

LOCAL BOOK CIRCULATION AT NEW PEAK

Library Report Shows 11,091 More Volumes Were Loaned in La Grande

MORE BORROWERS THAN EVER BEFORE

Institution Now Has 14,000 Books on Its Shelves Which Nearly 5,000 Persons Take Out.

A mark never before equaled by the La Grande public library was set during the year 1927 when a circulation of 24,884 books was made, the annual report has revealed. This is an increase of 11,091 books, almost an increase of 100 a month. This is but one of the many figures which show a heavy increase in the use of the library and in its readers.

Big Branch Circulation

Another figure of particular significance is the annual circulation of 15,000 at the three branch libraries at Willow, Greenwood and Ilwaco schools which were inaugurated year before last, and which, according to the librarian, have been most successful. Their circulation is included in the mark of 24,884. The annual report of the city library, announced today by Miss Mabel Doty, librarian, will be filed with the state library.

Miss Doty also announced this morning that beginning next Saturday morning, a story hour of Oregon history for children, will be conducted by Miss Gertrude Wagner. With the program will be an exhibit of the library dolls, all dressed in the style of pioneer boys and girls and men and women, and they will have two miniature covered wagons, one drawn by a horse, the other by an ox, to make their stories more interesting. The series will continue indefinitely. They will begin at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

2-POINT BUCK DEER SEEN BY LOCAL PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Strong had to put on the brakes to keep from bumping into a two-point buck deer yesterday on the highway between here and Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Strong and their family were on their way to Ripcord, and when they first saw the deer he was in the field just between the Conley warehouses and the Alford-Lower Cove market road. As they came a little closer, he jumped over the fence and stood in the middle of the road watching the approaching car for some little time. When the car became quite close he leaped over the other fence and railroad tracks and ran off toward the mountains. The deer had evidently come from the western range of mountains and was crossing the valley to the other range.

Kinnison Kills 17 Coyotes, 2 Bobcats

Albert Kinnison, predatory animal hunter for Union county, was high in the state during December, a report from the U. S. department of agriculture, bureau of biological survey, reveals.

Mr. Kinnison killed 19 animals, two of which were bobcat and the remainder coyotes. The Sherman and Umattilla county hunters tied for second place with 12 animals each.

Winter Weather Returns to City

The weather turned cold in La Grande over the week-end and last night a minimum of 15 above zero was recorded on the government thermometer at the municipal building. Saturday night the minimum was 12 above. At 9 o'clock this morning, it was still several degrees below freezing point.

Tell of Relation Of Farm and City

The relation of the farmer to the city will be the subject of an exhibit Robert Wilby, of the Union experiment station, will speak tomorrow noon at the chamber of commerce farm luncheon at the Sommer hotel. The subject is one of interest to both the business men and the farmers and a large attendance is expected at the luncheon.

Several musical numbers will be played by Mann's Imperial orchestra.

Tigers Defeat Enterprise Five With Ease, 26-12

Disastrous First Quarter Cost Game at Joseph—Two Games Here Friday and Saturday.

Although they took an almost traditional defeat Friday night on the Joseph basketball floor from a veteran Josephite five, the La Grande Tigers returned home not without glory Sunday, for they won handily Saturday night from Enterprise, 26-12.

"With the exception of the first quarter of the Joseph game when a score of 12-1 was run up against them, the team played good ball throughout the trip," said Coach Ralph Christie this morning in commenting on the games. Both contests were fast, he said, particularly at Joseph, when after a disastrous quarter the La Grande team gave the experienced Joseph team, at home on their own floor, a real run, matching gains evenly for the remaining three quarters.

In the second quarter of the Joseph game, La Grande held Joseph to two baskets, and netted 10 points, bringing the score to 14-10. The third quarter ended 12-17, and the last 27-22.

