. The lady of the young lady brought the explanation that he was none other than Flo himself. Miss Cooper will be "glorified" in a new Ziegfeld show. Yes, she's just it.

DEATH CLAIMS WRECK VICTIM

Hedley J. Muthersbaugh, 40, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident Thanksgiving day at noon, died at the Hot Lake sanatorium at 5:15 o'clock Christmas morning.

The victim's mother, Mrs. Hattie Muthersbaugh, of Portland, had been with him for several days before his death. She was accompanied by Mr. W. T. Fry, an uncle who had been with him since he became apparent that he could not live.

Mr. Muthersbaugh came to the sanatorium two years ago as a patient. He departed after his recovery, but returned again about a year ago to take employment as a laborer. He was suffering during that time from a malady that contributed to his death. The condition was aggravated by injuries to his back that he sustained in the highway accident Thanksgiving day. Other passengers in the car when it skidded off the slippery pavement into the ditch escaped without being hurt.

The body will be shipped to Portland Sunday at 7:45 p. m. by Shogren & Zimmerman. Funeral services are to be conducted at the chapel of Chambers & Co. there on Monday.

Chamber of Commerce To Take a Vacation

As long as the custom with the chamber of commerce, no business meeting will be held in the week intervening between Christmas and New Year's.

Celebrates Christmas With Wedding Ceremony

Christmas observance turned to wedding bells for two couples Thursday evening.

In the office of Justice Hugh E. Brody, Miss Bertha Johnson became the bride of James Harrison Pruitt. They will make their home at Starkey.

Miss Clara Perry and Eugene Siskie, both of La Grande, were united in marriage by Judge E. G. Conch, who performed the ceremony in the county courthouse. Miss Eunice Cottrell was a witness.

District Taxpayers Clear Slate

ALBANY, Ore.—Seven men in Linn county whose state income taxes were delinquent all paid up within the five-day limit and avoided being publicly mentioned. One man paid his tax at the last hour.

GERMANISM DENOUNCED BY ROMANS

Hostile Sentiment Is Flaring Up in Italy; Press Takes a Hand

FASCIST PAPER SCORES "ENEMY"

Occasion for Heat is Report That the German Press Is Anxious over Treatment of Nationals

ROME. (By the Associated Press)—Anti-German sentiment is flaring up in Italy.

Denouncing Germany as "our insubordinate radical enemy" the fascist paper "Impero" published a warning to all Italians against trade and other activities of Germans.

The occasion for the paper's article is the news that the German press is perturbed over the treatment of Germans in South Tyrol, a district which includes the famous Brenner pass through the mountains, the shortest route between Central Germany and Italy.

The Impero announces the formation of an organization known as the "Brenner guard" with its slogan "The Italian of Today Is Insupportable. The Brenner Pass is Not Our Goal but Our Starting Point."

SCHOOL VOTE TO BE MONDAY

A special election on the school budget for district No. 1 for the coming year will be held at the Central school building Monday, December 28, from 2 p. m. to 7 p. m.

Persons who are eligible to vote are those whose names appear on the last tax roll as owning real property in the district or those who now own stock in any corporation shown by the last tax roll to own real property in the district.

There are 120 propositions on the ballot. First, whether the district shall levy a special tax for the year 1925 which exceeds by more than six per cent the special tax levied by said district for the preceding year by levying a tax of \$18,657.24 for the present year; second, shall the budget proposed and adopted by the district school board be adopted by the legal voters of District No. 1.

The total of the school budget is \$15,729.25, \$500 more than last year, but the levy in mills will be considerably less.

HOLIDAY SEASON AT PORTLAND IS DEATH RIDDLED

PORTLAND (By the Associated Press)—One man killed in an automobile accident and a woman found dead three hours after eating a hearty Christmas dinner were fatal victims of the Yuletide hours.

Clyde Baker, 40, was killed, and his wife seriously hurt today when their automobile overturned. Police said they found a bottle of poison on Baker.

Miss Mildred Harper, 49, was found dead three hours after a holiday repast.

The Christmas Season

During the present holiday season The Observer has enjoyed the largest volume of local advertising in its history for a similar period. In last Friday's issue it carried the largest amount of local display of any week-day issue on record.

