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INTEREST IN
LIBRARY IS
HIGH HERENearly 68,000 Books
Drawn from Shelves
During Past Year3,815 BORROWERS
LISTED FOR 1925Twenty-Eight New Vol-
umes Added to 11,500
Now in Use, Miss Doty,
Librarian, Reports

Not everybody in La Grande patronizes the public library, but those who do read enough books to bring the per capita circulation up to 6.5—a rate is well over the average for the whole United States.

During 1925, a total of 67,245 books were drawn from the library. That is an increase of 4016 over the number taken out in 1924.

With 1,350 new books, the library now has 11,500 volumes on its shelves.

3,815 Use Library

Out of a population of 10,000, there are 3,815 persons who frequent this public institution. Eighty-five new borrowers are represented in that number, and 211 were renewers of their cards. Sixteen out-of-town residents pay tuition for borrowing privileges.

Miss Mabel Doty, the librarian, hopes to increase the list of borrowers to 5,000 during the year to come.

She has not yet had a report from the state library association, but last year statistics showed La Grande library twelfth in size and sixth in circulation.

Last month with a circulation of 6,422, established a record for December, which is one of the slack periods, due to holiday activities.

January Leads All

And January, 1925, scored above all other months since the library was established. There were 2,028 books drawn during the 31 days.

The largest daily circulation last year was 472, and occurred during the observance of national book week. Two hundred twenty-two in

LONEY DATES
BAND CONCERT

The third concert of the winter series being conducted by the La Grande municipal band, will be held in the Nevada theater Sunday, January 24, at 4 p. m. It is announced today by Andrew Loney, director.

The first two concerts have resulted in exceptionally large crowds and both have been of a nature and excellence that required in much favorable comment.

Mr. Loney states that he hopes the third program will outclass the ones that have preceded it.

Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot
Club Planning Big YearSomething
You Want
To Rent

If you have a house or office or garage or farm that you want to produce revenue—rent it through an Observer Want Ad. There are new people constantly coming to the city—and old residents are constantly finding a need to move to a new location.

Tell all about your property—you'll rent more quickly and will save the time of curious investigators. The cost is small—a very small percentage of the amount of rental you will receive. And the returns are certain. Phone your Want Ad—or come in today.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Model Now



What happens to beauty prize winners? Miss Dorothy Dean, who was "Miss California" in 1923, is earning a living in Seattle as a model and hopes to become a poet. "No more beauty contests for me," she says. "Too much hard work."

RADIO FANS IN
CITY DEJECTED

Radio fans, who a fortnight ago were beginning to worry about the constant interference caused, they allege, by some unlicensed telegrapher in La Grande, are becoming frantic after consistent attempts to locate the disturbance have been met with failure. Each night, they assert, the staccato soundings blast programs and make the radio fan's evening a literal nightmare.

A movement is now being started to resort to concerted action and, along this line, a meeting of radio owners has been called for Wednesday night, at 7:30 o'clock, in the La Grande Electric company store, for the purpose of organizing a radio club. Announcement has been made that a \$25 reward is offered for the location of the disturber. Anything leading toward finding and arrest of the telegrapher will be treated as confidential. H. E. Williams, who is offering the reward, declares.

BOY SCOUTS ENJOY
MONTHLY BANQUET

The boy scouts of troop No. 5 gathered at the home of Virgil Kochensperger, at 1512 T avenue last evening for their regular monthly dinner.

Half a Foot of Snow
Falls in Mountains

Six inches of snow fell at the top of the Blue Mountain yesterday, and last evening it was reported by the highway maintenance department at Meacham this morning. State highway equipment was kept busy during the night removing the snow from the highway. Today the road is free from snow and in good condition.

In La Grande the snowfall reached an approximate depth of three inches.

REALTORS
EAGER TO
COME HEREEnthusiasm in Coming
Convention High at
Seattle MeetingENTIRE DISTRICT
TO BE DISPLAYEDLocal Real Estate Men to
Make Event a Commu-
nity Affair, Advertis-
ing Two Counties.

