

RECREATION
HALL NEARS
COMPLETION

L. D. S. Building to Be
Formally Opened Next
Thursday Night

BASKETBALL GAME,
DANCE ANNOUNCED

Gymnasium Floor Will
Accommodate 2000 Per-
sons; Total Cost to Be
About \$25,000.

The new recreational hall, built by the Latter Day Saints church here, is practically finished and will be formally opened to the public next Thursday evening, Dec. 29, when a basketball game between the La Grande High school team and a team composed of last year's alumni will be played in the large gymnasium, followed by a dance.

General admission of one dollar for a couple, and 50 cents for each extra lady, will be charged for the game, the proceeds to go to the recreational hall benefit fund. High school students having student body tickets will be admitted to the game for 50 cents, will be charged if they wish to dance afterwards. The basketball game will be from 8 o'clock until 9 at which time dancing will start to continue until 12 o'clock.

The upper half of the building, which comprises the gymnasium, will be finished by the date of the opening, with the exception of a few minor details, which necessitate waiting for warmer weather.

High School to Use Gym
As soon as the building is ready, the high school expects to use the new gymnasium every afternoon during the week for basketball practice and also for all basketball games played here, the floor space being much larger than the high school gymnasium—measuring 14 feet longer and eight feet wider. When completed the cost of the building will be about \$25,000 or \$30,000. A total of \$10,000 has already been received from the mother church at Salt Lake City toward the building. This brings the present valuation up to \$20,000, which will be \$5,000 or \$6,000 more when plumbing has been installed and the downstairs floor of the building completed. Elmer Stoddard, chairman of the building committee, announces.

The gymnasium will have seating capacity to accommodate 1500 persons, with four rows of bleachers.

C. BLANCHARD
ARRAIGNED IN
LOCAL COURT

C. E. Blanchard, arrested on a charge of larceny by embezzlement, was arraigned in the justice of the peace court this morning. He will be given a preliminary hearing this afternoon before Judge Hugh E. Brady.

Hot Lake Program
To Be On Monday

The annual holiday celebration, a traditional event at the Hot Lake sanatorium, will attract several hundred Eastern Oregon people on Christmas Monday, Dec. 26, from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 6 p.m. In the receiving line with Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Phyl will be Dr. and Mrs. Mark T. Phyl. The entertainment for the afternoon will consist of dancing and a program suggestive of the old-world Yuletide.

CARRYING
PART OF
THE LOAD

Securing a reader's attention and maintaining his interest is the chief requisite of successful advertising. If a merchant's message fails to do that, his money is lost as far as your response is concerned.

That's why a newspaper with adequate news service, established prestige, and obvious reader interest is preferred in metropolitan cities—the news helps carry the responsibility of constantly interesting a great family of readers. In La Grande territory the same requirement is fulfilled by The Observer—and wire news is given Observer readers many hours ahead of any other paper entering the territory. In no other way can an advertiser have the same day-after-day reader interest as an aid to his selling message.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

Sunday Schools
Observe Holiday
With Programs

Nazarene Church Scene of
Christmas Affair
Last Night—Other Pro-
grams Announced.

The children of the Church of the Nazarene enjoyed a Christmas program last evening at the church and this evening similar programs will be held in several of the other churches. The Sunday school children will furnish the programs and there will be Christmas trees with treats for all.

Last night's program at the Nazarene church was well attended. Lester Long, superintendent of the Sunday school, gave the opening prayer, after which Christmas recitations, songs and exercises were given by the children.

The church was decorated for the occasion with red and green streamers and evergreens, and after the program Christmas treats were given to the children.

Christmas Party
The primary children of the Central Christian church are having a Christmas party this afternoon at the church and this evening the intermediate Christian Endeavor society will have a similar party. Sunday evening a pagan will be given at the church.

The Methodist Episcopal church south will also have a program and Christmas tree this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the church, which is located at the corner of Elm street and avenue. The program will consist of songs and recitations by the children of the Sunday school, which will be in keeping with the thought, "The Babe, the King."

