

# Local News In Brief

**4,000-Mile Trip.**—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reynolds have returned to La Grande after a month's visit of Oregon, Washington and California. Mr. Reynolds drove his car approximately 4,000 miles on the trip, and reports a very delightful trip. This was Mrs. Reynolds' first journey into California and she was especially pleased with the visit which was their wedding trip. They first drove into Washington, then to Portland and Willamette valley points, then down to San Francisco, Hollywood, Long Beach and other California cities. Mr. Reynolds said that traffic was particularly heavy in Hollywood, especially on side streets where there was no through traffic. On the return trip they stopped at Elkhart Falls to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Reynolds and family and with friends. They encountered snow yesterday about Arlington. "Although I saw a lot of warm weather and sunshine in California, I am very glad to be back home," Mr. Reynolds said today.

**On Holiday Trip.**—English teacher at normal is going to her home in Valley City, North Dakota, to spend the holidays. Other E. O. N. teachers to make holiday trips include: Miss MacDonald, primary education, is going to Idaho, Miss Foley, English and dramatics, is going to Southern California, and Miss Allen, first grade teacher in the J. H. Ackerman training school, is going to Lewiston, Idaho.

**Visit the Holidays.**—Miss Julia B. Cunningham who has been a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. P. S. Franke, for the past year, has returned to Golden, Colo., to spend the holidays. Mrs. Cunningham expects to return in several months.

**Leaves Hospital.**—Mrs. George Cochran, who has been in the Grande Ronde hospital for several days, recovering from an operation, was taken to her home today. Her condition is greatly improved.

**Named for Honor Roll.**—Both the La Grande Neighborhood club and the Parkdale club have subscribed 100 per cent for the Oregon Clubwoman and have been named on the magazine honor roll. The Oregon Clubwoman is the official publication of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs.

**Recently Registered.**—W. D. Carter, Baker; Tom Knows, Boise; Tom Feeby, Boise; E. F. Cox, Boise; O. C. Maupin, Walla Walla; R. A. Woodburn, Portland; W. J. Davidson, Portland; H. E. Hansen, Seattle; J. H. Roy and wife, Waterbury, Iowa; W. A. Burns, Huntington; A. W. Foster, Portland; Mrs. J. DeWicks, Union, are among the names that were recently listed on the hotel registers.

**To Valley City, N. D.**—Miss Amanda Zabel left last evening on her way to Valley City, N. D., where she will spend the Christmas holidays. At the Eastern Oregon Normal, Miss Zabel is an instructor in the English department.

**Stopping Here.**—Mrs. C. T. Nuzman, of Tacoma, who has been visiting in Payette, stopped in La Grande last evening to visit with the J. E. Landers family before returning to her home.

**Receiving Medical Attention.**—Fred Schnell, of La Grande, is receiving medical treatment in a Baker hospital.

**In Baker.**—S. L. Smith and Charles Miller, of La Grande, were recently registered at the Baker hotel.

**Here for Christmas Eve Services.**—The Rev. William P. Remington expects to be in La Grande for midnight services Christmas eve.

**Leaving This Evening.**—Hutch Bodmer is leaving this evening on his way East to spend the holidays with his daughter and family.

**Correction.**—An advertisement for the Baxter Insurance agency in Tuesday's paper should have read H. P. Baxter, Mer.

**Improving Rapidly.**—Ralph Berry who was operated for appendicitis at the Dr. Wunderlich hospital is improving quite rapidly. Mr. Berry is employed at the La Grande Bakery.

**Arrived This Morning.**—Nick Thomas arrived home this morning after completing a four years' naval term of enlistment. His home is at 1209 I avenue.

**To Portland.**—J. Dolan and Mason Mulliner, both of Portland, have returned home for the holidays after being in La Grande for business purposes.

**Left Yesterday.**—Cennie Leppertsen, Carmen Eford and Alice Acunonaga left yesterday on their way to Jordan Valley to spend the holidays. They are students at the Normal school.

