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HIGHWAY SHOPS TO STAY HERE

STATE WILL HELP TO BUY ADAMS SITE

Road Commission Agrees to Give \$2500 for the Purchase of Land

LA GRANDE, COUNTY TO FURNISH \$6,750

Property Selected Is at Corner of Willow and Adams, 430 by 485 Feet in Size.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—The state highway commission has agreed to contribute \$2,500 toward the purchase of a site for department shops in La Grande.

The site costs \$9,250, and the balance of the money will come from the city and county of Union. The site is 430 by 485 feet.

The commission announced that the concession privilege for Meacham Park is to be advertised for a three-year period.

SHOPS TO STAY HERE The decision of the state highway commission to contribute \$2,500 toward the purchase of a shop site was received with elation in La Grande.

The property in question is the Toy Young property on the corner of Adams avenue and Willow street, including lot U. Cogran 2nd Addition, and lots 1 and 2, block 12, Honan's Addition.

The shops have been located here for several years but recently they outgrew their present quarters.

Includes Eight Counties This division comprises Morrow, Emathias, Wallowa, Union, Baker, Harney, and Malheur and the eastern part of Grant county.

With the state paying \$2,500, only \$6,750 remains for La Grande and Union county to provide. Part of this will be paid by the county court and the remainder by the city commission, it is said.

POLICE START AUTO PATROL OF RESIDENCES

Another precaution against crime is to be taken by the local police department, Chief Clint Haysen announced this morning.

Starting with tonight as "prowler's night," manned by two officers, a patrol of residences will be made in the residential district.

Remus Hearing Is Set For Dec. 28

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21 (AP)—George Remus will get a solemn hearing Dec. 28 before Judge William H. Anderson in the state court announced today.

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 constantly increasing number of firms who are adding to their advertising budget for Observer space indicate conclusively by their action that satisfactory returns accompany every insertion.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Dolls And Sleds Still Uppermost In Child's Heart

Changing Times Touch Little Mary and Johnnie But Lightly, Christmas Wishes Show

Today's mother may demand a new steel-shaft golf club in place of a sewing basket for Christmas, father may have changed the wardrobe of his Santa Claus letter to include collegiate regalia instead of alpacas, grandma may have decided she would find a new vanity case much more useful to her than the traditional mittens, grandma may have hinted that a silver cigarette case would find favor with him rather than a leather tobacco pouch; even the family dog may have made known by a series of artful barks that he would find a

pedigree home for his family Christmas remembrance much more satisfactory than one of dubious origin.

But little Mary still wants a doll and little Johnnie still wants a shiny new sled. They haven't been affected by the new era of buses, airplanes and science. And furthermore, all reports to the contrary, these youngsters of four, five and six haven't succumbed to modern agnosticism to the extent that they doubt the existence of rosy, bewhiskered St. Nick.

Sure, There's a Santa Of course there is a Santa Claus! Just where they will see Santa is a matter of dispute but all are assured that they will see him. Some are expecting a call Christmas night at their own fireside. Some intend to meet him at church programs Christmas eve. Others will see Santa at the Salvation Army. And all of them will see Santa Claus at the Elks' Christmas tree. And undoubtedly he will visit them all.

To insure this many have written letters, yes, and mailed them, to the north of their state.

Here's what some of them visited at the primary grades of several schools are hoping they'll find in their stockings when they scamper out of bed Christmas morning to their trees, and some of their impressions about Christmas:

Little Tommy Rothacker, a first grader at Riveria, draws, "Pa rather have a little red car."

Annual Oregon Dance Will Be Friday Evening

The annual Christmas dances sponsored by University of Oregon students will take place Friday evening, Dec. 23, in the ballroom of the La Grande hotel here, it was announced this morning.

The students of the university home for the holidays have agreed to cooperate with the alumni in the raising of La Grande's quota of \$2000 toward the Fine Arts Building fund, the purpose for which the dance is given, and are assisting in preparations for the dance.

The proposed Fine Arts building is to be a memorial to the late Prince Lucien Campbell, president of the university, and is to house besides the fine arts department of the university, the famous Murray Warner collection of oriental art and other splendid collections.

