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CHURCHES OF  
CITY ENTER  
'XMAS' WEEKFirst of Programs Given  
Last Evening at Pres-  
byterian ChurchLARGE ATTENDANCE  
FEATURES SERVICEChristians Planning a  
"White Gift" Observ-  
ance—Evangelist Will  
Speak This Evening.

The first of numerous Christmas programs which will be given in the local churches during the week took place last evening at the First Presbyterian church, given by the members of the Junior Christian Endeavor society, under the direction of Mrs. Gustaf Winkler and Miss Grace Gehlert. The church auditorium was filled to capacity and in each case the children presented their parts perfectly.

The Holy family in act, presented by Mrs. E. P. Mossman, as a part of the program was very pleasing, as was the drama furnished by Mrs. Harley Richardson, and vocal selections which were given by Mrs. Elsie Sherman and Mrs. W. H. Behnken. Mrs. J. Lindsey, also, presented a "White Gift" which was full of the Christmas spirit and held the audience through the entire story.

The offering received amounted to \$16 and will be added to the fund to purchase a set of chairs for the pipe organ.

Large Congregation  
Yesterday morning a large congregation assembled at the church to worship. The choir sang the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," and the pastor spoke on the subject "The Voice of the Angel and Mary."

Early in the evening a joint meeting of the intermediate, senior and young people's Christian Endeavor societies was held, when an interesting program was given with William Miller Jr., and Cameron Miller in charge. A clever and unique "radio" program occupied the hour. From a loud speaker on the table various stations were heard, including a Christmas story from London, England, a bit of philosophy from a Chinese courtier, a story of a Chinese boy, a message from Santa Claus in Alaska, a vocal solo from Santa Antonio, Texas, and two piano numbers. At the close of the program Santa Claus had arrived by air and presented candy canes to all present.

Slides Shown  
Other churches of the city were also well attended yesterday. At the First Methodist Episcopal church, a slide show was given.

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34 Awards Given  
To Boy Scouts  
At Honor CourtEdwin Kirby Becomes a  
Life Scout—A Large  
Crowd Witnesses Cere-  
monies Here Saturday.

Thirty-four awards were given to La Grande boy scouts Saturday night, when a court of honor was held at the county court house here, presided over by H. E. Coolidge. One boy, Edwin Kirby, became a life scout, an award which is made after a boy has received 10 merit badges, including first and physical development, athletics, personal health, life saving or powerboat, and other awards. Kirby is a member of the La Grande troop, and is a member of the La Grande council, which also gave a merit badge.

The court of honor was opened with the reading of the scout oath, led by Lee C. Johnson. Four boys were given star scout badges, Russell Nelson, Claire Thomas, Robert Ramsey and Paul Walker. A. W. Nelson presented these awards.

One boy, H. W. Parker presented the second class badge to Wilford Stitt, Guy Andrews, Everett Reynolds, Lynn Peterson, and Carl Dohlan.

First class badges were given to Carl Olsen and Adam Leighton, and second class merit badges were given to Everett Reynolds, Robert Weeks, Carl Helm, Arthur Steffen, Roland Heasler, Adam Leighton and Max Stoddard. Dr. Ray Murphy presented the awards.

First class merit badges were presented by W. C. Perkins and were given to Donald Pouch, Edwin Kirby, Robert Ramsey, Tom Hardesty, Lee C. Johnson, Paul Walker, Vernon Patton, Virgil Kochensperger, Claire Thomas.

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Local Bowling  
Team Beaten By  
Portland Squad

After leading for more than half the game, La Grande fell behind to lose to Portland yesterday when the local U. P. bowling team met the Portland U. P. men's team in a preliminary contest to the finals which will determine the U. P. championship tournament. The Portlanders came on a special car, bringing with them several fans.

The match was held at the Wagon wheel, where a crowd of enthusiastic fans cheered the contestants during the game which began at 1:30 and continued until 5 o'clock.

A. L. Southard, of Portland, was high point man for total pins, with 80. C. C. Howard, of La Grande, was high man for game with 211. La Grande won the first three games and Portland the last two, but with a margin that gave them the tournament.