**At the Hotel.**—Among the recent registrants at the hotel are: A. J. Osbold, Walla Walla; C. C. Chaswick, Baker; H. E. Miles, Baker; E. C. Sula, Prineville; A. M. Oldershaw, Spokane; O. J. Kelly, Spokane; A. B. White, Pendleton; C. H. McCreary, Weiser; M. B. Sutton, Walla Walla.

Foley is an instructor in dramatics at the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

**Arrived Last Night.**—Mrs. C. E. Proctor and sons, Kenneth and Richard, who have been visiting in Nampa, arrived last night. While here they will be with Mrs. A. B. Danlot. Their former home was in Alexandria, S. D.

**Left Last Night.**—Miss Marcel Akers left last evening on her way to Heppner to spend the holidays with her parents. Miss Akers is a student at the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

**From Wallowa.**—Mrs. Otto Friel and Mrs. John Benton, of Wallowa, were in La Grande Wednesday on business.

**Registered at the Hotel.**—Among the persons listed at hotel are: Leslie H. Baker, Haines; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goltz, Klammath; C. C. Clearwater, Enterprise; G. E. Hensley, Pendleton.

**Holidays at Elgin.**—Mrs. Hensley, teacher in Central grade school, will spend her Christmas holidays in Elgin. Henry Hicks is going to his home in Cheney, Washington.

**Expecting Sister.**—Mrs. Alfred Cook, teacher at Central grade school, is expecting her sister, Mrs. Clara Stewart, from Corvallis tomorrow morning. Mrs. Stewart is a house mother to the Chi Omegas there.

**Going to Idaho.**—Blanche Speers, of Central grade school, is going to Parma, Ida., for the Christmas holidays. W. W. Nusham, music director, is going to Boise, Idaho, the latter part of the week.

**To Attend Meeting.**—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McEachran are leaving Friday evening for Portland where they will spend the holidays with Mr. McEachran's sister, Mrs. McEachran, who is a delegate to the Oregon State Teachers' association.

**Employed in Office.**—Miss Anna Everts is employed in the office of Dr. F. L. Halston as office nurse. She is taking the place of Mrs. Abel Berry.

**Returned Home.**—Mrs. Raymond Warty, of Elgin, who underwent a major operation at the Dr. Wunderlich hospital Dec. 4, returned to her home yesterday.

**Left the Hospital.**—Mr. Irene McCarthy, who has been a patient in the Dr. Wunderlich hospital for the past two months and who is recovering satisfactorily, was taken to the home of her friend, Mrs. Moss, on Cedar street, where she expects to remain for some time.

**Released from Quarantine.**—The De Fries home at 1211 Russell street, where John De Fries has been ill of scarlet fever, has been released from quarantine.

**Men's Club Meets.**—The men's club of the Presbyterian church will meet this evening at the home of Dr. Ray Murphy with the Rev. J. George Walz as the speaker.

**Baby Daughter.**—Miss Nancy Ragsdale is now six days old. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ragsdale on East X avenue.

**Returned This Morning.**—Henry Culp returned this morning from Eugene, where he is a student at the University of Oregon.

**Illness.**—Mrs. Fred James is ill at her home, it is reported.

**WINTER WEATHER GRIPS NATION; 36 BELOW IN MONTANA**

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middlewest cities, including Chicago, Milwaukee, the Twin Cities,

Detroit, St. Louis and Chicago, the weather was held to blame for keeping many potential shoppers indoors.

The general forecast for today was without cheer, auguring clearing skies but continued and—for the middle west and portions of the east—more severe cold.

## BRITISH FLIGHT TO AFRICA ENDS IN FATAL CRASH

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arrived here Sunday enroute from La Bourget to Saigon, Indo-China. It took off again at 5:45 p. m. for Bangkok. Nothing has been heard of it since. Ships searched the Gulf of Gabes for a trace.

## CONDITIONS IN SHOSHONE JAIL BARED

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28 Face Grave Charges. He testified that Wendiger told Johnson, "I got your federal stool pigeon," and said to Webb, "I wish you would stay out of my county, you can run it better without you."