The game Saturday night was a different story. The first quarter, the Enterprise boys, who, according to the local coach, are a light aggregation, were unable to score once, while five points were made by the Tigers. The second quarter found the score 11-5, the third 17-8, and the last 22-12. Spectators commented on an increasing smoothness and speed displayed by the La Grande team. Free throw work, they said, was poor in both games. Only four personal fouls were called against the La Grande boys at Joseph.

"Patience, as referee, worked both games admirably well," said the coach this morning.

Next Friday the La Grande team meets Joseph and the following day, Cove, both games to be played on the local floor.

Install Officers At Veteran And Auxiliary Meet

Installation of officers of the Spanish-American War Veterans camp No. 14 and its Auxiliary No. 11, featured a meeting held last Friday night at Honan hall. Preceding the installation ceremony, a dinner was served. The tables were decorated with American flags and carnations, the latter furnished by Roban's Flower shop.

Several visiting comrades from the Frederick Funston camp No. 21 of Baker, were present. Commander L. R. Hale acted as toastmaster and introduced the visitors, including Dr. H. J. Honan, and Comrade Kirkendall, also. Major Ralph B. Huron, commander-elect T. G. Bantz, President Mary Maer and others, who responded with a few well chosen remarks.

Following the dinner the camp and auxiliary convened and the 1928 officers were seated.

Visiting officers are: T. G. Bantz, commander; Dr. A. F. Marr, junior vice commander; C. B. Platt, senior vice commander; L. R. Hale, adjutant; H. E. Porter, O. D.; Ole Matheson, O. G.; C. W. Chandler, chaplain, and D. E. Conner, color sergeant. Auxiliary officers are: Mary A. Moore, president; Rosie Matheson, senior vice president; Annie Platt, junior vice president; Beulah Porter, secretary-treasurer; Nora Chandler, chaplain; Jessie Nelson, conductor; Fannie Henry, assistant conductor; Marietta Yeck and Edna Hale, guards; May Gump, historian, and Edna Hale, patriotic instructor.

During the evening a radio program was enjoyed through the courtesy of the Jesse Rosenbaum Electric company.

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A bright sun yesterday took some of the sting from the chilly weather.

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PROHIBITION CELEBRATES EIGHTH YEAR

Same Controversy Exists Today That Thrived at Amendment's Birth

PROGRESS SEEN BY PROPONENTS

Groups Fighting Liquor Laws Declare that Public Disapproves Era of Volsteadism.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15, (AP)—The eighth anniversary of the eighteenth amendment was observed today, amid much the same controversy as marked its birth.

As supporters of prohibition continued the celebration begun yesterday, with its center at Westerville, home of the Anti-Saloon league, its arch enemy, the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, dug itself in for a more determined fight in the future.

The association's announcement of expansion of its organization and its life at the dryeurope, constituted the only holding gift from that side of the question in overnight developments.

In addition to the estimate at Westerville, by Dr. Howard Hyde Russell, associate general superintendent of the league that services in 30,000 churches marked the anniversary, William E. "Pussyfoot" Johnson told the New York audience that prohibition was in the constitution to stay, and Senator Jones, republican, Washington, declared his confidence in it. But faithful enforcement soon would be the main issue in a presidential election.

Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, head of the publicity and education bureau of the Anti-Saloon league, also of Westerville, when an eight-minute ringing of church bells was arranged today as a celebration, declared great strides had been made throughout the world toward suppression of alcoholism. The dry's observance was characterized here by the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment as a "bad tactical move because it cannot fail to recall to the minds of citizens the appalling failure of the dry law and the tremendous cost in money and lives."

The association announced the appointment of Henry H. Curran, of New York, former immigration commissioner at Ellis Island as first president of the organization, and Public Disapproval.

"The swelling tide of public disapproval of Volsteadism," said a statement by W. H. Staxton, the chairman, "has brought with it a growth of the association, an increase in its income and an increase in its membership and an opportunity and an opportunity additional work during the present year."

