

## Local News In Brief

**Goes to Pendleton.**—Miss Anna Cramer left this morning for Pendleton to spend the day visiting in that city.

**Goes to Pendleton.**—Mrs. Wesley Harris left this morning for Pendleton where she will spend a short time visiting.

**Stopping at Foley.**—The Misses Jane and Alma Shambarger, of Payette, are stopping at the Foley for a few days. Miss Jane Shambarger is receiving medical treatment.

**Return to Portland.**—Mrs. J. D. Lynch left this morning for her home in Portland after spending Christmas in La Grande with her daughter, Mrs. Loy Miller.

**Here from Medical Spring.**—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Riddell, of Medical Springs, are spending a couple of days in La Grande. They are at the Foley.

**Business Visitor.**—J. W. Hansen, of Enterprise, is a business visitor in La Grande today. Mr. Hansen is registered at the Foley.

**Motorcycle Found.**—The motorcycle stolen from A. H. Jennings's car has been found and returned to the owner through the police station.

**Program Given.**—The Pine Grove school gave a delightful Christmas program last Friday. All present reported a very enjoyable time.

**Returns Home.**—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Aldrich, and son Thomas, of McMinnville, who spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. C. E. Courtney, returned to their home yesterday.

**Return to Portland.**—Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Cowen, of Portland, returned home this morning after spending the Christmas week here as the guest of Mrs. Cowen's sister, Mrs. N. M. Condon. "We've been enjoying your show," declared Mr. Cowen this morning.

**Scouts on Hike.**—A number of La Grande boy scouts started on a hike this morning at about 11 o'clock, troop No. 11 with R. V. Copsey, scout master, being the host. The boys met at the corner of Adams avenue and Second street. They will return to their homes this afternoon.

**Left for Idaho.**—John M. Standley left La Grande, Tuesday for Sandpoint, Ida. While in this city Standley was an active worker in the Eagles lodge, serving for two years as president and since then acting as trustee. While president he helped put on a membership drive and assisted to raise money for the Eagles home. He was employed by the Boyman-Hicks Lumber company here.

**Visiting in Boise.**—Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill are visiting in Boise for a few days with Mrs. Hill's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Charnhouseau. They are expected to return to La Grande tomorrow. They are visiting here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hill, having just returned from Chicago, where Dr. Hill recently completed his course at Rush Medical college.

**Accepts Position.**—Wilson Thurston, a student at the University of Washington, has returned to Seattle after spending Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Thurston. He has accepted a responsible position with the Seattle Journal of Commerce and will begin work immediately. Mr. Thurston also has supervision in the editorial rooms of the Washington Daily, the daily paper at that university.

**Went to Hot Lake.**—Miss Francis Ryerson went to Hot Lake this morning to spend the day visiting with her sister, Violet.

**Go to Haines.**—Mrs. A. W. Wall and children, Dorothy and Rex, left this morning on train No. 24 for Haines where they will spend several days visiting.

**Return to Joseph.**—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson passed through here this morning on their way home to Joseph after spending several days in Portland.

**Visiting Here.**—Russell Vall, of Grand View, Ida., is visiting here with his sisters, Mrs. Fred Jones and Miss Marjorie Erickson.

**Here from Kamela.**—P. E. McCarty and family, of Kamela, are registered at the La Grande today.

**Returns to Baker.**—Mrs. J. Minke and daughter, Luella, returned home this morning to Baker after spending a few days here visiting with Mrs. Minke's daughter, Mrs. E. E. Eakin and Miss Eva Minke.

**Go to Baker.**—Mrs. W. H. Thompson and daughters, Ada and Marie, left this morning for Baker to spend a couple of days visiting in that city. They were passengers on train No. 24.

**In Portland.**—Mrs. William Siegrist and daughter, Judy, left Monday night for Portland where they will spend several days visiting relatives and friends. They will go on to Corvallis to visit Mrs. Siegrist's son, George Harbo, before returning home. They are expected back about Monday.