Northwestern real estate men are looking forward to their convention here July 22-24 with real enthusiasm, and La Grande may expect a good attendance from the entire territory represented, according to Sherwood Williams, who returned today from the annual session of the directors of the Northwestern Real Estate association in Seattle.

"I was much pleased with the attitude taken by the leaders in the organization," said Mr. Williams. "They all expressed interest in Eastern Oregon and a desire to become more conversant with its industries and possibilities."

"They were happy to accommodate us with the dates we asked."

"Our principal reasons for wanting them here late in July were the showing that the crops will make just before the harvesting, and the attractions that Walla Walla lake offers at that season."

A Community Affair

"I want everyone to understand that this is not merely a real estate men's convention, but a community affair from which we shall reap great benefits if we put it over in the right spirit. We are

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LONG TERM IS
GIVEN GASKILL

Jesse Gaskill today pleaded guilty to a charge of statutory crime against his own daughter and was sentenced by Judge J. W. Knowles to a term of 20 years in the state's prison at Salem. He will be taken to the penitentiary within a few days by Sheriff Jesse Breshears.

Gaskill, whose home is in La Grande, was arrested by authorities within a few hours after the crime was committed. He was confined in the county jail until November 19, when at his application he was sent to the Eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton for observation as to his sanity.

Owing to the nature of the case, the authorities kept him considerably beyond the usual 30 days. He was returned to the county jail about two weeks ago, however, with the opinion of the hospital physicians that he was mentally responsible for his acts.

Gaskill had expressed a disposition to plead guilty from the first, but had never been arraigned until this morning.

Mrs. Snodgrass Sells
Millinery Business

Mrs. E. Hodel has purchased the millinery stock of Mrs. August Snodgrass and has leased the department in the N. K. W. store, formerly occupied by Mrs. Snodgrass. Mrs. Hodel, moved from her former location in Hodel's department store the first of this week and is now permanently located. Mrs. G. W. Hanel, who has worked for Mrs. Hodel for a number of years, will continue in the department.

Mrs. Snodgrass has retired from the millinery business, and is planning a trip to Seattle, Washington in the very near future.

Governor Pierce Will
Speak at Enterprise

ENTERPRISE, (Special)—Governor Walter M. Pierce will be in Enterprise Sunday evening and will speak at the Methodist church at the regular evening service. Other churches will donate their services so that high congregations can go to hear the governor. He will speak on "The Crime Wave." He will give the same talk in the Walla Walla Methodist church in the morning.

At 6 p. m. Governor Pierce will be given a dinner at the Enterprise hotel. Invitations have been sent to some 25 friends of the governor, as it was necessary to limit the attendance on account of the day and the hour.

MINISTER
POISONED
BY SPOUSEMarriage, After One Day
of Courtship, Ends
TragicallyWIFE CONFESSES,
POLICE DECLAREWoman, Who Has Been
Left a Widow Thrice
Out of Five Matrimon-
ial Ventures, Is Jailed.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio. (By the Associated Press)—Mrs. Laura Christy, 48, left a widow in three of five marriages, in jail today charged with murdering her fifth husband, the Rev. William Christy, 55, whom she first met and married less than two weeks ago.

The vital organs of Christy, who was a representative of the Christian Missionary association of the United States, were being analyzed for traces of poison.

Police said she signed a confession admitting giving her husband

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Star Installing New
Drapes and Curtains

Interior improvements at the Star theater are now well under way, according to Meyers and Bowen, proprietors, who state that they hope to have most of the work inside finished by Wednesday.

New drapes, new carpets, and other improvements will enhance the appearance of the interior. Work on the exterior will not begin until weather permits. This will probably include steepening the front, lowering the entrance along the sidewalk level, change in the lighting effect, and other matters.

I. L. Osborn to Manage
The Savoy Hotel Here

I. L. Osborn has joined the Savoy hotel for five years from Mrs. Fred Holmes and has taken possession. Mr. Osborn has lived in Union county since 1915 and during that time he and his father have been managing a farm near Inlander. He has never been in the hotel business before. Mr. Osborn plans to manage the hotel on the same scale it has been accustomed to, he said this morning.

