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Clayton Fine's suggestion to stop the manufacture of just an investigation crooks, and the imposition of a heavy penalty on farmers' harboring fox grapes, never even got honorable mention in the Durant contest. Next to an adder there's nothing as deaf as a truck driver.

18 BELOW ZERO UNION'S REPORT

Some Thermometers Registered 24 Below Saturday Evening

By W. V. Connor (Observer Correspondent)
UNION (Special)—Various thermometers in and around Union registered from 18 to 24 degrees below zero Saturday night, with the temperature gradually rising Sunday morning.

The Union and Mt. Glenn M. I. A. basketball teams played a very close game on the Union High gym floor Wednesday evening, the score being tied at the end of the fourth quarter, necessitating an extra period of play. During these extra minutes the visitors forged ahead on the Union quintet, Adrian Good-brod of the Union acted as referee.

Earl Roberts and Mr. Huggs, of La Grande, were over Wednesday evening to visit and rehearse with the Union band boys at their regular meeting.

Odd Fellows of Union lodge No. 29, and Mountain Gem Rebekah lodge members held a joint roll call at the former's hall Wednesday evening. A short program was given following the roll call of the members of the two lodges. Daris Sturgill giving a reading, "Seeing Things at Night," Alice Gaudin reciting "The Play Rehearsal" and Wanda Sturgill and Ruth Connor playing a piano duet. Several tables of pinocle and a covered dish rounded out the evening's entertainment.

A commercial club dance was held at the Union hotel Wednesday evening. The affair was very well patronized.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Halsey, who have been making their home at Hot Lake for the past few months, being employed at the sanatorium, are moving to Union this week. They will be at Mrs. Halsey's father's ranch up Pile canyon for a short time, then move into Union.

A victory meeting in the interest of prohibition enforcement was held at the Methodist church Wednesday evening under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. local organization. Robert Withycombe, superintendent of the state experiment farm, was one of the chief speakers for the rally meeting.

Owing to the extra long Christmas holidays the Union public schools are not ending their semester until this week. Semester examinations are being held in the high school and some in the grade rooms. Miss Schaper, English teacher in the high school, has been ill for a few days but is again able to resume her work in the school.

Ed Wolf and his daughter, Mrs. Lola Hetrick, are both late flu victims at their home in South Union, but are reported as somewhat improved.

Athletic activities for the Union schools, grade and high included, ended rather disastrously this week. Friday evening the Cove High school team and the graders were here, the former playing Coach Coburn's second squad, and the latter having a game with the grade boys of the local school. Both games were won by the visitors. At the same time the first string of boys and girls were in Haines playing a double-header with the latter high school. The girls' game ended in Union's favor 36 to 14.

TRACE OF EARLY MAN FOUND



A gravel pit in Oklahoma, having strata believed at least 500,000 years old is yielding traces of prehistoric man. Among the specimens are arrowheads and objects resembling a human hand and a pit (below), which lie on a bank of the Red river near Frederick, cooperated with scientists while he exploits the property commercially.

but the boys lost to Haines 28 to 22. Saturday night Coach E. F. Coburn and the Bobcats went to Enterprise, where they suffered another defeat to the tune of 25 to 54. Union was handicapped this week by the loss of their center and one forward, being obliged to use subs in both the Haines and Enterprise games. On the road home from the latter game the team had car trouble and did not arrive in Union until 4 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mrs. Cora Titus and her daughter, Mrs. Aveta Halsey, were shopping in La Grande Saturday. Mrs. Viola Halsey accompanied them to Union to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Hillman.

Mrs. Mabel Gates, who suffered an injury to her hip last Wednesday afternoon when she fell on the sidewalk near the Roy Conklin residence, is still confined to her bed with what is thought to be a severe wrenching of the ligaments of the hip joint. She was returning from a meeting of the Metho-

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LOW MARK AT NORTH POWDER 27 BELOW ZERO

By Mrs. Esthel Forsstrom (Observer Correspondent)
NORTH POWDER, Ore. (Special)—Saturday night the thermometer dropped to 27 degrees below zero and at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, the temperature was 10 below.

Harry Atterberry, of the Bidwell-Evans Grain company, left Saturday with a load of hogs for Portland market. On his return trip he will bring a load of furniture for Lou Clements. Mr. Clements, who is buying cattle for a commercial house in Portland, has found the prospects very good that he has relatives and saved his family here. His son entered school a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones are the proud parents of a beautiful boy, born to them Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Idaho six-county judges' residence, a few days on his ranch, which is owned by Jim Titus. They expect to start breaking horses when the weather moderates.

Mrs. T. M. Miller, of Rosemead, consulted a physician here Saturday.

Norval Rooney, of Joseph, called on old friends and transacted business here Saturday. He operated a meat market here last summer, but due to the illness of his father, he closed the shop and went to Joseph to assist in their store there.

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We have to admit one thing about Old Man Winter. He can do a good job when he finally gets to work.

