

UNION PACIFIC RECORD BEST

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—The Union Pacific railroad system has been awarded the Edward H. Harriman memorial gold medal for the best record of accident prevention and health promotion among class 1 railroads to the country during 1924, according to advice received today by J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O.W.R.A.N., one of the units of the system.

This medal was awarded upon a record of the least accidents per million locomotive miles and the number of industrial accidents per million man hours. The score of the Union Pacific was 7.12 and the nearest competitor for the honor was the Chicago Great Western with a score of 21.32. The Southern Pacific Pacific system was sixth with a rating of 132.19.

In the silver medal award for the best divisional safety record the central division of the first Pacific railroad was awarded first honor. The second division of the O.W., which extends from Memphis and Louisville to Huntington, was awarded fifth place with a low record of 25.56.

Photographs of the medals have been prepared by the railroad for distribution among employees.

HEADLINES ANNOY HIM

NEW YORK (AP)—Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, admits that he is a hardened newspaper reader, but confesses that there are four words commonly used in headlines that annoy him exceedingly.

These words are "Rap," "Attack," "Attack" and "Play."

Noted Scientist Files Petition in Bankruptcy

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Dr. Herschel C. Parker, world known scientist and geologist, now living at Gold Hill, Ore., has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal district court there, listing liabilities of \$1482.94 and assets of \$1800.

Dr. Parker attracted wide attention when he was found living in seclusion in Portland, at the time his wife obtained a divorce decree from him in New York. His wife, who was Evelyn Nargis, daughter of the portrait painter, Charles Frederick Nargis, obtained an alimony award of \$25,000, and he was the effort to secure this amount that led to his discovery in Portland.

Dr. Parker won fame by disproving Frederick A. Cook's claim to having climbed Mount McKinley in 1921. He was formerly a professor at Columbia university.

New Spirit of Enterprise

DUBLIN, (AP)—A new spirit of enterprise and self-reliance is being developed by Irish girls who heretofore have been noted mostly for their charm and beauty.

Years ago, middle-class Irish girls devoted most of their time to home affairs and the question of marriage to some youth of their native place. Today their outlook is broader, changed very largely by the upheaval in Irish life and politics of the past years.

The political movement which led through the Irish rebellion to the establishment of the Free State, taught the thinking Irish girls that there was something more to do than stay at home and get married. Many have made remarkable successes in drama and comedy on the stage, thereby creating a new role of actresses.

With Dublin University open to women students came the opportunity for them of a students' nature, who have since won scholarships and prizes which qualified them for the learned professions. Many have migrated to other countries to increase their knowledge.

Waldport Bank Pays Dividend

SEASIDE, Ore.—The final dividend of 5 and 2 per cent has been paid to the depositors of the defunct bank of Waldport. The total recovery to the depositors was 65 per cent of the commercial deposits and 100 per cent of savings deposits. This information was given out by William C. Christensen, who had charge of the bank's affairs for the state banking department.

Silk Costly to Farmers

YUMA, Ariz. (AP)—Farmers in the Imperial Valley of California pay nearly a million dollars a year for dredging out of irrigation systems the silt deposited by the Colorado river.

Engineers have estimated the Colorado river carries past Yuma 195,700,000 tons of silt annually and that an average of 185,000 cubic yards of it goes into the Imperial Valley district every month.

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Florida Season Begins With A Heavy Program

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—"Florida season" has begun and from now until mid-March the peninsula will have heavy on the map with winter tourists.

Thanksgiving was the official opening of the winter season at a number of the semi-tropical resorts. Others, more or less popular centers of social and recreational activity, have no special dates for beginning the winter and rush of receiving vacationists, but rather keep "open house." This commenced from the turning of the first leaf in the North and will last until the last tourist departs in the Spring.

Actual tenure of the social season is determined by the whims of society.

In late years there has been a decided trend to "Americanize" the Florida season with that of the French Riviera, to which the local salient is proving a suitable competitor. Fifth Avenue tailors and modistes are showing what the palm monde will wear at Palm Beach and on to the foreign playground is being sharply offset on the Rue de la Paix, where modistes are showing that which will be chic at Palm Beach this year.