La Grande's score was 4012 and Portland's 4022. La Grande will go to Portland soon and Spokane will come here for additional games.

The teams follow: Portland, J. E. Russell, A. L. Southard, G. G. Walling, W. Neal, T. B. Salmon, La Grande, C. C. Howard, C. W. Cook, H. Yeakey, W. P. Porter, V. Ainsworth.

Forum Luncheon  
Honors Christmas

Chamber of commerce members are looking forward to an interesting program at tomorrow's forum luncheon at the Sommer hotel, when the annual Christmas program will be given. The Rev. J. George Wark will be the speaker and his subject will be "The Christ Child We Know." Raymond O. Williams will sing "In Bethlehem" accompanied by Mrs. Williams at the piano and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rosenbaum will play two xylophone duet numbers.

There will be Christmas gifts for everyone who attends the luncheon.

Arrest Ends 17  
Day Respite Here

After 17 days without an arrest or any evidence of crime in La Grande, a Spaniard, whose name could not be ascertained by the police, was arrested and placed in jail Saturday night on a charge of drunkenness. Until the prisoner's name can be learned he is booked as "John Doe."

A second arrest was made last night when Fred Rydzak was arrested on a charge of drunkenness. Trials are scheduled for this evening in municipal court.

A report to the police was that an attempt was made to enter the Economy market on Fir street Saturday night. Tracks leading away from the building indicate that the offenders were boys. Entrance was not gained.

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 year-end 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.

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## KING BEN DIES



Benjamin Franklin, king of the House of David, is dead. Although he passed away Friday, members of his cult did not notify the undertaker and his death was discovered only when rumors were traced down today. His followers expected him to undergo a resurrection as Christ did.

LA GRANDE, UNION  
AFTER TOURNEY

District Basketball Meet  
to Take Place on Feb-  
ruary 23, 24 and 25

Two cities, La Grande and Union, have extended invitations for the 1928 basketball tournament of District No. 1, which is to be held Feb. 23, 24, 25, and as a result the matter will be referred to the schools of the district for decision. This decision, reached Saturday when a meeting of school officials of the district was held at the local high school, was unanimous this morning.

By E. D. Towler, principal of the La Grande high school, the date of the tournament was definitely set at Feb. 23, 24, 25. Representatives of the district schools, which include Walla Walla, Union, Grant, Baker, Harney and Malheur counties, numbered six. They met in a discussion led by Jimmy Rosenbaum, of the technicalities of the game and discussed points in regard to officiating in such matters as the dribble and traveling. The dribble will be used here as always before. Mr. Towler stated this morning in reference to the much-discussed preliminary action which was taken in regard to the dribble last year. Those who attended Saturday's meet were: H. M. DuBoise, superintendent of the Joseph school; Ben Wright, principal at Enterprise; the Joseph coach, H. M. Reed, principal in Baker and Ward Hunsmerley, principal at North Powder.

Petition Filed  
Against Motor  
Stage Company

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19 (AP)—The Oregon Trail stages have filed with the public service commission a petition protesting against the operation of a motor stage company. The protesting company operates a line of motor stages from Pendleton to Boise and alleges that the Blue Mountain company proposes to operate conflicting schedules contrary to a contract made several months ago.

The contract was entered into with P. W. Venable and George A. Porter on one side and W. L. Goldstein and wife on the other. Venable and Porter operate separately from the Goldsteins but all operated under the common name of Oregon Trail stages. Now, it is charged Mrs. Goldstein has assumed management of the Goldstein interests and proposes to operate the Blue Mountain line.

New Stage Company  
Purchases Depot

The Blue Mountain Transportation company, recently incorporated in Oregon, will operate motor coaches of the latest type between Boise, Ida, and Pendleton, Ore., making connections east for Twin Falls, Pocatello, Salt Lake City, Denver and Kansas City, and west for Portland, Olympia, Tacoma, Seattle and Walla Walla, etc. It is announced today by Emma Goldstein.

