

# Local News In Brief

## COMING EVENTS.

June 9, 19, 11—Union Livestock show at Union, Ore.

**In City Yesterday—**  
H. E. Stack, whose home is at Hammett, was a visitor to La Grande yesterday.

**To Visit at Wallowa—**  
Mrs. Jess Spencer went to Wallowa this morning, where she will visit relatives for a few days.

**On Business Trip—**  
George Lind went up the branch line this morning on a business trip.

**Bigan Baby Improves—**  
Little Donald Bigan, who has been ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Bigan, is much improved.

**On Vacation in Idaho—**  
Miss Mildred Weeks returned today from Idaho, where she spent several days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weeks, who are on vacation here.

**Home from Walla Walla—**  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Helm and Mrs. M. J. Helm, who are home from Walla Walla, Wash., where they spent Christmas as guests of Mrs. Helm's mother.

**Leaving Hospital Today—**  
Mrs. Eva Winn, who underwent operation of the Grande (tonsillectomy) about 10 days ago, was removed to her home at Elgin today.

**On Route to Boise—**  
J. E. Hillard and R. T. Schreiber left Tuesday night at the 8:00 p.m. train for Boise.

**Home from Nebraska—**  
G. E. Steverson visited in La Grande on his way to the coast. Mr. Steverson makes his home at Seward, Neb.

**Home for Dental Work—**  
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bombel, of Aberdeen, are guests at the Hotel Sumner. Mr. Bombel is having dental work done.

**Called by Brothers Death—**  
Mrs. H. P. Tyler left La Grande last night for Nora Springs, Iowa, called by the death of her brother, Mr. H. Tyler, who died in the latter part of 1925 in La Grande.

**In Portland—**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dennis and son and Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Croves and son, of La Grande, are registered at the Campbell Court hotel in Portland.

**Coach Bennett Returns—**  
Coach Bennett, Bennett, who spent Christmas with his family in Milton, Ore., returned to La Grande Monday night to supervise athletics for the high school.

**In City this Week—**  
Roy Fugate, of the Oregon Agricultural college extension service, is in La Grande this week. He will visit several points near here while in Eastern Oregon.

**His Sprained Ankle—**  
Mrs. Chester Koyie fell Monday evening and sprained her ankle. She will be unable to walk on the foot for several days.

**Discontinue Dancing Lessons—**  
Mrs. Fred Wells will discontinue her dancing classes until late in January. She is ill and under treatment at the Grande (tond) hospital.

**Will Visit at Enterprise—**  
Miss Thelma Hill, whose home is in Portland, arrived in La Grande this morning on her way to Enterprise, where she will visit for a short time with friends.

**To Visit Grandmother—**  
Mrs. L. E. Tierney and small children (Grandma) were in La Grande this morning on their way to Enterprise, where they will visit Mrs. Tierney's grandmother.

## To Make Home in South Dakota—

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McPherson and family left La Grande yesterday by auto headed for South Dakota, where they expect to make their home. They are traveling in two cars and will stop at several points of interest along the way. The McPhersons have made their home in La Grande for the past two years.

## Issues Four Marriage Licenses—

Business is living up at the county clerk's office. Marriage licenses were issued Monday to three couples: Lloyd K. Hudson, of Joseph, and Miss Mamie Miller, of Enterprise; Earl Dows and Miss Rowena Dobbin, both of Union; Charles F. Lindsey, of La Grande, and Miss Emma G. Carpenter, of Wallowa. Yesterday a license to wed was granted to Clifford McCullough and Miss Geneva Cross, both of Elgin.

## PEDDLER'S COMMISSION RUNS HIGH

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"Canvassing is a great graft," declared a prominent medical man in La Grande as he discussed the situation with an Observer reporter this morning.

"When I was a student, I used to peddle baby swings in the summer to pay my tuition for the coming year at college. The swings cost me \$1.15 apiece, and I sold them like hot cakes at \$2.50."

Yet the sample case totters around the saving of retail and jobbing men's profits.

