

Local News In Brief

Confined to Home—Mrs. Herbert Pattison is confined to her home with an attack of lumbago.

Here From Union—The Rev. R. C. Lee, of the M. E. church at Union, was a visitor in La Grande today.

Visiting at Cove—Sonny Cooper is visiting for a week at the home of his sister, Mrs. L. Presto, at Cove.

Visits Parents—Lloyd Davidson, of La Grande, spent Christmas visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davidson, at Helix, Ore.

Here From Wallace—Miss Laura Jansson, of Wallace, Ida., arrived in La Grande this morning and is visiting with Miss Bernice Weeks.

Spent Day at Cove—Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cooper spent Christmas day at Cove with Mr. and Mrs. Cooper's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. Presto.

Visiting Relatives—Miss Clara McKennon, a sophomore at the U. of O., is making a holiday visit to her mother, Mr. and Mrs. L. McKennon, and with other relatives and friends.

False Alarm—The fire department was called to the high school at 7:50 o'clock this morning but it proved to be only a scare and the recall was sounded immediately.

Car Smashed—A car, belonging to William Brown, went into the ditch on the Oregon Trail highway the other side of the airport yesterday. No one was hurt but the car was damaged considerably.

Spent Christmas Here—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl, of Eugene, Ore., arrived here Sunday and spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. E. E. Kiddle. Mr. Earl returned to Eugene last night but Mrs. Earl will remain for a week visiting her mother and other relatives.

Return Tonight—Miss Margaret Klopstein, office assistant in the school of mines at Oregon State college at Corvallis, will return to Western Oregon this evening. She was here for the Christmas holiday, visiting relatives and friends.

From Cove—Miss Belle Fayre Presto, of Cove, is spending a week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cooper, at their home at 909 H avenue. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Presto.

Passes Through—Harold Pearce passed through La Grande this morning on the way from his home at Lostine to Ladd Canyon where he works. Mr. Pearce's parents live on a farm near Lostine and Mr. Pearce spent Christmas with them.

Mr. Owen Goes—J. E. Owen, who is receiving medical treatment at Hot Lake, passed through La Grande Monday night on his way to Wallawa to visit friends during Christmas.

Mr. Eynard Visits—Mr. Eynard, of Walla Walla, Wash., went to Wallawa Monday night to visit friends. Mr. Eynard lived in Wallawa county four years ago. He has a farm near Walla Walla.

Five Leaves—Five persons left La Grande today checking out from the La Grande hotel than at any previous time, according to H. O. Wilcox, of the hotel. The persons leaving today were: Jack Davis, of Walla Walla; Ivan B. Hill, of Seattle; and Benah Newlin, of Walla Walla. From Christmas eve to Christmas night the hotel had about 75 guests.

Here For Holiday—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ford, of Reedsport, are in La Grande visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reed. They made the trip by car and will return to Western Oregon Friday. Mr. Ford was formerly in the theater business here, being associated with J. D. Meyers. At present he is entering into a milk farm on the River highway, which will be open for inspection in the spring. The Fords are also building a home at Winchester Bay, a beautiful resort, located four and a half miles from Reedsport.

From Joseph—W. F. Scott, of Joseph, is visiting in this city yesterday. He is at the Foley hotel.

Go to Portland—Miss Ida McMeekin and Miss Hilda Anthony, of La Grande, left for Portland last night to visit friends for several days.

Mr. Wagner Visits—G. J. Wagner, of Enterprise, arrived in this city yesterday. He is at the Foley hotel.

Here From Baker—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts, of Baker, arrived in La Grande yesterday for a short visit. They are at the Foley hotel.

Goes to Joseph—Wilbur Swafford, of Salem, passed through La Grande today on his way to Joseph to visit Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McKinley.

Visit Lockwood Home—Mrs. B. F. Edlin, of Welser, Ida., is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lockwood in La Grande at their home on East Adams avenue.

Mrs. Cowling Returns—Mrs. R. O. Cowling, of La Grande, returned to her home this morning. Mrs. Cowling has been in Portland visiting her son, O. S. Cowling.

Goes Home—Clyde Brown, student at Oregon State college, passed through La Grande recently on his way to his home at Enterprise to spend the holidays.

Visits Aunt—Miss Catherine Buckley, student at Oregon Normal school at Monmouth, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. M. Carr, in La Grande, during the holidays.

Return From Spokane—Mabel Snedberg, Frances Menzies, Hanna Clark and Lillian Hansburg, all of La Grande, returned from Spokane this morning. In the Washington city they visited friends and relatives during the Christmas holidays.

