

ADOPT MOTOR
CAR FOR O.-W.
BRANCH LINETrain That Has Served
Wallowa for Two Decades to Be ReplacedCAR SIMILAR TO
ONE IN YAKIMAVehicle Contains Engine
Room, Post Office, Bag-
gage Room, Smoker and
Day Coach.

The O.-W. branch line train, which has served the Union and Wallowa county towns from La Grande to Joseph for approximately the last 20 years, is soon to be replaced by a modern gas-electric car, the latest addition to the motive power of the O.-W. R. & N. Co. This was made known today by W. H. Guild, superintendent of the second division of the O.-W. together with the announcement of the new car's arrival yesterday afternoon.

The car is a complete train in itself, providing an engine room, a railway post office, a baggage car, a smoking car and a day coach. The motor car also has sufficient power to pull an additional express car or a coach. The car is 75 feet long and has a seating capacity of 10 in the smoker and 10 in the coach compartment.

"The motor car will cut down operation expenses for the O.-W. to such an extent that it makes the investment a very worthwhile one to us," said Mr. Guild this morning. "Where with the No. 41 we require a conductor, engineer, fireman, brakeman, and baggage-man, we will now need just three operators, a motorman, a conductor and a brakeman who will also act as baggage-man," explained Mr. Guild.

The car is the "M-55" and is the twelfth of its kind to be supplied by the Union Pacific system. It is the second on the O.-W., one being operated now in Yakima. The new car was purchased from the Electro-Motive Co., of Cleveland, O., and two engineers of the firm, R. M. Dillworth and Ray Baer, are here in connection with the purchase.

The post office compartment conforms with all requirements and is 15 feet long. It will, of course, be taken care of by a mail clerk in the employ of the U. S. government. It is modern in every respect.

Next to the mail section is the baggage and express compartment of the train which is sufficiently large to meet the needs of the line and is well equipped.

The smoker and coach are separated and each seat 10 persons. They are easily arranged and attractively finished with the most modern of facilities, including the "fast work" in railway drinking cup systems.

An Arcola heating system, and electric lights are two features of the train of which local railroad

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PAGEANT "GOD'S
SHARE" WILL
BE GIVEN HERE

A stewardship pageant, "God's Share," written by Mrs. R. L. Putnam at the request of C. F. Swander, secretary of the Christian churches of Oregon and author of a tract, "God's Share," will be presented at the Central Christian church this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The pageant will follow the regular church night supper, which will take place at 6:30 o'clock in the church basement. It includes four scenes, and there are five main characters. Mr. Swander will attend the pageant, this being its first presentation. The public is invited.

RESULTS
ARE
OBVIOUS

The business men of La Grande and the manufacturers of the nation who advertise intelligently in The Observer consistently throughout the year do not spend their money by chance. The results to be had are obvious—and they are not. The value of The Observer's advertising columns accordingly. The constantly increasing number of firms who are adding to their advertising budget for The Observer serve to indicate conclusively by their action that satisfactory returns accompany every insertion. Concentrating advertising money in The Observer permits greater emphasis and more frequent messages—a valuable and

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

New Ornamental
Street Lights
Are IlluminatedElectrical Work Completed
and 22 New Units to
Be Put into Constant
Use Here.

The new ornamental street lights in districts Nos. 2 and 3 on Jefferson avenue and in the La Grande hotel block, were illuminated for the first time yesterday evening about 4 o'clock, and the test proving satisfactory, will be put into constant use.

Some time ago it was announced that the light standards would be in use not later than Christmas week, but due to completion of all electrical work earlier than was anticipated, the 22 new units now combining with the 29 units in district No. 1 to give La Grande's business section 121 high-powered electric lights.

City Manager W. C. Crews announced this afternoon that the work on the two districts which range from Chestnut to Fir on Jefferson avenue, on Adams from Fourth to Third and on Fourth from Adams to the alley between Adams and Jefferson, is not entirely completed excepting the electrical side. Some concrete remains to be poured and pavement patching has not been finished. These items will be attended to as the weather permits.

