

Local News in Brief

Montana Man Here—
R. E. Hart, of Helena, Mont., is stopping at the Foley today.

Here From Union—
W. P. Hiedeman, of Union, is registered at the Foley hotel.

Here From Portland—
H. I. Buchanan, of Portland, is registered at the La Grande.

Returns to Elgin—
Mrs. Guy Cummins and son returned home to Elgin this morning after a short visit in this city.

Here From Palmer Junction—
Miss Marian Hansen, who is a school teacher at Palmer Junction, shipped in La Grande today.

Home From Trip—
Mrs. E. L. Westerspoon and children returned home today from a week's visit in Olympia, Wash.

Registered at Sommer—
Mrs. Cardwell, of Elgin, is registered at the Sommer hotel.

In Portland—
Claire McKennon has gone to Portland where he is visiting relatives and friends.

Returns to Elgin—
Miss Lillian Bussard, of Elgin, returned home this morning after spending about three months at Dratin, Ore.

Visited Here—
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gordon, of Weston, were visitors in La Grande this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Reynaud.

Returned to Baker—
Helen and Anita Hruska returned to their home in Baker this morning after visiting here for about a week with their father.

Goes to Wallawa—
Mrs. S. G. Hudson and son, Max, of Wallawa, returned home this morning. They have been visiting with relatives at Heppner during the past week.

Going to Portland—
Mrs. Charles S. Miller and sons, of Ontario, stopped at the Sommer hotel last night, leaving this morning for Portland.

Returns to Portland—
J. F. Brannick, of Portland, returned home this morning after spending a week at the La Grande hotel.

Here From Baker—
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lottridge and son, of Baker, registered at the La Grande yesterday. Mr. Lottridge is manager and vice president of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company.

Improving—
Bernard Thelen became ill Monday and was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital. He is improving now and will probably be able to return home in a few days.

Left This Morning—
Mrs. Laura D. Nash, of Pendleton, who has been visiting here a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Ivanhoe for the past week, returned to her home in Umatilla county this morning.

Here Yesterday—
Mr. and Mrs. Lance Kellogg and two children of Weston, and their nephew, George Kellogg, of Walla Walla, Wash., were in La Grande yesterday.

Grande yesterday. Mr. Kellogg went to Hot Lake on business. They stopped here for a short time to visit Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Reynaud and family.

On Business Trip—
J. P. Phyl of La Grande and Dr. W. T. Phyl, of Hot Lake, will leave tomorrow night for Clayton, Idaho, where they will look after mining interests. They will be accompanied by Oliver Dorsch and Henry Hess.

Leaves for Utah—
Miss Lila Bean left this morning for Salt Lake City, Utah, and southern Utah cities for a visit with her mother who is spending the winter in Utah and with relatives and friends. She will be gone about three weeks. Miss Bean is employed in the offices of the Van Vetter Lumber company.

Returns to Portland—
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vance, of Portland, have returned home after visiting here a few days with Mr. and Mrs. William H. Pearce. Mrs. Vance and Mrs. Pearce are sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Vance arrived here two days before Christmas and went on to Boise where they spent Christmas day. They returned to La Grande again for a few days, leaving for home last night.

To Sing at Baker—
A number of men and women members of the L. D. S. church will go to Baker tonight where they will join with the Baker chorus of the L. D. S. church in presenting a cantata. Those who will go from La Grande include Mrs. Walter Bean, Elwood Cecil James, Wilfred Johnson, Mrs. Nelson Bean, and Lloyd Walsh. The cantata is to be presented in La Grande this coming Sunday.

Getting Along Nicely—
Eugenia Trowbridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Trowbridge, who underwent an operation recently at the Grande Ronde hospital, has been removed to her home and is reported to be getting along nicely. She is in a cast about the shoulders and it will be about three weeks before it can be removed.

Home From School—
Miss Bethene Miller, of Union, is home visiting her parents during the holidays. She will return to her dancing studies at the Cornish school, Seattle, after New Year's. Miss Miller appeared recently in a beautiful production of Tschakowsky's "Nut Cracker" Ballet in the Cornish Theater under the direction of Carl Leslier, who danced in a Russian number, and in the famous "Waltz of the Flowers".

Enjoyed Chicago Visit—
Word received here from Miss Hilda Anthony, who has been making her home in Chicago for the past year and a half, states that she spent a most enjoyable Christmas with her cousin, Adolph Lanzetta, of St. Louis, Mo., where he is attending college and to tour in various sections. He expects to make a trip to California and Oregon, including La Grande, next summer, and will visit here with Mrs. M. Anthony and Miss Bertha Berger. Miss Anthony is teaching music in Evanston, Ill. This summer she enjoyed a vacation trip to Boston and other eastern cities.