Woman Breaks Arm In Fall on Adams

Mrs. George Bolden suffered a broken arm yesterday when she fell when stepping from the sidewalk onto the Adams avenue. The accident occurred early in the afternoon in the business section. She was given immediate medical aid.

Present Cantata At M. E. Church

Fifteen members of the girls' high school class of the First Methodist Episcopal church will present a Christmas cantata next Sunday night, under the direction of Mrs. Claude Cooper. The cantata is entitled "The Holy Night" by Fred McHaffin. Mrs. Sherwood Williams is accompanist and members of the church choir will assist.

CHILDREN OF CITY TO GET JOYOUS YULE

Christmas Parties, Programs and Gifts to Begin Here Friday

ELKS TREE WILL BE SUNDAY EVENT

Free Matinee at Star Theater Monday Morning Ten Days of Vacation from School.

Christmas for the children of La Grande will begin Friday afternoon and will last over Monday, and all are looking forward to it with great anticipation.

The schools of the city are planning Christmas parties and programs for Friday afternoon, the Elks' annual Christmas tree is scheduled for Sunday and a free matinee at the Star theater has been announced for Monday morning.

In addition to these features, all of which are arranged especially for the children, there will be numerous Christmas programs with a Christmas tree as a feature in the various churches and lodges.

School Closes Friday

School will close Friday afternoon for ten days vacation, and all of the school rooms are planning Christmas parties for that day. At the Central school there will be an assembly of all students at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, when a short Christmas program will be given. This will be followed by parties in the various rooms of the school.

A similar plan will be followed in the other grade schools of the city. At Greenwood the lower grades will have a Christmas tree, class rooms the students will exchange gifts and sing during a short Christmas party. At Riveria school the smaller children will have programs in their rooms, and the four higher grades will join in a Christmas program.

A large fir tree is already up in the upper hall of the school building and all plans have been made for the program. At Willow the various rooms will have separate programs at about two o'clock in the afternoon after which school will be dismissed until Tuesday, Jan. 3, when the children will return to school to take up their studies again.

Elks Christmas Tree

The Elks' tree has been up for several days now, and Christmas day at 12 o'clock children from over all the city will gather at the tree to receive a toy and a bar of Christmas sweets, given away by the lodge each year. Everything is in readiness for the distribution of the gifts, announcement was made this morning by the committee in charge.

Distribute 100 Baskets In addition to giving the children of the city a Christmas tree, the B. P. O. Elks lodge will distribute about 100 baskets Saturday, the day before Christmas, to the needy families of the city. In addition to articles of food the baskets will contain toys, which have been gathered and repaired by the La Grande boy scouts, and given to the lodge to be put into the homes where they are most needed.

The Salvation Army will also distribute about 20 baskets, which will furnish about 100 or 125 persons with Christmas dinner. The Salvation Army will also hold a Christmas tree, which will accommodate about 250 children. In addition to the boxes of candy will be given to those who are in the jails of the city or county over Christmas.

Free Matinee

On Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock all children are invited to attend the free matinee at the Star theater, which is given each year through the courtesy of Meyers and Bowen, managers of the theater. An "Our Gang" and a "Ben Turpin" comedy will be shown in addition to a short detective story and a sport life reel.

The Moore lodge has announced its annual Christmas tree for Friday evening at eight o'clock at Eagles hall, which is for all members of the lodge and their families, and the Eagles lodge will hold a Christmas tree on Thursday evening for all Eagles and their families.

Teachers Taking Examinations Here

County School Superintendent E. A. Sayre is giving teachers' examinations at the courthouse today. This morning four were taking the examinations, all of which were for one-year certificates.

Senate Closes Up Shop Until After Holidays

Adjournment Today Taken Following the Death of Senator Jones, New Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The senate ended the first period of its session today by adjourning until Jan. 4 for the holidays.

Adjournment for today was decided out of respect for Senator Jones, of New Mexico, who died here last night.

The house also stopped its machinery out of respect to the late senator, after a 25 minutes session.