**O. S. C. Dance.**—Plans are being completed for the annual O. S. C. dance Friday night which is to be held this year at the La Grande hotel. Friends of students and students are invited. Frieda Klippenstein and Dallas Jacobsen are in charge.

**Visiting Here.**—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Aldrich, of Longview, Ore., are visiting in La Grande during the holidays with Mrs. Aldrich's sisters, Mrs. Fred Rosson and Mrs. Ross Van Ribber. Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich are teachers in the Longview school.

**Returns to Pendleton.**—Mrs. J. M. Stevenson left this morning for her home in Pendleton after visiting here over Christmas with relatives. She was a guest at the G. A. McNeese home at 1609 Sixth and at the Roy R. McNeese home at 307 Spring street.

**Home from Caldwell.**—Miss Geraldine Hartenbauer returned home this morning from Caldwell where she spent several days visiting relatives and friends. She was a passenger on train No. 17 this morning. Miss Hartenbauer is stenographer at the chamber of commerce office.

**Leave for Oakland.**—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nodine and son, Floyd, of Oakland, Cal., left this morning after spending the past week at Imbler with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nodine. The Nodine home was the scene of a family reunion during the holidays, all six children of Mr. and Mrs. Nodine being at the home.

**Former La Grander Here.**—Mrs. Ramona Hansen and her brother, Howard King, both formerly of La Grande, are spending the week here visiting with their sister, Mrs. Walter Polkman, and with friends in La Grande. Mrs. Hansen and Mr. King now make their home in Oakland, Cal. They drove to La Grande, arriving here

for Christmas. They will leave for home on Friday.

**Here from Joseph.**—H. B. Davidhiser, of Joseph, is in La Grande today on business.

**Back from Portland.**—Mrs. C. S. Paddock returned home today from Portland where she spent Christmas with relatives.

**Spent Day at Boise.**—Miss Mamie Allen spent Christmas day in Boise with her parents.

**Here Last Night.**—Mr. and Mrs. Phil Halley, of Walla Walla, Wash., spent last night in La Grande. They were on their way home after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Forest Scroggin at their farm home near Union.

**Married Yesterday.**—Miss Pauline Reiter and John W. Anderson, both of Union county were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at about five o'clock at the office of Judge Hugh E. Brady.

**Adjuster Here.**—J. A. Martin, insurance adjuster from Portland, is here to adjust the loss to the Tanner home, which caught fire last Saturday, after a gasoline explosion.

**Visiting Aunts.**—Bill Ballantyne, of Caldwell, Ida., is spending this week in La Grande with his aunts, Mrs. Fred Jones and Miss Marjorie Erickson.

**Visiting in Oregon City.**—Dr. A. M. Moore is expected home tonight or tomorrow from Oregon City where he has been for the past several days with his family.

**Returns to Baker.**—Mrs. J. Hrusk left this morning for Baker after spending several days with Mr. Hrusk, who is employed here. Their daughters, Helen and Anita, remained here for a several day's visit with their father.

**Visiting Parents.**—Mr. and Mrs. John Daniels and son, Norman, of Portland, are spending the week here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris. They arrived here for Christmas.

**Spent Christmas Here.**—Mr. and Mrs. Norvall Newell, of Baker, spent Christmas day here with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Leslie White. Monday Mr. and Mrs. White and daughter, Marguerite, drove to Baker to visit at the Newell home.

**Home from Oregon.**—Melvin Parker arrived here Sunday to spend the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. George McVey. He is attending school at the University of Oregon.

**Goes to Walla Walla.**—Mrs. Lloyd McCleod of the Ruth-Elizabeth Beauty shop, is spending several days in Walla Walla. She is expected home day after tomorrow.

**Home from Payette.**—Mrs. Green, of Joseph, stopped overnight at the La Grande on her way home after spending a month in Payette, Ida., visiting with her brother.