The new company has taken over the stage depot at 1114 Jefferson avenue. Carl Carstensen will be in charge of the station here.

Beck and Robbins  
Lease Gas Station

Walter A. Beck and H. K. Robbins, under the firm name of Beck & Robbins, have leased the filling station on the corner of Adams and Hendrick—formerly John's Brothers. The tire shop will not be operated but the room will be used for washing and greasing.

Mr. Beck has been employed recently by the highway department and formerly operated a ranch near Molalla, Ore. Mr. Robbins is also from Molalla where he operated a store.

## GAMBLERS RAIDED

PENDLETON, Dec. 19 (AP)—A gambling outfit, described by police to be the worst operating in the city for some years, was raided yesterday afternoon by local police officials and paraphernalia, including dice, cards, chips and a number of empty whiskey jars, glasses and bottles were seized. Carl Parker, charged with destroying moonshine whiskey at the time of the raid was fined \$250 in recorder's court this morning.

Baby Girl Best  
Christmas Present

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—The new farm relief bill of Representative Haugen, republican, Iowa, similar in general principles to that already introduced in the senate by Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, was presented today to the house agricultural committee.

These bills, which are expected to be combined as the McNary-Haugen farm relief measure of the 70th congress and to provide a major issue of the session, retain much debated equalization fee provision. This feature was held primarily responsible for President Coolidge's veto of the bill during the last congress.

## Expectations

Mr. Haugen said that he would introduce his bill in the house with the expectation that it would immediately be referred to the agricultural committee of which he is chairman.

While Senator McNary's new bill would authorize an appropriation of \$250,000,000 to be administered by a farm board as a revolving fund for farm relief, Representative Haugen's bill would authorize \$100,000,000 for that purpose.

A move to bring about a compromise between west point and the naval academy so that those institutions might resume their football relations was begun today by Representative Fish of New York, who introduced a resolution requesting the secretaries of war and the navy to intervene.

## Message Received

A message from the men trapped in the submarine was received by the Falcon early today. The message tapped out in the Morse code asked if the rescuers could send oxygen and emergency food supplies to the submarine still alive on the bottom.

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Pender was convicted following the murder of a woman and child at Seaside, Ore., in 1911. He was sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Later, as a result of an affidavit in his behalf, he was pardoned.

Seek Stanfield On  
Portland Warrant

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19 (AP)—Two warrants, one charging assault and battery and the other failing to give name and address following an accident were issued today for arrest of Robert N. Stanfield, said by the complainant to be the former U. S. senator from Oregon.

Howard F. Wilcox, auto salesman, complainant declared he was struck in the face by Stanfield after an auto accident on a Portland street the night of Dec. 16. Wilcox said his car ran into Stanfield's car as the latter backed from a curb.

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DETROIT, Dec. 19 (AP)—Mrs. Evangeline L. Lindbergh, probably the first woman ambassador of good will, took the air at 10:15 a. m. today on the first leg of the flight which carries her to Mexico City and a Christmas holiday with her son, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, America's hero of aviation.

The huge Ford all metal monoplane number C-1047 in which the flight is being made was piloted by Harry Brooks, and carried her to St. Louis. Mrs. Lindbergh, W. B. Stout, senior Dale Lajos, representative of the Ford Motor company, and Harry Russell, engine expert. Mr. Stout is head of the airplane division of the Ford Motor company.

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By The Associated Press  
SIX men trapped in the crippled submarine S-4 on the ocean's floor off Provincetown, Mass., were still alive today but a wintry gale prevented almost every chance of saving them.

The latest message from the submarine, which was rained and sunk late Saturday afternoon with 46 men, was tapped out by Lieut. Graham Newell Fitch, one of the four officers aboard, early today.

A 45-mile wind and a rolling sea combined to make continued operations of divers impossible and though salvage crews and ships were converging on the scene of the disaster from several points, nothing could be done to help the trapped sailors until the storm abated.

Lieut. Fitch asked that an attempt be made to send supplies through the torpedo tube. He asked for both food and oxygen, indicating that the men were farved with the two-fold fate of starvation and suffocation.