Today it boasts the largest circulation that it has ever had, and has, according to the publisher, the best news and advertising service, and the lowest readership. Continued improvement in every department is planned to further merit the confidence of its advertisers and its readers—a confidence that is valued most highly.

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GOLD FLOW TO EUROPE CONTINUES

More Than Billion Dollars Loaned to Foreigners in 1925

ALL INVESTMENTS EQUAL \$6,000,000,000

Uncle Sam Again Plays Role of World's Financier; Huge Private Credits Established.

NEW YORK. (By the Associated Press)—The flow of American capital into foreign and domestic investments, comprising loans for governments, municipalities and corporate enterprises, reaches unprecedented proportions in 1925. While accurate computations are not yet available, preliminary estimates indicate that the total of capital flotations eclipsed last year's record of slightly more than \$6,000,000,000.

For the second time in history, American investors poured more than a billion dollars into the foreign loans during the year. Equalized at approximately \$1,200,000,000. Productive enterprises claimed about \$350,000,000 of the total, the gain in this type of business offsetting a moderate decline in government borrowings.

American's commanding position as lender to the world also was strikingly revealed by the establishment of huge private credits to help in the stabilization of foreign currencies. Fortified by the possession of enormous gold stocks, American bankers set aside \$200,000,000 for the protection of Great Britain's return to the gold standard, and advanced many millions to ensure the stability of the Belgian and Italian currencies preparatory to their re-establishment on a gold basis.

Activities in the field of new financing overshadowed in interest the dealings in the bond market, which failed to equidistribute of 1924 in breadth and volume. Prices, however, were maintained on a higher level throughout the year. The upward movement which was in full swing in last year drew to a close was carried over in 1925, reaching its peak in the spring. Thereafter a gradual tightening of money rates caused the pace of trading to slacken and prices ceased to record points from the top although still holding several points above quotations of a year ago.

Turkish Women Given Equal Divorce Right

CONSTANTINOPLE (By the Associated Press)—A new clause in the Turkish civil code puts an end to one of the bitter phases of women's subjection—the right of man to divorce his wife at will and without trial.

Henceforth divorce will be granted only by court decree and only for such causes as insanity, desertion, and unfaithfulness. Women will stand the same chances as men for winning a divorce.

Christmas Dance Ends Up in Killing of Three

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Three men, one identified as Richard "Peg-leg" Langston, a former member of the notorious Los-Vett gang, known as the "Red and Blue" were shot and killed today as a climax of a Christmas dance at the Adonis Social club, a South Brooklyn resort.

Police found the place strewn with broken furniture which apparently had been wrecked in a terrific struggle.

World Enjoys a Gay Christmas of Good Cheer

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The Christian world laid aside its burden Friday and celebrated the gayest Christmas it has known since 1914.

From Washington to the heart of Africa—wherever Christians were gathered—telegraph and wireless chanted hymns of good cheer.

Church services were broadcast to millions and those who spent the day at sea were united with those on shore by radio.

Despite Debts Paris Suppers Will Be Gay

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Revelion suppers to see the New Year in will not be allowed to lose any of their traditional gaiety on account of the debts and difficulties with which the country is struggling.

These debts and difficulties, in fact, affect the state; the individual does not seem to be suffering from them. The average prices in the restaurants show an increase as compared with last year, however.

The New Year's Eve, 1924, the price per plate varied from 25 to 150 francs. While it will still be possible this year to pay only 40 francs (\$1.85), the maximum limit per plate has been moved to 250 francs (\$10) and a party of four will find its bill, with wine and tips amounting to about 2,000 francs (\$80).

Gobbler Or Cock?

Introducing "Morning Glory" the rooster-turkey or turkey rooster of Berkeley, Cal. Because he crows at morning he riled his neighbors who called for the anti-rooster law of their city. But when the cops came "Morning Glory" gobbled like a turkey—for being the son of a turkey and a rooster he can crow or gobble as the mood strikes him. And thus he enjoys immunity from the anti-rooster law—for who can prove he's a rooster?