**Will Address Convention.**—Miss Geneva Sayre will leave tonight for Portland where she will address the Young People's convention of the Free Methodist church in their state convention. Miss Sayre's address is scheduled for Saturday night and will concern China where she spent a number of years in missionary work, returning just this year. Miss Sayre's topic is "Results of Missionary Work as Seen in China." Miss Sayre is teaching school this winter. She will attend the state teachers convention during her stay in Portland.

**Had Serious Operation.**—Nadine Atterbury, daughter of Mrs. Betty Atterbury, was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital Monday where she underwent an appendix operation. She is reported this morning to be doing as well as can be expected, considering the serious nature of the operation. Nadine is a student at Central school and is a member of the Campfire Girls. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. J. D. Ackley.

**Goes to State Meet.**—Superintendent E. A. Sayre left last night for Portland where he is attending the state teachers meeting. He will go on to Salem at the end of the week where he will attend the superintendent's meeting and from Salem will continue to Eugene where he will spend a few days visiting with his son, Paul Sayre. Mr. Sayre is expected home about Jan. 4.

**Here for Funeral.**—Robert Ray, brother of the late Al Ray who passed away Thursday, left this morning for his home in Shadran, Neb. Mr. Ray was summoned here last Wednesday. Mr. Ray's sister, Mrs. C. C. Hornby, expected to leave tonight on train No. 18 for her home in Omaha. She was also summoned last week.

**Not Leaving City.**—O'Regan White, who is to appear Saturday night in an act of the American Legion Midnight Matinee, announces that a number of persons received the impression from an article in Monday's Observer that he was leaving Saturday for Los Angeles. In the article were excerpts from Portland papers of some time ago in which it was stated that "White is leaving for Los Angeles to take up work on a larger scale." Mr. White believes that many readers misinterpreted the reading, giving the impression that he was leaving this Saturday.

## GRAYSON PLANE IS STILL MISSING

**Hopes For Safety Of Aviator and Companions Are Still Alive**

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP)—Hopes for the safety of Mrs. Frances Wilson Grayson and her three male companions in the "Dawn," centered today in the possibility that the plane might be down in some isolated spot not far from Harbor Grace, N. F.

This possibility, rested upon a radio message which a telegraph operator at Heart's Content, 25 miles from Harbor Grace, says he intercepted Monday afternoon and upon the claims of various persons in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia that they heard the motor of a plane at different times between Saturday morning and late Sunday night.

The giant navy dirigible, Los Angeles, today tested in her hangar at Lakehurst, N. J., after a cruise up and down the coast of the "Dawn" was believed to have followed after it was sighted over Cape Cod, three hours after the start.

The Los Angeles went as far as Emerald Banks, about 120 miles from Sable Island whence had come the news that a message signed with the call letters of the "Dawn," but rendered nearly unintelligible by interference and static, was received Sunday night, reporting "something wrong." The new came from the government wireless station, operated by the Marconi company.

The dirigible covered a strip of a miles in width, and found the visibility excellent, but saw no sign of the missing plane.

Five destroyers, two from the navy and three from the coast guard today took the search in a semi-circle with its center at Sable Island and a radius of 75 miles.

The radio message reported heard at Heart's Content was made public by the Western Union Telegraph company. A message from E. H. E. Stenford, at Heart's Content, said that Telegrapher Hillyard, while listening on his radio set Monday afternoon, picked up a code message signed either "WHI" or "WPI" the second letter being virtually unreadable.

The signals, Hillyard said, were the strongest he ever heard. He believed they came from nearby.

"Where are we? Can you locate us?" was the message which Hillyard reported receiving, repeated at intervals of three or four minutes for nearly half an hour.

Heart's Content is on the opposite shore of the Avalon peninsula from Harbor Grace, on the shore of Trinity Bay, and about 25 miles distant.

Stenford reported also that a couple walking on the barren shore of Heart's Content, claim to have heard distinctly the passage of an airplane at 8:30 Saturday night, about 15 hours after Mrs. Grayson had expected to arrive at Harbor Grace.