Chiefly following Yuletide holidays, Palm Beach, a city whose chief heritage is a honeyed air, a strip of palm-fringed sand, a shining sun and a singing sea, begins to acquire all the accoutrements of a metropolis. Here come the men and women of big and little fame; the legions of rich and newly-rich—all to romp on the beaches, to frolic in the surf, to relax in the shade of palm-studded glades. Palm Beach becomes the capital of society for a season.

Although Palm Beach is the heart of Florida's winter vacationing area, other resorts and even non-resort sectors bear their share in providing amusement and recreation to the in-coming legions from colder and harsher scenes.

From St. John's on the east coast, down around the little keys and up to the head of the Gulf on the west coast, the visitor roams, as well as in lake towns and other interior resorts. A number of out-of-state millionaires maintain palace-like homes along the coasts and in the interior, while other wealthy visitors locate their magnificent bungalows on little coral-banked keys—just large enough to give space to a house and "cellar room." Seen from a distance, these hotels, with the sky as a background, and a light-colored base, have the fairy-like appearance of islands floating in the air.

To meet the anticipated increase in tourists this season, new deluxe trains have been added to the already heavy regular schedule from Florida to New York and Chicago. A coastwise steamship line has eliminated a regular out-of-state port of call and extended its southernmost terminus from Jacksonville to Miami, while a new line has been inaugurated between Miami and Havana.

Hotels have been refurbished and expanded and numerous cottages for tourists' use have sprung up in readiness for the big rush.

XMAS PLAY IS GIVEN AT COVE

COVE (Special)—Mrs. Duncan and her pupils of Prossy school gave a Christmas play entitled "A Strike in Santa Claus Land," Wednesday afternoon. In addition to the play there were several songs by the children. Those present for the program were Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Koger, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Kight, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ingham, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Morris and children, T. G. Wilson and son, Royal Allen, Mrs. Chris Borch, Ray Duncan, Walter Daron, Gladys Daron and Winona Goodall.

Mrs. M. Marks is ill at her home here. Her mother is here from Dayton, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray O. Baker, of Hermiston, Oregon are visiting relatives here during the holidays.

J. F. Dean is building a machine shed.

T. B. Johnson and son, Walter, spent Christmas in La Grande at the L. V. Johnson home.

George Chadwick is on the sick list this week.

N. E. Kight had the misfortune to badly injure his right arm while cranking his car on Christmas day.

A. L. Becker and family spent the Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Becker's parents in Pleasant Valley.

Gladys and Walter Daron are home for the Oregon State Normal school at Monmouth.

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Claude Burford and Howard Packer were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Van Schoonhoven last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chadwick and daughter, Miss Susan, of Union, J. M. Gasset, J. R. Tallent, Mrs. Mary Chambers and L. J. Chadwick and son, Virgil were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil P. Kight Christmas day.

T. B. Johnson butchered six fat hogs Tuesday.

Neil Kight sold a load of fat hogs recently, which averaged 217 pounds at eight months old.

S. W. Koger was a Union visitor recently.

At Prison Gate

This Kendall, convicted bank robber, won't get 100 years, but Mrs. Jim Kendall, his wife, says she'll "stick" that long if necessary. "I will stand stick to her husband for ever, no matter what he does," she told the judge, setting an example of marital fidelity for society. She is 22; her convicted husband is 25. "I'll be waiting at the penitentiary gates when he gets out," she assured the court.



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MADRIGAL CLUB TO SING HERE

Some dashing music to be delivered by a group of spirited singers is promised La Grande for Wednesday evening, March 31, when the O. A. C. Madrigal club will visit the city on its first annual concert tour.

A give club program with plenty of popular features is the description of the concert.

The concert will be presented in the high school auditorium, and will be followed by a dance at Zuber hall, with music by an O. A. C. orchestra. High school students will probably be placed in charge of ticket sales.