For congress to provide electric lights for the Oregon Caves is about the peak of pettiness. It's fine for the caves and fine for Oregon, perhaps, but it must be tough on a business-like budget.

The failure of the house of representatives at Washington to provide for reappointment of its seats caused Hearst newspapers to use harsh words in discussing the subject recently. "The most glaring example of lawlessness anywhere to be found under the flag. In other words, a number of representatives in congress today are occupying stolen seats. Their occupation of seats to which they are no longer entitled under the constitution makes of the lower house of congress an utterly unconstitutional body." But the hue and cry for reappointment will probably not be necessary again. The house has passed the Fenn bill to secure the desired constitutional result after the census next year. For 10 years it has been pending, and the remarkable thing about it all is that no politician, no president, no presidential candidate has tried to make capital out of it.

DANGER OF GETTING OFF ON A TANGENT

In previous legislative sessions not any too much attention has been paid by legislators to the recommendations of special committees or boards entrusted with the job of studying and reporting on a specific tax problem. Not all of the recommendations, perhaps, have had merit, but they at least represented a lot of hard work and deserved more consideration than they got.

The report of the present special property tax relief commission, however, may receive treatment less harsh. Legislators may be taking Governor Patterson's warning to heart and perhaps propose to look the commission's program over for fear that they'll not get a chance in the future. Or perhaps the commission's personnel was carefully enough selected in the first place to guarantee that its report would at least find a hearing.

Whatever the reason, Speaker Carlin, who was general chairman of the tax studying commission referred to, is apparently successful so far in getting the lower house organized to give serious consideration to the commission's proposals when they appear before it with specific bills. We hope he is entirely successful; the tax situation demands some such care and many of the proposals for partial cure have been proved thoroughly sound.

One of the biggest troubles with most legislative sessions is that a majority of the lawmakers sometimes allow themselves to be led off on some tangent and neglect the really important business of the state. Someone with a pet grievance or with the power to paint a sorry picture of a down-trodden people gets them aroused on a false issue and they are likely to miss the goal of the session entirely. The present fuss over the telephone franchise situation in Portland is one example.

It may be and probably is important from Portland's standpoint. It's entirely possible that an intelligent investigation of present policies and practices may indicate the need of corrective measures to make the public service commission more valuable as a public agency of government. But legislators will not, we hope, allow themselves to be swept off their feet and forget that there is the problem of taxation, of a state deficit, of auto license fee revision, of a painfully and painstakingly balanced budget for the coming biennium awaiting their attention.

Legislators are quite human and one of the most glaring shortcomings of most of us is our ability to work but our inability to work to a specific and definite purpose. It may not be good politics to follow a definite course through to worthwhile accomplishment but it certainly is good business.

18 PERSONS KILLED WHEN BUS, CAR HIT

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lied two or three others still were injured beneath the wreckage.

Some of the bodies were so badly mangled that identification was impossible. Rescuers still were too busy occupied in searching the demolished bus to learn the names of the others.

Gray Triplets Celebrate Their First Birthday

By Mrs. M. F. Raymond (Observer Correspondent)

PONDOSA, Ore. (Special)—The W. W. Gray triplets celebrated their first birthday anniversary Sunday, Jan. 20, in honor of the occasion Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Higgins, Miss Margaret Taylor and Miss Florence Nelson, all of Baker were guests during the day. The little girls have never been ill until the last two weeks they have taken slight colds. Mildred was taken to the doctor a week ago and has lost slightly in weight. She now weighs 14 1/2 pounds and has four teeth. Mary weighs 16 1/2 pounds and six teeth and Margaret, who is the big girl, weighs 20 pounds and has four teeth. They have a vocabulary of about 12 words and while they do not stand alone, they have a little car in which they go everywhere. Furniture for triplets could not be bought so Mr. Gray, who is mill superintendent, built a frame in which he hung these large baskets, the whole thing being painted white and this solved the crib problem for a while, but now Margaret has outgrown her basket and has been promoted to a real bed. The high chair problem was solved in much the same way, by Mr. Gray making one which is divided into three sections.

The Relief society, a woman's organization of the L. B. R. church, have a good will party at the Pondsosa hotel Saturday evening. A program illustrating the work of the society was given. This was followed by an hour of games, before a banquet was served in the dining room. Fifty guests were seated at the table. E. J. Powers was toastmaster and several short addresses were made. Mrs. Estes, president, had charge of the program. Mrs. W. W. Gray was chairman of the games committee and Mrs. Torval Hansen had charge of the banquet.

WIDOW OF MANAGER OF FORD'S THEATER SEEKS LINCOLN CHAIR



The chair above in which President Lincoln sat that tragic night at Ford's theater in Washington is sought from the government by Mrs. Blanche Chapman Ford (right), 73, widow of the manager of the theater at the time. She lives in Rutherford, N. J., and has received an offer for the chair which will provide for her declining years.

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