

## Local News In Brief

**Here From Pendleton**—T. J. Hughes, of Pendleton, is stopping at the Foley hotel for a short time.

**Goes to Boise**—Miss Mae Masters left this morning for Boise where she will spend about a month visiting.

**Home for Holiday**—Miss Beulah Weeks is spending the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Weeks. Miss Weeks is attending the Pacific School of Beauty Culture in Portland.

**Mrs. Carlson Home**—Mrs. G. L. Carlson returned home this morning on train No. 24 from Portland where she spent a month with relatives.

**Attended Reunion**—Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cassidy and baby returned home this morning to Baker after spending the week-end in Imbler with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nodine, and participating in a family reunion.

**Visiting From Albany**—Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hillaker have as their guest Miss C. Thacker, from Albany, who arrived here this morning on train No. 24.

**Visiting Family**—E. E. Coplin, who is employed at the Red Cross Drug store, will return home tomorrow from Weiser where he spent Christmas with his wife and family.

**Shopping From Kamela**—Mr. and Mrs. P. E. McCoury and daughter, Dorothy, of Kamela, are visiting and shopping here today.

**To Visit Father**—Messrs. J. Espinoza, James, of Portland, arrived here this morning on train No. 24 to visit with her father, David Stewart, for a week or so.

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**Visiting Husband**—Miss E. D. Perrin and young son, Ed, returned here this morning from Portland where they spent Christmas with her father, David Stewart, for a week or so.

**Goes to Haines**—Little Miss Marjorie Haines, of Alsea, went to Haines today to visit relatives. Miss Marjorie was asked whether the city of Haines had been named in honor of her and gravely explained, "No, but it is named after my aunt who is dead now." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haines, of Alsea.

**Christmas Guests**—The Paul and Mrs. Verh Hamilton have as their Christmas guests Miss Ava J. Clark, of Portland, sister of Mrs. Hamilton, E. E. Clark and wife, of Heppner, and Ed Clark, of Pendleton, brothers of Mrs. Hamilton, Carl Kuvessick, of Portland and Miss Rose Librand, of Walla Walla, Wash. Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton make their home at the La Grande hotel here.

**Visiting Here**—Mrs. J. D. Lynch and son, J. D. Jr., of Portland, are visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leo Miller, for the holidays. Mrs. Lynch's son, "Bud", who is attending college at Whitman, also spent the weekend at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, returning last night to Walla Walla. Mrs. Lynch and her

younger son will remain here for several days visiting with relatives and friends.

**Visiting From Portland**—Miss Margaret Riggs, who is attending Benhke-Walker in Portland, is visiting here with her parents, during Christmas.

**Gone to Fresno**—Mrs. George N. Tetreau has gone to Fresno, Cal., to spend the winter with her daughter, Esther Tetreau. Mrs. Tetreau left last Thursday.

**In Pendleton for Week**—Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hargett went to Pendleton Friday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Hargett's parents. They will remain over New Year's.

**False Alarm**—The fire truck was called to Birch and X Saturday night at 10:25 o'clock when a false alarm was turned in.

**Visiting Relatives**—Miss Myrtle Mason arrived here Sunday morning to spend Christmas with her father, H. G. Mason, and other relatives, and friends. She is making her home in Portland.

**Is Improving**—Miss Elvira Hansen, who underwent an appendicitis operation Friday night at the Grande Ronde hospital, is getting along very nicely. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mande Finck and is employed at the Nelson Printing company.

**Miss Hanks Home**—Miss Melba Hanks arrived home from O. S. C. on train No. 26 Sunday morning to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hanks. Miss Hanks spent several days in Portland before returning to La Grande. She is a sophomore.

**Mr. Irwin Ill**—Sam Irwin, who has been ill for the past three or four weeks and whose condition has been worse for the last week, is reported as somewhat improved today. Mr. Irwin, who has a farm near La Grande, is at the La Grande winter residence of the family at 1208 Fourth street.

**Ben Veen Ill**—Miss Ellen Biechey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Biechey, who has been very ill for a number of weeks at her home at 1202 I avenue, is somewhat improved, at present, according to friends. Miss Biechey is a high school girl.

**Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass Here**—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snodgrass and young son, John, arrived here yesterday to spend Christmas day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Snodgrass, who make their home at the Foley apartments. Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass live in McMinnville. They will leave for home tomorrow.