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PUTNAM SPEAKS ON PROHIBITION

Commemorate Anniversary with Stirring Talk in Christian Church

Commemorating the eighth anniversary of the 18th amendment the Rev. E. L. Putnam, pastor of the Central Christian church, addressed a large audience on the subject "Why Modify?" last evening at the church. Throughout his talk he took up the contentions of the wet, and gave statistics on prohibition, endeavoring to show how the passing of prohibition laws was wise legislation.

"No law absolute prohibits crime and evil," he said. "The purpose is only to curb it and to start men to thinking right." In this connection he mentioned several prominent figures who were at first opposed to prohibition but are now "heart and soul for it because they see the good in it."

Turns to Statistics He gave statistics showing that before prohibition a billion and a quarter men were arrested annually for drunkenness, and asked his audience the question "When did these men begin drinking?" "In their youth, of course," and he quoted President Faeces, of Brown university, who said "It is not the younger generation, but the older generation that is in revolt against the prohibition law."

"The older people violate the law, and encourage the younger ones to do likewise," the Rev. Putnam said.

"Another contention is that prohibition officers practice corruption," he said and he reminded his listeners that all through history a certain number of officials had been corrupt and that it would be strange if they did not find some among the present day officers, especially when the enemy is de-

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630 Students In La Grande High; Breaks Record

Second Semester Begins This Morning with the Highest Enrollment in School's History.

Another huge stride in the growth of the La Grande high school was recorded today.

With the opening of the second semester this morning the enrollment mark reached a new figure, 630 regular students. About 58 new students, coming in from the middle terms of the city grades, and several new students from other cities, swelled the figure into the 600 column—the first time in history.

There was no confusion at the school this morning to denote anything unusual, and the first day of the second term opened with the regularity of any other day of the year. After a short assembly at 9 o'clock, no time was lost in beginning regular periods. An assembly was held Friday afternoon at which the report cards were distributed and announcements made.

Miss Mina Southard was a new faculty member this morning taking the history classes of Mrs. Harvey Matthews. Miss Southard is from Spokane, and is a graduate of the University of Chicago.

600 U. S. Marines Reinforce Army Chasing Sandino

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 15, (AP)—Six hundred American marines were moving forward today to reinforce comrades aligned against the rebel General Augusto Sandino.

Disembarked with airplanes, munitions and other supplies at Corinto, the reinforcements were taken directly from the port to points where they are needed most. For military reasons the destination of the reinforcements and the number in the various detachments into which they were divided were kept secret.

To Open Columbia Highway Tomorrow

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15 (AP)—The Columbia river highway will be thrown open to traffic tomorrow morning. Night travel over the entire highway will be prohibited until further notice.

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Sticks to Post in Burning Building

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 15 (AP)—When fire broke out today in the plant of the Cons and Curry Telephone company at Reedport, Miss Betty Backliffe remained at her post to turn in an alarm before fleeing, and suffered severe burns. The fire, which started from a wood stove, spread rapidly and cut off the fire path to success. In spite of the spreading flames she sent out calls for aid, and in her dash from the building she was burned. Telephone company officials ordered her removed to Marshfield hospital for treatment. The fire caused damage estimated at \$10,000.

SHE'S SPEEDY

Miss Ora Clark has light fingers and knows how to use them. In a recent contest at Salt Lake City she won by trying 86 words a minute without error.

McNARY BILL AT FRONT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—The revised McNary-Haugen bill will be the basis of farm relief discussions by the house agriculture committee, it was decided today at the first meeting of that committee to consider farm proposals made in both house and senate.

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Chamberlin Starts New Air Attempt

MITCHELL FIELD, N. Y., Jan. 15 (AP)—Charles D. Chamberlin's third attempt to capture the world's duration flight record, recently broken by Lindbergh, resumed today when he landed here at 4:25 p. m., forced down by ice forming on the wings.

CURTIS FIELD, N. Y., Jan. 15, (AP)—Charles D. Chamberlin took off at 12:56 o'clock today in world's duration flight record. He was accompanied by Roger Q. Williams.

