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BRANCH LINE
TRAIN PUFFS
FINAL SNORTModern Gas-Electric Car
Starts Regular Trips
to Joseph TodayFRED SCHILKE IS
AT THE 'THROTTLE'Pioneer Railroad Engi-
neer Pilots Newest Car-
rier on Its Maiden Trip
into Wallowa.

Yesterday the old Joseph-La Grande branch line train puffed steadily through the snow-covered Wallowa country to Joseph. Last night it puffed steadily back to La Grande. Nothing so different in that, just a daily pilgrimage that has been made up to Joseph and back to La Grande for 26 years. But it was the last daily pilgrimage that the faithful old branch line train will ever make. Today a handsome, modern gas-electric motor car took its place at the depot. And today the gas-electric began its pilgrimage to Joseph.

The new car is the latest motive addition to the O-W. R. & N. company and has been substituted for the old engine in order to cut down overhead expenses. It was explained yesterday by W. H. Guild, superintendent of the second division of the O-W.

Recalls First Trip

Twenty years ago, the branch line train to Joseph for the first time puffed proudly into Wallowa. The event was an epochal one in Wallowa county. Families from over the then isolated country flocked by the hundreds to Wallowa, to view the reception of the train, which to them held visions of a new future. For it meant an outlet for both lumber and agricultural products and daily communication with the regular outside world. Many of the thousands who gathered there had never seen an engine and it was not only with pride but with awe and even a little terror that they viewed the splendid machine as it puffed into the way into the land of Chief Joseph.

Sitting up to it much as children would venture close to a spilled black horse, the visitors of Wallowa drew near the "iron horse." Just as the first feeling of awe was conquered, the engineer suddenly shouted, "Look out, I'm going to turn her around," and straightaway steamed up and steamed out on the "Y" which then lay in the path of the spectators. All Wallowa made for the high hills.

This is but one of the interesting incidents which local railroaders—veterans to the road—have told today when they recall the construction and operation of the branch line. "We had to have the train in Wallowa county by a set date in order to comply with requirements on the franchise," recalled Oscar Olsen, road foreman.

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MEN ONLY TO
SHOP 7 TO 9
THIS EVENING

An unusual innovation in Christmas shopping as far as men are concerned will be inaugurated tonight by the J. C. Penney company, which announces a "Men Only" evening.

The store will close at the regular time, six o'clock, but at seven o'clock will reopen and from seven until nine only male shoppers will be admitted. Mr. M. Hunt, manager of the store, announced. The purpose is to allow fathers, husbands and other men shoppers a chance to shop in secrecy and to give them leisure time to buy, which is denied during the every day working hours.

This plan has been used in cities in the past with excellent success, and is attracting considerable attention here.

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 appreciate 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 space 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 aid.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Christmas Seal
Sale Progress
Made in CountyMost of Returns Will Be
Received Next Week—
Hot Lake and Union Re-
port a "Sell Out."

Christmas seal sale returns are coming in rapidly from the school districts and towns of the county outside of La Grande, and it is expected that all reports will be in the hands of the county chairman, Mrs. Charles E. Gump, by the middle of next week.

Fifty-eight hundred seals were sent out to the rural school districts, and 26,000 to the towns of the county. About \$30 has been received from the rural school districts by the chairman.

Hot Lake has turned in its full quota of \$10 and a report from Union says that the entire quota has been sold there. The money from the seal sale at Union has not yet been received, however.

The seal sale in La Grande is going ahead nicely. The last report showed \$275.77 in the hands of the treasurer.

Ice Skating Rink
May Be Provided
In Connordale

City Manager W. C. Crews was given authority to make necessary improvements on the city's two blocks in the Connordale district so as to provide an area that can be flooded and frozen into a skating rink. This action was taken at last night's adjourned city commission meeting upon the request of high school boys.

A motion authorized A. T. Hill, president of the commission, and the city manager to appear before the state highway commission at its next meeting.

C. W. Bunting appeared and explained a snow plow which would be pushed by a tractor. This matter was taken under consideration.

Bills for the month of November in the amount of \$3,218.04 were ordered paid.

