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B. P. O. Elks Preparing for Annual Christmas Tree, Kiddies' Program

CHURCHES MAKING EXTENSIVE PLANS

Boy Scouts to Distribute Gifts to Many Children—Joyous Yuletide Expected in La Grande.

One week from tonight is Christmas eve and from present indications every child in La Grande will be remembered by Santa Claus. The B. P. O. Elks lodge is making preparations for their annual Christmas tree for the kiddies of the city. The boy scout executive's office here has been transformed into a Santa Claus workshop. The Salvation Army is making plans to send out Christmas baskets and boxes and the various churches of the city are planning Christmas programs with a Christmas tree and treats for the children, which will be held on Christmas eve or before.

The work of repairing toys, which were collected by the boy scouts of the city, has been going on for several days now, and last night paint brushes were put to work. This morning a line of bright red jolly horses, wagons, chairs and other toys were found at the scout office. All kinds of toys to make the unfortunate boy or girl happy at Christmas time are included in the collection, which has been brought together by the boy scouts, and additional toys are still coming in.

The gathering and repairing of the toys is the jolly scout's Christmas "good turn." Plans are to give the toys after they have been repaired and painted to the Elks' lodge, to distribute into homes where they are needed most.

The Elks' big Christmas tree is up at the intersection of Depot street and Washington avenue, and is attracting much attention, especially among the children. Boys and girls who attend the Christmas tree on Christmas day will be given a toy and a gift of Christmas candles.

The various churches are planning Christmas programs, the first of which will be given tomorrow night by the Junior Christian Endeavor society of the First Presbyterian church. In addition to this a Christmas musical program is also being arranged to take place at the Presbyterian church on next Sunday, which is Christmas day.

Sunday School Programs.
The Sunday schools of the various churches are sponsoring Christmas programs especially for the children of the school. The Lutheran church's Christmas program will be Christmas night at 7 o'clock. The Central Christian church will have a Christmas party for the children of the primary department of the Sunday school next Saturday.

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HIGH SCHOOL MEN MEETING IN LA GRANDE

A meeting of superintendents, principals, coaches and officials of the district—Union, Baker, Walla Walla, Malheur, Grant and Harney counties—is being held at the high school this afternoon, the main purpose of which is to discuss basketball rules so that all concerned will have a clear interpretation of the court laws.

The meeting was called through E. D. Towler, local high school principal. Conduct of players and the attitude of the crowd will also be discussed.

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"

Mercury Drops 30 Degrees To Ten Above Zero

Wallowa County's Dirt Roads Impassable Because of Drifts—Farmers Hauling Wood.

After a comparatively warm day yesterday, with the temperature reaching 40 above, resulting in the melting of considerable snow, the mercury started dropping late in the afternoon and reached a minimum of 10 above zero a few hours before sun-up today. At 7:30 o'clock a climb of one degree had been registered and at 9 o'clock the mercury was up to 20 above.

The 30-degree drop during the night is one of the most sudden changes during the month. No snow fell yesterday or last night and the sky was cloudless this morning.

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Weather conditions have become wintry in this section of the country during the last few days. A cold wave started to spread over the country on Friday evening and gradually became more severe during the entire day Saturday and on Sunday morning from eight to 10 degrees below zero was reported from various points over the country. Toward the middle of the day the temperature had begun to moderate considerably, and by midnight a light snow was falling, which continued the greater part of the night and with a heavy wind which was blowing, was piled into deep drifts in the higher portions of the country. Some of the roads in the hill sections are well filled with drifts, making it difficult to get through with teams at some points, and putting an end to automobile travel on most roads with the exception of the highway and market roads, which are practically free from any great depth of snow.

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Four Acts Are Decided on For New Year Show

The talent for this year's American Legion midnight matinee to be given at the Arcade theater New Year's eve is the best ever, members of the committee declare. The line of the show will be two hours, starting promptly at 12:35 o'clock.

One of the headlines will be the act of "Hot" White, manager of the Sherman-Play Music company. Mr. White has been on the stage for several years and has broadcast from radio stations KGW, KXN and KFI many times. His act includes impersonations of many different characters.

Another act will be the musical trio, consisting of Dr. and Mrs. G. McCall and Miss Dona Scott, who will play the violin, cello and piano. They are all new in the musical activities of La Grande and are said to be very good. Mrs. McCall will also play the organ.

