

### RODGEMEN CHEER PIERCE, BRAGG

#### Knights of Pythias and Sisters to Send Both Congratulations

Men, women and children arose and gave three rousing "hip hip hurrahs" for Governor Pierce and P. B. Bragg for their enterprise in bringing the normal school to La Grande, last night when over 100 Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters and their children were present at a turkey dinner served by the knights in the banquet hall of the lodge rooms. Furthermore the gathering voted to send written congratulations to these two men, both of whom are members of the local lodge.

H. J. Kitchen acted as toastmaster and called for after dinner talks from P. S. Trumbo and A. W. Nelson, both of whom touched briefly upon the selection of this city as a normal school center. Trumbo declared that normal schools represent the highest type of higher schools of learning. Nelson mentioned the possibilities of support and cooperation by the knights and sisters with the city in making La Grande a fit place for normal school pupils to live in. At this point the dinner adjourned to the lodge room where the program was continued. James Webb, chancellor-elect of Blue Mountain Lodge at Union, and also grand orator of the grand domain of Oregon, spoke, dwelling on the fact that the Union lodge, having but 57 members has had two members adorned with the highest offices in Oregon Pythianism, namely grand chancellor and supreme representative. They were the late Turner Oliver and Marion Telford. W. H. Shira, now of La Grande but for the past 20 years or so a citizen of Hanbrook, B. C., and a member of Lodge 33 of that city, was called upon and addressed the meeting. Shira is an old-time resident of this county, having lived in Hilgard until about 20 years ago. He also has the distinction of being a member of the first Pythian lodge organized in Idaho.

Dr. Le Roy was then called upon and spoke on the benefits of fraternalism generally and the knights in particular.

Music was first by lodge members. After the program the guests participated in card playing and dancing.

#### PLAN CANTATA

PERRY, Ore., Dec. 24 (Special)—The pupils and teachers of the Perry school are busy preparing a Christmas cantata, which they will give at the community hall Thursday evening, Dec. 23. There will be a Christmas tree in connection with the program. As is their annual custom the management of the Grande Lumber company will treat the children to a party at the community hall.

#### HIGH BOOTS IN VOGUE

NEW YORK—High white boots are the latest. Yvonne Printemps wore them all the way from Paris. She's here with her husband, Sacha Guitry, playwright. Married seven years ago they are still on their honeymoon. In his opinion a man who really loves his wife loves her alone.

The world's most ardent motorist is an Alaskan who owns an expensive automobile which he drives over his own private road, 200 feet long, because Alaska's 1700 miles of splendid highways are not available to him in his backwoods home.

The slant of the world war would not make a third of the toll of human life exacted by Genghis Khan during his reign over Asia.

A clock made entirely of straw, even to the wheels, weights and pendulum, has been constructed by a skilled clockmaker.

#### PERSISTENT



Four years ago Mary McClinton eloped with Dick Lebert, Washington, D. C. movie organist. Congressman James V. McClinton, her dad, had the marriage annulled. But they rewed recently, when this photo was made.

### THE NEW HOPE



#### Crop Estimate For Wheat, Corn Is Made Public

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Revised estimates of this year's crops announced Monday by department of agriculture, place the corn at 2,695,000,000 bushels and total wheat production at \$22,205,000 bushels.

The revisions were made on the basis of the latest and fullest reports including available census bureau data.

Production of other crops was announced as follows:

Winter wheat 625,629,000 bushels; spring wheat 295,376,000; oats 1,253,739,000; barley, 191,192,000; flax seed, 19,459,000; white potatoes 257,000,000 bushels; hops 29,428,000 pounds; apples, 216,460,000 bushels; pears 25,644,000; grapes, 2,349,117 tons.

#### SPEECH BANNED



Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead, vice president of the National Council for Prevention of War, was to make a peace speech before students of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga. But she didn't. The invitation was withdrawn when city and American Legion officials protested. Thereupon Mrs. Mead addressed the Decatur League of Women Voters. Mrs. Mead is an advocate of recognition of Soviet Russia.

#### A Tree That Is a Tree!



"Sequoia gigantea" is the botanist's name, but to Californians it's the "General Grant tree"—a tree that would top the national centennial by a comfortable margin, as the pictured comparison shows. Under its branches, California will hold a unique Christmas celebration, with David Starr Jordan as the principal speaker. A message from President Coolidge will be read. The "General Grant tree" is 264 feet high and 106 feet in circumference at the base. It was growing long before Christ was born.

### SUICIDE THEORY NOW UNDER FIRE

#### Attorney for Mrs. Ingersoll Declares Probasco Pursuer, Not Her

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—The suicide theory attached to the death of Mrs. Robert H. Ingersoll, who is alleged to have severely wounded Wallace M. Probasco in her fashionable Park avenue apartment on Sunday and then turned the pistol on herself, today was under the fire of her attorney Frederick C. Leubuscher.

In a statement issued after Probasco had been released from the prison ward at Bellevue hospital on \$2,500 bail on a technical charge of homicide and removed to a private sanitarium, Leubuscher denied that Mrs. Ingersoll owed Probasco money, said Probasco was the pursuer of the dead woman and demanded a thorough police investigation.

"News articles so far advanced, all of which emanate from the Probasco side, seem to indicate that Mrs. Ingersoll was the pursuer and Probasco was the pursued," he said. "I have letters to show that it was the other way around; that he was infatuated with her. Mrs. Ingersoll had forbidden him to enter the house."

He said that only a few days before the shooting, Mrs. Ingersoll had authorized him to start three weeks' vacation, one for the recovery of jewelry and the others for the recovery of money. Probasco was released on bail by a

special homicide squad. The woman claim him an eye on John Coolidge, at Amherst. After the holidays R. C. Wood will relieve Colonel William L. Starling, who is reported as disliking the severe New England winter.

#### THREE WIVES?

CARMEL, N. Y.—Nine one-thousand dollar bills are sought by Putnam county and three women. They were found on a bootlegger when he was killed in an auto crash. The county thinks there are

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#### PAY FOR GOLDEN VOICE

NEW YORK—A voice from the prairies now has full recognition as golden. Voluntarily the Metropolitan opera has given Marion Talley a new contract based on last year's \$100,000 drawing power and prospects. The amount is not disclosed, but her fee for one concert is \$3,000 and up.

To retain housemaids in London, some families are offering ten weeks' vacation, eggs and bacon, radios and the use of the family car.

#### PICKPOCKETS BUSY

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Several Eugene men have reported to the local police that their pockets were hit, and the contents of the pockets removed while they were in the downtown Christmas crowds the past two days. The thieves, not discovered until some time afterward, so detective was the wielder of the knife.

The free library of Philadelphia claims the record in delinquency of patrons. A book was recently received from Holland which had been out for one hundred years.

The wheel is by many considered the greatest invention. Without it modern transportation and motive power would be impossible.

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