The power plant also furnishes current for the electric lights and compressed air for the brakes and warning signals.

When asked what day the new car would be initiated to service Mr. Guild said this morning, "We are not yet able to state the exact date when 'M-55' will be put in service, but it will be in the near future, within a week or so, and before the new year. It will probably be in by Christmas."

Salvation Army
Preparing Many
Christmas Gifts

The Salvation Army chapter in La Grande is making plans for an extensive Christmas program. It is announced by Captain Omar J. Knutson. The program includes giving toys, apples, oranges, stockings of candy and nuts to 250 children besides 125 dinners and 20 baskets of provisions. In every case the family will be visited and if found to be in need will receive a ticket to be presented at the Army hall at 3 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 21, for a basket.

The children will receive tickets for toys and candy to be given away after the Christmas program Monday, Dec. 26, at 8 p. m. Lists of names will be compared with the B. P. O. Elks and others giving baskets so there will be no duplication—no one receiving more than one basket. Each basket will contain everything necessary for one good hot dinner, value of which is five dollars each.

Any individual or group wishing to furnish some of the necessities may telephone Main 578 and the Salvation Army will gladly call for same.

During the past month the local chapter has given away 135 garments, 15 pairs of shoes, 87 meals, 73 beds furnished to two families with fuel, six with groceries and given temporary employment to 18 men and one woman. The total number interviewed and advised was 179.

La Grande Free
Of Crime Since
First of Month

Tightening up of police patrols, etc., with the coming of the winter is regarded by many locally as being the reason for a rather remarkable absence of crime in La Grande this month.

According to Police Chief Clint Haynes, no single arrest has been made since Dec. 1 and in the half-month period there has been no attempted burglaries, holdups or other alarming occurrences.

A part of the winter program consists of hourly patrols of the business district each night—up until 7 o'clock in the morning. Incidentally, the patrols are not regular so that a burglar is unable to time the arrival of the policeman—not knowing whether he will return in an hour or in five minutes. Night patrols are no longer made in automobiles.

Pondosa Company Meeting Held Here

The meeting of directors of the Eastern Oregon Pondosa sales company held yesterday at the Mt. Emily Lumber company's offices here was adjourned last night after usual business matters had been taken up during the session. George H. Hicks, of Kansas City, president of the sales company and also president of the Boardman Lumber company, presided. Mr. Hicks and H. Campbell, president of the East Oregon Lumber company, are still here in the interest of their firms. Mr. Campbell is also from Kansas City.

MT. EMILY CO.
MILL BEGINS
REGULAR RUNDaily Operations to Be
Continued Indefinitely,
Is AnnouncementLOGS ARRIVING
FROM THE CAMPSPlaning Mill, However,
Will Continue Running
Alternate Days Until
Demand Is Improved.

The Mt. Emily Lumber company mill resumed operations this morning at seven o'clock after three weeks of partial activity, because logs were not available. The wet weather and flood conditions at the lumber company's camp at Five Points made it impossible for the heavy engines to run over the tracks so that no logs could be hauled.

Snow and freezing weather has made it possible to start skidding logs again at the camp. The loaded logging trains began to arrive at the mill again a few days ago, and this morning the saw mill resumed its regular schedule.

The mill will continue to run full time indefinitely, August J. Stange, president of the company, announced this morning. Operations will at least continue until spring under the right weather conditions, he declared.

The planning mill, however, will continue the plan of running every other day until the demand for lumber makes it necessary to increase the output from the planing.

RETURN \$40,000
CHECK TO ROESCHWith Seven-Story Sacaja-
wea Inn Erected, Prom-
ise Declared Fulfilled

The committee appointed by H. E. Coolidge, consisting of William Siegrist, E. R. Appleby and R. M. Huron, today returned to Julius Roesch a check for \$40,000 given by him at his own suggestion to the chamber of commerce as a guarantee that the seven-story Sacaja-wea Inn would be constructed this year.