Accuse Bend Man Of Robbery Of Conner's Store

G. C. Hipp was arrested Monday in Bend by Sheriff Jesse Broshers charged with burglary not in a dwelling. Hipp is alleged by officers to have committed the robbery of Conner's store at Union some time ago when several hundred dollars worth of merchandise was taken. It is said by police officers, the arrest was made through the efforts of Sheriff Broshers and the Bend chief of police, both of whom have been working on the case for some time, according to local officials.

The date of Hipp's hearing has not yet been set. Sheriff Broshers arrived in La Grande yesterday afternoon with his prisoner.

To Sue Klamath Falls For \$7500 For Boy's Death

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (Special)—The Wallace Ordway, father of Harry Ordway, youngster who was drowned when he fell into the government canal last fall, aims to fix responsibility for the death because apparent here when the city council heard a letter in which Ordway demanded \$7,500 damages from the city of Klamath Falls.

The letter, from R. J. Kitchen, La Grande attorney, charged gross negligence in permitting a dangerous hole to go unprepared in the canal bank. It was this hole into which the boy fell when he plunged into the waters of the canal last September.

The city, it is held, is not liable in this case inasmuch as the canal is government property. Kitchen is to be notified. Whether he will sue the government for the amount is not known.

Hickman's Mother Doesn't Believe Her Son Could Have Killed Marian

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21 (AP)—Contending that her son "could not possibly do such a thing," Mrs. Eva Hickman, mother of the youth sought as the kidnaper and slayer of Marian Parker, today was reported near collapse at her home here.

Visitors to the apartment where Mrs. Hickman and her 17-year-old daughter Mary lives, found the mother chiefly concerned about her son's neglect in writing her.

"Why hasn't he let me know where he is?" she asks of friends, "why doesn't he say he didn't do it?"

To the former classmates of William Edward Hickman, debater, scholar of high rank and a leader in high school activities, the mother presents his record, upon his graduation in 1926 to support her contention. She believes he still may be in Chicago where she last heard from him in October.

"Perhaps he does not know they are looking for him," she told newspapermen. "It may be too that he has heard about it and is hiding in Chicago until he can get word from me and learn what to do."

Has Faith in Son "I have been reading about that awful thing every day. Oh, what a fearful thing it was. How many times I have thought to myself what should be done to a man who would do such a thing. It was a crime that caused every mother and father in the country to be afraid. And to think they believe my boy did it. "Edward never would do a thing

S-4 WRECK IS LOST; STORM TEARS LINE

Diver, Down Nearly An Hour, Unable to Sight Ill-Fated Submarine

NO ANSWERS ARE MADE TO SIGNALS

Last Sounds Heard From Torpedo Room Were at 6 O'clock Last Night—Taps Then Only Faint

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 21 (AP)—Admiral Frank H. Drunty in charge of salvage operations on the sunken submarine S-4 announced late today that the wreck had been lost, because a line attached to it was torn away in the recent gale.

Two divers who were lowered today failed to find the vessel up to 415 fathoms.

Two motor sailors grappled for the missing submarine all day without success. Diving operations were being continued late today. At 1 p. m. Diver William Wickwire submerged empty handed with orders to find the S-4.

Commander Edward Ellsberg was at the telephone. The diver remained down for 53 minutes and told Commander Ellsberg that it was impossible to see more than four feet. He covered 50 feet but did not see the wreck. At 2:20 James Ingram, the first diver to reach the S-4 two years ago went down. He was still under water at 415.

The missing line was attached to the submarine last Sunday afternoon by Diver Carr. When the mine sweeper Wilcox left for Boston early Monday the line was transferred to the buoy. Commander Ellsberg said the line probably snapped at the point where it was attached to the submarine by the heavy seas of Monday and Tuesday.

