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OVERCOMING ENEMIES—If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink. For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee.—Prov. 25:21,22.

Hal Ross, secretary of state, proposes to cut expenses in his office to the last penny. If anybody can do it, Hal is the man. He'll know what every employe is doing, how many pencils they use a month, how much of an outlay goes for light bulbs. Hal can be an economy hound if he gets started—and we judge that he is.

No accident in recent months has seemed quite so horrible as that in the Crooked River gorge not far from Bend when an 11-year-old girl was carried 150 feet above the river bed by a hoisting cable and dropped to her death. Contemplating the circumstances, one is moved to ask why parents allow children to play near and with machinery? Why can't supervision or training be more adequate to make accidents to children less frequent?

One of the ridiculous things in our government is the present spectacle of Senator Reed, of Missouri, staking his fight against the Kellogg treaty to outlaw war. We do not mean that Senator Reed's opinion is necessarily ridiculous, but the fact that he is in a position to make that opinion important to the American people. After March 4th Mr. Reed will become a private citizen. He did not seek re-election and the man to whom he gave support was badly beaten in the November election. Mr. Reed is not, therefore, an actual representative of the people of his state at the present time. Yet because of our congressional system, he continues in office three months after voters have relegated him to the scrapheap. The same situation exists with the presidency. Coolidge, retiring, is still the chief executive during the last session of the 70th congress. Hoover, popular choice of 21 million people, must keep his policies and opinions to himself until four months after the country has asked him to assume leadership. A silly system that needs correction.

**AN ATTACK ON THE BILLBOARDS**

A new attack on the outdoor billboard, which disfigures the landscape along nearly every public road in our country, is launched by Thomas H. MacDonald, head of the bureau of public roads, in his annual report to the secretary of agriculture.

Mr. MacDonald offers a new way of eliminating this nuisance. He would have congress enact legislation so that billboards would be prohibited along any road constructed with the aid of federal funds. Since the mileage of roads so constructed grows greater each year, such a step would have a very wide effect.

The case against billboards is comprehensively stated by Mr. MacDonald. To begin with, he points out the value of the road markers and direction and danger signals erected along public highways often depreciated by advertising blasts put close to them.

"In many cases," he says, "such advertisements contain misleading information with regard to intermediate distances on the highway and the condition of the road ahead, which is belied in less obtrusive fashion by the public signs. To the extent that they obscure or contradict or divert attention from the proper road signs, these signboards are a positive hindrance and menace to the travelling public."

But, after all, there are stronger, if less utilitarian reasons for demanding removal of the billboards, and Mr. MacDonald summarizes them thus:

"Designedly placed where they will receive the utmost attention, they frequently obscure or mar attractive roadside views and so detract from the pleasurable use of the highways. . . . To come upon these blatant commercial appeals high on the face of a majestic cliff, marring a mountain side, or completely obscuring a beautiful vista, awakens a sense of their utter incongruity."

"In practically all cases these roadside advertisements merely repeat in the same form appeals that are made quite properly and insistently through other agencies. They are unneeded by the public and of doubtful value to the advertisers. Their disfigurement of the landscape is a national disgrace."

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FIRST

## ABE MARTIN



Father may be out o' work, or cuttin' up, or on his back, but th' thing that really upsets a home is mother gittin' down. Ever notice how quick a newspaper gets off a prominent invalid th' minute he's out o' danger?

### Five Are Killed In Mystery Dive

SAINT-RAPHAEL, France, Jan. 8 (AP)—Mystery today surrounded the plunge of a French naval plane, during a test flight which carried five men with it to their deaths. The machine, a large all-metal tri-motor seaplane, was being subjected to trials by Lieutenant Compardon, chief tester of the naval air depot. He was accompanied by Lieutenant Requin and three mechanics.

### Catholic Church Appoints Bishops

ROME, Jan. 8 (AP)—The Right Rev. Monsignor J. Francis O'Hern, vicar general of the diocese of Rochester, has been appointed bishop of that diocese by Pope Pius, succeeding Bishop Thomas F. Hickey.

The Rev. Robert J. Armstrong, pastor of St. Paul's church of Yakima, Wash., was appointed bishop of Sacramento succeeding Bishop Patrick J. Keane.

### That Boston Tea Party

When Boston citizens dumped the king's tea overboard in revolutionary days, they simply destroyed an inferior product, asserts the Tea Club of the United States. Tea of Colonial days could not pass thru food inspection today.

