



THANKS DAY IS OBSERVED OVER VALLEY

Union Church Services Major Part La Grande's Program Today

BUSINESS HALTS UNTIL TOMORROW

Schools Closed and Will Not Reopen Until Monday; Families United at Dinner Table

La Grande and Union county are joining with other parts of the United States today in returning thanks for the last year and Thanksgiving day is being observed in the usual way. Business houses, governmental offices and schools are closed while the churches are in many cases holding appropriate services. The schools will not reopen until next Monday morning.

A large number of people gathered at the church of the Nazarenes last night for a northside union Thanksgiving service. The Rev. William Burzyne, of the East Side Methodist church, delivered the sermon and the choir of his church sang several selections. Mr. Burzyne's subject was "Thanksgiving."

Service This Morning

This morning, at 10:30 o'clock, a combined union service will be held at the First Baptist church, with the Rev. J. George Walz, of the First Presbyterian church, in the pulpit. He has announced his subject as "A Just and True Tribute for God's Blessing."

The Rev. L. H. Aves, of the English Lutheran church, will give the invocation and the Rev. J. L. Pannun, of the Central church of Christ, will read President Coolidge's Thanksgiving day proclamation. The Rev. H. L. Hansen, of the Island City Community church, will give the Thanksgiving prayer. Mrs. Wynne and Paul Knapp are to sing solos. The offering will be given to the Red Cross and any fruit and vegetables donated will be offered to the Salvation Army.

Services are also being held at St. Peter's Episcopal church and the First Church of Christ, Scientist. The Episcopal services begin at 10 o'clock a. m. and the sermon will be on "The Nature of True Thankfulness."

Families United

Families will be united today at dinner and in many cases, members from other towns and cities came to La Grande for the occasion. At the same time, others left for other places to be with their families.

The main athletic event of the day will take place at Union this afternoon when the Union and La

HEIRS TRACE LAND TITLES BACK TO 1855

In the year 1864 the court house and records of Garland county, Ark., were destroyed by fire. That may not sound like news in November, 1928, but nevertheless it figures as such.

It happens that the heirs of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Scully are Matthew Scully, and Joseph Scully, of La Grande, and William Scully and Nellie West, of Baker, and they are attempting to reconstruct the title to the property owned in Garland county by the estate and have reconstructed the original land patents to aid in the process.

The patents prove interesting because of the state of their preservation and of the fact that one was signed by President Franklin Pierce, March, 1855, and another by President James Buchanan, on July, 1860.

They are written upon heavy parchment in long hand. The parchment is not the Spencerian style common to a later period but was large, plain and upright, resembling that of our today.

The preservation of these old documents has proved invaluable to the heirs because of the fire and local business men say the episode should impress upon property holders the necessity of keeping papers, tax receipts and data pertaining to real estate.

La Grande Will Wind Up Season At Union Today

Victory Will Give Tigers Joint Claim With Mac-Hi As Second Strongest Eleven

Drapes will be hung over the Eastern Oregon high school football season this afternoon on two gridirons—and two titles are at stake.

At Baker, the Pendleton Buckaroos, unbeaten in Eastern Oregon and with their record of victories only surred by a scoreless tie with La Grande, will attempt to down the Bulldogs, the only obstacle between the Round-Trip lads and the 1928 district football title.

Tigers at Union

And at Union, the Tiger eleven of La Grande High school will make an effort to prove its claim to a title of champion of Union, Walla and Baker counties. La Grande has beaten Baker, Enterprize, Coys and Walla, and only the Bulldogs remain to be subdued. Whether this can be accomplished or not can be better told tonight, but pre-game odds favors La Grande slightly, although it is said that Gubelman, Tabor and Parker have the mumps.

Of necessity, these two games to-day wind up the 1928 season, as the Oregon State High School Athletic association, governing interscholastic sports outside of Portland, has ruled that there shall be no post season football games. The season is formally now and void on the day after Thanksgiving.