Auto Accident
Near Island City

An automobile collision near Island City occurred late yesterday resulting in some damage to two cars but in no injuries. According to Traffic Officer Robertson, one machine, driven by Frank Mellinger, was entering the state highway from a cross road and another machine, driven by a Mrs. Wagner, of Enterprise, collided, damaging fenders on both vehicles. Both cars, however, proceeded under their own power after the wreck.

Several Stores To
Be Open Tonight

A number of stores have announced that they will remain open tonight for Christmas shoppers, though no definite announcement regarding opening evenings next week has been made. Included in the list of stores to be open tonight are: Westenhaver & Gilbert, Clint's Clothing, The Toggery, J. C. Penney Co., and the Oregon Hardware company.

Furniture, Floor
Coverings Arrive

Two carloads of furniture and a carload of carpet and padding were received yesterday and today by the W. H. Bohnenkamp Co. for the Sackajaw Inn. It was announced by Lynne Bohnenkamp this morning. The furnishings have been stored in the adjoining floor space to the hotel where they will be kept until they are installed. The entire shipment of the furniture and carpeting is said to locally to be one of the largest single shipments of bed room furniture ever to be received in Eastern Oregon. W. H. Bohnenkamp & Co. received the goods through the General Furniture Co., of Seattle, a firm which specializes in hotel furniture, according to Mr. Bohnenkamp.

Scout Court of
Honor Tomorrow

A court of honor for La Grande boy scouts will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock at the county court house, when two boys will become life scouts, three star scouts and a large number will receive merit badges. Tenderfoot and first and second class badges will also be awarded. One La Grande boy has earned enough merit badges to become an eagle scout, but because the scout law says a boy must be a first class scout for one year before he can become an eagle scout, he will not receive his award until January.

H. E. Coolidge, chairman of the court of honor committee, will preside and various members of the committee will present the awards.

POLICE MEET
CRIME KING
OF CHICAGOAl Capone, Ousted from
Los Angeles, Arrested
at Joliet, IllinoisOFFICERS PLACE
A MINOR CHARGEGang Leader's Revolver
Taken from Him—Four
Gangsters Also Arrested
at Union Depot.

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 16 (AP)—Al Capone, Chicago gang leader, was arrested today at Joliet, Ill., on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

The police turned out in force to meet him and he was rushed to headquarters.

Capone had gone to Los Angeles with two friends for a rest, as he explained to police in that city, but found he was an unwelcome guest. Newspaper stories of his arrival in California led the hotel in which he was occupying a luxurious suite to demand his departure. Two Los Angeles detectives later accompanied Capone and his party to a train and saw them safely on their way back to Chicago.

Place Minor Charge

Four gangsters, loitering at the Union station, were arrested shortly before the train from the west pulled in. Revolvers were taken from them and they were placed in cells to await the arrival of their chief.

The charge placed against Capone was that of carrying concealed weapons. As he alighted from the train, alone, he made a dash for a taxi but, police caught him. A revolver was found in his overcoat pocket, and he was carrying two magazines of cartridges.

It was expected Capone would be released on bond on the charge of carrying concealed weapons or fined immediately and released.

GANGLAND'S KING

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 (NEA special)—Alphonse Capone, alias Al Brown, ordinarily called Scarface Al, is both scowly and a reality but today he became a reality.

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PAGEANT GIVEN
AT CHURCH HERE

"God's Share" Presented
by Christians—to Be Re-
peated at Turner, Baker

The Central Christian church was well filled last evening when stewardship pageant, entitled "God's Share," was presented for the first time under the direction of Mrs. R. L. Putnam, who wrote the pageant.

The pageant dealt with tithing and tithing. Putnam took the part of the little girl who was converted to tithing when quite young. Mrs. George Rochester was the same little girl after she had become old and gray and Mrs. E. C. Bragg played the part of "stewardship." The Rev. R. L. Putnam was the old man who had been converted. Mrs. C. F. McPherson played the part of Mrs. Smith, who had also been converted to tithing, and Mrs. Young was the mother of the little girl.