In the case of hosiery—a favorite line with the hollering bagmen—the investigation showed the boat particularly unpropitious. Local merchants, it was discovered, buy their hosiery stocks direct from the manufacturers in a majority of cases. Not an important store in La Grande, but following this practice and assuring the customer's stockings, quality for quality, at a price the peddler cannot match.

But it is the canvassers' purpose to undermine the public's confidence in the local stores. And they will continue to tell as many persons as they can induce to listen that they can save money by eliminating the merchants' and the jobbers' profits. The money they save, however, goes into the canvassers' pockets. If it didn't, they couldn't afford to be canvassing.

And this is the reason that bankers and merchants and doctors and lawyers want to see the peddler's game exposed.

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## CITY WILL CELEBRATE '26 ARRIVAL

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ning will be the final dance at the country club. Some time ago the organization sold its holdings, to give possession January 1, 1926, and with this affair the present country club will pass into history. A committee has been preparing for the dance for some time and expects to make it a fitting close for the several years of the club's existence.

## "Princess of Peace" Cantata

The sacred cantata, "The Princess of Peace" by Wolcott, which will be given at 5 p. m. New Year's day in the L. D. S. tabernacle and which the public has been invited to attend, is expected to excel anything of its nature presented here of late. The program is made up of 13 numbers, beginning with an organ prelude and ending with a chorus number, "O Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations."

Recitations, vocal and instrumental solos and ensemble numbers make up the majority of selections, and will bring onto the stage some of the finest voices and talents in La Grande.

The cantata is to be presented at the L. D. S. choir under the auspices of the M. L. A. La Grande, first ward. G. Earl Stoddard will be conductor. Mrs. Lester Stoddard organist, and Mrs. Clyde Metcalf, reader. A complete program will be published in The Observer later.

## LANE FRUIT MEN ELECT.

EUGENE, Ore. — Howard Merriam of Goshen was elected president of Lane county horticultural society at its annual meeting at the Eugene chamber of commerce. E. E. Chase of Springfield was elected vice president; R. E. Corum of Eugene, secretary-treasurer, and George A. Dorris, Springfield; C. E. Stewart, Cottage Grove, and M. H. Harlow, Eugene, were chosen on the executive committee.

Professor C. J. Long of the Oregon Agricultural college extension service gave a report of the state horticultural society meeting at Medford, and J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, spoke on the pear canning industry of the northwest.

## CHIROPRACTIC



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Work has been resumed on the Stone Mountain memorial. Above, a workman swung over the face of the memorial in a steel swing.

## Grafters on Way to Death



Twenty thousand persons watched the execution of two Greek officials Zaphiroponos and Drakatos, former colonels, convicted of misappropriating public funds. Photo shows them being led to the execution grounds by a priest.

## LESS WHEAT PLANTED IN THIS STATE

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agents on the situation. On account of the unfavorable weather for plowing and seeding, farmers have been unable to sow as much wheat and rye as they intended. It is now estimated that 25,549,000 acres of winter wheat have been seeded. This represents a decrease of 146,000 acres, or 1 per cent from the area seeded last fall. Prominent causes of decreased sowings were unusually wet weather in some sections, and snow and low temperatures in others. In some sections also, the drought that ended in September prevented planting in the earlier part of the season. Increased plantings, however, are reported for the Atlantic states, and for Kansas, Oklahoma, and a few of the less important states.

The condition of the winter wheat crop, 8.7 per cent of normal for December 1, is 2.2 per cent below the 10 year average. This is due to wet, cold weather. It is above average, however, in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Idaho, and California.

Weather conditions have affected the plantings of rye also, and this is estimated to be 2,426,000 acres, or only 83.8 per cent of the average seeded last fall. The condition of the crop on December 1, 1925, was 2.8 per cent of normal, which is 4.9 per cent below the 10 year average.

Foreign Crop Conditions.  
Foreign crop conditions are reported from Washington, D. C., as follows:  
"Owing to the unusually wet fall in Canada less fall plowing has been done than was done last year. This wet weather, however, has provided an abundance of soil moisture which should be favorable for next year's crop."