**Home Guest Here**—Mrs. Myra Crawford, of Los Angeles, and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill, of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Charbonneau, of Boise, are house guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hill. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Charbonneau are daughters of Mrs. Crawford. The guests arrived Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Charbonneau and Mrs. Crawford will leave tomorrow but Dr. and Mrs. Hill will remain for several days before returning.

**At Lake Yesterday**—Mr. and Mrs. Chris Miller, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Gubelman and Miss Mary Gould Parsons drove to Hot Lake yesterday afternoon where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Steve Brady, daughter of Mrs. Miller and mother of Miss Parsons, who underwent an operation a few weeks ago. They found Mrs. Brady much improved and report that she will be able to return to the home of her mother here about the last of the week.

**At Foley**—Andy Carter, of Boise, and C. L. Brown, of Nampa, are visitors in La Grande. They are at the Foley.

**Lumber Man Here**—R. D. Hoffberg, of Portland, who is connected with the Menefee Lumber company, is at the La Grande.

**Here From Haines**—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thelsen and baby son, of Haines, are spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Thelsen, and other relatives.

**Goes to Wallawa**—Miss Bessie Silver, of Pomeroy, Wash., stopped at the Foley last night on her way to Wallawa to spend the holiday season with her parents. Miss Silver is working in Pomeroy this year.

**Returns to Kuna**—Mrs. J. E. Stine, of Kuna, Ida., returned home this morning after spending several days here at the home of her brother, A. J. Warren, who with Mrs. Warren celebrated his golden wedding anniversary Saturday night, Christmas eve.

**Visiting From Enterprise**—Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Bennett of Enterprise, arrived here Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stine, and his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Bennett. Mr. Bennett is also visiting with his brother, Leslie Bennett, who is here from Varnum, Manitoba. Laxton Starnes, brother of Mrs. Bennett, also is in Enterprise Saturday and brought Mr. and Mrs. Bennett to La Grande. Mr. Bennett is manager of a Service store at Enterprise.

### CHURCHES OF CITY OBSERVE THE YULETIDE

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Thursday evening midnight mass was held at St. Peter's Episcopal church and at the Catholic church. The Episcopal church was well filled and a beautiful program of music was given. Mrs. R. G. McCull and Mrs. H. N. Ashby were at the organ console, and vocal solos were given by Mrs. Ashby, Miss Betty Coghlan and George Biechey. Carols and anthems were given by the choir and the Rev. Oliver Riley spoke on the subject "Why Was Jesus Born." The program lasted for about an hour and half.

Regular services were held yesterday morning at 8 and 11 o'clock and at 5 o'clock the Rev. Mr. Riley spoke to the Knights Templar at their annual Christmas service, which was held in the Masonic hall.

The Sacajawea campfire girl group dramatized the Bible story at the English Lutheran church last evening, and the Rev. L. H. Aves, pastor of the church, gave the gospel story of Christmas. Members of Miss Helen Jensen's Sunday school class gave Christmas recitations. They were: Beatrice Aves, Charlotte Ostlund, Fernside Ostlund, Eugene Webber, Ernest Strickinger, Frederick Gehring and Donald McCall. The choir sang two special numbers and Mrs. Ostlund sang "The Holy City."

After the dramatization by the campfire girls they presented the church with a beautiful, gilded Bible, the pastor expressing thanks in behalf of the church. Mr. Aves talked on "The Unspeakeable Gift." After the program gifts were distributed to the children of the various Sunday school classes, and an offering was taken for the benefit of the Sunday school.

**Musical Cantata**—A musical cantata was given at the First Methodist Episcopal church last evening, including music by the choir and solo numbers. An added feature was a duet number by Paul Knautz and Sherwood Williams.

During the morning service the choir sang an anthem. The children gave a program during the Sunday school hour, and Miss Geneva Sayre talked on "Christmas in China." Christmas treats were distributed among the children.

### PEACE OFFICERS FIGHT TO DEATH

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Encountered members of the city force and "strike breakers" in the streets. When Sheriff Coopinger attempted to arrest members of the opposing group for drawing a pistol on Connor, the latter said, the gunfire began.