Quartet Sings

Music for the pageant was furnished by a quartet. C. F. Swander, state secretary of the Christian church, requested Mrs. Putnam to write the pageant, was present and was much impressed, asking that it be repeated at the next state convention, which will be held at Turner, Ore., in July and also at the Eastern Oregon convention to be held in the spring in Baker.

The regular church night supper preceded the pageant and was also well attended.

Leslie Keffer 1928 Grid Captain;
60 Attend Annual Hi-Dad Banquet

Announcement of the election of Leslie Keffer as 1928 football captain was a feature of a very enjoyable Hi-Dad football banquet held last night at the La Grande hotel. The affair is an annual event. Sixty Hi-Dads and football players were seated at the banquet table in the hotel ballroom at which A. J. Stange presided very capably as toastmaster.

A. T. Hill was the first speaker on the program, telling something of the Hi-Dad history. City Supervisor J. T. Connelley was a thoroughly enjoyable talk that contained humor with real philosophy. Each speaker was introduced by Mr. E. D. Towler, the third speaker.

Five Men Admit
Gambling; Fined
At EnterpriseOskie, Groupe, Blackwell,
Sandlins Sentenced—
Sixth Man Pleads Not
Guilty, 2 More Sought

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Dec. 16.—Six men have been arrested and fined and two more are sought by officers, as the result of a card game, a holdup and a fight last Friday night here.

The disposition of the cases of the six men follow:

Charles Oskie pleaded guilty to a charge of gambling and was fined \$100. He was also fined \$25 on charges of disorderly conduct.

Bill Groupe, of La Grande, pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct and was fined \$25 by Recorder Steel.

Bill Bailey, of Enterprise, entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of gambling.

Joe Blackwell, prize fighter, pleaded guilty to gambling and paid a fine of \$100.

Art Sandlin, of Enterprise, pleaded guilty to gambling and was fined \$100. He is now in jail.

Cleve Sandlin, local man, pleaded guilty to gambling and was fined \$100. He is now in jail.

Wallowa County
Association In
Monthly Dinner

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Dec. 16. (Special)—The Greater Wallowa County association met Wednesday evening at the L. O. O. F. hall at 7:30 o'clock for the monthly dinner.

With about 100 persons present, at the close of the usual several selections from the high school, which is to be presented this evening at the high school, were given and the leading characters introduced by Supt. L. Lee Williams.

Mrs. A. B. Conway sang "Someday" and "The Pulse of the Heart." Mrs. H. C. McClay sang "The Butterfly" and "The Cool Cool Wind." And Neal Graham sang "Under Wallowa Moon" and "Hallelujah." All three soloists were accompanied by Miss Georgia Johnson at the piano.

The main speakers of the evening were C. W. Robinson, of Petrolia, Mass., a representative of breeders' association, and C. C. Gignous, of Portland, R. I., Portlyle acted as chairman of the evening.

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MAGRUDER, ON
STAND, TELLS
STORY TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Attacking what he described as too many orders from Washington, Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder told the house naval committee today that officers' affidavits were given little discretion in planning their work.

The admiral scored alleged concentration of power in Washington, declaring there were too many bureaus in the capital administering naval activities.

ROB ESCALON BANK

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 16. (AP)—Two masked men carrying revolvers robbed the state bank of Escalon, 18 miles from here this afternoon, said word received at the sheriff's office here. They secured about \$12,000 and escaped in an auto.

Two Ax Murderers
Pay Final Penalty

CHICAGO, Dec. 16. (AP)—Two Illinois ax murderers, both of whom expiated their crimes on the gallows today. A third slayer, who also was to have been executed today, was granted a week's reprieve.

The executions were among the last by means of the guillotine, the electric chair having been instituted as the legal death instrument for murderers convicted since last July.

The announcement of Leslie Keffer as the newly-elected captain followed. Mr. Keffer was called upon for a talk. Dr. W. P. McAdams, past grand of the Hi-Dads, gave the students a thoroughly enjoyable talk that contained humor with real philosophy. Each speaker was introduced by Mr. E. D. Towler, the third speaker.