## Eugene Shooting Was Accidental

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—Ham Montgomery, shot in the neck a week ago at his home near Vids, was the victim of an accident. A shotgun in the hands of Captain John J. McEwan, football coach at the University of Oregon, prematurely exploded, the charge striking Montgomery. It was stated today.

Relating details of the accident at a local hospital today Montgomery said:

"It was purely an accident. I was among friends. I hate to think of what would have happened to me if they hadn't been there to carry me down the side of the mountain and get me to a doctor."

Captain McEwan was calling on Montgomery when the latter was interviewed.

"Here is Captain right here, a good friend," concluded the injured man.

**KEEFE ELECTED.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—James S. Keefe, vice president of the American Steel and Wire company for 27 years, has been elected its president to succeed William M. Palmer, who died recently. Mr. Palmer was a director of the United States Steel corporation.

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## OREGON TAX LEVY SET AT \$7,710,104

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crease in the biggest, from \$176,811.44 for 1927 to \$206,977.75 for 1928.

Multnomah county's tax for 1927 was \$2,702,503.75. For 1928 it is \$2,802,322.54.

**County Levies.**

| By counties the new state levy follows: |                |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|
| Baker                                   | \$ 157,056.99  |
| Benton                                  | 112,235.99     |
| Clackamas                               | 330,108.12     |
| Clatsop                                 | 185,289.22     |
| Columbia                                | 124,764.41     |
| Cook                                    | 185,551.37     |
| Crook                                   | 58,280.50      |
| Curry                                   | 29,074.80      |
| Deschutes                               | 86,468.32      |
| Douglas                                 | 219,059.38     |
| Gilliam                                 | 65,057.86      |
| Grant                                   | 49,922.32      |
| Harney                                  | 58,188.16      |
| Hood River                              | 69,292.16      |
| Jackson                                 | 208,118.84     |
| Jefferson                               | 46,391.69      |
| Josephine                               | 54,548.99      |
| Klamath                                 | 206,977.75     |
| Lake                                    | 68,951.46      |
| Lane                                    | 359,152.07     |
| Lincoln                                 | 59,899.34      |
| Linn                                    | 22,810.91      |
| Malheur                                 | 85,705.52      |
| Marion                                  | 339,468.18     |
| Morrow                                  | 75,042.44      |
| Multnomah                               | 2,802,322.54   |
| Polk                                    | 130,347.02     |
| Sherman                                 | 67,740.38      |
| Tillamook                               | 152,467.31     |
| Umatilla                                | 329,524.45     |
| Union                                   | 137,062.52     |
| Walla Walla                             | 75,796.32      |
| Wasco                                   | 130,948.48     |
| Washington                              | 246,428.50     |
| Wheeler                                 | 31,171.95      |
| Yamhill                                 | 162,151.20     |
| Total                                   | \$7,710,104.20 |

## INHERITANCE TAX FIGURES

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—State Treasurer T. R. Kay estimates that inheritance tax receipts this year will be about \$340,000 or nearly \$125,000 more than estimated. The largest inheritance tax payment of the year was \$94,000, received yesterday from the Thomas J. Armstrong estate in Portland.

Inheritance tax payments since the present rate became effective eight years ago have been as follows: 1919 \$346,276; 1920 \$214,215; 1921 \$209,951; 1922 \$474,512; 1923 \$335,254; 1924 \$414,972; 1925 \$300,670; 1926 \$416,902.

## Criminologist Is Against Hanging

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 28 (AP)—William Edward Hickman, Los Angeles child slayer should not be hanged but should be "set aside" as a human psychiatric laboratory to be studied by society for its own protection, E. O. Heinrich, famed Berkeley criminologist and solver

of many crimes said today. "Only vengeance will be satisfied if Hickman is hanged, whereas his clinical possibilities in favor of society far outweigh mere vengeance," the criminologist declared. "Afternoon has been spent in the capture of Hickman," he added. "The full benefit of that expenditure should be realized upon."