Wendiger, along with 27 others, including officials of the city of Mullain, is charged with conspiracy. The governor alleges the Mullain council sold licenses to purveyors of commercialized vice, using the proceeds for city improvements.

## STEAMSHIP SINKS AT BAY ENTRANCE

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Algonquin, ascertaining that his ship was in no danger, stood by, joining his S O S calls to those of the Fort Victoria. The Algonquin, being a coastwise boat, had no special pilot, as required for the Fort Victoria in the bay.

Passengers upon landing said there was no panic or confusion, although many were badly frightened when ordered to don life preservers and go to their boat stoves. The Fort Victoria carried 12 boats but one was stove in by the crash.

The passengers praised the conduct of the officers and crew, saying that they appeared to know just what to do and went about the task of abandoning ship calmly. The rule of women and children first was strictly observed in filling the boats.

## STATE WILL BUILD ROAD; CITY TO PAY

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sidewalk railing by his gasoline pump. A boy's arm was broken while he was playing there last summer, and the father wants settlement of \$100 or will sue. Mr. Perkins promised the city his cooperation in the matter. Mr. Cochran said he would have an opinion on the matter in the immediate future.

Other routine matters were attended to before adjournment.

W. C. Berry, who has sold his interests in the Acme pool hall to Ben Cotner, his former partner, asked to be relieved of the bond and for the transfer of the joint license to Mr. Cotner. This was granted. Frank Seward was given a soft drink license.

The manager's report showed that Fir street was bladed last week and that Spruce and Y avenues were dragged.

## SENATE PASSES BRIDGE BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—A bill introduced by Senator Jones, republican of Washington, granting an extension of four months to next June 1, for completing a bridge across the Columbia river between Longview, Wash., and Rainier, Ore., was passed today by the senate and sent to the house.

## RECONSIDERS ACTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—The senate today reconsidered the confirmation of Miss Annabel Matthews of Gainesville, Ga., to be a member of the board of tax appeals and sent it back to the finance committee for further consideration.

## Camp Fire Girls Accomplish Much In 2-Year Period

The Scajawava Camp Fire group of the Lutheran church has accomplished many things in its two years' organization, a report given by the guardian, Mrs. Left Aves, at a recent meeting of the group disclosed.

This group was the first one to have Sunday rehearsals of which they have held seven in the Lutheran church. It was also the first group in La Grande still organized to have a summer camp. At this camp, which was held at Cove during the summer of 1927, several camping honors were earned.

The birthday honor has been earned every year by the members of the group. Their first year they helped to plant trees in Gangloff park; the second year they worked with the Red Cross; and last year flowers and gardens were studied, and bills they had grown were brought to the church at Easter time.

## P. E. P. Purchased By Eastern Firm

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP)—Complete acquisition of the Portland Electric Power Co., of Portland, Ore., by the Public Utility Holding Corporation of America was announced today.

Negotiations have been underway for some time with E. W. Clark & Co., for its stock holdings of the Portland company. These negotiations have been completed and the Public Utility Holding corporation, organized last September by Harris, Korlos & Co., interests, will receive in exchange for its stock, or cash, practically all of the common stock and the non-cumulative 6 per cent second preferred stock of \$10 par value as well as a certain amount of the 7 per cent preferred stock, which carry voting control of the company.

## WHEAT VALUES BREAK TODAY; DOWN 3 CENTS

CHICAGO, Dec. 19 (AP)—Wheat values underwent a sharp break today, especially toward the bid. Selling was based to a considerable extent on surmises that official figures tomorrow regarding the average and condition of United States winter wheat and rye would show an increase. Storms crippling wire service did much to restrict business, and the market evidenced little disposition to rally.

Wheat closed unsteady at almost the day's bottom level, 2 1/2c to 1 1/2c a bushel lower than yesterday's finish. Corn closed 3/4c, 1/2c to 1 1/2c off, oats 1/2c to 1 1/2c down, and provisions varying from 5/8c to 1/2c decline to a rise of seven cents.