He charged Ewing Smith fired the first shot. H. E. Jossey was the first to fall, it was said. Jim Connor, reports said, continued to fire after he fell with a shotgun load in his abdomen. Witnesses declared that the action was so rapid that no coherent description could be given. They also declined to offer statements as to those who had engaged. In the battle, outside of the casualties, a guard called out.

Immediately after the battle, had subsided calls were sent to Chattanooga and Nashville for national guardsmen. Members of the 10th Cavalry from Chattanooga about twenty miles away, were sent into the town and word from Governor Henry Horton, in Nashville, indicated that a detachment would leave from there as quickly as possible to aid in maintaining order.

The people who were demanding that \$400,000,000 tax cut may have been merely campaigning against taxation without presentation.

### FOLSOM RIOTERS GO BEFORE COURT



Here are the alleged ringleaders in the fatal Thanksgiving day riot of convicts at Folsom, Cal., penitentiary, being led from jail to the courthouse to answer charges of murder.

### ELKS ARE HOSTS TO 2025 KIDDIES THIS CHRISTMAS

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tributed among the patients by little Jimmy Hohnenkamp, who was dressed as Santa Claus.

The program was given in the corridor and was easily heard over all the building. Christmas Eve and again Christmas morning, the Campfire girls of the city sang Christmas carols at the hospital.

The children of the city were again entertained this morning when they were the guests of J. D. Meyers and A. R. Bowen, proprietors of the Arcade and Star theatres, at a free matinee held at the Star theater. The theater was crowded to capacity and the motion pictures were enjoyed by every child. An "Our Gang" comedy and a "Ben Turpin" comedy, a short detective story and a sport life reel were shown.

This evening the Salvation Army will play Santa Claus to the needy children of the city, when a Christmas tree will be held at the hall here. Five hundred toys will be distributed among the children instead of 250 as at first announced, also Christmas candy and nuts.

### "DAWN" SENDS FAINT FLASH OF TROUBLE

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ready unless word from the Dawn is received in the meantime.

There promised to be a slight delay because many members of the Los Angeles crew were on Christmas leave. It was felt that the big airship would prove of great assistance in the search because of her cruising ability.

In addition to the Los Angeles, the navy department also ordered two destroyers at Boston to make a search. They will sail as soon as emergency crews can be put aboard.

LAKEHURST, N. J., Dec. 26 (AP)—Prospects that the navy dirigible Los Angeles would make a start late this afternoon on its flight along the northern coast in search of the missing plane.

"Dawn" were indicated by officials at the naval air station today. The Los Angeles is ready to leave here any time and make this search, in accordance with instructions.



Gen. Jose Alvarez, chief of the Mexican presidential staff, congratulates "Lindy" upon the successful 2000-mile U. S. to Mexico flight. Ambassador Dwight Morrow and Mrs. Morrow directly behind. NEA Service, Inc., telephone to The Observer.

### Penney Company To Open Office In San Francisco

In line with its policy of expansion and activity in the west this year, the J. C. Penney company, an organization of 885 department stores, will open a permanent employment office in San Francisco on Jan. 2, 1928, it was announced this morning by M. M. Hunt, manager of the La Grande store. This will be the first time an employment office has been located in the west, the other two for the company now being in St. Louis and New York. Mr. Hunt explained, "Three San Francisco store will take care of the company's employment business west of Denver," continued Mr. Hunt, explaining the organization of the store and the purposes of the employment office. Mr. Hunt this morning stated: "Applicants are interviewed for positions and store managers take up their employment problems, keeping in close contact with the company heads. The San Francisco office is to be handled by William H. Dayton, formerly of the company's New York employment office. Mr. Hunt went on to explain that not only the employment department will be organized but the real estate department and the construction department will have western organization in the offices, which are to be in the Russ building. Mr. McClure, who was in La Grande a few weeks ago, is in charge of the real estate department in the west, and Mr. Leigh is in charge of the construction department. "This is in line with the western activities of the year," Mr. Hunt stated. "Two important purchases of western department store chains were made during the year. The recent purchase of the Golden Rule group added to the J. C. Penney company's organization 20 western stores and the purchase of the Jones chain involved 64 stores in the middle west."