"The condition of European winter grains is generally favorable, increases in harvest are indicated in France, Italy, and Bulgaria. The official crop report for Germany for December showed the condition of both wheat and rye to be above the average. The condition of several crops in Russia on November 20 was also above average."

"Private reports indicate a decrease in the Indian wheat acreage due to insufficient rainfall during the closing of the monsoon period. Dry weather was reported to have seriously interfered with seeding in the Punjab and United Provinces, two of the most important wheat regions in India."

"The North American crop outlook is generally favorable and an increased acreage is indicated."

## Crude Materials Lead Month's Export List

WASHINGTON (AP)—Crude materials led the list of United States exports for November. It was shown Tuesday in commerce department figures.

The following expert and important classifications for the period are compared with corresponding totals for November a year ago:  
Exports—Crude materials, \$172,534,000 against \$196,372,000; finished manufactures, 149,232,000 against \$124,895,000; crude foodstuffs, \$19,455,000 against \$58,448,000; manufactured foodstuffs, \$46,972,000 against \$54,461,000; manufactures, \$50,035,000 against \$59,898,000.

Imports—Crude materials, \$135,904,000 against \$196,507,000; crude foodstuffs, 46,588,000 against \$25,078,000; manufactured semi-manufactures, \$59,035 against \$28,930,000; semi-manufactured articles, \$62,225,000 against \$58,917,000; finished manufactured articles, \$70,515,000 against \$61,454,000.

## DRY AGENTS TO GET ORDERS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—All prohibition agents in San Francisco were called recently to the office of Colonel Ned Green, enforcement chief, and given sealed orders marked "to be opened New Year's eve." It is understood the orders concern methods of enforcing the law against drinking in public places.

The agents also were given a lecture on "how to buy drinks and what to do with them," by Judge W. A. Beasley, assistant to Col. Green. Plans for keeping San Francisco dry on New Year's eve include attendance of the better class cafes by agents in evening clothes.

Our ambition is to be a plumber and have an assistant to do our forgetting for us.

## WOMAN DIES IN WRECK

LAKEVIEW, Ore. — Mrs. J. Manning of Silver Lake died here as a result of injuries received when an automobile in which she was riding was wrecked on the lakeview-Falls highway, near Valley Falls. When found in the wreckage of the machine the woman's head was banging through the windshield, the scalp torn from the skull, one

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# SUN'S HEAT IS GREAT FACTOR

WASHINGTON (AP)—By its researches for the last twenty-five years, the Smithsonian Institution has established to its satisfaction that not only is the sun a variable star but the variation in the heat it radiates has a direct influence upon the weather of the earth. It is hoped to make possible by the further development of the science a system for long range forecasting, although that is a field the institution has not entered. Particular interest is attached to the work at the present time because for three years the amount of heat given off by the sun has been below normal, a condition believed by some scientists to represent a periodic swing in solar conditions.

Two stations are maintained by the institution for observing solar conditions, one in Chile and one in California, while Dr. Charles G. Abbot, the director of the Astro-Physical Observatory, is now abroad with funds supplied by the National Geographic Society to select a site for the erection of a third station, in Morocco, Belachistan, or German West Africa.

Describing solar radiation, and its effect upon weather, as well as the work of Dr. H. H. Clayton, the institution said:  
"What stands out clearly is this: 1. Best provision of weather conditions is shown. It is based on a new element, the solar variation, which except in Argentina has hitherto never been taken into account weather services of any of the governments of the world. 2. The accuracy even now attained is sufficient to make Dr. Clayton's forecasts of the weather of next week or next month decidedly better in the long run than a mere guess."

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Work has been resumed on the Stone Mountain memorial. Above, a workman swung over the face of the memorial in a steel swing.

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(Tis rumored this yarn gave the ocean its roar!)

TONIGHT AND THURSDAY

## ARCADE

FRIDAY - "THE SCARLET WEST"