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A NEW SONG—O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Psalm 96:1.

ABE MARTIN



"She's either mean as hell, or having something sent home on approval." Don Moon testified today in his suit for separate maintenance. Heads or tails, the fur dealer alius wins.

UNION PERSONALS

UNION (Special)—Mr. Gardner, an aged man who had been making his home south of Union, was taken to La Grande hospital by his mind temporarily deranged. He lost his wife a few years ago and it is believed that grief over this fact has been the cause of his mental trouble.

Among the Union people who are home from the various colleges for the Christmas vacation are: Grace and Willie Haggerty from Eugene, Lyle and Cecil Carter from Corvallis, Iola, children from Eugene, Susan Chadwick from Willamette, Marie Smith from Boise business college, Bethine and Eldin Miller from Seattle, Leonard Stevens and Paul Cook from a business college in Portland, and Julia Crocker from Corvallis.

Dan Crocker, who has been with his brother Paul, in Portland, city for the past few months, is home for Christmas week. Paul Crocker is agricultural teacher in the Prairie City school.

The Union national guard boys have a basketball organization and are practicing each week. They wish to schedule games with other organizations.

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Taking their cue from the fathers and sons meeting which has become an annual event in Union, the Women's club has made arrangements for a mothers and daughters banquet and program to be held next Tuesday evening at the Union hotel. Members of the club and many other women of the community are inviting their own or other girls to the meeting. The dinner will be served at 6 o'clock and will be followed by an interesting program which the club has prepared. The mothers and daughters will also enjoy a social time following the program. This is a new venture for the women but with the energy and enthusiasm of the Women's club behind it, the meeting will undoubtedly be a success.

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Two special dances are scheduled for the Christmas week, one on Saturday evening for the commercial clubs, and another on Monday, Dec. 25, by the Sportsman's club. The latter event will be a character ball with prizes for the best costumes by both men and women.

Superintendent R. H. Bonney of the local state fish hatchery, who is keeping over last season's hatch of trout, reports that some of the little fish are dying since the wa-

Incendiarism In Oregon Forests Is On Increase

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 24. (AP)—Incendiarism is rampant in Oregon forests, according to a report prepared by the state department of forestry. The losses of the 1927 fire season in forests under the jurisdiction of the state department were smaller than in any other year since 1913, and suppression costs were reduced to a minimum, but the incendiarist was responsible for 203 of the 778 fires. Of the remainder all but 162 were man caused, the 162 being attributed to lightning.

A total of 24,978 acres was burned over of which 2791 was merchantable timber and 21,386 potentially merchantable. The loss of timber without salvage value is placed at 1,727,999 board feet, representing a monetary loss of only \$3653. The small loss was due to the fact that few of the fires "crowned" in mature timber. The total loss from the fires is placed at \$159,170, and of this \$133,929 was in logging camps, about 75 per cent of the loss in logs and equipment being covered by insurance.

The total expenditure for fire fighting was \$53,266, of which \$43,293 was for suppression of fires in logging camps and the remainder on fires for which the patrol organizations were responsible. The total expenditure for all patrol, improvements and fire suppression was about \$250,000, of which the state spent \$60,000 and timber owners \$290,000.

Use Children As Shield In Cisco Robbery Friday

CISCO, Tex., Dec. 24. (AP)—Using children as a screen from bullets, five men robbed the First National bank of Cisco Friday, but in the attempt to escape, one of the men was killed and the other four were believed surrounded by a posse of peace officers and citizens.

Running from the bank to two waiting cars, the men herded several children before them as a screen from bullets. Two of the children were shoved into a car by one of the men, who was fired upon and shot through the head. The children were not injured.

The loot, approximately \$10,000 was recovered.

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WEATHER OUTLOOK

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24. (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning Dec. 25, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

For western states: The outlook is for normal temperatures with occasional rains and snows over Washington, Oregon and Idaho and generally fair weather in California and Nevada but beginning unsettled towards the close of the week.

The Oregon State Motor association, after an investigation, finds that approximately 1000 storage garages and 1500 regular repair shops are necessary to keep Oregon's motor cars on the road.

Ellis S. Dement, Merile Point stockman, resigned as mayor of that city and W. W. Baynes, president of the council, was immediately nominated for the office and elected by unanimous vote.

Dr. John Rankin, Astoria, was elected president of the Willamette Valley Veterinarian association in session at Oregon City last week.

An order has been issued authorizing the establishment of a mail delivery service at Coquille with two regular carriers, effective March 1, 1928.

Roseburg was chosen as the 1928 meeting place of the Oregon State Horticultural society, which closed its 42d annual meeting in Hood River last week.

Sixty-one turkey growers of the Redmond district last week received \$12,729.52 for 2696 birds shipped out for the Christmas trade.

A group of business men has made application for a new national bank for Tillamook. The proposed capital is \$50,000 and the surplus \$10,000.

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