The local order of DeMolay is presenting a skit, which is called "The Lady and the Tiger," and the climax of the matinee will be the musical show composed entirely of members of the legion post.

In addition to these four acts there will be five others, making nine altogether.

Mrs. McClure Dies In Pendleton, Ore.

PENDLETON, Dec. 17. (AP)—Mrs. James McClure, 59, of La Grande, Ore., died Thursday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Johnson, in Pendleton. Heart disease was the cause of her death. She is survived by Mrs. Johnson and two sons, H. E. and Neil McClure, both of Pendleton. The remains are being sent to La Grande today and the funeral will be held Sunday there.

Mrs. McClure's funeral will be held at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Burial will be in the Masonic cemetery. The Rev. Oliver Riley, rector of the Episcopal church, will officiate.

Mrs. McClure was a pioneer resident of La Grande, moving to Pendleton only a short time ago following the death of her husband.

Turkey Shoot At Lone Tree Traps

The annual Wines, Pine and Pines foot ball turkey shoot will be held at the Lone Tree grounds tomorrow, according to announcement by Secretary McAllister. Shooters are asked to assemble at the grounds at 9:30 a.m., when the contest will begin.

In addition to turkeys, capons and geese will be offered.

HIGH PRIZES WON BY CLUB COUNTY BOYS

Receive Half of Annual Awards for Washington Oregon and Idaho

MEDALS WILL BE AWARDED TO SIX

Darrell Weimer, Wilbur Blokland, Allen Mills, Leland Hudson and Bobby Huron Honored.

Union county boys and girls club members scored again today when word was received here that six club members of this county would receive medals, which are awarded each year by the American Meat Packers' association to the boys and girls club members who have the best individual animals in the hog, dog and sheep classes at the Pacific International Livestock show.

Medals will be given to 12 club members who entered stock at the Pacific International, ten of them going to Oregon and six to Union county. One of the other awards goes to Washington and the other to Idaho.

The medals have been sent to O. M. Plummer, manager of the Pacific International, who informed the state club leader that Oregon would receive ten of the awards this week.

Union Winners.
The Union county club members who will be given medals and the class in which they entered stock at the Pacific International follow: Beef class—Hecford, Darrell Weimer, Coyne, Aberdeen Angus, Allen Mills, Cows, Hogs—Berkshire, Wilbur Blokland, Island City; Hampshire, Leland Hudson, Inlander; Chester, White, Clifford Cornall, Inlander, Sheep—Hampshire, Bobby Huron, Inlander.

It is hoped to have Mr. Plummer pay a visit to La Grande some time after the first of the year and award the medals at that time.

Plans are at present to have a banquet for the boys and girls club members in connection with the Union County Agricultural conference, which will be held in February, and present the medals then. Mr. Plummer has already been sent an invitation to attend the conference.

STOLZ, ALLEN TO BATTLE TONIGHT

Bend Pugilist Eager to Meet Man Who Decided Him Last Year

Earl Stolz, Bend, Ore., pugilist, announced today to give Delma Allen, of La Grande, a "sound" beating when they meet tonight in the Rex hall boxing card. Stolz lost a six-round contest to Allen here about a year ago and it still sticks in his memory, causing him to have revengeful thoughts. And he believes, it is said, that he will be able to even matters up with Allen this evening.

Stolz is in the best of condition and has been fighting regularly since the first encounter here. He is a six-footer, four ended 155 lbs. in favor of knockouts and a fl. by a decision. Just before coming to La Grande he fought a draw with a scrapper that is reported to have outweighed him more than 20 pounds.

Allen, however, is not worrying about tonight. Since he lost the Central Oregon prize and defeated him he has improved greatly, whipping such boys as Benny Wolfe, the Philadelphia flash, and others of his class. Allen was beaten twice during the last year.

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All in Readiness For Scout Court

Preparations are complete for the boy scout court of honor which will be held this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, at the county court house. H. E. Cowdell, chairman of the court of honor committee, will preside and the meeting will be opened by Leg. C. Johnson, who will give the scout oath.

Dr. W. T. Ploy, president of the Eastern Oregon boy scout council, will give a short talk after which the awards will be made. The Rev. H. W. Parker will award the tenderfoot badges; the Rev. H. W. Riley the second class badges; A. W. Nelson, the first class badge; Dr. Ray Murphy the second class merit badges and Mr. Perkins the first class merit badges.