This is the first tour the girls' club has attempted. They are including Hood River, The Dalles, Pendleton, La Grande, Union and Baker in their itinerary. Last year the Madrigal club covered this part of the country. They go this season to Southern Oregon, while the orchestra is to play on the coast.

Mercury Still Unable To Go Below 21 Above

Only a few more hours remain until the arrival of 1926 which will mark the passing of the most extraordinary Decembers in local history, as regards weather conditions.

Although the mercury has dropped below freezing point several times, the lowest mark recorded during the month is one degree higher than November's minimum of 29 degrees above. The minimum last night was 21 above. At 10 o'clock this morning 22 above was registered. The low mark for December, 1924, was 15 degrees below zero and several other sub-zero marks were made.

MUNSEY LEAVES BULK OF ESTATE TO N. Y. MUSEUM

NEW YORK (AP)—The bulk of the estate of Frank A. Munsey is to go to the Metropolitan Museum of Arts in this city, under the terms of the will, filed Wednesday.

The trustees of the estate are given five years, or more if necessary, to dispose of his newspapers, the Sun and the Evening Telegram, as well as other business interests, and to convert his assets, including real estate holdings, banking interests and other properties, into cash or securities.

The executives are William T. Dewart, who was elected president of Mr. Munsey's newspaper properties; Richard H. Thiberton, another business associate, and the Guaranty Trust company of New York. The value of his estate was not indicated in the document.

Among the specific bequests are \$250,000 to Bowdoin college, two hundred thousand dollars to the Maine State hospital of Portland, and \$50,000 to the Maine General hospital at Lewiston.

To friends and cousins and collateral connections he makes cash bequests totaling nearly \$240,000, while three hundred thousand dollars is divided among officers and business associates connected with the companies controlled by Mr. Munsey.

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Fleischhacker Willing To Buy Vernon Tigers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Negotiations for the purchase of the Vernon baseball club, owned by Ed H. Meyer, have been opened by Herbert Fleischhacker, San Francisco capitalist, it was learned here Wednesday.

In a long-distance conversation with William Wright Jr., owner of the Los Angeles club, Fleischhacker is quoted as having said that he not only is willing to buy the Tigers, but also would build a million dollar ball park for their home, provided the club could be moved to San Francisco.

Completion of the deal would give the Bay city baseball every day in the week except one.

It is understood in baseball circles here that if the Tigers go north, Bill Lane will transfer his Salt Lake franchise to Los Angeles, occupying Wright's field jointly with the Angels. Wright still declares that he will allow only a team owned by Lane to share the park with the Angels.

If successful, the deal for the purchase of Vernon will be completed at the Pacific Coast league meeting here January 8, it was indicated.

NEW HEAD FOR GAME GROUP

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho—At a meeting of the Coeur d'Alene Fish and Game Protective association, the resignation of Ed Laird, president, was accepted and E. C. Cathcart was elected. Mr. Laird was elected to the position of vice-president following the resignation of H. F. Sherwin, and Mr. Sherwin was elected to fill the place on the board of trustees vacated when Mr. Cathcart was made president of the association.

Thieves Rob Store in Arlie

MONMOUTH, Ore.—Seven hundred dollars in merchandise and about \$20 in cash were stolen from the general merchandise store of J. P. Wierent at Arlie, 12 miles south of Monmouth. It appeared that the thieves were frightened away before completing their haul, as evidence pointed to a hasty exit. No trace of the intruders has been found.

MRS. CORA B. LADLAW DIES

WALLA WALLA, Wash.—Mrs. Cora B. Ladlaw, pioneer of the Wallburg district, died here from acute Bright's disease. She came to Walla Walla to make her home about ten years ago.

Mrs. Ladlaw, a native of Redlands, was born July 15, 1859, and in the early '80s came to this district. Her husband died several years ago. She leaves a son and daughter.

Stockholders Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of La Grande National bank will be held at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 13th, 1926, at 10 o'clock A. M. At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected to serve for the year 1926 and such other business will be transacted as may properly offer.

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