Treats for 300
Treats have been prepared for 300 for the Christmas tree and program which will be held at the Church of God this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The program will consist of several recitations and songs by the children, after which Mrs. E. C. Mossman will read acceptance of the "The Holy Family in Art."

The children of St. Peter's Episcopal church school will enjoy their Christmas tree and program this evening also, at 7 o'clock at Roman hall, and the Island City Community church will have its annual Christmas tree and program this evening at 8 o'clock at the church.

The Presbyterian Sunday school Christmas program will be given at the church tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock, and will consist of numbers by the children of the primary department, and a Christmas

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Al Ray, Pioneer
O-W. Conductor,
Dies of Stroke

Al Ray passed away at the Grande tonne hospital last evening at 6 o'clock, having a stroke of the brain and a stroke, which he suffered at Joseph yesterday. Mr. Ray was a pioneer conductor for the O-W. company here, being in the service of the company for about 25 years. For the past few years he had been conductor on the O-W. train and it was while he was on his regular run to Joseph Wednesday last he became ill.

Mr. Ray was born May 19, 1862, and was 65 years old at the time of his death. He leaves, besides his widow, one son, Alfred, and one daughter, Constance, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. T. C. Hornby, Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Charles Sparks, Hamilton, Frank Ray, British Columbia; Mrs. A. L. Nicholson, Los Angeles; Mrs. Joseph Spink, Noli, Neb.; Robert Ray, Chadron, Neb.; and Stanley Ray, San Diego, Cal.

Funeral at Elks' Temple

The deceased was a member of the Elks' lodge here and of the conductors' brotherhood. The funeral, which will probably be held Monday afternoon, will be held in the Elks' temple under the auspices of these two organizations.

The body is at the Hunter-Roussell mortuary. The funeral will be definitely announced when word has been received from relatives.

Require Ballot
To Get Gym Site

ELGIN, Dec. 22 (Special)—L. H. Van Winkle, attorney general of Oregon, gave his opinion on the recent auditorium election at the request of C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Van Winkle stated that he believed that the proceedings, insofar as the issuing of warrants, were concerned, were valid, but that the selection of a site for the auditorium should be taken by ballot.

Mr. Van Winkle quoted from numerous legal authorities to substantiate his opinion. However, the opinion on the issuance of the warrants was as follows: "It is my opinion that the proceedings at such school meeting, insofar as the question of the issuance of warrants is concerned, are in accordance with the statute, and the board is now legally authorized to issue such warrants."

MOTHER OF
LONE EAGLE
IS WITH SON

Throng of Admiring Mex-
icans Greets Mrs. Lind-
bergh on Arrival

SPEND CHRISTMAS
WITH FLYING ACE

"Spirit of St. Louis" Is to
Cross Central America
in Near Future—Warn-
ing Given.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23 (AP)—A mother and her famous flying son, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, were reunited today after he had failed to meet in the air, his realm, when he flew forth to greet her.

So great was the throng of admiring Mexicans, who, in reckless enthusiasm for an hour balked his attempts to land, that Lindbergh was unable to greet his mother until they arrived separately at the American embassy.

Mrs. Lindbergh flew here from Detroit to spend Christmas with her son before he embarks on another mission of good will to Central America.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 23 (AP)—Fear is expressed here that the shot of a rebel may bring the Lone Eagle to earth.

When Col. Charles A. Lindbergh flies to Nicaragua from Honduras he will be advised to give Neiva Segovia a wide berth. In that part of Northern Nicaragua followers of the rebel General Sabinio are concentrated. It is considered possible that they would take a shot at any plane passing overhead. Therefore Lindbergh will be advised to fly high or make a detour.

SEAL SALE TOTAL
MORE THAN \$300

One More Day Remains
Until Completion of
Campaign Here

After today only one more day remains in which to buy Christmas seals this year and to help in the campaign against tuberculosis, and the various women in charge of the sale here are working hard to dispose of all the seals on hand by tomorrow night.