POSTPONING OF TAX BILL IS PROTESTED

Democrats Urge Immediate Consideration of Reduction Measure

DISCUSS TARIFF IN SENATE TODAY

Senator Robinson Challenges Statements by Coolidge—Charges Living Costs Too High.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15, (AP)—By a vote of 61 to 20 the senate today made its unfinished business the Jones bill designed to build up the merchant marine and maintain it under government operation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Immediate downward revision of the tariff was asked today by the senate.

The resolution of Senator McNary, republican, South Dakota, demanding a closer parity between agriculture and industry in tariff schedules, was adopted after a week of debate.

By a provision of the resolution the senate's action will be formally transmitted to the house where tariff legislation must originate. Republican leaders there have heeded the will of the administration so far against any tariff revision this session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Democratic members of the senate finance committee decided today to ask for immediate consideration of the tax reduction bill which republican leaders desire to sidetrack until March 15, when first bills return of the year are made.

Charges that the administration was blocking senate action on the \$290,000,000 tax reduction because it had been discovered that one of its provisions would increase by \$50,000,000 the taxes paid by larger corporations were made in the house today by Representative Garner, democrat, of Texas.

"The Texas, who is ranking minority member of the house ways and means committee, made his assertion coincident with that of Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, senior democrat on the senate finance committee, would align democrats against the republican move to postpone tax legislation until after the March 15 returns were in.

More Taxes For Mellon? Garner asserted that under a provision of the bill, corporations in which Secretary Mellon was interested, would pay a total increase of \$1,000,000 adding: "It means more taxes for Mr. Mellon, and that isn't tax reduction to Uncle Andy."

The increase would be brought under section 121 of the new law which would require parent and subsidiary corporations to file separate tax returns instead of "affiliated returns," as permitted at present, he explained.

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NEW STYLE

Startling Vice Ring Disclosed Involving Youth

Unspeakable Charges Are Placed Against Portland Men—Five Children Held as Witnesses

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16, (AP)—Disclosures of a vice ring so startling as to be almost unbelievable were revealed today when it became known that two men were in the county jail in lieu of bail, on charges of an unspeakable nature, a third was sought by every police agency in the state and affidavits from thirty boys and girls ranging in ages from 12 to 19 years old were in the hands of investigators.

An investigation instigated by H. S. Franks, a Portland business man after his summer home in Oswego had been wrecked by assorted members of the vice ring who gained entrance by breaking windows, resulted in the arrests. Balked in his initial efforts to expose the activities of the ring Franks at his own expense employed detectives who today were placing the result of their findings before the Multnomah grand jury.

Five Children Held Five of the children who have given information concerning the assorted ring are being detained as material witnesses.

Charges that the ring maintained several apartments in Portland where young girls and boys were encouraged to stage shocking parties were contained in affidavits presented before the grand jurors.

On the night of December 31 twelve members of the asserted ring drove to Oswego lake, one of the members knew the Franks had moved to the city for the winter and suggested holding a party in the Franks home. Windows were broken to gain entrance. Evidence of the orgy that followed was found in the wrecked home.

ARREST SUSPECTS IN MICHIGAN CASE

Search for Kidnaper-Slayer of Five-Year-Old Girl Continues, However

FLINT, Mich. (AP Press Time Press)—A man giving the name of Adolph Hotaling, arrested at Flushing, Mich., has confessed to Sheriff Green that he killed Dorothy Schneider.

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 15 (AP)—Army airplanes, the Michigan state police and the authorities of the entire "middlewest" today had joined in a systematic search for the man who kidnapped, slew and mutilated five-year-old Dorothy Schneider near here last Thursday.

Three pursuit planes from Selfridge field flew over the section where the murderer may be hiding. The small creek north of here where the body was found was the scene of dragging operations today.

Suspects arrested in Detroit, Buffalo, New York, Decatur, Ind., Grand Haven, Mich., and other cities were released yesterday while state and city police and members of the Genesee county sheriff's force continued to check the scores of "tips" which have been sent to the general headquarters established here under orders from Gov. Fred W. Green.