The agreement by Mr. Roesch was as follows, and today's action on the part of the committee is the result of the fulfillment of Mr. Roesch's promise to build a new hotel:

"To the La Grande National bank, La Grande, Oregon:
I herewith attach my personal check for forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be cashed by the committee of the commercial club of La Grande, Oregon. I fail to build and complete a seven-story modern hotel on the corner of Fir street and Adams avenue, in La Grande, Ore., on or before the first day of January, 1928, if not prevented by weather conditions or unforeseen conditions delaying the same. If said check is cashed, it is to be used exclusively in connection with funds from the state, to erect in the city of La Grande, Ore., for the American Legion, an armory."

"Dated at La Grande, Ore., this 31st day of March, 1927.
(Signed) JULIUS ROESCH"

Hi-Dad Football
Banquet Tonight

The football squad of the La Grande high school will be guests of the Hi-Dads tonight at the annual grid banquet, to be given at the La Grande hotel. Around 50 Hi-Dads and players, with their coach, Ralph W. Christie, will be present. A. J. Stange as toastmaster, will be master of ceremonies for the evening's program, which includes a number of speeches. The banquet will be served at 6:15 o'clock.

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Halting Rescue Work

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Eighteen bodies had been recovered today from the fire swept ruins of the Hoping St. Charles orphanage, with the probability that the death list would mount.

A check of the missing and injured led firemen to believe that at least 50 lost their lives. Firemen were unable to search the ruins which were still smoldering this forenoon.

Police estimated that from 70 to 75 inmates were missing at 7 o'clock this morning.

The bodies of 17 children and one woman recovered indicated that they had died of suffocation rather than by fire.

The walls of the ancient structure collapsed while the fire was at its height last night, stopping rescue work.

The staff of nuns of the Good Shepherd, who conducted the institution, and 371 children were in bed when the fire, believed to have started in the basement, broke out in a dormitory on the second floor.

The fire was discovered by Sister St. Therese, who noticed smoke in the corridor, and roused the sleeping children and other occupants of the orphanage. Most of the children were quickly marched from the building to safety.

Police, firemen and volunteers directed their efforts toward rescue work. Many were carried down ladders and others jumped from windows into life nets.

Early in the rescue work a human chain was formed stretching from the orphanage to a tobacco factory directly across the street. As scores of terrified children, many of them half-conscious, were removed from the burning building, their screams mingling with the roar of the flames, they were lifted from one to another of those in the chain to the factory. There doctors and nurses hastily gathered to care for them. Although the hospital was crowded mainly as an orphanage, a number of children had been placed by their parents in the institution's school.

Most of the children ranged in age from 3 to 16 years. The morgue was a pitiful sight today. The little bodies were all laid on slabs and frail mothers were there in hundreds to try to identify them. Only two children had been identified up to 8 a. m.

Junior C. E. Group
Sponsors Program

Members of the Junior Christian Endeavor society of the First Presbyterian church will present a Christmas program on Sunday evening, Dec. 18 at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the church. Mrs. Gustav Winkler is directing the children in the preparation of the pageant part of the program, and in addition to this Mrs. E. P. Mason will show her group of stereopticon slides of art masterpieces of the Holy family.

Mrs. Harley Richardson, Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp Jr., Mrs. Floyd Sherwood and Mrs. J. Lindsay will assist with the music. The detailed program will be given on Saturday's church page.

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AGAIN AN "AMBASSADOR"



Col. Charles Lindbergh, of New York-to-Paris flight fame, is again out to Mexico City from America. He flew from Bolling field to Yalapa in a little more than 27 hours, arriving yesterday afternoon to be greeted by the greatest reception Mexico has

Lindbergh Wins
Mexican Hearts
With His Smile

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15 (AP)—Cherished by crowds that gathered in the streets everywhere that he passed, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh today landed with an official call upon President Calles, who again delighted him upon his brilliant flight from Washington to Mexico City.