No sounds from the torpedo room of the S-4 in which six men are imprisoned, had been heard since 6 o'clock last night when seven faint taps were detected by the oscillating of the submarine S-8, sister ship of the S-4. Although the S-8 signaled at hourly intervals

Preparing to Greet Perente, Rum King

SEATTLE, Dec. 21 (AP)—A telegraphic warrant for the arrest of Joe Perente, convicted rum runner who jumped bail in San Francisco and fled to British Columbia was received by United States Marshal Edward D. Benn here today.

Benn said he would arrange for a deputy marshal to meet Perente at the border if he is deported from Canada. Perente was arrested in Vancouver yesterday and is expected to be deported as an undesirable alien. Hearing has been set for tomorrow on the deportation question.

Jasper Speaker At Rotary Club Luncheon Today

Ed Jasper was the chief speaker at the Rotary club luncheon at the La Grande hotel today at noon, giving particular attention to the question of developing industries and increasing payrolls in the community. Mr. Jasper has just completed a new cement mill at Island City and is manufacturing "Heath Sugar." He foresees a real opportunity for additional industrial activity in this territory.

Oscar Warnock gave an interesting five-minute autobiography and Ingvar Amnes, who is attending the University of Oregon, also spoke briefly. Gifford Betts was another student present from the university.

More Spring Wheat Sown Over Nation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The winter wheat area sown this fall was estimated today by the department of agriculture at 47,877,000 acres, which is 16.3 per cent more than the revised estimate of 43,465,000 acres sown last fall.

HE HAS MANY MOTHERS



Buddy, 12-month-old boy from an orphanage at Little Rock, Ark., is having the time of his life entertaining the co-eds at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Buddy has come to the university to help make the courses in child-rearing practical, and he has many "practice mothers" who see to his feeding, sleeping and baths.

MRS. LINDBERGH IN SAN ANTONIO

Flies from Tulsa, Okla., to Dallas and Thence on Toward South Today

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 21 (AP)—Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, mother of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, alighted at Kelly field here, where her noted son acquired his flying skill, at 1:35 this afternoon en route to Mexico City where she is to spend the Christmas holidays with him.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 21 (AP)—Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, on her way by air plane to see her son, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, in Mexico City, landed at Love Field here at 10:07 o'clock this morning. The plane was to reach the big plane here and proceed to San Antonio.

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 21 (AP)—Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, en route to Mexico City to spend Christmas with her son Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, hopped off from Tulsa airport here this morning at 7:45 for Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Lindbergh is expected to reach Dallas by not later than 10:10 where a brief stop is planned. Leaving Dallas the Ford-Stout tri-motored plane will wing its way to San Antonio. Harry Brooks, pilot, expecting to reach that city by 1 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Lindbergh and her party of three will have lunch in San Antonio, Brooks said.

Leaving San Antonio after lunch Mrs. Lindbergh plans to fly to Brownsville where she will spend the night. It was decided this morning, Brooks said, not to try to reach Tampico tonight but to have plenty of daylight in flying over the Mexican territory.

Seven Killed in Mine Explosion

JOHNSTON CITY, Ill., Dec. 21 (AP)—The bodies of seven miners killed last night in an explosion of gas in the Steritz coal mine near here, were brought to the surface today after all night work by three mine rescue teams.

Those killed were William Jones, David Anderson, Charles Wyatt, Fred Cagle, George Grubbs, G. Garrota and Almus Lavender.

Reed Won't Seek Re-Election To The U. S. Senate

Step Regarded as Clearing Way for 1928 Nomination—Smith's Backers "Kill" Religious Issue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Clearing the way to those who are seeking for him the democratic presidential nomination, Senator Reed, of Missouri, has decided that he will not again run for the senate.

The senator's position, set forth in a statement by Samuel W. Fordyce, chairman of the Missouri democratic state committee, makes it clear that while he himself is not seeking the nomination, he is aware that his friends are doing so in his behalf.

Chairman Fordyce issued his statement after a conference with the senator and declared he made it public "because of persistent rumor, started presumably by certain metropolitan newspapers, that Senator Reed is not seeking the nomination for president."

Observing that Reed's presence had been exerted to persuade Senator Reed to file for renomination to a senate before expiration of the time limit in Missouri in June next year, Fordyce said he could say, however, that Reed "will not under any circumstances" again become a senate candidate.