La Grande's season has been fairly successful, with only two games lost and one of those to an out-of-state team, Walla Walla. On top of that the loss to Milton-Freewater was atoned for when the Tigers outplayed Pendleton recently after the raging Buckaroos had defeated Mac-Hi 12 to 7. If Baker is beaten today, La Grande will be the only Eastern Oregon team on Pendleton's schedule that can say that their noses were not ground in the dirt by the Umatilla county-sealers. A win from Union today joint claim with Mac-Hi as runners-up for the 1928 title.

Red Cross Roll Call Continued; \$108.50 Donated

Because the amount received for memberships in the National Red Cross has reached but \$108.50 which is almost \$400 short of the La Grande goal, the roll call drive for members will be continued instead of closing yesterday, according to the original schedule.

The following organizations have responded already to the membership drive: Presbyterian church, Neighborhood club, Rotary club, Chamber of Commerce and the Methodist church.

Midnight Matinee Group Will Meet

Tomorrow noon the midnight matinee committee of La Grande Post American Legion, will meet at the La Grande hotel to make plans for the annual matinee to be held at the Arcade theater on New Year's eve.

The committee includes: Dr. Ray Murphy, Dr. H. G. McCall, Mr. Garly, Mr. Wylie, Norman Deslet, Harry Williams and Hugh Brady.

SAUERKRAUT BURNED
PHILIPS, N. Y., Nov. 29 (AP)—Twelve thousand barrels of sauerkraut were destroyed in a fire which raged the plant of the Empire state pickling company here yesterday. The sauerkraut was valued at \$200,000 and the damage to the plant increased the estimated loss to half a million dollars.

KELLY BIDS LOW ON FOUR MAIL FIELDS

Offers on Durkee, Weiser, Baker and Pendleton Projects Opened Here

CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED LATER

La Grande Emergency Landing Field Surface Plans Changed—New Bids Asked For

W. J. Kelly, of La Grande, entered low bids yesterday afternoon on four emergency projects between Boise and Pasco, with the specifications for the La Grande emergency field and that new bids have been asked for to be received here on Dec. 3. Bids were opened on this project some time ago and Clyde R. Seitz was low bidder, but since then the government has decided on a smaller project so that the previous bids will not be accepted.

Reconsider Local Job

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Bids Latest

Mr. Kelly's bids on the four projects were as follows: Weiser \$388, Durkee \$275, Baker \$1,300 and Pendleton \$2,100.

CITY BUDGET IS GIVEN APPROVAL

Commission Also Discusses Forthcoming Issue of About \$25,000 Bonds

The La Grande city budget for the year of 1929 was formally adopted by the city commission last night, the time for the public hearing on the budget. There were no objections and no motion, the budget was adopted. It provides that \$115,822.52 be raised by taxation for city expenses during the coming year and it also permits a fourteenth mill reduction in taxes.

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Interesting Southern Conditions Are Related by L. D. S. Missionary

Some of the old timers in the southern hills are interesting. "It is thoroughly enjoyable to sit on the back porch with them while they talk the civil war all over again and 'spate' tobacco. They'll tell you how they used to shoot the Yanks and are as likely as not to hit you over the head with a cane if you can even the slightest insinuation against the south."

"Many men, women and children in the south chew snuff—it's not enough, even in the most aristocratic of homes to see the lady of the house cast out her snuff when she sees a stranger approaching."

"Some of the old timers in those Kentucky and Tennessee hills think you mean the Spanish American war if you mention the war. They don't even know there was a world war."

These are a few of the interesting statements made by Floyd Baxter, of La Grande, who for two years "missionaried" in the south as a representative of the Latter Day Saints church.

The code of romance in the south is different than that of the west and western young folks would probably feel their style somewhat tramped were they to go to the south to live. For there no young man ever takes a young woman out or even sees her in her home unless there is a chaperone present. That would be improper and just "don't do it" in the best circles of the south, Mr. Baxter said.

Michigan Facing Annual Battle With Snow King

Winter Presents Problem to Engineering Talent; This Fall

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. (A. P.)—Michigan's romantic wooded northland is arming for its annual battle of the snows.