Guests From Weston—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gordon, of Weston, came over yesterday morning and spent Christmas day at the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Reynolds. They returned this morning to their home.

Mr. Eames Visits—Fred A. Eames, of Seaside, is visiting during the holidays with his son Dr. Frank Eames and his daughters, Mrs. Clyde Peterson, Mrs. Herbert Davis and Mrs. R. G. Forester. He will be here until after New Year's.

Dr. Stone Visits—Dr. Robert B. Stone, of Enterprise, returned to his home last night from La Grande where he had come to bring Mrs. Stone and a friend, both of whom left on the train last night for Portland to visit.

Go to Wallawa—Mrs. H. McKinnis and daughter, Lenore, of Wallawa, returned to their home Monday evening, after spending the day in La Grande. Mrs. McKinnis formerly lived in La Grande. Miss McKinnis is a teacher at Zumwalt, near Enterprise.

Leave for Portland—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Jasper left last night for Portland to spend the holidays before returning to Eugene where Mr. Jasper is an instructor at the University of Oregon and Mrs. Jasper teaches in the Woodrow Wilson Junior High school.

Holds Up Traffic—An automobile was damaged yesterday evening about 7:30 o'clock when it went off the highway on the west side of the road near Island City. H. A. Klinghammer, deputy sheriff, was traveling along the highway soon after the accident occurred and stopped to flag traffic during the time a wrecker was occupying the highway as it was being put in readiness to tow the damaged car to town. The name of the owner of the car and its occupants were not known today at the sheriff's office.

To Attend Staff Meet—Major Ralph Huron, of La Grande, is leaving tonight for Portland where he will attend a meeting of the general staff of the military department of Oregon to be held tomorrow. The last meeting of the general staff was held this morning at the camp. The staff has a personnel of six members and appointments are made by the governor of the state. The meeting will be conducted by Brigadier General White, of Salem, says Major Huron. Problems concerning the management and work of the state department will be discussed at the meeting, he says.

Goes to Portland—The Rev. J. George Walk, of the Presbyterian church, left Wednesday morning for Portland where he will attend the annual meeting of the program and field activities committee of the Synod of Oregon, of which he is a member, for the purpose of allocating the benevolent fund for the year 1928-29, and arranging for such other program for the work of the various boards of the synod at church. He will also attend the meeting of the committee on synod's program, of which he is also a member, he says. Dr. A. Thompson, D. D., of Portland, synodical executive, is chairman of this committee. These committees hold their meetings at the Presbyterian headquarters, 800 Odd Fellows building, Portland.

Interesting Experience—A. M. Kennedy, of near Reedsport, has with an evolution of rural mail service during an experience covering 19 years. His experience began near Reedsport when he used a horse and buggy for delivering the mail along the 24 miles of the route. The route was muddy and he had to wade through it.