## UNION PERSONALS

By Mrs. Bert Knight (Observer Correspondent)

UNION, (Special)—Mrs. Fred Fox entertained the members of the Lucky Thirteen and a number of guests Friday afternoon at a delightful bridge luncheon at the Union hotel. Covers were laid for 24 at one table prettily decorated with bouquets of orchid chrysanthemums. Following luncheon six tables of bridge was formed in the hotel living room. High scores among the guests was won by Mrs. W. W. Stevens and Mrs. George Baird won the club prize. Consolation prize went to Mrs. Frank Conner. Out of town guests were Mrs. Fred Kiddle, of Island City, and Mrs. Lyle Kiddle, Mrs. Clyde Kiddle and Mrs. H. C. McClay of La Grande, and Mrs. P. F. Sturges, of Coos.

Funeral services for Mrs. Helen Shaw, pioneer who passed away here Sunday, Dec. 20, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Eaton, were held New Year's day at 10 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eaton. Burial was in the local cemetery beside her husband who passed on in 1904. She was 73 years of age at the time of her death. Mrs. Shaw was born at Iron Bray, Scotland, April 29, 1849. She and Mr. Shaw were married in Scotland in the year 1870 and ten years later came to this country settling at North Powder where they have since made their home. Of the ten children, seven remain to mourn her loss. They are Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Hannah Huffman, of this city; Miss Nellie Olsen, Alex and Stanley Shaw, of North Powder, John T. Shaw, of Idaho, and Mrs. Margaret Sheets, of Portland.

Jack Cox has returned to Corvallis where he is a freshman at O. S. C. He spent the holidays here with relatives.

Dr. A. G. Paddock, of Union, who recently underwent a major operation in Portland, is reported as getting along satisfactorily.

After spending the past two weeks at Union visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Reuter, Miss Kathie Reuter returned Sunday to Baker where she is attending business college.

Howard Miller, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Hot Lake recently, is reported as getting along nicely.

At a meeting of the city council held Saturday evening the following officials were sworn in: D. H. Crouter, recorder; councilmen, Merton A. Davis, W. Halsey and L. R. Anderson. "Outgoing officials were L. Z. Terrall, recorder; J. A. Jones, G. L. Hess and F. B. Conner, councilmen.

Headquarters Co. 2d 186th Infantry enjoyed a banquet at Shank's bakery followed by a theater party at the Cozy Theater Tuesday evening in order to celebrate the fact that they were one of the four companies in the state to be in class A for the past year. Twenty of the 22 members were present. Members of the company



Major Chester P. Mills of New York, former federal prohibition administrator for the New York district, is the winner of W. C. Durant's \$25,000 plan for "the most practicable plan for making the 18th amendment effective." A closer guard at the source of supplies is one of the main recommendations in Mills' plan.

## Broken Line Sale of Shoes



Values of \$6.00 to \$10.50

**\$3.95**

Or Two Pairs for **\$7.00**

THIS Special Sale includes new shoes in popular styles, colors, materials and all heels, medium, low and high, of Kid, Patent, Calf, Suede, Velvet and Satin. Most all sizes are here but not in all shoes. Come early Friday Morning.

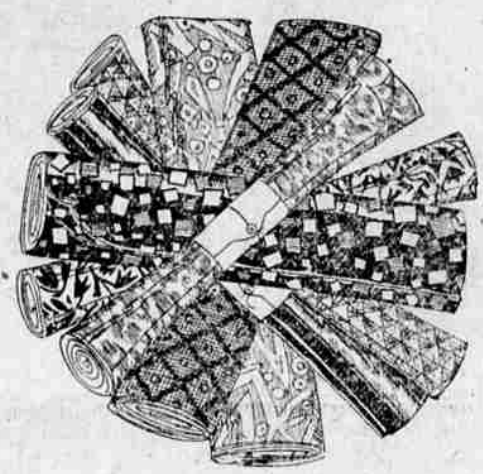
**N. K. West & Co., Inc.**  
"La Grande's Leading Store for Over 30 Years"

## January Sale

Every Article Reduced. Every Article Reduced.