Another statement concerning democratic presidential possibilities was before the public today, coming from Norman E. Mack, democratic national committee man from New York, in support of Governor Smith, and declaring "dead forever" the "so-called religious issue."

No Issue, He Says "It is far more important," Mack said, "that the religious issue, which was excluded by the failure of the committee to select a president shall be chosen from either of the parties. Church and state never have been related in American politics, religious affiliations of candidates are not issues in state campaigns and there can be no reason for raising such an issue in a national contest." Mack declared Governor Smith was the only man who could carry New York state for the democrats.

Revenge Motive For Murder Of Wealthy Widow

BURLINGTON, N. J., Dec. 21 (AP)—A desire for revenge on the woman he accused of breaking up his home and then spurning him, as a motive for the slaying of Mrs. Isabelle James Sheddaker, wealthy widow, by Frederick Plant, as she was fleeing from an automobile screaming.

Plant was in St. Francis hospital, Trenton, today with a bullet wound in his mouth, self-inflicted after he had fired four bullets into the woman's head and body last night. He is expected to recover.

In a letter addressed to "any one" which was found by police in Plant's room at a hotel here, together with another letter to his wife from whom he had been estranged, Plant, Detective Parker said, accused Mrs. Sheddaker of breaking up his home, trying to persuade him to elope with her, and then throwing him over for another admirer.

Doty Returns To America's Shores

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—Bennett J. Doty, of Bristol, Mass., who deserted from France's foreign legion because of homesickness, was back in America with his parents today.

American intervention after his desertion saved him first from execution and then from serving eight years in a penal fortress.

Shopping Days Till Christmas

Shopping days till Christmas. Well, things can still be sold. You'll better warm right up to it, or be left in the cold.

POLICE FAIL TO CAPTURE GIRL SLAYER

William E. Hickman Still at Large—Jakowsky Is Released from Jail

MORE EVIDENCE OF CRIME FOUND

Kidnap-Killer and Companion Seen Carrying Bundles to Auto—Used Name "Donald Evans"

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21 (AP)—The trail of the fugitive who dashed through downtown streets early yesterday and escaped from a pursuing citizen who later identified him as William E. Hickman, accused slayer of Marian Parker, was picked up by police today.

New information was that the blue Cadillac in which the man outside seeking to collect \$1.03 for gasoline, had been stolen from Edward B. Scheller and late last night figured in a crash at Vernon and Main street on the south side. The Cadillac was found abandoned this morning.

New impetus was given the drive for the alleged kidnap, killer and mutilator of the little school girl when detectives took the latest developments to indicate that Hickman probably still was within the city.

Shortly after 10 a. m., a secret tip from the foothills northeast of Pasadena resulted in the sheriff's office rushing three deputies in a stolen Duurstede to a mountain side.

While a cloud of clues and false leads today effectively screened the hiding place of William E. Hickman, accused slayer of little Marian Parker, bits of evidence were being fitted together by the police to solve the puzzle of his past.

The evidence, as presented by the police, pictures a youthful Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde—on the one hand a neat, orderly boy who attended church and Sunday school and never stayed out late at night; on the other "The Fox" who for weeks planned the carrying out of a cool, cunning and diabolical murder plot for revenge.

The latter picture showed him for three weeks preceding the kidnaping, staging a series of drug store robberies to obtain a stock of anesthetics and sleeping pills. In one of these robberies is declared to have placed a pistol in the drugist's ribs and forced the frightened man to give minute instructions as to the use of anesthetics.

Druggists in the three holdups yesterday identified Hickman positively as the robber.

Although they were unable to run to earth the man whom they accuse of being "The Fox" in the atrocious murder case, the police yesterday definitely located his lair which he had occupied during the days that little Marian was kidnaped and until Sunday morning, several hours after the child's dismembered body had been exchanged for her father's \$1500. By finger prints and photograph identification the police have determined that during those days, Hickman occupied an apartment under the name of Donald Evans.

Identified by an identification mark found on a towel left with the body of the slain child, a hundred police

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