More than \$200 in the hands of the treasurer, Mrs. Emma Lovell, which does not include the amount from today's sale. Tomorrow the campaign girls will have charge of the sale over all the city, under the supervision of Miss Myrtle Hoyt, president of the Campaign against Tuberculosis association.

Tomorrow evening, Christmas eve, will end the sale and a final report will probably be available early next week.

Christmas Story
Hour At Library

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The annual Christmas story at the La Grande public library will begin tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. It was announced this morning. The library has been decorated for the Christmas season and has a large Christmas tree for its visitors. Miss Gertrude Wagner will tell the stories Saturday morning. Her program will include "Gift of Love," "The Spirit of Christmas," and "Squirrels in the Snowdrift." Miss Mabel Doty, librarian, announced this morning that the library will be closed at 6 o'clock Saturday night and will not be opened again until Tuesday.

Wallowa Grangers
Visit At Lostine

WALLOWA, Ore., Dec. 22 (Special)—A number of the recently elected officers of the Wallowa grange went to Lostine Saturday evening to attend a joint installation of Wallowa and South Fork granges. A feed was put on by the South Fork grange, and reports from those attending, state that a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present. Grange work in this section has been somewhat neglected during the past several months, due in part to the loss and delayed work on the farms, however, since farmers have finished some of the work a considerable amount of interest is being directed to resumption of regular meetings again.

Pender Wheeling
Rock At Prison

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—John Arthur Pender, convicted in Portland of assaulting a 15-year-old girl, and sentenced to serve life in the state prison, Pender was received at the prison Wednesday and dressed in Thursday.

Golden Wedding
To Be Held On
Christmas Eve

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Warren
to Celebrate Half a Cen-
tury of Married Life—
Came Here in 1889.

A golden wedding will be observed in La Grande tomorrow night. When twilight shadows fall, ushering in the Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Warren, residents of La Grande since 1889 when, with two little daughters, they came from Nevada in a covered wagon, will begin the observance of their 50th anniversary of wedded life.

In the happy circle of friends and family that will gather for the occasion tomorrow night in the house that has been the family home for 38 years, will be every child of the union and every grandchild but two. The warren home is at 1619 M avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren were married in Casey, Ill., in 1877 on Christmas Eve. From Casey they moved to Pioche, in Lincoln county, Nev., where they spent six years. Then, in 1883 with their two little daughters, Bertha P. and L. Frances they trekked across the plains with the covered wagon arriving in La Grande when it was a small town, just beginning to establish itself in the new town from the old town. Here Mr. Warren built a home for his family and established an occupation.

A third child, Guy E., was born in 1891. Mr. Warren was in the teaming business, later operated a wood saw, and from 1917 to 1921 was in the popcorn business.

At present he owns four homes in La Grande besides the family residence. "We love this old home," they said this morning. The home has been expanded since it was first built but to Mr. and Mrs. Warren it is rich in memories of happy years. One daughter, Mrs. W. E. Anderson, of Portland, arrived here yesterday. Her sons, Cyril Lynn, who is unable to attend. The other daughter, Mrs. J. M. McShain, whose home is at 1405 Cherry street, and their two daughters, Greta and Joan, will also be there, with Mr. McShain. The son, Guy Warren, makes his home near the Bowman-Hicks mill and, with his wife and daughter, Marian, will be present. He is a railroad.

Another anniversary to the family when they gather for a family dinner on Christmas day is the fact that it is the 15th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Warren.

Mrs. J. E. Stine, of Kuna, Ida., a sister of Mr. Warren arrived here last night on train No. 22 for the occasion.

A New Wedding Cake

This morning Mrs. Warren brought out two articles which she treasured dearly. One is a beautiful old linen handkerchief which she carried during the wedding ceremony 50 years ago. The other is an engagement ring a lovely gold band, simple in design, and worn thin by the years. "Yes, we had our initials inside the engagement ring, but time has worn them away," smiled Mrs. Warren. "No, I haven't kept any cake," she said laughingly. "But we're going to have a new wedding cake. There will be no formal wedding ceremony, both Mr. and Mrs. Warren preferring to observe the occasion

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Governor To Give
No Yule Pardons

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP)—Hal Ross, secretary to Governor Patterson and member of the state parole board, said today that no pardons for the Yuletide will be granted by the governor. Numerous petitions for Christmas clemency have been received.

