

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 18, 19—Fourth annual economic conference here.
Feb. 25, 26—District basketball tournament at Union, Ore.
June 8, 9, 10—Union livestock show at Union, Ore.
July 21, 22, 23—State American Legion convention in La Grande.

Telecast Resident Here—

Mrs. Georgia Baker, of Telecast, spent Thursday shopping and visiting in La Grande.

Here on Business—

Reid Dallen, of Union, was in town yesterday on business matters.

Perry People Here—

Mrs. E. E. Gray and daughter, Virginia, of Perry, were here yesterday shopping.

Enterprise Woman Here—

Mrs. J. G. Gunneman, of Enterprise, was in La Grande yesterday. She had her tonsils removed.

Union Men Here—

C. L. Caldwell and Frank Conner, business men of Union, were in La Grande yesterday on business.

Goos to California—

District Attorney Carl G. Helm left last night for San Francisco where he will spend several days on business.

Visiting From Baker—

Mrs. Rose Harris arrived here last night from her home in Baker. She will visit here at the home of her son Sam Harris.

Drive to Portland—

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stoddard, accompanied by Mrs. C. H. Reynolds, left today for Portland where they will spend a few days. They made the trip by car.

Portland Insurance Men Here—

M. F. Mullen and Harry K. Corfe, representatives of the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident insurance company, are spending a few days in La Grande on business. They are registered at the Sommer.

Attend Engineer's Banquet—

C. O. Schubert and wife and daughter of Kamela, were in La Grande yesterday, attending the engineer's banquet here last night. They returned to Kamela this morning.

Haines Farmer in Town—

Geo. W. Pratt, who for the past 26 years has made his home near Haines where he owns a large farm, spent the day here Thursday on business.

Attend Engineer's Banquet—

H. J. Hucksler and wife, of Pendleton, returned to that city this morning after spending the day here yesterday and attending the engineer's banquet here last evening.

Dog Bites Kamela Man—

P. E. McCourey, of Kamela, was in La Grande yesterday receiving medical treatment. McCourey was recently bit by a dog when attempting to remove porcupine quills from the animal.

Portland Judge Here—

Judge W. M. Calk, of the law firm, Calk and Calk, and L. A. Elbert, of Portland, is in La Grande on legal business. Judge Calk is a past grand chancellor of the Oregon Knights of Pythias and is greeting many of his fraternal brothers while in La Grande.

Baker Lumber Man in Town—

Joe Stoddard, manager of the Stoddard Lumber company at Baker, active in chamber of commerce and other civic activities of that city, and an enthusiastic golfer besides, was in town yesterday on lumber business.

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Returns From Month's Visit—

John Speckhart returned this morning from Illinois where he has been visiting since Dec. 25.

Home for Week End—

Miss Verna McBeth, who attends school here, went to Wallowa this morning to spend the week end with her parents.

Visiting Mother Here—

Mrs. Joe Ekman, of Portland, is visiting in La Grande for a few days with her mother, Mrs. M. A. Adams, who is ill.

Home From Hospital—

Mrs. Robert Williams and baby daughter have returned to their home from the Grande Ronde hospital. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Here From Union—

Hal Rees was in La Grande yesterday from his home at Union. Rees just returned from a trip to Pendleton.

Dinner This Evening—

A notice in The Observer yesterday announced the dinner to be given by the Baptist Women's society for Thursday evening. It should have been this evening.

Visiting at Elgin—

Mrs. N. Nelson, of this city, is visiting at Elgin today at the C. C. Cates home. She will be home this evening.

Here For Dance—

E. M. Huffman returned to his home at Elgin this morning after attending the dance here last night. Huffman is in the hardware business at Elgin.

Has Tonsillitis—

Mrs. Grace Barnes is confined to her bed ill of tonsillitis. Mrs. Barnes was able to be up the first of the week after being ill of scarlet fever. Her daughter, Betty, who also had scarlet fever, is getting along fine.

On File at Library—

The public library now has on file for reading and reference the United States Daily, which presents the only daily record of the official acts of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the government. The state senate and house bills are also on file at the library.

Poetry Club to Meet—

The Poetry club will meet with Mrs. Beatrice Young at the public library Saturday morning at ten o'clock. An interesting program has been prepared and all boys and girls are cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Young will give a prize tomorrow to the boy or girl who will bring the best name for the club.

Baker Trail Man in Town—

Preparation for the entertainment of the late President Harding at Meacham in 1923 included grubbing stumps and clearing logs off a 10-acre tract. W. C. Colder, of Baker, was put in charge and got the job out on time. Colder was in La Grande yesterday on business and visited with Oregon Trail boosters while here.

ROBBER ESCAPES AFTER LOOTING FLORENCE BANK

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of the two men as soon as Thompson had told his story.

Robber Polite

The holdup was calm and polite, Miss Weatherston said. The only rough language he used was the remark about the weight of the silver.

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Heiress Weds

Mrs. Louise Wile Lewis, heiress to the huge Fiegler fortune, is the bride of Hugh R. Lewis of Bear Creek, Pa. A year and a half ago she divorced Lawrence Lewis, who is no relation of her new husband.

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"Comic Opera"



The Nicaraguan revolt is a "comic opera" affair and President Diaz could not hold office a day without the help of the American marines, according to Dr. Carlos Solizano, last regularly-elected president of Nicaragua, who fled a year ago to save his life and is now living in San Francisco.