Completely rested after a 12-hour sleep and looking fit and fine, the American aviator made a series of official visits with American Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow and then went out to the Yalapa air field to see his beloved "Spot of St. Louis" with which he had gained such worldwide fame.

Among the places which the American aviator visited were the foreign office, Chapultepec palace and the national museum, at the latter place inspecting the famous Aztec calendar stone.

Everywhere that he went the boyish looking, smiling, good-willed ambassador was greeted joyfully by Mexican citizens whose hearts he has completely won.

Greeley Cancels
Herrick Contract

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—Chief Forester Greeley today cancelled the contract of Fred Herrick of St. Mary's Idaho for the sale of 889,000,000 feet of timber on the Malheur national forest in Oregon. Representatives of Herrick said they would appeal to the secretary of agriculture.

Sleuth Denies He
Approached Kidwell

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—Denial that he had ever approached Edward J. Kidwell Jr., of Iowa in the Fall-Schmidt conspiracy trial, was made on the stand in the criminal contempt proceedings today by Frank J. O'Reilly, one of the Burns detectives who shadowed members of the jury.

Receive Big Sum
For War Debts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—The treasury today today received \$96,544,820.88 from eight foreign governments in semi-annual payments on their indebtedness to the United States.

Great Britain paid \$22,575,000; Belgium \$1,125,000; Czechoslovakia \$1,389,000; Estonia \$75,000; Finland \$182,210; Hungary \$39,724.63; Lithuania \$47,596.35 and Poland \$1,000,000.

Moco Club Shoot
Due Next Sunday

The annual Moco club trapshoot will be held at the Ova Dell trap grounds next Sunday, Dec. 18, beginning at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. It is announced today. The shoot will be open to the public. Turkeys, geese, chickens will all be offered.

Chinese Present
Russian Envoy
His PassportsSoviet Consul General at
Shanghai Requested to
Depart—All Relations
Officially Severed.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15 (AP)—The nationalist government today handed the soviet consul general at Shanghai his passports. He was requested to leave nationalist territory within a week.

The passports were given the soviet envoy by Quo Tai Chi, nationalist vice minister of foreign affairs. The action was in line with the recently announced policy of the nationalists under Chiang Kai Shek to remove alleged Russian influence in Chinese affairs.

In addition to severing diplomatic relations, the nationalists also broke off commercial relations, demanding the closure of Russian agencies including the Russian state Dal bank and the volunteer fleet.

Quo Tai Chi in issuing the request to the Russians to leave nationalist territory, was following instructions issued by the Nanking nationalist government.

Explaining its action, the Nanking government in its official mandate said:

"The Nanking government has been informed that the soviet consul at Shanghai and commercial agencies in Nationalist jurisdiction have long been used as headquarters for red propaganda and as asylums for communists. Exposure of these facts thus far has been withheld in view of the formal relations existing between China and Russia."

"On December 11 in Canton an uprising took place, culminating in the forcible occupation of the city by communists who cut off communication, burned, plundered, massacred and murdered throughout the city. This was the result of communists using the Canton Russian consulate as a base to direct operations."

"It is feared that similar occurrences will take place elsewhere. Such things no longer can be tolerated and therefore the recognition afforded the union of socialist soviet republics is terminated."

D. Kofsky, soviet consul general, refused to comment on the nationalist order, merely stating that he was "awaiting instructions from Moscow which will issue a statement."

Drumheller To
Appeal \$10,000
Damage Verdict

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 15 (AP)—George Drumheller, nationally known race horse owner and wheat mill, must pay \$10,000 to the woman who charged that he kept her "in virtual slavery" for years, then dropped her to marry a younger girl, but his attorneys will take steps today to appeal the case, it was announced here.

Mrs. May Kelly, who sued the turf magnate for \$100,000, alleging that he promised to marry her, was awarded one-tenth of that sum last night by a jury's verdict. Mrs. Kelly had been employed for years on the Drumheller ranch.