Four boys, Robert Ramsey, Claire Thomas, Paul Walker and Russell Nelson, will become scouts and Mr. Cowdell will award these badges. Edwin Kirby will become a life scout, this award to be made by Dr. Ploy.

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25 Students At Corvallis From La Grande, Ore.

Many Local Collegians Take a Leading Part in Athletic, Social and Other Activities.

By Melba Hanks
OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 16.—La Grande is represented at O. A. C. this year by 25 students, many of whom are taking an active part in campus activities. The registration from Union county is 25. The total enrollment of the college including summer school and short course students is 5000.

Frieda Klopferstein is a junior in vocational education and house manager of Delta Omega sorority. She was a member of Madeline club her freshman and sophomore years and is vice president this year. She is a member of the big sister committee, greater O. A. C. committee, Y. W. C. A. council, and educational exposition committee. Miss Klopferstein was active in women's athletics during her freshman and sophomore years, being a member of the basketball, volleyball and rifle teams.

Polo Captain.
John Henderson, senior in forestry, is president of Omega Upsilon social fraternity. He is a member of Seaboard and Blade, national military honorary fraternity, and has been on the polo team for three years, of which he is captain this year. He was a member of the homecoming committee and is a cadet captain in the cavalry.

Georges Barbeau, sophomore in pharmacy, was chairman of the freshman—sophomore tug-of-war and freshman-sophomore pushball tug contest. He is chairman of the tradition committee of Beaver Knights, a local chapter of Intercollegiate Knights which is a national underclassmen's organization. He also works on the Beaver staff, which publishes the college year book, and is a member of Omega Upsilon fraternity.

Melba Hanks is a sophomore in the school of vocational education and is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She is a member of the circulation staff of the directory which contains information concerning all students on the campus and is house chairman of the Y. W. C. A. bazaar committee.

Dallas Jacobson is a sophomore in commerce. He is a Beaver Knight, a member of the directory circulation staff, and a member of the Beaver staff, and belongs to Omega Upsilon social fraternity for men.

Vice President.
Harold Schroeder, sophomore in electrical engineering, is vice president of Omega Upsilon association for independent students. He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and a member of the Federated Engineers of O. A. C.

Katherine Drury, freshman in vocational education, is a member of the directory staff, faculty riding club, freshman stunt com-

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Chamber Will Have Christmas Program

The Union county chamber of commerce annual Christmas program will be given Tuesday noon at the regular forum luncheon at the Samovar hotel. The Rev. J. C. George, pastor of the Methodist church, will be the speaker and his subject will be "The Christ Child We Know." Raymond O. Williams, baritone, will sing a solo accompanied by Mrs. Williams at the piano, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rosenbaum will play two symphonic duet numbers "Death of Isaac" and "Benedictus."

Several local business firms have donated Christmas presents which will be given away to the members and guests in attendance at the meeting. There will be gifts for everyone and in addition a few special gifts.

SUBMARINE SUNK BY DESTROYER

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17. (AP)—The submarine S-1 was rammed and sunk by the U. S. naval destroyer USS Lamson today off Wood End. The coast guard station boats are searching for survivors from the submarine.

Western Union Files Show That No Money Was Forwarded From Mexico

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (AP)—Western Union telegraph files presented today to the senate committee investigating the Hearst Mexican slush fund documents showed no record of a number of messages and money transfers supposed to have taken place between Washington and Mexico City.

James E. Breunhan, a Western Union official of Washington, the first witness, was asked if he had any record of the transmission of money from Mexico to Arturo M. Elias, Mexican consul general in New York in the summer of 1926.

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"OUT OF THE FRYING PAN—"



Harry K. Thaw is almost constantly in trouble. A few days ago it seemed that all was well but alas! He arrived in Los Angeles with Anita Rivers (left) and Susan Hughes (right), potential co-accused stars only to be met with a \$100,000 damage suit filed against him by a California woman who based the action upon an alleged former love affair. Thaw denies it all, claiming he was in an asylum when the affair was supposed to have taken place.

Lindgren Takes Manager Office In Portland Firm

Following the announcement that Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Roy, who will leave La Grande the first of the new year, comes the word that Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Lindgren will leave this city the first of January to make their home in Portland.

Mr. Lindgren has accepted the management of the insurance department of the Equitable Savings and Loan association of Portland and will begin his duties in that capacity Jan. 3. They have sold their home here and plan to leave Jan. 3.