## Stock Prices Go Lower in Street

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP)—Stock prices continued to hit the toboggan today as selling pressure was renewed against ammunition, public utility, merchandising and specialty shares. At least a dozen issues were carried to new low levels for the year, or longer, and a long line of others were carried 1 to 5 points below last night's closing quotations.

Only a few issues moved against the general downward trend.

The market closed weak. Sales approximated 2,500,000 shares.

## MISSING MAN FOUND

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 19 (AP)—A report was received here today from Gold Beach that M. L. Opylke, 58, Spanish war veteran and at one time state house em-

ploye at Salem, had been found on a mining claim near there. Opylke is said to have advanced no reason for his disappearance.

## Two Disbarment Cases In Hands Of The Judges

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19 (AP)—The Thomas Manly disbarment trial came to an end at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, after Attorney Ryan Heuser, of Medford, one of the prosecuting attorneys, had spoken for three hours in rebuttal.

Presiding Referee Skipworth said before adjourning the hearing that the disbarment time must elapse before the referees will be able to announce the recommendations. It would be necessary for each of the three referees, he said, to go through all of the mass of evidence that has been used in the hearing. Since the same process will be necessary in connection with the evidence submitted in the Joseph trial the recommendations are not expected for several weeks.

It was done in the Joseph case this afternoon was given 10 days in which to file a brief with the referees and the prosecution five days in which to file a reply brief. Copies of the briefs will be sent to each referee.

## HITS LACK OF EQUIPMENT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19 (AP)—F. H. Brandage, assistant district forester and member of the board of forest fire review, said today that lack of man power and fire fighting equipment was largely responsible for the disastrous forest fires during the season just closed in the Pacific northwest.

Brand's statement followed a tour over the fire swept areas, mainly in the Olympic, Chelan, Rainier, Colville and Wenatchee national forests.

## PIONEER DIES

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## SIDEWALK SNOW PLOW AT WORK IN CITY TODAY

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covered with water and that travel was hazardous. The association advised motorists to take the west-side highway to Junction City, thence to Prineville road which enters Eugene by Sixth avenue.

The Willamette river stood at the 12-foot stage at Salem this morning and was still rising slowly, although six feet below the danger-

ous flood stage.

The weather bureau in Portland said no further heavy rain was indicated for tonight or tomorrow but added that the Willamette will probably rise nearly or quite to the flood stage of 29 feet at Albany and Salem late tomorrow, according to the Associated Press.

Light rains in the northwest portion of Oregon were predicted for today and tomorrow, with slightly cooler weather in order in the southwest portion.

It was extremely foggy in Grants Pass this morning with rain having fallen throughout the night. The weather is warm.

## Begin Issuing Temporary 1930 License Friday

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19 (AP)—Tomorrow is the date on which county sheriffs in Oregon will begin issuing temporary automobile licenses. The charge will be 25 cents. This will be an authority from the secretary of state to file over the rush period for new licenses, and has never been done before.

At the beginning of 1930 motor vehicle owners will pay only half their license fee for the year. They will retain their 1929 license plates until July 1, at which time they will pay a full year's license to July 1, 1931. This arrangement is made because of the new law making July 1 instead of January 1 the time for taking out new licenses.

For the first half of 1930 a windshield sticker issued by the secretary of state will indicate that the half-year fee has been paid.

## FALL FROM HORSE Hurts Nancy Astor

NORTHAMPTON, Eng., Dec. 19 (AP)—An X-ray examination of the Honorable Nancy Astor, who was thrown while riding in a hunt yesterday, has revealed a slight injury to the spine but no serious results are expected by her physicians.

Miss Astor spent a restful night and was progressing well today.

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Portland, Ore., Dec. 19 (AP)—Cash wheat: Big Bend bluestem, hard white \$1.24; soft white \$1.22; Western white \$1.22; Northern spring \$1.20 1/2; Western red \$1.20 1/2; Oats: No. 2-25 lb. white \$35.00; Today's ear receipts: wheat 45, flour 6, corn 4, oats 1, hay 11.

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