OF SILK, COTTON, WOOL, LINEN DRESS FABRICS

At Clearance Reductions Of From **15% to 50%**



One Group Of Wool Dress Fabrics Special at **\$1.00**

A Group Of Printed Velvets, Transparent Velvets Metal Cloth Reduced 1-3

All Remnants of Wool, Silk-and-Wool, Silk-and-Cotton Now Half Price

Chenille Rugs in oval and Square sizes. All colors. Half Price

### Clearance Priced Dress Materials

40 in. Crepe d'Chine	\$1.20
40 in. Satin-faced Crepe	\$2.00
32 in. Corduroy, in colors	80c
27 in. Figured Velvets	\$1.84
40 in. Transparent Velvet	\$6.66
27 in. Figured Velvets	\$2.00
36 in. Costume Velvet	\$2.20
40 in. Flat Crepe, all colors	\$1.60
40 in. Flat Crepe in colors	\$2.00
54 in. Plain Color Flannel	\$2.20
36 in. Plain Color Wool Flannel	\$1.40
54 in. Checked Wool Suiting	\$2.80
27 in. Wool Challies in colors	\$1.00
54 in. Wool Tweeds	\$1.40
54 in. Wool Jersey	\$1.80
54 in. Tan Wool Coating	\$2.60
40 in. Chiffon Velvets in colors	\$3.75
32 in. Fast Pan Gingham	42c
32 in. Past Color Prints	39c
36 in. Cotton Crepe	24c

Buy! Save!

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"La Grande's Leading Store for Over 30 Years"

A Group of Curtains Of Panels, Cross Drapes, Bedroom or Kitchen One-Fourth Off



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Old age, for those who have had the foresight to prepare for it, is a time for comfort and peaceful reflection. Real estate and Building & Loan investments are the safest assurance of old age comfort. Come in today and let us help you plan your investments.

**LaGrande Building & Loan Ass'n**

are T. A. Goodbrod, first lieutenant; A. H. Walker, second lieutenant; Ralph Cook, staff sergeant; Robert Cox, Rex Griggs, George DeLap, Ferris Gates, Leland Harn, corporals; Rex Baxter, Bulan Harn, Jesse McMasters, first class privates; William Dolbin, Eugene and Joe Parent, Kenneth Prather, Leslie Reuter, Walter Lovhaug, George Van Houten and Lavis May, privates.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Wilson returned Friday to their home at Imbler after spending a couple of days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fox. Mrs. Pax and Mr. Wilson are brother and sister. Mrs. A. Craver is reported as seriously ill at the home of his son, Clarence Craver.

The Union laundry owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blacker for the last two years has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bassett.

Mrs. A. F. Wilson, of Imbler, is a house guest for an indefinite time at the home of her son-in-law

and daughter, Mrs. and Mrs. Fred Fox.

Frank Conner, of Conner's store here, spent Wednesday and Thursday at Enterprise on business.

Mrs. Itoy Conklin spent several days last week in Wallowa visiting relatives.

### SMILING GUNMEN BLAST LIFE OF UNCROWNED KING

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shot, and that he was wounded. His wife refuted this, saying he had been out of town several days.

"Uncrowned King"

Pasquillo Lofredo, who was 43 years old, was described to police as the uncrowned but powerful successor to Tony Lombardo in the affairs of theUnione Siciliana. His widow said she knew only that he was an olive oil dealer and that she had no knowledge of any other activities in which he may have been engaged.

An 13-year-old son, Vincent, is a student at the University of Illinois. When police phoned him at Urbana last night they said his first words were: "I'd somebody kill my father?"

Mrs. Lofredo said she had shot two of the three slayers at least 20 times before, but that she did not know their names. They frequently came to the beautifully furnished flat in the severely plain brick structure on West North avenue, where her husband had many visitors.

### Killers Pass Her

At the sound of shots, following an ambush upon laughter and gay talk, Mrs. Lofredo ran from the kitchen into the room where her husband's body lay, the three men brushing past her as they ran. Two pistols were found on the stairs leading to the flat when police arrived shortly afterward.

Recco Maccio, shot in the approved gunman fashion several hours after the Lofredo killing, was convicted a few years ago of the murder of Frank Zumbardo, one of the first Chicago gang bosses

ever "taken for a ride." The testimony was that Maccio held Lofredo while another man shot him. Maccio was sentenced to life imprisonment, but was granted a new trial which has never been held.

### FIRE FOLLOWS BOMBING MICHIGAN CITY, IND.

(AP)—Fire following an explosion today destroyed the summer home near here of John F. Tyrrell, a Chicago attorney. Officials expressed the belief that the residence had been bombed.

### PLENTY OF "BONES" LOS ANGELES, JAN. 9 (AP)

The lucky dog! "Dek", a Jewelllyn Setter today owned a \$5,000 estate, while three cousins of Miss Minnie E. Hoover, who died December 22, were mentioned in her will, and a probate court wondered what to do.

Miss Hoover left her net all her property, personal and real, valued at \$5,000. Mrs. Emma Foster of South Pasadena, was named guardian of the estate.