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Henry Schaeffer, Wallowa County's
First Homesteader, Bridegroom, Dies

From Wallowa Son
Henry Schaeffer, the first white man married in Wallowa county, and who also is said to have taken the first homestead in the county, died at his home in Wallowa Sunday noon at the advanced age of 80 years.

Death, arising, and unexpected, came somewhat suddenly, following an illness from a dropsical condition that had confined him to his bed for the last week.

Funeral services were held from the home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. Henry W. Rivers, an old friend of the family, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. A. Turbin, pastor of the Wallowa church of the Nazarenes. The services were very largely attended and music was provided by a mixed quartet composed of Charles Johnson, D. R. White, Mrs. Wm. McKenzie and Mrs. L. T. Powers. Miss Lenore McKinnis was accompanist. Burial was in the Lower Valley cemetery.

All the living children, three girls and three boys, were present with the exception of one daughter, Mrs. Elma Bishop, of Olyn-

HICKMAN HAS
INSANITY AS
DEFENSE IDEA

Asks Jail Guards How a
Fellow Acts When
He Is Crazy

STILL DENIES HE
MURDERED MARIAN

Prayer Service Held in
Cell This Morning—
Kidnap Plan to Fol-
low Remus' Lead.

PENDLETON, Dec. 23 (AP)—"Wonder if I couldn't pretend that I was crazy?" remarked William E. Hickman to one of his guards at the jail here, following his arrest for the kidnaping and slaying of Marian Parker, Los Angeles girl.

"How does a fellow act when he is crazy?" he asked. Later in the conversation he decided he wanted to conduct his own case when he goes on trial.

"Remus acted as his own lawyer and got acquitted, didn't he?" asked Hickman.

Discussing with officers the killing of Marian, which he insisted was done by a confederate he remarked that dismemberment of her body could not have been done in his apartment.

"When a human body is cut up the stomach is awful. It could not have been done in the apartment."

Quizzed About Towel
Hickman was quizzed about the towel which had been stuffed into the dismembered part of the girl's body. He said his pal, whom he accused of the actual killing, stole the towel from his room "to get him in bad."

Asked why the towel was used, he said the girl's body was filled with blood and the towel had to be used to absorb it.

The laundry mark on the towel caused officers last Sunday morning to visit Hickman's apartment in Los Angeles, but they did not disturb him.

"This gave me an awful scare," he was quoted as saying. "Two of my towels were missing, and if they had found that out it might have gone hard with me. Hickman was quoted by officers as saying that he considered the "death notes" he wrote to the father of the slain girl were masterpiece literary productions.

Contradicting Theory
Contradicting a theory that the kidnaping had been done for revenge, Hickman declared that Parker, the girl's father, was a good friend of his. He said Parker got him out of the "scrape at the bank" when he was arrested for forgery and that he liked Parker.

"I hope to have the opportunity to look him in the eye and tell him that I did not kill his daughter," remarked Hickman.

One of the jail attendants brought his wife and two small daughters into the cell to have a look at Hickman.

Pointing to one of them, Hickman said:

"She is just about the size of Marian."

Brief Audience
Hickman held a brief audience in the city jail early this morning.

The Associated Press has made emphatic denial that he had written a letter to the chief of police of Seattle saying that he was thinking of surrendering and asking whether he could be assured of fair play.

"The only spot I made between Seattle and Tacoma was at a service station where I purchased gas and oil," he said. "As far as any communications are concerned, the only letter or telephone calls I have sent were to Mr. Parker, father of Marian, when I was in Los Angeles."