## HICKMAN WANTS A SPEEDY TRIAL; FAINTS IN CELL

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his brief appearance in court Hickman fell into a sound sleep. He was sleeping when a deputy officer shook him to awaken him. Hickman started up apparently terrified at the sudden awakening and fainted. It was a few minutes before he was revived.

The civic committee which will decide the allotment of a large part of the almost \$50,000 reward offered for the capture and conviction of the slayer of Marian Parker will hold a meeting tomorrow. The two Oregon officers, Chief of Police Tom Gurdine of Pendleton, and Sergeant C. L. Lueallen of the Oregon state traffic force, who captured Hickman, yesterday called on Mayor C. F. Cramer, chairman of the civic committee. They were accompanied by the attorney, who has been retained by them to protect their interests in the reward.

## KEYES ANSWERS WAGNER

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28 (AP)—District Attorney A. A. Keyes today took issue with County Attorney Surgeon A. F. Wagner's report last night that Marian Parker died from heart failure induced by fright and exhaustion rather than from being choked to death by William E. Hickman in jail here accused of the girl's kidnapping and murder.

Keyes declaring he was convinced that the school girl was strangled to death, said: "Dr. Wagner's statement that the Parker girl mistle him in his conclusions. "Even if she did die of heart failure, Hickman could resolve the death sentence just the same if convicted."

## LONE EAGLE BIDS ADIOS TO MEXICANS

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cheers were inappropriate at the departure of one whom they hated to see go.

Here and there could be heard murmurs of "adios, Hermanito" (goodbye little brother) which is what many people here called Col. Lindbergh.

**ROUTE PERILOUS ONE**

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28 (AP)—

A route fraught with peril over a mountainous region with virgin forests, some perhaps never penetrated by civilized man, today lay before Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh for the first lap of his 3,000 mile good will flight through Central America.

Before the Lone Eagle stretched the longest leg of his flight, 275 miles by air from Mexico City to Guatemala City, over the high plateau land of the state of Puebla, the path of the "Spirit of St. Louis" extended into the mountainous state of Oaxaca. To the west of the Lone Eagle's trail toward the majestic Tacna volcano, over which passes the dividing line between Guatemala and Mexico. Once that line has been crossed scarcely more than 100 miles would separate the flyer from his goal, Guatemala City.

## Two-Day Stop

A two-day stop is planned for Guatemala then the Lone Eagle will again take to the air for Belize, British Honduras, 250 miles away. There no airplane has ever landed, although American airplanes have landed twice in the harbor. In Belize it was stated that if Lindbergh could not land, since no field is available he would at least fly over the capital.

From Belize a 260-mile hop is planned to San Salvador. It has been announced there that when the flyer lands at Ilopango flying field it will be for a three-day stay instead of the customary two days he intends to spend in each country.

The next leg will be 140 miles from San Salvador to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where congress has voted to make Lindbergh a colonel in the Honduras army.

## Then to Managua

From Tegucigalpa to Managua, Nicaragua, the Lone Eagle will fly 150 miles. There revolutions and politics have apparently been forgotten in anticipation of Lindbergh's visitation of good will.

His next Central American stop will be made at San Jose, Costa Rica, 210 miles from Managua. From there he will fly 320 miles to Panama, where extensive preparations have been made to prepare a field so that the plane can land on Panamanian soil rather than in the Canal Zone.

Food supplies for the Mexico City-Guatemala hop included some drinking water, a few sandwiches and a supply of army emergency rations. A duffle bag stuffed with clothes and a leather hand bag with toilet articles, shirts and underwear comprised the baggage.

## Flying Time 9 Hours

The gasoline supply was set at 150 gallons by Lindbergh, who considered this would give him a reserve of several hours over the maximum flying time—the hours.

Lindbergh paid a farewell call on President Calles which welcomed said was replete with emotion. When the American left the president's office it was said the president's eye followed him, as a father might watch the departure of a beloved son.

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