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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Probably occasional rains in the west and rains or snows in the east portions tonight and Saturday. Fair Saturday clearing, Saturday.

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SNOW GIVING VALLEY OLD TIME XMAS

Merry Preparations for Santa's Visit Complete Here Today

ELKS' PARTY DUE TOMORROW MORN

Lodges and Churches to Hold Programs—Salvation Army Plans Dinner for Unemployed

A blustery wind, driving snow flakes before it, enshrouded the Grande Ronde valley today in old-fashioned Christmas weather and when Santa Claus comes tonight he won't seem so far from his North Pole climate. The temperature last night dropped to 11 above zero and another cold night is promised for Christmas eve.

The city, however, continues its merry preparations for the annual visit of St. Nicholas.

The B. P. O. Elks are ready for their Christmas day party tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the intersection of Washington avenue and Depot street. Gifts will be ready for some 2,000 children by this evening.

Before the Elks party, the children of the city will be treated to a motion picture show at the Star theater through the courtesy of Meyers and Bower, proprietors. No charge will be made and a full house is anticipated.

Schools Closed

The La Grande public schools closed yesterday afternoon until Jan. 3. Exercises were held in all schools excepting the high school, Santa visiting many of the grade rooms.

The Salvation Army will have its Christmas tree for the poor children and Christmas parties throughout the churches are scheduled for tonight and tomorrow.

The Salvation Army will also give a Christmas dinner tomorrow to unemployed men and women between 1 and 2:30 o'clock. The army is also providing a Santa Claus who will make home calls for a small charge.

The annual Christmas services of

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JACK LA BINE IS LODGED IN COUNTY JAIL

Jack La Bine started serving a six months term in the county jail yesterday. La Bine was tried in the justice court here several months ago on a charge of possession of intoxicating liquor. He was found guilty and appealed the case to the circuit court, where he was again found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of $500 and serve six months in the county jail.

The case was appealed to the supreme court, where Judge J. W. Knowles was upheld.

THE OBSERVER IS REMEMBERED

In the midst of holiday shopping and festivities, the hundreds of Observer readers out over the valley might readily be too busy to think of their subscriptions. Such is not the case—each day there are a number of visitors from nearby communities who drop in, order The Observer for another year and extend the greetings of the season.

From Summerville, from Elgin, from Union and Cove, from Imbler and Alicel, from North Powder and Telocaset, from Island City and Perry, and from up in Wallowa county they have come to remember The Observer at Christmas time. There are over 1200 families in and near those communities who are regular, loyal Observer readers.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Seal Sale Ends Today; Success Crowns Efforts

More Money Taken in for White Plague Work Than Ever Before, Leaders Believe.

The Christmas seal sale will close this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and although figures on the total amount of money taken in will not be known until after that time the amount is in advance of previous years, the committee announces.

As during the entire campaign the seal sales booth in the postoffice leads in the number of seals sold.

The various churches of the city have been in charge of the booths during the sale, until today, when the church women were relieved by the campfire girls, who are winding up the campaign. Miss Dorothy Brownton, campfire girl president, is in charge.

Started Month Ago

The seal sale started four weeks ago when a committee solicited the business section of the city and sold posters and seals. These women were Mrs. William Wilson, Mrs. Clyde Zimmerman, Mrs. A. R. Bowen, Mrs. Grace Molitor, Mrs. W. H. Perry, Mrs. W. J. Nowland and Mrs. E. A. Stravens.

Church committees have been in charge of the sale throughout. Mrs. E. L. Meyers was chairman for the Catholic women; Mrs. George Stoddard, the Latter Day Saints' church; Mrs. E. O. Payton, the Methodist Episcopal church; Mrs. R. F. Hommell, the Baptist church; Mrs. W. E. Buchanan, the Presbyterian church; Mrs. A. L. Voels, the Christian church; Mrs. H. W. Bailey and Mrs. Lee Warnick, the Episcopal church; Mrs. L. D. Meggers, the Nazarene church; Mrs. Zigler, the church of God; Mrs. Nels Nelson, the English Lutheran church and Mrs. R. A. Bergin the Adventist church.