Mystery Drama Given at Cove Sunday Evening
By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)
COVE, Ore., (Special)—The beautiful mystery play, "The Miracle of the Nativity," was presented in a purest at the Ascension Episcopal church on Sunday evening. The always absorbing story of the birth of Christ was portrayed in picture and song in a new way, telling this old, old story in a new and beautiful setting. The tale began with the journey of Joseph and Mary from their home in Nazareth to the little town of Bethlehem, where the Christ was born. The portrayal of the birth of Christ in the manger was particularly realistic, showing the stable with the animals and flocks about and in the midst of all was the madonna with the Christ child.
The characters in the play were: Three Kings, Warren Laird, Logan Anderson and David Arnett; Shepherds, Allen Mills, Billy Duncan, and Merrill Orton; Cock, Lloyd Miller; Wise Men, Simonson, ex-Merrill Orton; Caven, Conrad Anderson; Lamb, Gail Mills, Joseph, Bobby Duncan; Gabriel, J. R. Price; Angels, Mrs. J. Price, Lena Nebel, Price, Lena Hristov, Helen Lloyd and Berta Barker and Madonna, Mrs. Helen Conklin.
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77,000 XMAS CARDS MAILED IN LA GRANDE
"It's almost over," says Major Ralph Huron, La Grande postmaster. Mr. Huron means the Christmas rush of mail which has been besieging the local post office both coming and going, for several days prior to Christmas. "Considerable Christmas mail is still coming in," he says. Four extra men were employed to help with the rush. Two of them will stay on the job until the end of the week, Mr. Huron says.
To date, 77,000 greeting cards and letters have been sent out of La Grande, a count of the mail shows. Most of the 77,000 were greeting cards. Few were letters. Multiplying the number by two cents for each stamp the amount of money it took to mail the letters and cards was \$1540.
The clerks have been busy all day delivering and putting packages into post office boxes.
Packages this year were securely wrapped. It was found, for but one "sneaked" package came into the office. It arrived today from Puenta, Cal. The package consisted of a cardboard box filled with oranges and lemons. The fruit had fallen out of the box into the mail sack. It was picked up and replaced in the sack so that the recipient of the gift will receive his gift.
LA GRANDE HAS 36 STUDENTS AT O. S. C. THIS YEAR
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The manager of the Oregon State Independent, captain of Alpha Epsilon chapter of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and a member of the Oregon State Technical Record, a quarterly publication devoted to engineering and mechanical arts; and was a member of the homecoming committee. He was a member of the Educational Exposition committee his high school year. Henderson is also a member of the Oregon Institute of Engineers and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.
Katherine Drury, sophomore optional, is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, social fraternity; member of the big sister and bazaar committees of the Y. W. C. A.; and during her freshman year she was a state member of the Oregon Student Directory.
Earl Darnell, junior in mining engineering, is a member of the Alpha club and was a member of the advertising staff of the Oregon State Technical Record his freshman year.
On Football Team
Cecil Sherwood, sophomore in commerce; Earl "Tige" Larson, sophomore in commerce; and Howard "Howdy" Kerr, sophomore in commerce, are members of the varsity football team. All three were members of the rock football team last year. Sherwood is a member of Omega Upsilon, social fraternity; Larson is a member of Sigma Nu, social fraternity, and Kerr is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, social fraternity.
Wellington Hamilton is a junior in pharmacy and a member of Kappa Psi, social fraternity, which he is athletic manager. Hamilton is also a member of the varsity track team.
Valette Harer is registered as a sophomore in commerce and is treasurer of Zeta Tau Alpha, social fraternity. Miss Harer is also a member of Sigma Nu, a national university women's fraternity which acts as a "tradition" committee for the women of the college.
Floyd Smith, senior in commerce, is a member of Sigma Nu, social fraternity, of which he was president during his junior year. Last year he took part in the Junior Vandeville, an annual event sponsored by third year students. Smith will compete in sports at the college by the end of this term.
Cadet Captain
Raymond Payton, junior in commerce, is social chairman of the junior prom committee and a cadet captain in the infantry department of the U. S. O. T. C. During his sophomore year he was a member of the cadet corps. Payton is a member of Sigma Nu, social fraternity.
Florence Pinard, junior, is registered in home economics and is a member of Delta Zeta, social fraternity, and the college orchestra.
Homer Schroeder, junior in forestry, is a member of Alpha Phi Omega, independent men's social society, of which he was Beaver Knight representative during his freshman and sophomore years.
Out for Basketball
Richard Lyman, freshman in pharmacy, is a pledge of Omega Upsilon, social fraternity, and is a prospective player on the rock basketball team.
Ivy Charlton is a sophomore in home economics; Daniel Curran, senior, is registered in chemical engineering; and Robert Woody, sophomore in mining engineering, is a member of the Miners club.
Marjorie Reynolds, freshman in vocational education, is a pledge of Kappa Alpha Theta, social fraternity, and is a member of the Y. W. C. A. Freshman council.
Alvin Fox, William Miller, Nelson Anderson and Samuel Walker are freshmen in engineering. Anderson is a member of the Phi

SEVERAL DEATHS OVER NATION ON CHRISTMAS DAY
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killed today when a hook and ladder truck skidded into a trolley pole, pinning him against the pole. The fire truck was on its way to an East side home, where Joseph Robinson, 11, was probably fatally burned when a five-gallon can of naphtha gasoline exploded.
WRECK KILLS TWO
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 25 (AP)—Two volunteer firemen were killed and eight others injured, five seriously, when their apparatus plunged down an embankment today while speeding to the Carnegie company at Heidelberg.
The blaze, which started early yesterday, was still raging this morning. The loss was placed at \$100,000.
The dead firemen were Adolph Sommer, 39, and Joseph De Petro, 45.
The apparatus, a combination pumper and hose cart, leaped from the roadway on a curve and somersaulted down into the gully below. The fire truck was wrecked. A heavy fog obscured the driver's vision.
NUN GIVES LIFE
HULLA, Que., Dec. 25 (AP)—A futile attempt to halt the spread of flames which threatened the lives of 27 patients in the central building of the Sacred Heart hospital Christmas day cost a nun, Sister Cecile, 22, her life. The patients, many of whom were mothers with children, were carried to safety.
WOMAN IS KNIFED
OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 26 (AP)—Mrs. Vida Tyson, 48, died of a knife wound in her throat today while E. E. West of Ada, who, a few minutes before had engaged her in a vehement argument, lay in a hospital suffering from three wounds in his throat and a slash on one of his wrists.

