

Local News In Brief

Shopped From Catherine Creek.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swager shopped in La Grande Wednesday from Catherine Creek.

Came to Portland.
W. C. Freeman has gone to Portland to spend Christmas with his family.

Goes to Lewiston.
Mrs. Anna Mayfield left last night for Lewiston to spend the holidays in that city.

Going to Joseph.
Ed Forstrom will go to Joseph tonight where he will spend Christmas with his wife, Mr. Forstrom is store manager at Westenskow's Bargain store.

Returns to Portland.
G. K. Howard, of Portland, left tonight for his home after spending several days here transacting business.

To Visit Relatives.
Mrs. Rose Benton, of Nampa, Ida., arrived here last night to spend the holidays with relatives and friends here. Mrs. Benton was formerly a resident of La Grande.

Go to Portland.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. James left last night for Portland to spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

Visiting Parents.
Miss Stella Edelson, who is teaching school at Rock Creek in Baker county, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Edelson, at Catherine Creek.

Go to North Powder.
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Medford will spend Christmas day at North Powder at the home of Mrs. Medford's brothers, Elmer and John Jacobs.

Visiting Parents.
Calvin Horn, advertising manager of The Observer, left last night for Fall City, Ore., where he will spend Christmas day with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Calvin Horn Sr.

Going to Portland.
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Norton, of Norton's Kidney shop, will spend Christmas day in Portland. They will go on to San Francisco to be with their parents New Year's and will return here Jan. 5.

In Portland.
Mrs. C. S. Paddock left yesterday morning for Portland where she will spend Christmas. Mr. Paddock is circulation manager at The Observer.

Snow Flow in Use.
The snow flow has been in use during most of the past week and has been effective in keeping the heavy drifts clear in the Catherine Creek canyon, residents from that section report.

Visiting From Pendleton.
Mrs. Laura Nash, of Pendleton, is to be a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Vanhook during the holidays.

Visiting From San Francisco.
John Heugan arrived here yesterday to spend several weeks with his mother, Mrs. Harold G. Doe. Mr. Heugan has made his home in San Francisco for the past few years.

Visiting From Port Townsend.
Miss Dorothy Meyers, who is teaching school at Port Townsend, Wash., arrived here today to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Meyers.

In Portland for Holidays.
Miss Mary Cool, who is teaching school at Imbler, left yesterday for Portland to spend Christmas with her family at her home. Miss Cool was a guest at the home of Miss Dorothy Kirby in La Grande yesterday.

Leave for Spokane.
Miss Virginia Holt, mathematics teacher in the high school, here, is spending the holidays in Portland.

Goes to Portland.
E. T. Staver left last night for Portland on a business trip. He was a passenger on train No. 23.

Leaves for Spokane.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Redmond and young son, Billy, left last night for Spokane where they will spend the holiday season.

Leaves for Yakima.
Miss Zelma Peard left last night for Yakima, where she will spend the holidays.

Goes to Freewater.
Miss Evelyn Kralman, who is teaching school at Enterprise, left last night for Freewater to spend the holidays with her parents.

Leaves for Shedd.
Walter Nitzel, instructor at Willamette school, left last night for his home at Shedd, Ore., where he will spend the holidays.

Teacher Home.
Miss Louisa Bixby left last night for her home at Freewater where she will spend Christmas. Miss Bixby is teaching at Elgin.

Shopped Here.
Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Edelson and family spent Wednesday shopping in La Grande. They are from near Union, up Catherine creek.

Home From North Powder.
Miss Edith York returned home last night for the holidays. She is teaching school at North Powder.

Miss Lee in Portland.
Miss Annalaura Lee, member of the high school faculty, will spend the holidays in Portland and other coast points.

Goes to Heppner.
Miss Francis Parker, who is a teacher at Joseph, has gone to Heppner for the holidays. Miss Parker's home is at Heppner.

Mr. Morris in Seattle.
Edmon Morris, who conducts piano and voice classes here Wednesday and Saturday, and who makes his home in Walla Walla, is spending the holiday season in Seattle.

Goes to Eugene.
Mrs. J. J. Howard left last night on train No. 23 for Eugene where she will spend Christmas with her daughter.

To Visit in Portland.
Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Thomas and children, Margaret and Dicky, left by train last night for Portland where they will spend the holidays.