Went to Enterprise—
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Simons spent yesterday visiting in Enterprise.

Visiting Here—
Serge N. Benson, of Logan, Utah, is registered at the Foley. Mr. Benson is visiting at the W. D. Hanks home.

Here From Elgin—
Mrs. E. E. Herman, of Elgin, is a guest at the Foley hotel for a few days.

Visiting in Boise—
Orval Doan is spending the week in Boise visiting with relatives. Mr. Doan is suffering from food poisoning in his foot and is unable to be at work.

Visiting Parents—
Miss Loda Hansen, who is teaching school at Glenn's Ferry, Idaho, is spending the holidays at Island City with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. H. I. Hansen.

Here Today—
P. L. Kent, agriculture statistician from Portland, was in this city today. He called at the office of H. G. Avery, county agent.

Married—
Miss Ethel Harrison, of Stevens county, Wash., and Oscar Heston, son of Cook county, Minnesota, were united in marriage by Judge Hugh E. Brady at his office here Thursday afternoon at five o'clock.

Maintenance Engineer Here—
R. H. Bullock, of Salem, state engineer of maintenance, is a business visitor in La Grande today. Mr. Bullock arrived here last night and is leaving this evening. He registered at the La Grande.

Home From Duck Hunt—
John Adams and W. O. Clinger have returned from a duck hunting trip in the Snake River country. They report hunting very good and an abundance of their sport. They brought with them a fine lot of game.

Planning Truck—
Excitement was keen for a short time at Union this morning when one of the large Pacific Fruit express trucks in flames tore through the main thoroughfare to the Union station where the blaze was quickly extinguished. Word of the fire was received this morning from Union where a large number of persons watched the flaming truck, according to the report. How much damage was done is not known, as "Happy" Lyman, driver of the truck, had not yet returned to La Grande as the Observer went to press. It was thought by some that the fire might have been caused by a heater. The truck was travelling east at the time.

Hunting Still Good—
Duck hunting on the Snake river is excellent and is attracting many sports at this time of the year, according to Charles N. Palmer, local sportsman who returned home last night from a day's hunt. Mr. Palmer reports that the Malheur river is frozen over and that hunting on that river is not quite so good. However, there are a number of holes which are not frozen over where ducks are being sought. Mr. Palmer, accompanied by Mrs. Palmer, drove to Ontario Wednesday night, returning home last night. They encountered exceedingly bitter weather and were in snow storms much of the way home. Drifts were laid along many of the flat stretches. Mr. Palmer said. He was successful in bagging a large number of ducks.

COVE PERSONALS

COVE (Special)— Good winter weather continues. Sledding is good and people are enjoying it. The young people are enjoying sledding and skating.

Miss Effie Boswell is visiting at the home of her brother, E. T. Boswell.

Walter Daron and wife, of Elgin, are at the N. Daron home for the vacation week.

Troy and Robert Becker are spending their vacation at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Becker.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Johnson entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Boswell and the Adolph Peckler family from Ladd Canyon on Christmas day.

T. B. Johnson still makes daily trips to La Grande for treatment for his eyes and they are improving.

A party and dance will be given at the J. B. Brasher home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gassett moved to the J. B. Talbot farm Wednesday.

J. B. Talbot continues very low in the Grande Ronde hospital. His condition, Mrs. Mary Chambers was called to his bedside Tuesday.

Alvin Boswell, who works on the Becker farm, is on a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Koger and children spent Christmas day with August Erickson, of La Grande.

Mrs. Erickson is Mr. Koger's sister.

L. J. Chadwick and family and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gassett were guests at the Nell Knight farm home on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker and family, of Imbler, were guests at the J. T. Beem home on Christmas day.

Miss Gale Tucker is spending the week with Miss Gladys Beem.

Hits New Keys



Kathryn Wilwer, daughter of a Gary, Ind. locomotive hostler, is the newest Chicago Opera star. She was scheduled to make her debut in Carmen. The girl is a former stenographer.

Pair of Rusted Glasses Is Only Clue to Identity

A rusted pair of glasses in a case which contains the name of J. H. Pearce and Son is the only clue which officers of Corvallis hold to the identity of the badly decomposed body of an old man found near Monroe about a week ago, according to a letter received by the local justice and epidemiologist. So far all efforts to trace the man's identity through the glasses have been fruitless, though W. H. Pearce has been making a determined effort to discover the identity.