Express Thanks

Mrs. Floyd McKennon and Mrs. Evelyn Hearnshaw, county seal city chairman, wish to thank these women and their assistants for their cooperation in making the sale a success. They also wish to thank Mrs. Ward Fowler, who has assisted by acting as secretary during the sale.

Child Burned to Death Dec. 15 at Home Near Flora

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Dec. 24.—A tragedy which brought sorrow to the north end happened last Wednesday, Dec. 15, when Eldon Lee Martin, 15 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Martin, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed his parents' home at the old J. A. Doran sawmill, four miles south of Flora. The infant was sleeping alone in the house when it caught fire.

Martin and his brother, Roy, were sawing wood not far away and Mrs. Martin had been washing. When her clothes were ready for the line, she put the baby to sleep and went to the old mill, a short distance away, to hang out her wash. When she returned to the house, the whole interior was in flames and the mother could not enter. She ran to the men and they hurried to the house but were helpless and all they could do was to look on in horror. The body was nearly consumed in the fire.

Brief funeral services for the child were held Thursday at the grave in the Martin cemetery, three miles west of Flora.

Bodies of Mother, 8 Children Found

FARWELL, Tex., Dec. 24. (AP)—The bodies of Mrs. George J. Hassell and her eight children were found in a caved-in dugout on their farm three miles east of here today and the husband George J. Hassell is in a hospital here suffering from knife wounds. The family disappeared from their home three weeks ago.

SNOW AT HOOD RIVER

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Dec. 24 (AP)—Three inches of snow fell here last night and snow was continuing to fall today.

MESSAGES OF GOOD CHEER FROM EUROPE

Powers Emphasize World Need for Peace and Good Will

ARMS LIMITATION SOUGHT BY BRITISH

United States Hopes to See Mutual Trust Established During the Coming Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. (AP)—Christmas messages from the diplomatic leaders of two hemispheres emphasizing the world's need for peace and good will are published today by the New York Herald-Tribune. The messages were sent in reply to the questions "how can world peace and international will be best advanced in the coming year?" and "are existing international arrangements for the promotion of peace adequate to maintain it?"

Some of the replies, in part, were:

King Albert of the Belgians—"The peace of the world can be insured only by the universal good will of the peoples, and this good will depends largely on the ability of these peoples mutually to understand one another."

Premier Wakatsuki of Japan—"In the spirit that prompted Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, is still to be found the salvation of the race."

Secretary of State Kellogg of the United States—"I should rather see accomplished during the coming

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HOSPITAL XMAS WILL BE MERRY

Patients Will Not Miss Yuletide Spirit—Farm, Jail Make Plans

No one in La Grande should be unhappy this Christmas, with the Eagles' lodge, the Salvation Army and other churches and organizations providing for the needy families, it is said. Provisions are also being made for a happy Christmas for the inmates of the county jail and for those at the county poor farm.

Patients and workers at the Grande Ronde hospital will also have a Merry Christmas, according to the present plans. This afternoon a group of high school girls will visit the institution and sing Christmas carols for the entertainment of the patients, and tomorrow the sick there will enjoy a regular Christmas dinner, with roast turkey and all the trimmings. Trays for the evening meal today will be decorated in keeping with season, the superintendent at the hospital reports.

But the patients are not the only ones who will have a real Christmas, the hospital staff will also have a turkey dinner tomorrow, in addition to a Christmas tree this evening. The tree is already up and decorated and tonight at about 7 o'clock the nurses and other workers at the hospital will assemble for a Christmas party.

Cooe at County Farm

Roast goose will be the principal feature of the Christmas dinner at the county farm which will be at about 2:30 or 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes and lemon cream pie will make up the rest of the menu. They, too, will have a Christmas tree this evening with plenty of candy and nuts for everyone.