Goes to Moscow.
Neal Day, who is attending high school at Enterprise, left last night for his home in Moscow, Ida., where he will spend Christmas.

Goes to Washington.
Miss Henrietta Hering has gone to Anacostia, Wash., to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Hering. Miss Hering is a teacher at Central school.

Home From Baker.
Miss Helen Gibson returned home last night from Baker where she is in nurse's training at St. Elizabeth's. Miss Gibson will spend Christmas here with relatives and friends.

Expected Home.
The Misses Florence and Elizabeth Nelson are expected home today or tomorrow from Baker to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Nelson. They are in the St. Elizabeth's hospital. Miss Florence recently entered of training while her sister has been there for some time.

Goes to Hood River.
Miss Ethel Bickford left last night for Hood River where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

Goes to Bellingham.
W. W. Thomas, history and civics teacher at the local high school, left last night for Bellingham to spend the holidays with his mother.

Miss Jones Leaves.
Miss Beryl Jones, instructor at Willamette school, left last night for Portland where she will spend the holidays.

Visiting at Myrtle Creek.
Miss Lois Davis, domestic science instructor in the local high school, is spending the holidays at her home at Myrtle Creek, Ore.

Will Visit Son.
John Deeks left last night for Spokane where he will spend Christmas with his son, Elmer Deeks.

Teacher to Coos Bay.
R. Menegat, who is teaching school at Imbler, left yesterday for his home at Coos Bay where he will spend the holidays at his home.

Is Much Improved.
Mr. S. Stoddard, who has been ill at Hot Lake for some time, is much improved. It is reported, and has returned to his home in the Catherine Creek district.

Brought in Ducks.
Elmer Stoddard and Chase Bohmkamp spent Wednesday hunting ducks in Malheur county. They report a successful trip, returning with 42 ducks.

Miss McNeill to Portland.
Miss Maxine McNeill left last night for Portland where she will spend Christmas. Miss McNeill is a high school student. She played one of the leading roles in the junior play early this month.

Goes to Portland.
Miss Ann Arnoldus, faculty member at the La Grande High school, left last night for Portland to spend Christmas. Miss Arnoldus has charge of the domestic art department at high school.

To Visit Sister.
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McEachran left last night for Portland to spend the holidays. They will visit with Mr. McEachran's sister, and will also attend the state teacher's convention. Mrs. McEachran, as principal of the Central school, is a delegate.

Towlers Leave.
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Towler have gone to Portland where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Towler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell. They will also attend the state teacher's meet.

In Portland.
The Misses Ruth and Rene Johnson have gone to Portland to spend Christmas. Miss Ruth Johnson is girls' athletic director and teacher in the high school here and Miss Rene Johnson is a primary teacher at Greenwood.

Home From Boise.
Mr. and Mrs. Leo McArthur returned home last night from Boise where they have been for the past five months. Mr. McArthur is in the employ of the Joslyn-McArthur Construction company.

Visited Here.
Mrs. Jennie C. Landis, of Baker, was a guest for a few hours last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wright. Mrs. Landis left on train No. 24 for Weston, Oregon.

Goes to Seattle.
Charles Byrum, son of Mrs. Byrum, who is in charge of the Intermountain Business college, left last night for Seattle to spend the holidays. He is a freshman in the local high school.

Goes to Seattle.
Miss Eleanor Vernon, teacher in the high school here, has gone to Seattle to spend the holidays with her family. She is Latin and mathematics instructor in addition to supervising the work of the Associated Girl Students.

Away During Holidays.
Leo Gatten Bryant, teacher of violin in the Eastern Oregon School of Music, is spending a few days during the holidays out of the city. He will resume teaching Monday, Jan. 2.

Arrived Yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Fairman and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Taylor arrived yesterday from Palmer, Ore., and will visit here during the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Leona Mutholland and other relatives.

Home From O. S. C.
George Baker has returned home from O. S. C., where he is a freshman, and will spend the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Mary Baker, and other relatives.

Goes to West Fir.
Mrs. Chris Lund has gone to West Fir, Ore., to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Nelson. West Fir is 10 miles out of Elgin.

Returns to North Powder.
Carl Forstrom, who is attending school at U. of O., stopped in La Grande during the week on his way home to North Powder to spend the holidays.