Drumheller, his wife and others who testified for him confined their statements to denial of Mrs. Kelly's charges.

Alienists Declare
George Remus Sane

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15 (AP)—The prosecution completed its murder case against George Remus at 4:19 p. m. today.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15 (AP)—The three alienists who have observed George Remus since the inception of his murder trial nearly five weeks ago, today agreed upon a report to Judge Chester Shock that the defendant was sane Oct. 16 when he shot and killed his estranged wife Imogene.

Only that part of the report was made public by Judge Shock. The lawyers for both sides still were grouped about the judicial dais in close conference with the court an hour and a half after time set for resumption of the case.

Democrat Women
Retain "Donkey"

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15 (AP)—A resolution favoring the retention of the donkey as the symbol of the democratic party, "because he is a docile animal when pleased but knows how to kick when displeased," was passed by the democratic auxiliary of Philadelphia, a women's organization, last night.

SHEFFIELD SILENT
NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—James Sheffield, former American ambassador to Mexico, today declined to comment on William Randolph Hearst's assertion that the Mexican "slush fund" document had been submitted to the American embassy in Mexico City before their publication in the Hearst newspapers.

"I prefer not to make any comment of any kind," Mr. Sheffield said.

BORAH NAMED
IN MEXICAN
'SLUSH' FUNDIdaho Senator and Norris,
Lafollette and Heflin
in Hearst List

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—Chairman Borah, of the senate foreign relations committee, and Senators Norris, Neutrals, Lafollette, Wisconsin and Heflin, Alabama were the four senators named in documents furnished a senate committee today by William Randolph Hearst, purporting to show a big Mexican slush fund was made up for them.

APPEAR BEFORE
COMMITTEE TODAYAll Deny Knowledge of
"Plot"—Lafollette Calls
It An Infamous, Intoler-
able Fraud.

The disclosure was made before a special senate committee to whom Hearst presented the documents. The publisher said, however, that he did not believe any of the money was delivered to those named.

Immediately their names were disclosed, Borah, Heflin and Lafollette appeared before the special senate committee investigating the charges and denied that they ever had received money from such a source or had been approached by any one who might have been interested in such an offer.

Senator Norris who is ill, from his home, denied any knowledge of the slush fund.

Senator Borah was named in documents as having been destined to receive \$500,000. Heflin was to have received \$350,000 according to the documents. Lafollette \$15,000 and Norris presumably the remainder of the \$1,215,000 fund.

All Actively Interested
All of these four senators have been actively interested in Mexican affairs and at one time or another each of them has disagreed with the Mexican policies of the Coolidge administration.

Notified that his name was included in the list, Senator Heflin immediately came before the committee.

"It was not delivered to me," the Alabamian said, referring to a statement in the documents that he was supposed to have been paid \$250,000.

"I have not received a cent except some expenses when I was on a lecture tour about Mexican affairs," he said.

"These checks were from Protestant ministers, K. K. K. men and others interested in my lectures," continued Heflin.

"No official or representative of the Mexican government ever approached me. I first heard of this from a newspaper man, several days ago. This man said he got it from the Hearst men."

At this point Senator Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, chairman of the investigating committee, disclosed that the documents named Dudley Field Malone, of New York, as financial agent for the Mexican government in the alleged transaction.

Heflin declared that he had not met Malone for a number of years. "This is the work of some enemy," he said. "I will have a good deal to say about this on the floor of the senate. Things have come to a pitiful pass when we cannot avoid blackmailers getting at us."

Only Initials Used
Senator Lafollette, named in one of the documents as the senator for whom a fund of \$15,000 was provided, followed Heflin on the stand. He asked to be sworn. Chairman Reed told him that only

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SHOPPING
DAYS TILL
CHRISTMAS

Some Christmas lights you had last year. Have likely blown away. You'd better check them over and buy what you need today.