Predicts Home Life
Will Vanish by 1975

LIVERPOOL, (By the Associated Press)—Professor A. M. Law, prominent scientist, predicts that 50 years hence home life will have disappeared and that people will virtually live in restaurants and hotels.

He prophesied that present day slides will be replaced by giant hydroplanes which will skim along the water at a tremendous speed. Passengers crossing the Atlantic will use airplanes, keeping in touch with their homes by wireless.

Alderson



W. C. Alderson, superintendent of Multnomah county schools, who has announced his candidacy for the position of state superintendent of public instruction. He was educated in the public schools of Oregon and is a graduate of Willamette. He has been affiliated with Portland and Multnomah county schools since 1892. He belongs to the Republican party.

Favorite Foreign Frolics

HAUGHEN BILL
IS SUPPORTED

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press)—The house agricultural committee today approved the Haughen bill providing for the establishment of a division of cooperative marketing in the department of agriculture.

The Haughen bill, backed by the administration, would appropriate \$225,000 to carry on the work of the new division. Its duties would include aiding cooperative marketing associations in disposing of crops and spreading agricultural information among the farmers. The department would employ experts on all staple crops.

XTRA

88 BODIES LOCATED.

WILBURTON, Okla. (AP)—The bodies of all but three of 91 victims of the explosion in the Degnan-McConnell coal mine here Wednesday, had been located at noon today.

NEGRESS MURDERED.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Mrs. Ethel Brown, 27, negro, was shot fatally early today at a rooming house and died later in a hospital. Julius L. Mims, 43, negro, was arrested. He said the shot was fired in a scuffle with Mrs. Brown with whom he was sharing the apartment.

Legion Preparing For
Comedy Presentation

With less than a dozen days to go, concentrated rehearsals for the legion's musical comedy, "The Whirl of the Town," began with 27 prospective members of the cast working under the direction of James W. Evans, of Seattle, the author and producer, at the library building last evening.

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Baker Red Cross Unit
Will Be Closed Down

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—The office of the Baker county Red Cross in the city hall building will be closed for the present, according to a decision reached by the board of directors Thursday.

The issue was forced by the resignation of Miss Honey to accept a similar appointment at Astoria, and because the board had funds for only three months' operations it was not thought advisable to try to employ a permanent worker when it would be impossible to guarantee her a salary until the next roll call.

Oregon Pays
\$40,000,000
For Sickness

President of State Board of Health Asserts Most of Expenditure Is Unnecessary.

HOT LAKE, (Special)—That sickness in Oregon annually costs the state \$40,000,000 was the assertion made by Dr. W. T. Phy, president of the state board of health and the Oregon superintending board, when a gathering was held in the assembly hall of the sanatorium last evening.

"The tragedy of this expenditure is that it is unnecessary," said Dr. Phy. "More than half of it could be saved if people would observe even the most simple and rudimentary of our laws of health."

In his short talk, he touched on the firm hold that health evils and fakers have on the American public. He declared that 75 per cent of those in the audience would not be ill if they hadn't held to the belief that some unscientific method would cure them until when they were seriously ill.

Dr. Phy is the first East Oregonian to hold the presidency of the state board and is the second representative of this section of the state has ever placed on the board. He is also president of the Eastern Oregon District Medical society.

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FIRING SQUAD
KILLS SLAYER

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah. (By the Associated Press)—Ralph W. Seybold paid the extreme penalty for the murder of Patrolman David R. Crowther before a firing squad at the state penitentiary today.

He exhibited unparalleled nerve to the last. The youthful confessed murderer walked unassisted to the death chair.

Dana, who at first received some opposition, has since the appointment of Teller, Republican, of California, been given more support by the Republican party, which support, added to his Democratic strength, seems to give

Intoxication No Excuse
For Committing a Crime

VALE, Ore. (Special)—Intoxication is no excuse for committing a crime, the Malheur county district court held when Delbert Davis pleaded guilty here to a charge of larceny committed while under the influence of liquor. Davis was given a fine of \$50 and a suspended sentence of 60 days in jail.