Here From Baker.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gilmire, of Baker, arrived here today to spend Christmas with her parents, Mrs. Irene Spencer, of La Grande and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spencer, who are visiting here from Portland for a few weeks.

Stops at Sommer.
Arthur Whitely, of Elgin, is registered at the Sommer hotel.

Going to Walla Walla.
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Putnam will leave tonight for Walla Walla to spend Christmas with relatives.

Here From Elgin.
Mrs. Charles Webb and Miss Florence Webb, of Elgin, are stopping at the Sommer.

Here From Wallawa.
Miss Ruth Hayes, of Wallawa, is registered at the Foley hotel for a few days.

Here From Cloverland.
P. C. Knight and Guy Knight, of Cloverland, are stopping at the Foley.

Stopping at Foley.
P. H. Alstrom, of Enterprise, is among the guests at the Foley hotel today.

Here From Enterprise.
Mrs. C. J. Knodell, of Enterprise, stopped at the Foley hotel yesterday and today.

Home From School.
Miss Ivy Charlton is spending Christmas here with her parents. She is a student at O. S. C.

License Issued.
A marriage license was issued yesterday by County Clerk C. K. McCormick to Bessie Jennings, L. K. Granda, and Reed Taylor, Allee.

Appendix Operation.
Arnold Soudman underwent an appendix operation yesterday morning at the Grande Ronde hospital. He is resting nicely today.

Leave for Condon.
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Helms left by car this morning for Condon to spend Christmas there with relatives and friends. Mr. Helms is deputy sheriff.

Visiting Daughter.
Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Ewin have gone to Portland where they will spend Christmas with their daughter, Miss Eve Jane Ewin, who is attending school at St. Helen's hall.

Visiting From Marshfield.
Miss Margaret Meyers arrived home Friday night at 11:30 o'clock from Portland to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Meyers. Miss Meyers is attending school at St. Mary's in Portland.

Go to Portland.
Mrs. J. A. Reynolds, and son, Harold, left by car Thursday for Portland to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. J. A. Reynolds is the new owner of the Landis Court apartments.

Mc and Mrs. R. M. Harris.
Mc and Mrs. R. M. Harris, of Marshfield, arrived here a week ago to spend the rest of the winter in this city. Mr. Harris is a daughter of Mrs. W. L. Wheatley and is a sister of Mrs. Leslie Dunne. She was Miss Wheatley before her marriage. They will visit with relatives and friends during their stay here.

Expected From Salem.
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wheatley are expected to arrive here today to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. W. L. Wheatley, his sister, Mrs. Leslie Dunne, and other relatives and friends. They are from Salem.

Went to Baker.
Leslie White went to Baker Thursday where he transacted business and called upon his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norvall Newell, manager of the Spruce-Holtz store there.

Appendix Operation.
Miss Elnora Hansen underwent an appendix operation at the Grande Ronde hospital last night. She was taken ill very suddenly yesterday afternoon and rushed to the hospital.

To Visit in Spokane.
Owen Riebelien, instructor in the industrial arts department of the high school, has gone to Spokane where he will spend the holidays with a brother who is attending W. S. C.

Leave for Portland.
Mrs. C. M. Hutchinson and son, Frank Patty, who is visiting her from Spokane, left last night for Portland to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Flora. Mrs. Flora is Mrs. Hutchinson's daughter and Mr. Patty's sister. From Portland they will go to Corvallis for a visit. Mr. Patty is in government employ at Spokane.

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Enterprise Couple Here.
Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Stoop, of Enterprise, are at the Sommer hotel.

Stopping at Sommer.
Adella K. Gates, of Enterprise, is at the Sommer hotel today.

Here From Enterprise.
A. W. Eggleston, of Enterprise, is registered at the Sommer today. He arrived here last night.

Here From O. S. C.
Earl Barnwell is spending the holidays here with his parents. He is a student at O. S. C.

To Visit at Walla Walla.
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCleod Walla with relatives and friends, will spend Christmas in Walla Walla.

Tree at Hotel.
A beautiful decorated Christmas tree that reaches the ceiling, stands conspicuously in the La Grande hotel lobby and is attracting considerable attention.

Spending Christmas Home.
Miss Wilma Smith will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, of near Allee.