NEW HALL IS OPENED WITH GAME, DANCE

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of his tries. Stoddard scored two points for the high school in this quarter, which ended 13 to 5. In the last half of the game there were thrills aplenty and the spectators were brought to their feet more than once.

Lyman started the scoring with a field goal and Newlin contributed two more. McCorkle shot two foul tries and the third quarter closed with the score 13 to 13. The high school failing to count in this period.

As the final frame opened, it looked like a walk away for the 1927 quintet, with McCorkle and Lyman bringing the score to 17 to 13 with a brace of shots. Stoddard, however, who was playing a whole of a game, and Braden evened things up shortly afterwards with two field baskets and then Stoddard, shooting from mid-floor, put the Tigers into a two-point lead with a beautiful basket. H. Wolfe scored an extra point on a foul try. Just before the game ended Hanks ringed a final goal. In the last minute of the contest both sides extended every effort but the gun sounded with the 1928 team having a one-point lead.

The hummel seemed unable to find its eye in the first half but its teamwork on the floor was similar to that displayed last season. The high school team was weak in its guarding at times and at other times stiffened and broke up many an opponent thrust. Stoddard, for the high school, and Lyman, for the alumni, were outstanding. Stoddard, with 19 points, was high scorer.

Coach Christie used several substitutes and for the alumni Stalcup, McCorkle and Baker alternated. Incidentally, the high school team only missed two tries after foul.

Summary

Alumni (19)	(20) High School
Newlin (4)	P (10) Stoddard
Stalcup (2)	P (4) Hubbard
Lyman (6)	C (1) Prevoost
Hanks (2)	C (2) C. Wolfe
Berry (2)	Herr
McCorkle (4)	S (2) Braden
Baker	S (1) H. Wolfe
	S Wallinger
	S Faus
	V V. Newlin

Score by Quarters

H. S.	11	2	0	7-20
Alumni	0	5	4	9-19

Referee: Jimmy Rosenbaum.

WOMAN IS ACCUSED
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 30. (AP)—To determine whether Harriet Heston, former cashier at the Panthea theater in Portland, and who is now in jail there, shall be taken to Minneapolis, Minn., for trial on a grand larceny charge will be determined at a hearing before Governor Patterson at 4 o'clock today. The woman is accused of embezzling \$432 in April 1926 from the Hotel Madison, one of the largest hotels in Minneapolis.

Everybody is a fool some of the time, but he is a double fool who is a fool all of the time.

ELGIN PERSONALS

ELGIN (Special)— Two business buildings on Front street changed hands last week. Arthur Hallenarth purchased the building occupied by the Hill Hardware company from Julius Sommer and sold the building recently occupied by Attorney L. Denham to Mrs. J. W. Brown. The Fair Store owned by J. W. Brown will be moved into this building in two or three weeks as alterations will have to be made before it can be occupied.

Several sheds on the fair grounds were destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. Eight pigs and a cow owned by James Elliott were burned to death. The barn was turned in about 2 o'clock but as the fire main was too far away and the fire was under roof headway most of the buildings were burned. However, a portion of the shed was saved only by the hard work on the part of the volunteers. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

A. C. Gilham has purchased an 80-acre ranch near Prescott, Wash., and will reside there during the coming year.

Born, Tuesday, Dec. 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Ike Garritty, a son, and Mrs. Arthur Whitely are the parents of a baby girl born Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Grande Ronde hospital in La Grande. Mrs. Whitely was brought home Tuesday morning and mother and baby are reported to be doing nicely.

Mrs. George Smith left Tuesday afternoon for Portland where she will visit her sons for a few weeks. Mrs. Lucian Sholts, of La Grande, is visiting relatives here this week.

Charles E. Bean and C. D. Bean left Monday afternoon for a short business trip to Portland.

Miss Maude Reed, of La Grande, arrived Tuesday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Hubert Shig, who is attending the Eugene University Bible school, is spending the holidays with his sister, Olive Shig, who is teaching the third grade here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gent and children, of Enterprise, were visitors at the home of Mrs. P. A. Young Tuesday evening. They returned home Wednesday morning. Mr. Gent is the agent for the Watkins company in Wallawa county. The banded ducks recently killed by Joe Halligan were banded at Malheur Monday, Sept. 25, 1927, according to the information received by Mr. Halligan last week from the U. S. department of agriculture, Washington, D. C. The bands were attached to the birds by volunteer cooperators both in the United States and Canada who serve without pay. The shooting in the last banding work is therefore dependent upon the reports of persons in both countries on such banded birds as come to their attention.

Senator Edge In Favor of Hoover

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. (AP)—Secretary Hoover was endorsed for the republican nomination today by Senator Edge, of New Jersey, in announcing his candidacy for delegate at large from New Jersey to the next republican convention.