STAGE COACH DRIVER DIES HERE TODAY
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city to Espanola, and in 1857 he moved to Allen county and then to Colony, where he was engaged in livey and stage business. In 1888 he came, via San Francisco and Portland, to La Grande, engaging first in farming and then driving stage from Joseph to Elgin for the M. & M. company for four years.
Owned Farm Near Elgin
After this he purchased a farm near Elgin, making his home there until 1906, at which time he sold and purchased a livey and stage stable in La Grande. He centered his interest in that for many years until he retired.
One of the high points in his life, and one which Mr. Woods regarded as one of his proudest moments, came at Meacham, Ore., in July, 1923, when he handled the ribbons for President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding. He is probably the only one of the stage coach drivers of the Old West who had the honor to drive a president and first lady of the United States.
Even in his final years, Mr. Woods was a capable driver, handling his horses with nearly all the skill of old. He often drove a team at the Union Livestock show and at the Pendleton Round-Up.
On July 14, 1889, Mr. Woods married Miss Lucy C. Wallinger, daughter of John C. and Eliza Wallinger, of Summerville, and they became the parents of two children, Clay, now of Middleton, Wallawa county and Clarence, of La Grande. The two boys and Mrs. Woods survive him.
CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS JOYOUS HERE
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church, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. There were many family reunions in this city for the holiday season, relatives coming from distant towns and cities to be present for Christmas. Business throughout the county was at a standstill. There were no fatal accidents to mar the day although death created a note of sadness Christmas afternoon and in another part of the city a home was quarantined because of diphtheria.

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Thursday
Friday
Saturday

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Riding Breeches, \$2.49
Wright's Heavy Unions, \$1.98
Men's Work Shoes, \$2.19
Men's Dress Oxfords, \$2.69
Men's Suits — \$9.85 - \$13.89
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Ladies' Slippers, \$2.89

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MILLION CASES OF FLU IN U. S.
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is more than counterbalanced by increases in others. It is not probable that peak of the epidemic has been reached.
"Reports received probably are incomplete because of the holidays," it was said, "and since these indicate more than three quarters of a million cases, it is probable that complete reports will show well over a million cases."
The number of cases in states reported today follow:
Kansas 17,617; Maine 46; Montana 4,921; New Mexico 1,161; Illinois 2,468; New York 219; Nebraska 1,794; Wisconsin 1,724; Iowa 5,699; Delaware 18; Connecticut 14; Oregon 1,092; Arizona 923; North Dakota 21,246; Utah 62; Florida 223; Texas 922; Louisiana 121; Maryland 1,184; South Dakota 163; Mississippi 924; Washington 766.
SINGLE SEED POTATO YIELDS HALF BUSHEL
ABBEVILLE, N. C. (AP)—A yield of more than half a bushel of potatoes from a single seed tuber is claimed by E. A. Tisdal, who lives near Hornsbyville.
Last spring a friend gave him a potato of the Erin variety, that had seven eyes. He cut it into seven pieces and planted seven hills of potatoes. He gave the growing plants careful attention all through the summer. The production is considered extraordinary.

SOUTH AMERICA BUYS CAROLINA CHICKENS
WILMINGTON, N. C. (AP)—The first shipment of chickens from North Carolina to South America, so far as known, has been made by W. A. Crothers of Weighville Sound.
Two cockles and 22 pullets were shipped to the Rio Palmer Development company of Caracas, Venezuela. The fowls were of the Tom Barron and Wyckoff strains and went via New York to the South American city.
The dew is the condensed breath of the earth, according to modern weather experts. Maybe that song should read: "Maxwell's birds are heavy, where early the breath of the earth condenses."
In a ditch and the other on the road," Mr. Kennedy says, "resulting the experience. When this mode of transportation was forsaken the "brush" and one-cylinder type of automobile, came into use before the day of the modern automobile.
Mr. Kennedy is visiting in La Grande with his son, L. A. Kennedy, and will return to his home tonight. He has lived in and near Portland since 1914.

Topics & Comedy
Coming — Thursday — Friday — Saturday.
BUSTER KEATON in THE CAMERAMAN
BUSTER TURNS THE CRANK ON MORE LAUGHS THAN SWISS CHEESE HAS HOLES!
Metropolitan-Mayer PICTURE