Here for Christmas.
Stuart Merrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merrill, who is attending school at the Gem State academy in Idaho, is home for the holidays.

Here for Christmas.
Miss Esther Blokland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Blokland, who is attending Gooding college in Idaho, is at the home of her parents in Island City for the holidays.

Home From Wallawette.
Miss Clara Belle Rhine is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rhine. Miss Rhine is a freshman at Wallawette university in Salem.

Gone to Portland.
George H. Curvey left Thursday for Portland where he joined Mrs. Curvey. They will spend Christmas with their sons and daughter and their families in Portland.

Home From Eugene.
Bert Oakman, national deputy for the Modern Woodmen of America, is home from Eugene and other Western Oregon points where he has been in the interests of the order he represents. He will spend the Christmas period with La Grande friends. On Monday evening Mr. Oakman will leave for Detroit, Mich., where he expects to remain for some time supervising lodge work in the camps of that city.

THE GREATEST GIFT

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To Bethlehem, and rejoice in its glow. Let the odor of pine and spruce and balsam invade your senses until it recalls all the sweet memories of happy Christmases gone by. Feel the crunch of the snow under foot as you start off beneath the starlight of your beloved Church, that you may sing the carols and worship the King. Human relationship, our families and friends, are but the reflections of the Divine. See them in the light of the Bethlehem star and they glow with clear beauty, pass them through the medium of selfless purpose and so-called barter and exchange, and they lose their brightness. To recover Christmas we must find the Christ, the undying glory of a love which gave and did not count the cost, which went forth because it was and is and is to be. God gave us all a Merry Christmas, and may everyone feel the touch of the little Christ's hands pulling at our heartstrings and drawing us into the glow about the manger-cratched child.

Obituary

GRANT GARDNER
COVE (Special).—After a long illness, Grant Gardner passed away at his home here Wednesday, Dec. 21.
The family came to the Cove in 1911 coming from Burnt Fork, Wyo. The deceased was born in San Francisco, Cal., 64 years ago. He was married to Miss Lucy Hayes at Cedar, Colo. Five children were born to this union, two of whom died from diphtheria while they were living in Wyoming. The disease was particularly severe, the boy, Merritt, 13, and his sister of 11 years, died within a few days of each other. After their death Mr. Gardner contracted the disease and his life was despaired of. At this time he has been ill since July. He leaves besides his wife one son, J. B. Gardner, two daughters, Mrs. Allie Saunders and Mrs. Nora Meroney, and three grandchildren, Nellie Meroney and Rowena and Grant Saunders.
Mr. Gardner was left an orphan at a very early age and was cared for by an older sister. This sister still survives. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World lodge at Union where the funeral services were conducted and he was interred in the Rose Ridge cemetery here.

W. E. HICKMAN STILL DENIES KILLING GIRL

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tude while he has been in his cell since his capture, Thursday.
Hickman was reminded of the possibility that death might be his penalty.
"Well, I may have to die," he said, "but the blood of Christ was spilled, too."
Restless Night.
Hickman spent a restless night, contrasting with the sound sleep of his first night in jail. He fell into slumber at 10:45 last night and slept until 12:30, tossing restlessly. He was awake for an hour and then slept until 5 a. m. Again he had a wakeful period and again he slept until 6 o'clock. He had breakfast of egg sandwiches and coffee. Since being put in the jail he had been served nothing but sandwiches. He is allowed to have no utensils at all. He expressed a desire to abstain from eating and his diet has been principally eggs.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24 (AP).—Mrs. Eva Hickman temporarily has

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postponed plans to visit her 19-year-old son Edward, confessed kidnaper of Marian Parker.
This was announced today by Colonel Charles Edwards, former chief of police here, to whom Edward was paroled after he was convicted of forgery while employed at the Los Angeles bank of which Marian's father is an official.
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24 (AP).—A check of police records today verified William Edward Hickman's story that he stole two automobiles here.
The brown stockings, brown shoes and underwear worn by the child when she disappeared were the only garments not located when her body was recovered.
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24 (AP).—Discovery of the stockings and underclothing believed to have been worn by little Marian Parker when she was kidnapped and slain here, Three tea caddies emptied into the harbor on the night of the Boston Tea Party have been bequeathed to the Massachusetts Historical Society.

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