PORTLAND FIGHTS CRIME

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30. (AP)—Following a series of burglaries last night, steps were taken today to rid the city of a gang of prowlers which the police believe to be organized operating under the direction of a leader.

Extra policemen have been detailed to the residential districts.

Mabel Vasanta



Mabel Williams—stage beauty? Never, said Mabel! So in the program of "Take the Air," New York musical comedy, she became "Vasanta." And she's as beautiful as the new name.

Arranging for Trial Of Terry A. Talent

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 30. (AP)—L. A. Liljevald, assistant state attorney general, appointed special prosecutor by Governor Patterson to investigate and conduct the trial of Terry A. Talent, youthful prohibition enforcement agent, indicted for the fatal shooting of Minneapolis Zimmmerlee, Trail Creek rancher, during the progress of a moonshine raid last September is here collecting data and making ready for the trial, scheduled to begin in the federal court at Portland Thursday, Jan. 12.

Talent was indicted by a grand jury on a charge of voluntary manslaughter, and the trial transferred to the federal court upon a writ of habeas corpus cum causa.

Talent will be defended by United States District Attorney George Neuner.

A coroner's jury which conducted a hearing into the affray returned a verdict exonerating Talent.

BUILD ROAD IN 18 MONTHS
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 30. (AP)—Within 18 months there will be a completed line of railroad from Lebanon to Near Casco, according to L. A. Higgs, who has succeeded in acquiring from the state highway department right of way through a strategic point near Sweethome.

HICKMAN TO ENTER PLEA OF INSANITY

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The fatal shooting of Rex Thomas, Roschill druggist, may have assisted in the kidnapping of the Los Angeles school girl.

Suspicious Unsubstantiated
These police suspicions found no support in the holdup confession which young Hunt gave to sheriff's officers.

"Why I'd have turned my own brother over to the police for a crime like that," Hunt declared. He said he immediately had associated his erstwhile pal and confederate with the stayer when he read his description in the newspapers prior to the Hickman identification by the police. The day before the police identification was made by the police, he said, he went to the bank in which Marian's father was an assistant cashier, and in the afternoon he and Hickman had been employed as messengers to determine whether the whereabouts of Hickman were known.

He said he and his step grandmother, Mrs. Carrie Driskell of Alhambra with whom Hickman lived for a time, communicated their suspicions to the police.

Hunt Resembles Cramer
Police, however, pointed out that Hunt resembled somewhat the mysterious "Andrew Cramer" whom Hickman named as the actual slayer of the child in his first confession and later declared was a friend of his own imagination. Hunt also lived in Alhambra, the suburb to which the kidnapped girl first was taken and from which one of the ransom telegrams was filed. Hunt will be questioned closely, the police said, as to his activities during the days from the time of the kidnapping of Marian until her body was delivered to her father and \$1500 collected.

In the meantime, sheriff's officers who obtained from Hickman the confession to the second murder, the shooting of Thomas in a battle with a policeman during an attempted drug store hold-up by the two youths, endeavored to pin the guilt of further crimes on the pair.

Witnesses to a number of unsolved crimes in Los Angeles and vicinity were taken before the two prisoners in an attempt to identify them.

Grand Jury Probe Due

A county grand jury made preparations to take up the investigation to vote on a second murder indictment against Hickman and a similar action against Hunt in connection with the death of the druggist. The grand jury according to prosecution officials, also will include the questioning of Hickman regarding several brutal murders in the vicinity of Chicago last fall at a time when the youth was in that vicinity. Questioning of the youth and Mrs. Driskell in connection with the death of A. R. Driskell, Hunt's grandfather in Pasadena, also may be undertaken by the jury. Driskell's death at the time was reported as a suicide but the authorities moved to re-open the inquiry following the confessions of the youths to their crime careers. Driskell's body was found at the base of a bridge in Pasadena.

Hickman told jail attaches that his Kansas City attorney had informed him to "stop talking".

Although Hunt has confessed to taking part in the Roschill holdup, he has denied that he took part in the gun battle and declared it was shots from Hickman's pistol which killed the druggist. Gun specialists are engaged in checking the bullets fired in the affray to settle this point as the two youths used different calibre of guns.

Her death was a shock to her friends. She was taken to Ontario and operated on for appendicitis for which the first operation proved unsatisfactory and the third one was performed after which she did not rally. She is survived by her husband, two sisters, Mrs. Floss Pearson, of North Powder, Mrs. Gray, of Nampa, La., four brothers: Charles and Leroy, of North Powder, Frank, of Huntington, Bert and her father who reside on Clover creek.

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