Prisoners to Receive Gifts

The 13 inmates of the county jail have taken up a collection among themselves, amounting to nine dollars, and will buy their own Christmas treat. They will have a regular Christmas dinner tomorrow, in addition to plenty of candy and Christmas smokes.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN DIES ON CHRISTMAS

Nation of the Western Pacific Mourns Passing of Its Mikado

DEATH OVERTAKES MONARCH 1:25 A. M.

Crown Prince Hirohito, Made Regent in November, 1921, to Be Japan's 124th Ruler.

TOKYO, Dec. 25. (Saturday) (AP)—Emperor Yoshihito, of Japan, died of pneumonia at 1:25 a. m.

Yoshihito's condition became desperate at 12:25 a. m. His respiration was 84, his pulse too fast to be counted. Rattling in his windpipe was noticeable. The numerous physicians who had attended him for a fortnight did everything possible for the monarch, but his condition was seen to be hopeless.

Crown Prince Takes Throne

Crown Prince Hirohito, who has been regent since November, 1921, succeeds to the throne becoming Japan's 124th emperor.

Prince Regent Hirohito and other members of the imperial family were gathered at the monarch's bedside in his villa at Hayama, where the emperor became critically ill of pneumonia Dec. 2. Bronchitis, which attacked his majesty several weeks previously developed into the more serious disease a fort-

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Cantata Will Be Presented Here In M. E. Church

H. W. Petrie's Christmas cantata, "The Light Eternal" is the vehicle via which the community chorus will make its debut in La Grande. This selection of choruses, solos, duets and trios, was chosen just recently by the authorities of the chorus, and its presentation will prove interesting in two distinct ways; it will give La Grande folk an hour's Christmas inspiration and it will allow the public to hear the chorus which has been under process of formation for six weeks under the management of the Monday Musical and the direct instruction of W. W. Nusbaum.

The cantata will be presented at the Methodist church next Sunday evening under the direction of the Monday Musical and will, without doubt be largely attended—in fact, special arrangements have been made to utilize every foot of space. The doors open at 7, and the program begins at 7:30 o'clock. Admission is free, but a free will offering will be taken.

Many of the churches are closing their own doors that evening to allow participation in the community venture.

The numbers to be sung and the special participants in them follow:

"Praise the Great Redeemer"—chorus.

"It Speaks to the World"—G. L. Dution, Paul Knautz, and chorus.

"God Hath Given a Son"—George Birnie and chorus.

"While Shepherds Watched"—Mrs. C. S. Moore, Elwood Gwilliams and chorus.

"Star of Bethlehem"—Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Williams, Paul Knautz and chorus.

"The Dawning"—contralto solo, Mildred Lovett.

"He Came to Give Salvation"—Sherwood Williams and chorus.

"Born in a Manger"—Mrs. Moore and chorus.

"The Light of Glory"—Richard Dykins and chorus.

"The Message"—J. T. Longfellow and Earl Stoddard.

"The Light of All the World"—G. L. Dution and chorus.

"Angel Voices"—soprano solo, Mrs. Leo Miller.

"Lead Me"—Mrs. Moore, Mr. Dykins, Miss Lovett, Mr. Knautz and chorus.

Mrs. Lester Stoddard will preside at the organ, and Mrs. Harley H. Richardson at the piano.