New fleets of trucks, tractors and snow plows are to supplant dog and horse teams and shovels in breaking the mountain-like white barriers, which have taken heavy toll of suffering, privation and even famine and death in the far reaches of the timber country.

Just as winter, with its ice packs, has wrought havoc to shipping in the upper region of the Great Lakes, raging blizzards have spread peril on land. Lumber camps and villages have been isolated from the outside world, and disease, starvation and death stalked behind the high walls of snow.

Mindful of the plight of Detroit, small community in the St. Mary's river valley, 60 miles from a railroad, which last winter was snow-bound for weeks during which its 500 inhabitants were on short rations, state and county officials have taken steps to prevent a repetition of that condition.

The government sent two airplanes here and one of them made several trips to the village, with supplies and mail. A dog team, however, was the first to fight through the blizzard. An improved snowmobile, equipped by a Sault Ste. Marie newspaper, also managed to reach the town. But it was several weeks before a highway was broken through.

To avert snow blockades this year, the state has widened and straightened highways in the upper peninsula, and has brought improved and more powerful snow plows into the region. Volunteer snow fighting forces have been recruited, and certain sections of roadways assigned to them.

MURDER FARM MOTHER MUST FACE CHARGES

CALGARY, Alberta, Nov. 29 (A. P.)—The long legal fight ended by Mrs. Sarah Louisa Northcott against her extradition to the United States on a charge of murder, alleged to have been committed jointly with her son Gordon, was abandoned here in the federal building, yesterday afternoon. The specifications in each case call for reconditioning of the fields.

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SESSION OF CONGRESS TO OPEN DEC. 3

Quietness Expected Despite Many Unsolved Issues to Be Tackled

FARM AID, BOULDER CANYON IN FRONT

Naval Bill Also May See Action—Senate May Take Up Kellogg Treaty at Early Date

By Walter W. Chamblin Jr. (Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON, (AP)—Unless an unexpected breeze should spring up congress gives promise this winter of sailing a tranquil course through the doldrums of legislative routine.

The outlook discloses nothing of an exciting or startling nature beyond the unsolved problems left from the last session, but then it is difficult to tell just what the 531 members who make up the house and senate will stir up before the seventieth congress passes into history at noon March 4.

Farm relief, the usual batch of annual appropriation bills, the Kellogg peace treaty, Boulder Canyon dam and the \$274,000,000 naval building program are among the major tasks to be tackled at the short session starting December 3, although congressional leaders are undecided whether the farm problem should be taken up immediately or postponed for a special session in the early spring.

Eight Nations Favor America In World Court

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (AP)—Secretary Kellogg said Wednesday he would confer again with President Coolidge before resuming diplomatic exchanges with the countries which are members of the world court concerning the senate reservations attached to American adherence.

Eight nations, he said, had unconditionally accepted the American reservations, 15 nations merely acknowledged receipt of the American communication and three made no response. Twenty-four of the countries submitted identical replies along the lines of the resolution of the Geneva conference of 1926 which considered the reservations. The manner of procedure in connection with the move to obtain acceptance of the American reservations was not indicated by the secretary who said he had not yet reached a decision.

Fog Causes Death Of Airplane Pilot

LEGONIER, Pa., Nov. 29 (AP)—A pilot was killed and a passenger injured yesterday when their plane struck the tops of trees in a fog in the mountains near Lehighinton. Carl G. Strickler, of Scottsdale, Pa., the aviator, received a fractured skull. The passenger, whose identity was not immediately established, was taken to a hospital at Lehigh where, it was said, his hurts were not serious.

Montgomery Ward Store Is Burned

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 29 (A. P.)—A heavy Christmas stock of merchandise in the Montgomery Ward company building here was destroyed by fire yesterday at a loss estimated by company officials at close to \$250,000.

Eight firemen were injured when the walls collapsed.

Prince George Is Still Near Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Nov. 29 (AP)—H. M. S. Bulwark, aboard which Prince George, youngest son of King George, is stationed, is still in Bermuda waters and there were no indications last night that he had been called home.

King George is seriously ill in Buckingham palace and the Prince of Wales is enroute to his home today.