—NEA, Boston Bureau
THE HUNNY is worth \$700 to its owner, but more than that to the little girl holding it. She is Miss Grace Custer, of Lexington, Mass. The rabbit, a New Zealand Red Buck, won a prize at a recent show in Boston.

upon their conviction. Murray, after escaping twice, committed suicide in the penitentiary. Walker is still in the penitentiary. The third man, believed to have been Walker's brother, has never been apprehended.

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R. H. Chapler Explains Timber Bills Now Before the State Legislature

SALEM, Jan. 28 (Special)—With so much importance attaching to reforestation legislation in the present session, your correspondent requested an outline on house bill 121 from R. H. Chapler, secretary of the Oregon Forest Fire association, in the office of State Forester F. A. Elliott. Chapler has given a clear exposition of what are the needs of Oregon to properly conserve the timber now growing and to promote the growth of new crops on lands burned or cut over.

Taking up first the need for a reforestation law and second the plan for legislation carried in house bill 121. It is shown that 99 per cent of the activities on forestry in this state is directed to protection against fire.

Under the state law, the owner of forest land is required to furnish and pay the cost of an adequate protection his holdings. Protection thus given or financed by the owner is the only safeguard given to privately owned lands. In many cases he does not give it. Funds of the regular state appropriation are all expended in efforts to see that the owner does protect his land.

This system is ideal as long as somebody retains a clear title to the land. This is done, as a rule, on all forest land which is now appraised and assessed for its timber.

Land Tax Neglected—When the timber is removed, the land tax is neglected in many cases, the owner can see no reason for retaining his title and the land becomes tax delinquent. Here is where the evil enters. There is no revenue for the state, and the land is kept the land unproductive, and no resources exist for keeping it protected against fire.

Adequate protection from fire is possible only when either the state or the individual acknowledges ownership and as required under the law supplies that protection. It is commonly known that many timber claims, having been cut over, are considered by those who held title to them as useless, they fail to pay taxes and the land becomes a part of the unprotected areas where fires originate to spread destruction to other lands that are carrying timber.

Under the general property tax system the same type of logged or burned over land is being assessed at from \$1 to \$8 an acre, depending altogether on the county in which it is located.

Proposed Reforestation Legislation—By the terms of house bill 121, here discussed, the following points are covered:

1. The measure applies only to forest land not valued and assessed for its timber. This means cut-over and burned areas.

2. Instead of a present annual tax of from 25 to 32c per acre, it provides for an annual tax of 5c per acre and in addition thereto a provision that 12 1/2 per cent of the value of all forest products harvested from the land shall be turned over to the tax collection fund.

3. Sponsored by the state board of forestry, the United States forest service, northwest forest experiment station and practical and technical foresters quite generally, the proposed law is designed eventually to bring about conditions under which:

A. All forest land in the state will receive adequate forest protection from fire.

B. That instead of an increasing area of idle land, there will be substantial forest growth on all lands chiefly valuable for that purpose.

C. That there will be an equitable and stable tax revenue from lands used to grow and perpetuate Oregon's timber supply.

D. That without the necessity of direct appropriations, the counties and state of Oregon will acquire a 12 1/2 per cent interest in the gross value of the crop growing or to be grown on lands classified as reforestation lands.

Under laws at present governing those lands which have been denuded of timber by loggers or burned over and timber destroyed occupy a peculiar position. They are not in many cases suitable for taxes, they are therefore not brought under new ownership.

All Trades



A real jack of all trades is Howard Jordan, of Canton, O., who has opened an office and announced that he will furnish any kind of "seasonal assistance." He minds babies for bridge-playing mothers, carries maiden ladies to trains, buys theater tickets for out-of-towners, and so on. He says it's a well-paying proposition, too.

President—at 21



George N. Neville is only 21, but he has just been made president of the Meridian & Highbee River Railway, in Mississippi, and is probably the youngest railway head in the country. His father, S. A. Neville, resigned to supervise a 51-mile extension and George took his place.

Obituary

GLEN HALLGARTH

Glen Hallgarth passed away at the Grande Ronde hospital last night at the conclusion of a short illness. He was born Mar. 29, 1917 and was nine years, 10 months and seven days of age at the time of death.

The boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hallgarth, of Elgin, a sister also survives him.

The funeral services will be held at Elgin Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Snodgrass and Zimmerman will be in charge.

STAR TODAY And Saturday

WILLIAM FOX presents Tom Mix AND TONY, THE WONDER HORSE

The CANYON of LIGHT



Comedy "Bathing Suitors"

SUNDAY "The Blonde Saint"

BONDED DEBT OF STATE \$63,613,610

State Treasurer Makes Public Report Showing Oregon's Finances

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 28—The bonded indebtedness of the state of Oregon, according to a report made by State Treasurer Kay, is \$63,613,610. Credits aggregate \$26,949,389.94.

Of the bonded indebtedness state highway bonds total \$26,066,750 and world war veterans state aid bonds \$25,000,000 with \$2,000,000 more soon to be added. The state's actual liabilities are \$30,664,250.00. Assets are listed as follows:

Oregon irrigation certificates of indebtedness \$2,095,800.

Oregon farm credit first mortgages \$450,000.

State highway fund cash \$826,847.90.

World war veterans state aid sinking fund \$3,234,653.35.