The Light That Cannot Fail

By BISHOP WILLIAM P. REMINGTON

The keeping of the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth bears witness to an astounding influence in the world, immeasurably greater than any outward expression of the Christian faith. Millions of people all over the earth who never join in a carol nor lift their voices in praise of the newborn King, yet feel the spirit of the season, the grip of the fingers of the Christ Child upon their heart strings, and it brings a new look into hard and selfish faces. The message of the Angels is so compelling that it breaks through all discordant notes. Strife, envy, hatred, the sordid pursuit of wealth and the tempting voices of sensual pleasures, are stilled, for a season and humanity is carried out of its earth-bound prison into the fresh air of love, peace, and good will. It is as though the greatest "sending station", of all, controlled by the Master hand, had issued a yearly degree: "Clear the air for the angel choirs, for the good news of all ages. Behold unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

Light That Never Fails

There is just one light that never fails, and that light glows brightest when the Star of Bethlehem shines over the hills and irradiates the earth. It is a light which makes man aware both of his character and his destiny. All the rest of the year he may think of himself as a "go-getter," an active successful business man, but now he must see himself as a child of God, a spiritual creature, one destined to immortality. The message is not simply for the chosen people of God, the elect individual or nation, it is for all, and that means every one, no matter how worldly or sordid or selfish or unlovable. The point about Christmas is that on that day a message is filtering through which is so universal in content and meaning that it transcends the bounds of race or color, nation or creed. In its universality it satisfies the religious instinct of man because it is based upon the spiritual character and destiny of humanity. The Son of God came to earth in order that man might have authoritative assurance of his inheritance as a child of God.

Of course, it was inevitable that this good news should be given a variety of interpretation, just as the beauty and truth of the Creator has a manifold expression in nature. The Light of that Star of Bethlehem has been broken up into the colors of the spectrum because of the media through which it has been passed. If one really loves the light, he is not disturbed because it appears in different colors, but he must insist that it takes all the colors to make the clear white light of truth. Perhaps we have reached that tolerance of view which admits that others may be worshipping the Christ Child, even if they do not sing the same hymn nor say the same creed. At least on Christmas the flood gates of love, peace, and good will are unloosened and a person must be a remarkably strong swimmer to battle against such a flood. To hold fast to one's own narrow conception of the truth and of the purposes of God, is indeed difficult on the anniversary of the birth of Jesus.

Give High Praise

We should give high praise and unfeigned thanks for the message of Christmas in all ages, but especially in this Twentieth Century. If you don't think the old world is any better than it was, read your history or go and live in some place where Christ is not known. Be a real pagan, a genuine barbarian, and suffer their cruelties and lust.

Thank God for the good news of Christmas, for there one finds a truth inherent in all religion, an answer to the soul hunger of every child of man. The great question of life is not how God made me, but what sort of a being am I now that I have been made? The problem of existence is not how much can I get out of my three score years and ten, but how can I fit and educate myself for eternity. Be-

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JUST PURE HAPPINESS!

Do you remember your first Christmas tree? If so, you don't need to be told anything about the smile on this kiddy's face! Isn't she a picture of happiness, though? And, tonight, there will be thousands upon thousands of others, just as happy.

Revolutionary Conditions in Nicaragua Worse

President Appeals to the United States for Aid —Mexico Accused of Assisting Rebels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The revolutionary situation in Nicaragua apparently is becoming increasingly serious. Rear Admiral Julian L. Latimer, in command of the American special service squadron in Latin American waters has found it advisable to land a force of blue jackets at Rio Grande bar and to proceed, himself aboard his flagship, the Rochester, to Puerto Cabezas, the chief center of the revolutionary movement.

Meanwhile Adolfo Diaz, the conservative president of Nicaragua, who has been recognized by the United States and is being opposed by the liberal revolutionary group headed by former Vice President Sacasa, recognized as president by Mexico, has renewed his appeal for American intervention.

He announced last night that he had commissioned Dr. Alehandro Cesar, former Nicaraguan minister here, to come to Washington to express to the American government "the earnest desire of my government to bring peace to Nicaragua."

Reiterating his charges that the Sacasa faction is being supplied with guns and men by the Calles government of Mexico and that "insidious Mexican propaganda is being broadcast daily by Mexico," he declared "Mexican oppression is becoming so strong that eventually I cannot cope with it, and I again appeal to the American government for American intervention, which, with its high ideals is many times more desirable than Mexican culture allied with barbarism."