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TAX BILL IS
NOW BEFORE
THE SENATECommittee Gets Changed
Revenue Measure From
House During NightREDUCTION NOW
AT \$289,770,000Garner Predicts Cut Will
Be Raised to Half a Bil-
lion Dollars Before It
Reaches Mr. Coolidge.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (AP)—The \$200,000,000 tax reduction proposed in the revenue bill as it was passed by the house last night, is more, in President Coolidge's opinion, than the condition of the treasury warrants.

A product of clashing wills and freighted with controversy, the new tax bill stood today on the doorstep of the senate finance committee.

It arrived there during the night, speeded toward the second bay of its legislative steepclimb by the house with a vote of 366 to 24 that climaxed a week of hectic and partisan assaying of the public's pocketbook.

As it faced the gamut of the senate committee and beyond that the troubled senate itself, the measure would reduce the treasury's revenue by \$289,770,000.

The wide spread between that figure and the \$322,735,000 deduction proposed by the ways and means committee had drafted the bill and the \$225,000,000 maximum fixed by Secretary Mellon, was eloquent testimony to democratic opportunism and a democratic-republican coalition that kindled the upper lip in the final skirmishing in the house.

With many of its provisions bearing little resemblance to the treasury's original recommendations and differing radically in spots from the form in which it came from the ways and means committee, the bill now would deprive the government of \$44,770,000 more revenue than the treasury had proposed.

It goes to the other end of the capital with a prediction from Representative Garner, of Texas, ranking democrat on the ways and means committee that its reduction would be raised to a half a billion by the senate.

The point of Garner's long-experienced hand stands out among those of the many that juggled the bill's mass of figures. It was Garner, who, although speaking only for the minority, put through two of the three important amendments which at the last found republican leaders fighting vainly to get out of the house.

Garner's amendments affect corporations, their taxes and methods of filing returns, while the third, by Representative McLaughlin, republican of Michigan, and member of the ways and

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Hotel Man Held
Due to Death of
Girl Companion

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16. (AP)—A. R. Burnett, Portland hotel man, was held by police today following the death of Miss Billie Correll, 21, killed last night on Terwilliger boulevard when Burnett's car overturned as he released the steering wheel in an attempt to restrain the girl from leaping to the highway.

Miss Correll, 1700 theater employee living with her mother at the Cornsford apartments, was in the rear seat of the car and Mrs. Correll, Burnett's housekeeper, was in the front.

Burnett, who was involved in a fatal accident last February, admitted he had taken a few drinks, police said. "None in the car was drunk."

Police are questioning several employees of the hotel and the car's owner, Mrs. Mary Holt, Burnett's sister, said the man came to her and said he had come "for the daughter of P. M. Parker."

He told her he was employed in the bank with the girl's father and that the latter had been seriously injured in an accident. Mrs. Holt said he asked for the younger daughter and she permitted Marion to accompany him, because though young, Marion was somewhat smaller than her sister.

Detectives scoured the hills back of Sierra Madre, northeast of here, in the belief that the kidnaper might have taken her to a moony town cabin, while other officers questioned every suspicious character and watched railway stations and telephone booths.

Parker is assistant cashier of the Los Angeles First National Trust and Savings bank.

**Carranza May Fly
To Washington, D. C.**

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16. (AP)—Major Emilio Carranza, Mexican army aviator who made the first non-stop flight between Mexico City and Juarez, may return Col. Lindbergh's Mexican visit by making a flight from Mexico City to Washington.

Major Carranza has applied to President Calles for permission to attempt the Washington flight and it is understood the matter is being given official consideration.

**Plays Santa And
Burns to Death**

DELETH, Minn., Dec. 16. (AP)—Burns received while she was playing Santa Claus at the home of a friend Tuesday night, proved fatal today to Miss M. Leah Jensen, 28. She was dressed as Santa Claus when she got too close to a fire place and her clothing caught fire. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Jensen, live in Seattle.

**Orphanage Death
Toll Reaches 36**

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Lindbergh Will
Visit Central
American CitiesPlans to Fly as Far South
as Nicaragua, Then to
Havana—Mexico Pays
Him Highest Honors.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16. (AP)—Two new lengthy flights, Christmas in Mexico City with his mother and possibly a bull fight are now on the program of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, just through with his brilliant good-will Washington to Mexico City flight.