Davis, a few days ago, was headed for a local dance when a wheel of his automobile suddenly came off and rolled into a patch of weeds beside the road. He told the court he was slightly under the influence of intoxicants, remembers vaguely searching for the missing wheel, and of noticing a car nearby of a make similar to his own. It seemed quite logical, therefore, that in order to reach the dance on time he appropriate a wheel from the parked car, so he helped himself to wheel, tire and chain.

American Sportsmen Save
Wild Life In Zululand

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press)—American sportsmen who cast their bread on the waters for the wild animal life of Zululand find them being returned a thousandfold.

Several months ago the wild animals of Zululand appealed to the sportsmen of the world to save them from wanton butcheries which P. Vaughn Kirby, game warden at Nogoma, warned would soon exterminate them. The game warden's appeal was widely published in America and sportsmen responded in such measure that the governor general of Zululand, the minister of lands and other officials in South Africa, impressed with the expression of sentiment, have given their aid.

Now Game Warden Kirby has advised the American nature association to which he addressed his first appeal, that he believes the danger of wholesale slaughter and extinction has been averted. Thousands of clippings from American newspapers, forwarded to Zululand, are being used, the game warden writes, in a campaign of education to conserve the animal wild life of the country.

"We thank the newspapers of the United States," said Charles Lathrop Pack of the nature association, in making the announcement. "This response by the American people is one of the most remarkable we have ever known. It was the helping hand of the group of nature lovers to another across the seas."

In an acknowledgment to American sportsmen, addressed through the nature association, Game Warden Kirby wrote:

"The common ground on which we stand together as friends is that of our mutual love of the beautiful, helpless creatures of the wild; our love for nature and her beauties. I particularly ask the following named to accept my grateful thanks: Winthrop Packard of the Massachusetts Audubon Society; George F. Veith, Norfolk, Va.; Abolition Fraser of Kentucky; P. R. Marsh of Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Sales of Colorado; P. L. Burton of Buffalo, N. Y.; F. Rathbun of Seattle; Carlton G. Murray of Michigan; Master J. E. Brubaker of Pennsylvania; Master Ben Fawcett of Ohio; Master Sam P. Eastman of San Francisco and Master Merrill Wood Harriaburg, Pa."

PRESIDENT
HEARS PLEA
FOR DANACrumppacker, of Oregon,
Calls on Coolidge in
Oregonian's BehalfPORTLANDER MAY
SUCCEED HANEYRepublicans, as Well as
Democrats, Seek His
Appointment to Ship-
ping Board.

WASHINGTON. (By the Associated Press)—Representative Crumppacker, Republican of Oregon, called on President Coolidge today to urge the appointment to the shipping board of Marshal N. Dana, Democrat, of Portland, who has been endorsed by Senator McNary and various shipping and commercial organizations representing the Portland territory.

Crumppacker told the president Dana had the solid support of Oregon business and shipping men, and that he is eminently qualified for the position.

DANA WELL KNOWN HERE

Marshal N. Dana, associated editor of the Oregon Journal, of Portland, was first mentioned for appointment to the United States shipping board shortly after the president requested Bert Haney to tender his resignation, which he refused to do.

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ATTACK GIRL
WITH WRENCH

CHICAGO. (By the Associated Press)—Margaret Milliken, 14-year-old heiress, was attacked with a wrench and knocked senseless a block from her home as she returned from a beauty parlor on the fashionable Sheridan road last night.

Her assailant, believed by police to be either a kidnaper or moron, fled when she screamed. A woman who witnessed the attack drove away in a taxicab before the police arrived.

The girl is the daughter of A. O. Milliken, wealthy head of Armour and company's foreign accounting department.

Mississippi Mules
Murder 50 in Year

JACKSON, Miss. (By the Associated Press)—While not as famous as his Missouri cousin, the Mississippi mule promises to make a name for himself. A check of the criminal activities of the obnoxious animal by the state bureau of vital statistics reveals that 50 deaths resulted in the last year from his vicious traits.