### RISKO, BASQUE MAY FIGHT IN RETURN BOUT

By The Associated Press

Efforts are being made for a return bout between Domingo La Basque, the famous good champion, and Johnny Risko, a Cleveland heavyweight, at Madison Square Garden, New York on either Jan. 20 or 27. Matchmaker Jesse McMahon reports LaBasque is agreeable to the match, which will offer the Spaniard an opportunity to avenge his recent defeat at the hands of Risko. On the same card, McMahon hopes to pit Kaye Hansen, the Melancholy Dane, against Jack Dorval over the ten-round route.

Karl Wildermuth, of Georgetown University, has entered the Olympic sprint series, which will be one of the features of the annual indoor games of the Knights of Columbus track meet in Brooklyn on Jan. 7. This event consists of races at 60, 80 and 100 meters. Wildermuth is at present the national 60-yard sprint champion.

The 13th annual national junior indoor lawn tennis championship tournament will start tomorrow morning at the seventh regiment armory in Brooklyn, N. Y., with Julius Seligson, of Lehigh university, defending his crown. Seligson and Frank N. Shields of this city are number one, number two seeded players respectively. Seligson will have Richard Covington of the University of North Carolina as his first opponent while Shields will play Urry Zazoula of Cornell.

Jack McVey, middleweight, will struggle with Willie Greig, of Scranton, Pa., in the main ten-round go at the St. Nicholas arena in New York tonight. In their last meeting at Atlantic City, N. J., McVey and Greig battled to a draw.

Purchase of the assets of the State bank of Bank by the First National Bank of Ashland, which will transfer the entire business of the bank to the institution to Ashland, was closed last week.

### SAY HICKMAN CONFESSES GIRL MURDER

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sible for four murders in a hold-up in Southern Oregon in 1923. Cottouri was active in running down the D'Autremonts.

"Hickman is the same type as Hugh," he said, "Sly and cunning, superficially smart. It is this kind of youth that thinks he can get away with a career of crime. Hickman, like the D'Autremonts showed a tremendous ignorance of the methods of officers of the law in tracking criminals. They both left in their tracks a mass of evidence that led to their identification and capture. Both of them were 'smart' and thought that they could outwit the law."

**No Airplane to Be Used**—Rumors that Hickman would be taken off the train somewhere in California and transported the rest of the way by airplane have been definitely denied by officers on the train. District Attorney Asa Keyes said such a procedure would be foolhardy.

The big plane in which Inspector of Detectives D. M. Loughean flew as far as Corning, Cal., last week, with extradition papers, was released yesterday by order from the Los Angeles officers.

Hickman will remain on the train as it passes through Oakland this evening. The stop there, for transfer of the special car to the Southern Pacific, Padre will be only about 20 minutes, it was said. The train is due in Los Angeles at 8:40 Tuesday morning.

A small crowd met the train at Klamath Falls.

### CIRCUOUS CONNECTIONS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26 (AP)—The fact of William E. Hickman's naming of one Andrew Cramer as the murderer of Marian Parker, and the fact that the girl's body was mutilated and dismembered were connected and given significance today by Milton Carlson, handwriting expert and student of criminology.

Carlson pointed out that the youthful kidnaper of the slain girl admitted familiarity with the details of the life of Jesse James and the details of the Loeb-Leopold murder case. He suggested that quite possibly Hickman also had read much of the White Chapel murders in London in 1891. Several women were murdered and mutilated in that unsolved series and the suspected murderer, a young student of surgery, although never caught, a few weeks after the murders was found dead in the Thames river. His name was Andrew Cramer.

The criminologist declared it a trail of the criminal mind to unhesitatingly use an incident or name out of a case or report of which he had read much. Carlson also referred to Hickman's spelling of the name "Cramer" at first and later admitting it might have been spelled with the "K" as in

### Obituary

CAROLINE EMILIA JENSEN

Caroline Emilia Jensen, wife of Ferdinand Jensen, died at 11 o'clock in the evening. Death was sudden, following a short illness.

Mrs. Jensen had been a resident of La Grande for 20 years, and leaves to mourn her loss, besides her widowed husband, two daughters: Helen and Edna; two sons: Henry and Edwin; and a brother, O. E. Ridd, of Arkum, Cal.

Funeral services will be held at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. L. H. Aves, of the Lutheran church, will officiate. Burial will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

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