"While we deeply regret leaving this community and the many friends we have made during our stay in La Grande, we feel that the Portland office, which seems very efficiently, is too good to let pass by," Mr. Lindgren said this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindgren have lived here for five years and have made many friends. Mr. Lindgren has been manager of the insurance department of the Union Mortgage and Investment company since the company purchased several insurance agencies and combined them under the firm name. Before that he was partner with William Miller and had charge of the insurance in the firm of William Miller and company. For half a year after coming to La Grande he was in the school system here, teaching mathematics in the high school here, in addition to conducting summer school every season.

Mrs. Lindgren was a member of the high school faculty for three and a half years, teaching English and History.

Grant Bean Successor Him

First Presbyterian church here. Mr. Lindgren has been secretary for the Masonic lodge for several years, and Mrs. Lindgren is secretary and P. E. O. chapter here, besides associations with other organizations.

Grant Bean, who has been connected with the J. C. Deany company here for some time, will succeed Mr. Lindgren in the office of the Union Mortgage and Investment company.

Masonic Lodge Elects Officers

The Masonic lodge of La Grande elected officers for the coming year last evening when a meeting was held for that purpose. E. A. Epling was elected worshipful master; E. L. Knight, junior warden; P. J. Lott, junior warden; C. M. Humphreys, treasurer; Oscar Wainwright, secretary; and Howard Williams and E. H. Russell, La Grande Cemetery association trustees.

Seek Mistletoe; Find Man's Body

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 17. (AP)—Seeking mistletoe and Christmas decorations two children found the body of a man, apparently about 35, on a hillside about a mile west of Mount, Ore., yesterday afternoon.

The body had been lying there a pair of finger, the county coroner said. No marks of violence were apparent, and the only possible means of identification were a set of false teeth and eye-glasses. The clothing was in shreds due to action of the weather. No person had been reported missing at Mount.

SECOND HOME IN QUEBEC BURNED

St. Louis Academy Is Destroyed—Nun Leaps 90 Feet to Save Sick Boy

QUEBEC, Dec. 17. (AP)—A nun who jumped 90 feet with a sick boy in her arms to save him from the second fire in two days to destroy children's homes maintained by the sisters of the Good Shepherd, was close to death today as a result of her heroism.

Her youthful charge also was seriously injured but was expected to recover.

The second fire broke out last night in the six-story building the Jean Boréal boarding house for boys and the St. Louis academy as flames still were clearing the ruins of the hospital St. Charles orphanage where 50 lives were lost two nights before.

One hundred and forty-two half-dressed young boys were led from the burning building into the icy air, where they were awaiting the city fire department. A nurse in the academy, found herself trapped on the top floor with a sick boy named Redmond.

Carrying the youth to a window, the nun called to firemen to spread a net and then leaped from the flames that were threatening her and the boy. The net held, but the impact of the 90-foot drop was so great that both nurse and patient suffered serious injury.

The boys saved from the academy and boarding house were taken to a nearby house but this also was soon threatened by the flames. The roof of a building opposite the academy, where 200 little girls, saved from the orphanage fire, were housed, caught fire from wind-blown brands.

Hysterical crowds gathered in the streets and stormed the buildings where the refugees from the fire were being housed.

PARALYSIS IS PAST PEAK IN ROSEBURG, ORE.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 17. (AP)—With the lifting of the infantile paralysis quarantine conditions were restored to normal here today after two weeks of strict isolation for all persons under 21 years of age. When the first case of paralysis appeared in the city a strict quarantine was imposed, all persons under 21 years of age being kept off the streets and public meetings forbidden. Four cases developed in the city during the two weeks period, but with no new cases since last Saturday it is believed that there is no further danger.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17. (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning Dec. 18 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: Far western states. The outlook is for normal temperatures and frequent rains or snows in Washington, Oregon and Idaho and for changeable weather elsewhere, probably with occasional rains in California and occasional snows and rains in Nevada.

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Tariff Change Not Desired By Cabinet Member

Secretary Jardine Thinks Such a Step Would Greatly Damage Agriculture in U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (AP)—A change in the American protective tariff would harm the farmer more than it would aid him, W. M. Jardine, secretary of agriculture, told the Republican club today.

"The time is approaching," he said, "when tariff protection will be more important to agriculture than to industry in this country, since agriculture is becoming less and industry more dependent on foreign markets."