Fighting on the east coast where the United States has several naval units, he related, is becoming, "more tense and severe" and "the loss of life during this revolution is appalling."

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 24. (AP)—President Diaz narrowly escaped assassination last night.

Arguments Start In McDermott Case

CANTON, Dec. 24. (AP)—The case of Patrick Eugene McDermott on trial charged with the murder of Don R. Mellett, Canton publisher, was given to the jury at 4:29 p. m. today.

CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 24. (AP)—Arguments of counsel in the trial of Patrick Eugene McDermott, charged with the murder of Don R. Mellett, were begun today.

Airmail Pilot Dies Of Wreck Injuries

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 24 (AP)—R. B. Patterson, airmail pilot known in the aviation circles of the Pacific coast as "Pat," aged 23 years, whose plane crashed into the face of a butte in the foothills of the Siskiyous Dec. 16, on a southern flight with mail, and sustained serious injuries, died late yesterday afternoon from infection. The end was unexpected. Bulletins from his bedside up to yesterday, told of continued improvement, and the aviator had rallied strongly from the initial injuries and shock.

In accordance with his oft-expressed wish in life, the ashes of R. B. "Pat" Patterson, air mail pilot will be scattered from an airplane over the lonely mountain butte in the foothills of the Siskiyous.

Children Adopted Before Christmas

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. (AP)—Scores of homeless waifs in New York and London will have real homes this Christmas, with fathers and mothers all their own, as a result of a rush of childless couples to adopt children.

Twenty-two youngsters, many of them nameless, have ridden the tide of Christmas favor for orphans in New York homes, two of them becoming heirs to fortunes and socially prominent.

19 DIE WHEN FAST TRAINS HIT HEAD-ON

Ponce De Leon and Royal Palm Collide Near Rockmart, Ga.

BOTH RUNNING AT HIGH RATE SPEED

Passenger Under Orders to Take Siding But Freight There, Railroad Officials Say.

ROME, Ga., Dec. 24. (AP)—Robert M. Pierce, engineer on the northbound Ponce De Leon that crashed into the Royal Palm, southbound, at Rockmart, Ga., died of his injuries in a hospital here this afternoon, bringing the death list to 19.

ROCKMART, Ga., Dec. 24 (AP)—Eighteen persons perished as a result of the head-on collision here last night between the Ponce De Leon, northbound from Miami to Chicago, and the Royal Palm, southbound, on the Southern Railway. The seriously injured numbered 29.

The death today of little Goldie Williams, of Detroit, in a hospital at Cedartown, and of W. H. Brewer, baggagemaster on the Ponce De Leon, in a hospital at Rome, brought the total known dead to eighteen.

Railroad officials said they did not believe more bodies would be found in the wreckage which had been thoroughly searched.

Four of the dead are negroes.

The Ponce De Leon with R. M. Pierce, road foreman of engines at the throttle, was maintaining its schedule with a long train. It was under orders to take sidings at Rockmart to pass the Royal Palm which had pulled up the main line to await the northbound train. Railroad officials at the wreck said the siding was occupied partly by a freight train which also was believed to have caused Pierce to think that the Royal Palm was on the side track.

The Ponce De Leon coming down an eight-mile grade at high speed, hit the Royal Palm engine head-on. The day coach of the northbound special jammed into the diner just behind. The dining car was levelled and only three occupants were known to have escaped. The baggage and club combination car of the Royal Palm was badly damaged.

List of Dead

Following is the revised list of the dead:

H. R. Moss, Atlanta, fireman on the Ponce De Leon.

Mrs. J. W. Whittiker, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Lynn Barkley Evans, Jacksonville, Fla.

An eight-year-old girl with the initials H. M. H. on a bracelet, probably the daughter of Mrs. Georgie Hardy, enroute from Miami to Toronto, Ont., who was known to an Atlanta hospital.

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