Skilled in Surgery A man known to have been skilled in surgery, a resident of Bay county, near Hay City, Mich., was being sought. He resembles closely the murderer, and it is known he disappeared from his home ten days ago.

County officers early today picked up a man indubitably answering the description of the slayer at

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Tunney-Dempsey Battle In June Or July Decided

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (AP)—Revealing his heavyweight championship status, Tex Rickard today revealed his intention of rematching Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey for a 15-round match at the Yankee stadium in June or July, the winner to defend the title in September against one of the five contenders.

These five are Johnny Hasko, Paulino Lucchini, Jack Delaney, Jack Sharkey and Tom Heeney.

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 15 (AP)—Gene Tunney said here this afternoon that Tex Rickard's plan to have him meet Jack Dempsey in another title bout in June or July "suits me fine."

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15, (AP)—There was such a rush of belated applications for 1928 automobile license plates today that long lines radiated from the Portland license headquarters this morning. Police had given notice that drivers would risk arrest by appearing upon the streets after noon today with 1927 plates.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15, (AP)—Police Chief Phil Haynes and Traffic Officer Claude Cooper, of La Grande, both stated this morning that they had not as yet been advised to begin arrests for failure of drivers to have 1928 automobile license tags displayed on their cars. They urge, however, that all motorists secure their 1928 plates as quickly as possible.

MR. COOLIDGE OPENS CUBAN CONFERENCE

Sixth Pan-American Congress Hears Address by U. S. President

CONFIDENCE, GOOD WILL STRESSED

Denies That Any Nation in North or South America Is Seeking to Subjugate Neighbors.

HAVANA, Jan. 15, (AP)—President Calvin Coolidge today addressed the sixth Pan-American congress extending the helping hand of the United States in the solution of the problems that beset the nations of the world and dedicating the United States government to work for international conference, helpfulness and good will.

The president spoke in the national theater before the representatives of 21 nations of the western hemisphere.

As the spokesman of a country on an equal plane with her sister republics, the president of the United States was frequently interrupted by his government was prepared to encourage all peaceful pursuits that would bring the American family of states into closer and more permanent harmony. Although he spoke in English to a predominantly Spanish-speaking audience, Mr. Coolidge was frequently interrupted by prolonged applause, which seemed an echo of the tremendous ovation with which he was acclaimed on his way to the theater.

Greatest Welcome The great throng assembled cheered and clapped their hands at several points in his address, laying stress on his hope for peace in the new world, and rose from their seats several times to add weight to their enthusiasm.

President Coolidge on his arrival in Cuba yesterday was accorded the greatest demonstration Cuba has ever given the visiting head of a foreign nation.

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 15 (AP)—In a speech keyed to the acts of international confidence, helpfulness and goodwill, President Coolidge opened the sixth Pan-American Congress here today by urging the nations of the western hemisphere to join in the task of assuring to all its people the freedom that Columbus bequeathed to them in equal measure.

Journeys outside of his homeland for the first time since he became president, Mr. Coolidge spoke to the distinguished gathering not as the head of a pre-eminent powerful country but as the spokesman of a nation on an equal plane with her sister republics, trying to find the way to a peaceful solution of whatever problems beset their quest for complete understanding and friendship.

"No Antagonism" Without mentioning the League of Nations or the Monroe Doctrine, the president assured the congress that the Pan-American Union "involves no antagonism toward any section of the world or any other organization," but at the same time, declared that the nations of the Western Hemisphere are committed to the principle that they are "better fitted to govern themselves than any one else is to govern them."

Trade Figures Show Balance Favoring U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—A favorable trade balance for the United States of \$981,707,000 last year was announced today by the commerce department, which filed reports at \$4,184,432,000 and exports at \$3,192,725,000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 (AP)—The export trade in American meat and its products declined more than fifty million dollars in 1927, the Institute of American Meat Packers estimated today.