SCHOOL COUNT SHOWS A LOSS

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special)—The school census of the county, taken early last month, shows 2909 children of the ages enumerated. This is a loss of 49 as compared with last year, and of 696 compared with the high mark of 3306 children counted in 1919, when homesteading was at flood tide and settlers were scattered through the hills and forests.

Three of the towns share in the shrinkage, while Lostine reports two more pupils than last year. Many children are in the schools at the large logging camps, and no doubt some families have moved to the woods from the towns. The valley districts outside the towns hold their own well, showing little variation in a dozen years.

NEW LIGHT ON CAMBRIAN AGE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—A fossilized fish scale, scarcely larger than a match head, discovered at Shullburn, Vt., is forcing scientists to extend estimates of pre-human life, backwards millions of years, the New York Times says today.

"How's dawn old" is the name given this dozen of the Cambrian age which it hitherto has been supposed was peopled only by invertebrates and plants of a low order.

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DEPOSED SHERIFF FACES CHARGES BY GRAND JURY

CLARKSBURG, Miss. (AP)—Indicted on charges of "failing to return the offender" in connection with the lynching of a negro here Saturday night, Dr. S. W. Glass, deposed Coahoma county sheriff, and three deputies were at liberty Friday night on bonds of \$1,000 each.

Another true bill charges Dr. Glass with misdemeanor and crime while an officer, the arrest warrants showed.

GRIM ANGEL MARS XMAS DAY IN U.S.

Flys Over Nation, Touching Many with Heavy Hand of Death

POISON SEPARATES CAPITAL FAMILY

Twelve Accidentally Slain in California; Nine Are Dead in St. Louis; One Woman Fatally Burned

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A broken music record to play with was all Christmas meant to Mary Lorena Harris, aged two years.

Her mother, Mrs. Ruth Caroline Harris, 27, and brother John, 5, were dead; another brother, James, 4, and a grandmother, Mrs. Mary Deyer, in critical condition; and her father, Truman Lora Harris, seriously ill, all unwitting victims of poison eaten Christmas eve, police believe.

The parents stayed up late arranging toys for the children but the gifts had not been touched when Harris late yesterday dragged himself to a neighbor's door and asked aid. Mrs. Harris and John were already dead and Mrs. Deyer and James were found unconscious. Mary Lorena was playing with a broken record.

Several dolls and empty vegetable cans were sent to a chemist and an autopsy has been ordered over Mrs. Harris' body.

12 DIE IN CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—The Christmas holiday in California was marred by 12 deaths in numerous accidents and injury to two score others.

YULETIDE TOLL NINE

ST. LOUIS (By the Associated Press)—Nine dead is the toll of Yuletide merrymaking here.

FATALITY BURNED

CLEVELAND, O. (By the Associated Press)—While preparing to play Santa Claus for her small son, Mrs. William P. Beck was fatally burned.

CAR WRECK FATAL

LOGAN, Utah. (By the Associated Press)—A car wrecked on a road here today.

CONVICT TRIO FIGHTS MOOSE

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Counsel for Tom Murray, James Wilcox, and Ellsworth Keiser, sentenced to hang for the murder of prison guards, has filed motions for an arrest of judgment, asking to have the convictions held null and void on the ground that the three men were not within the jurisdiction of the court which tried them.

Capital Women Advocate Ankle-Length Dresses

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Society leaders in the national capital have begun a campaign against some of the present fashions in the dress and habits of American women.

Mrs. John B. Henderson, long an influential figure in the exclusive circles of diplomatic and official Washington, today made a public set of resolutions to which she has subscribed, calling on society women everywhere to abandon cigarette and modicum attire.

Officers of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Mrs. Henderson said, had assured her they are ready to combat as far as possible habits which threaten the perpetuity of the American nation.

As made public by Mrs. Henderson, the resolutions endorsed by influential society women here are as follows:

"That we are deeply interested in the efforts of certain high dignitaries of church and school who have not hesitated to modify undesirable prevailing fashions for women's apparel, and have repeatedly said the blame to mothers, calling upon them to come to the rescue; that we feel that they do not realize that Dame Fashion is a powerful potentate; that a large number of American girls now wear