Hickman elaborated on his con-

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FIGURES IN KIDNAPING, SLAYING

CRAMER IN JAIL
SINCE AUGUST

Man Named by Hickman
Is Definitely Eliminated
from Crime Connection

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (AP)—Andrew Oliver Cramer, implicated by William E. Hickman as an accomplice in the Marian Parker case, was heard today in the Lincoln Heights jail here, where he has been a prisoner since last August, thus eliminating him, police say, from any connection with the crime.

Police records here and in Phoenix, Ariz., today gave authorities leads to follow in their search for John Donahy, named yesterday by William Edward Hickman in his confession of the kidnaping of Marian Parker.

The files of the police here revealed that a Jennie A. Donahy alias Jean Laughton was listed as wanted by Sacramento police in Feb. 1921.

Phoenix police officials this morning said that they had no record of a woman by that name.

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START SOUTH
SOON WITH
W.E. HICKMAN

Keyes and Cline on Way to
Pendleton Today from
Los Angeles

STORY OF OTHER
MAN IS DOUBTED

Police in California Sus-
picious of Kidnapers'
Story of Andrew Cram-
er, June Dunning.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 23 (AP)—Quartered in a special Pullman car attached to the West Coast, crack Southern Pacific passenger train to Oregon, the Los Angeles authorities en route to Pendleton to take charge of William Edward Hickman, confessed kidnaper of Marian Parker, Los Angeles school girl, left here at 10 o'clock today. The party will reach Portland at 8:35 a. m. tomorrow morning.

Making up the party were District Attorney Asa Keyes, Chief of Police Harold E. Davis, Herman Cline, chief of the detective bureau, George K. Home, former chief of police, and three Los Angeles officers.

There also were several newspapermen, as well as two representatives of the railroad company in the party.

D. R. Owen, district passenger agent here, has made arrangements along the route to facilitate the journey, as well as the distribution of special press dispatches.

PLANE CARRIES PAPERS
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 23 (AP)—An airplane carrying a lieutenant of the Los Angeles police department who had papers to present to Governor Young for the extradition of William E. Hickman, Los Angeles kidnaper-slayer, arrived at the Lindbergh municipal aviation field in Del Paso park, at 12:05 o'clock. As soon as Governor Young signs the requisition papers addressed to the governor of Oregon, the plane will leave for Oregon.

U. S. INDICTS HICKMAN
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (AP)—The federal grand jury today indicted William E. Hickman, captured accused kidnaper-slayer, on a charge of violation of the Dyer act, based on transportation interstate of a stolen automobile, the Chrysler coupe he drove from Kansas City.

PENDLETON, Dec. 23 (AP)—William E. Hickman is to be held incommunicado at the city jail here until arrival of Chief of Detectives Cline of Los Angeles, who is expected to arrive some time today. This was announced by Chief of Police Gurdane. He said he received a request from Asa G. Keyes, district attorney at Los Angeles, that Hickman not be permitted to do any more talking for publication until the Los Angeles officers have had an opportunity to question him. Chief Gurdane said he had been advised that Cline and Keyes were en route to Pendleton by airplane, and that they would reach here some time today.

According to plans early today, Hickman is to be started for Los Angeles tonight. Chief Gurdane and State Traffic Officer Llewellyn expect to go to Los Angeles with Hickman. They are to be accompanied by an attorney and expect to see about reward for the capture of Hickman.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (AP)—Police suspicions of Hickman's story were based on what they declared was their experience with him at the time of his arrest last summer on a forgery charge—a charge which resulted in his discharge from the bank of which Perry M. Parker, Marian's father, was an assistant cashier.

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Air In S-4 Now
Pure, Sweet But
Life Has Passed

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 23 (AP)—The air within the torpedo room of the sunken submarine S-4, where six men perished because they lacked oxygen now is pure and sweet, tests conducted this morning on the miniscope Falcon, flagship of the rescue fleet, indicated.

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Glimpse Prisoner

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Tomorrow is the final day!
You had your dollar scan.
If there are things you still must try,
Well—do the best you can.