Agricultural products, he declared have been for many years diminishing part of American exports, and agricultural exports are becoming a diminishing percentage of the country's total domestic production in agriculture.

The total value of agricultural exports increased 122 per cent for the period 1900-1904 to the period 1922-1926, he said, while the value of all exports increased 338 per cent.

Protection Vital.
"Since agriculture is becoming less an industry more dependent on the foreign market," said Secretary Jardine, "it is becoming increasingly important to agriculture that protection should be maintained against foreign competition in our markets."

"Those who, unthinkingly or in a spirit of political revenge, would wreck our protective system in the alleged interest of agriculture, should stop to think what it would really mean. Competition of foreign agricultural products in our markets would be keenly felt by our farmers and agriculturists, would surely suffer with the rest because of that instability of commercial relations which drastic tariff changes would create."

Woman Is Given 14-Year Prison Term in Texas

LAURENCE, Tex., Dec. 17. (AP)—Mrs. Barbara Hootch, Texas, young former University of Texas student, was found guilty by a jury in district court here today of the daylight robbery of the Farmers National bank of Buda, Tex., in which \$1000 was secured a year ago. Her punishment was assessed at 14 years imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

Mrs. Rogers gave no sign of emotion when the verdict was read.

Police Surround Capone's Residence

CHICAGO, Dec. 17. (AP)—"Scar" Al Capone, Chicago gang leader, who got back to Chicago last night after sundry adventures in Los Angeles and Joliet, Ill., found brass buttons instead of brass bands about his home when he got up today.

William O'Connor, chief of detectives, ordered 10 policemen stationed about the home of Capone's mother, where the gangster is staying, and told them to let no one into the house and to arrest Capone the minute he comes out.

Capone spent the night with his mother unattended by police. Accompanied by six bodyguards, he arrived in Chicago by auto after posting sufficient bonds to obtain his release from the Joliet police force, which had formed a reception committee for him when he alighted yesterday from a Santa Fe train.

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THE WEATHER

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RUSSIA MAY TAKE ACTION; WAR UNLIKELY

Japanese War Office Does Not Think Moscow Will Resort to Military

19 EXECUTIONS OCCUR IN CANTON

Fifteen Soviet Officials Deported from Hankow—14 Bohemian Girls Shot to Death.

LONDON, Dec. 17. (AP)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Tokyo says that the Japanese press hears that Moscow's protest against the killing of the soviet consul at Canton may be accompanied by punitive action.

The war office does not think that Moscow will take military action.

EXECUTE 19 RUSSIANS.
SHANGHAI, Dec. 17. (AP)—Nineteen Russians have been executed in the streets of Canton as a warning to those who turn to communism, a dispatch from Hong-kong stated today.

The registration of all soviet subjects by Dec. 23 has been ordered by the Nanking nationalist government in its campaign against communism. The registration will be carried out throughout the territory over which the Nanking government rules. Those who do not register will be expelled.

At least six Russians of the soviet consular staff were executed. Others were lodged in the city jail. It was said they would likely share the fate of their unlucky compatriots.

Other Russians in Canton were arrested by Canton troops and taken to military headquarters. Still others were taken in a motor car to police headquarters. "One car had a sign written in Chinese on white cloth reading: 'To revenge the people!'"

Thirteen other Russians were executed Thursday. Condemned as spies, they were lined up outside the entrance to the bureau of public safety and shot by a military squad. The execution was carried out openly, apparently the authorities having in view the salutary effect which this proceeding would have on the communist situation.

Martial law is in effect in the Chinese section of Shanghai. United States marines and British and Japanese troops are patrolling districts in which demonstrations are likely. The closest vigilance is being maintained.

MOTHER PLANS TO JOIN LINDY IN MEXICO CITY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (AP)—Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, mother of the transatlantic flyer, plans to leave Detroit Monday by airplane for Mexico City to spend Christmas with her son, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

It was said today at the state department that Mrs. Lindbergh would leave Detroit Monday morning at 10 o'clock. She has flown on one short trip, principally on flights made soon after Lindbergh's return from Paris. She has never attempted such a trip as she will encounter over the long mountainous stretches between Detroit and Mexico City.

The flight will be one of the longest, if not the longest ever undertaken by a woman.

SHOPPING DAY'S TILL CHRISTMAS

As fall a doorn days to sleep! It makes you catch your breath. You've never had yourself to blame if you're rushed to death.