## AIR PUMPELS STOP

BOSTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—pumping of air into the sunken submarine S-4 has stopped and rescue work at the scene was at a standstill today Rear Admiral Frank H. Benson reported today upon arrival at the Charleston navy yard on board the mine sweeper Falcon.

The air hose through which pumping of air into the sub marine was started yesterday broke away from the submarine, and it was believed that it was cut by some of the wreckage of the sunken craft.

Heavy seas this morning prevented divers from going down to repair the break. As a result the submarine was again cut off entirely from the rescuers.

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BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Dec. 19 (AP)—Following to believe their "king," Benjamin Parrish, really is dead, followers of the House of David cult, pleaded successfully with county officials today for 24 hours additional delays in the removal of Benjamin's body from the chamber at his colony where death overtook him last Friday.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Dec. 19 (AP)—Benjamin Parrish, king of the House of David, is dead. He died at 11:30 Friday morning, and today, the third day after his death, his body still lay in the bed where he had died. Colony officials, believing in the teachings of Parrish that the faithful could not die, have refused from summoning an undertaker and have made no announcement of their leader's death.

Rumors of Parrish's demise began to spread through the city early this morning and Dr. C. N. Ross, colony physician, was sought for verification. At first he said any announcement must come from the colony.

Told that Parrish's death already was known outside the colony, Dr. Ross issued this statement:

"Benjamin died at 11:30 last Friday morning, Dec. 16. I did not make any public announcement of his death out of deference to the religious convictions of the colony. They believe Benjamin will undergo a resurrection as Christ did and they are holding the body for three days."

## Expect Resurrection

Early this morning only a comparatively few of the colony who reside at the headquarters grounds on British avenue, knew that Benjamin had died. Many of those who heard that death had come to the

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Senators Cleared;  
Rebuke Mr. Hearst

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—An open letter to William Randolph Hearst condemning him for publication of the documents purporting to show creation of a \$12,250,000 Mexican fund for four United States senators was made public today by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, one of the senators named in the document.

Senator Norris and the other senators—Borah, Idaho; Hoffman, Alabama; and La Follette, Wisconsin—have been cleared of any suspicion of having received money or having been approached in regard to it by members of the special senate committee investigating the charges and also by Mr. Hearst, who gave the documents to the committee.

From his sick bed, Senator Norris asks Mr. Hearst why he did not publish in his paper along with the document concerning the fund that he had no evidence that any of the senators received the money.

Farm Crops Yield  
More This Season

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—This year's harvest of important farm crops, including fruit and vegetables, was the largest ever recorded by the department of agriculture at \$3,428,626,999 compared with \$2,793,480,000 last year. The values were based on Dec. 1 on seasonal prices paid to farmers.

Pendleton Safe  
Blown Saturday

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Group in CantonEstimates Are That 200-  
000 Have Departed from  
Area—Migrating to  
Some Point of Safety.

CANTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—Six hundred Chinese suspected of being communists have been executed in one group, it was learned today. Apparently determined to crush bolshevik activities by throwing a scare into the population and causing general anti-soviet sentiment, the anti-red authorities are continuing the suppression of soviet activities and execution of Chinese communists.

The soviet vice consul was also executed, official reports state. Virtual migration of Chinese to Hongkong is under way. Two hundred thousand have departed from the Canton area.

Reports are current that General Li Chai-Sun who was ousted from the dictatorship of Canton on Nov. 17 by General Chang Fak-Wai, has returned to Swatow, 125 miles east of Canton. He is said to be planning an expedition on Canton to regain his authority.

The Chinese believe that serious fighting between Generals Li and Chang is imminent and this has caused an increased exodus.

Foreigners are being concentrated on Shamen Island, the concession area.

The British have requested their nationals to gather there. There is no uneasiness in the settlement, however, as it is believed the present forces are adequate to repel an attack.

Oregon Exports  
Show Decrease;  
Wheat Is First

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—Exports of merchandising from Oregon were valued at \$1,967,528 during the second quarter of 1927, compared with \$1,731,929 during the corresponding period of 1926, a decrease of \$235,599.