

2294 PUPILS ENROLLED IN CITY SCHOOLS

Climaxes a Decade of Steady Growth in La Grande Institutions

1913 RECORD ONLY 1,340 CHILDREN

Biggest Increase in High School in Period This Year - Census Shows Figure Now at 633.

Thinking a decade of steady, uphill climb, the La Grande public school census today stands at an unprecedented mark, 2,294, a total of 112 more students than last year.

This was learned today when Superintendent J. C. Longfellow revealed them in connection with the annual census reports at each school of the city.

Five years ago, a survey of public growth made, school of La Grande, Ore., had 1,340 pupils.

Superintendent Longfellow, the highest increase has come in the high school, where in the last year the census has jumped from 542 to 633.

Increases in the grades this year totaled 56, a decrease of six from the first graders at this time last year.

CONCERT WILL BE GIVEN AT CHURCH HERE

An interesting and unusual musical evening is in store for music lovers next Sunday when Mrs. H. N. Ashby will give a song and organ program at the Episcopal church.

Several leading soloists and musicians of La Grande will assist Mrs. Ashby on the program.

GETTING READY FOR SPRING It's not yet time for spring housecleaning, but you are getting ready for it with plans for changing things about, getting new things, getting rid of old things.

Check over the things in the attic, storeroom, or workshop—check over the things you'd like to discard if you could do so to a reasonable advantage.

Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service

Fast Cove High Team Beaten By Tigers, 20 to 16

La Grande Quintet Preparing Today for Game with Union Bobcats on Tuesday Night.

Only by a margin of two baskets did a plucky determination of hoopers from Cove lose their game with the La Grande Tigers here Saturday night.

The Tigers, weakened by the loss of C. Wolfe, who received a dislocated arm in the previous night's game, weren't at their best.

Play Union Tuesday Tomorrow night the Tigers will go to Union for the first game with the lightning team.

R. E. Bradford in Hospital Due To Sunday Accident

An accident that narrowly missed being more serious occurred here yesterday at the depot when Robert E. Bradford, Oregon Journal distributor, was struck by train No. 17 as it pulled into La Grande.

Bradford was standing just off the track with his back to the approaching west-bound train, waiting for train No. 6, bearing the Portland papers, which was pulling in on an inner track at the same time.

Gabrielson Will Speak on Birds

By Gabrielson, biological survey representative from Portland, will give an address on bird life in the high school auditorium here Saturday night, Jan. 28.

Near East Dinner Date Is Changed

The date of the Golden Rule banquet, sponsored by the auxiliary of the city and the guardsmen association, has been changed to Tuesday evening, Feb. 21 instead of Feb. 7 as first announced.

ACCEPTS OFFER WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—Secretary of War Davis has accepted an offer of \$20,000 from the commissioners of the Port of Unions, Ore., as an advance with which to begin work on extending the north jetty to a total length of 8000 feet.

FINANCES OF COUNTY GOOD AT YEAR END

Clerk and Treasurer File Annual and Semi-Annual Reports

LARGE SUM SPENT ON ROADS IN 1927

Balance on Hand in County General Fund on Last Day of December Given at \$61,675.10.

That Union county's finances are in excellent shape is indicated in the reports filed in the county clerk's office by County Clerk C. K. McCormick and County Treasurer Florence Bacon.

Mr. McCormick's reports show resources and liabilities balancing at \$248,965 and his semi-annual report shows the amount and number of claims allowed from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1927.

Liabilities Among the liabilities listed are the following: general fund warrants outstanding and unpaid, \$1,163.13; road fund warrants outstanding and unpaid, \$292.79; market road fund warrants outstanding, \$21,549.27.

LUTHERAN TEAMS DEBATE SUNDAY

Interesting Points Are Brought Out in the Evening Program

Church services in La Grande were well attended yesterday, and many interesting programs were given.

Skaters Enjoy Ice in Lower Cove Area

Ice skating on a pond on the John Wells place in the Lower Cove region was a drawing card over the weekend for many winter sport enthusiasts.

Starbuck Held Not Seriously Injured

Emil Haase Dies; Funeral Tomorrow

The Rev. Emil Haase, the first Lutheran minister of La Grande, was found dead in his home at 396 Division street Saturday night by neighbors.

Starbuck Held Not Seriously Injured SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23 (AP)—A more thorough examination today disclosed that Arthur D. Starbuck, aircraft pilot, flying from Portland to San Francisco was not seriously injured yesterday when his plane crashed at Shasta Springs.

Scientific Echo Projects Human Voice Over Mile

New Possibilities for Outdoor Audiences Seen in Success of Latest Speaking Device.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP)—New possibilities for outdoor audiences were in prospect today. A scientific echo, consisting of an ordinary telephone and a loud speaker through a human voice one mile across the Hudson river in an experiment by engineers of the Bell Telephone laboratories.

Ercho Laughs Last Turning to the group, King laughed triumphantly. In five seconds, a hearty "ha ha ha" returned across the river from the loudspeaker.

Foreclosures On 100 Tracts Due in Near Future

Certificates of delinquency are being issued to the county on all property with unpaid 1919 and 1920 taxes, it was learned today from A. L. Helms, deputy sheriff, who is in charge of the tax department of the sheriff's office.

Airmail Plane In Accident Saturday

One of the United States airmail planes that operate on the Varney air line met with an accident when landing on the La Grande Air Service field Saturday afternoon at about 3 o'clock.

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SHOOTSWIFE, THEN TURNS GUN ON SELF

Cascade Locks Scene of a Double Tragedy Due to Domestic Troubles

SLAYER SON OF UNION CO. MAN

Mrs. Elston Barnes Refused to Re-Join Her Husband and Quarrels Led to Fatal Shots.

CASCADE LOCKS, Ore., Jan. 23 (AP)—Elston L. Barnes, 49, shot his wife, Mrs. Veilla Barnes, 29, to death today at the home of her parents here, and ended his own life with a bullet through his head.

Son of Powder Resident Dr. J. W. Sifton, coroner, said no inquest would be necessary.

Goethals' Body Is Sent to West Point

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP)—The body of Major General George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, was sent today to West Point where funeral services will be held tomorrow.

Fosdick Declares There Is No Hell

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FROM CHILE



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DENIES MAKING WAR PREDICTION

Rear Admiral Plunkett Quoted as Expecting a Conflict with England

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (AP)—The New York Times today quotes Rear Admiral Charles P. Plunkett, commander of the Brooklyn navy yard, as denying that he predicted war with Great Britain.

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Aviator's Diary Tells of Fight Against Death

Body of Fred Hoyt Found in Snow Canyon in Southern Idaho—Leaps from Plane.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 23 (AP)—The story of Fred Hoyt's battle to keep his ice-crusted plane in the air and of his leap with his parachute which landed him in an isolated Southern Idaho canyon where he froze to death was told today in the diary of the dead aviator which was found with his body Saturday.

Fire Kept Him Alive Entries in the diary reveal that Hoyt kept a fire going through Saturday night, Jan. 14, the day he was forced down. An entry made Sunday morning told of his sleeping fitfully during the night.

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Finger of Suspicion Points at Former Woman Secretary of State

NEW YORK REPORT URGES JURY QUIZ

Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp of Syracuse University, Disappears After Story Is Published.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 23 (AP)—A grand jury investigation involving Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, dean of home economics at Syracuse university and formerly New York's secretary of state was regarded today as certain.

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