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LOVING AND LOSING—He that loveth his life shall lose it, and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.—John 12:25.

If all speeders go there the road to hell won't be paved long.

The modern woman's magazine has more beauty hints than cooking hints.

A London doctor says our girls work too much. Our experience is they work too many.

UNIVERSAL CHEER

Men and women busy with their own affairs are commonly heedless of the distress around the corner. But whoever has witnessed a disastrous fire or other calamity knows how eager the neighbors are to shelter the homeless victims and unselfishly to assist them in their misfortune. When disaster is close at hand few are those who coldly pass by on the other side.

Across the ocean there is an impression that this is a hard-boiled, money-grabbing nation, inhabited by a race of hustlers who are first and last for themselves. But never has there been a great, life-destroying disaster at home or abroad that American hands have not gone quickly to American pockets and supplied therefrom relief in generous measure.

Unemployment, illness, poverty meant disaster for many this Christmas. No toys and candy for the children, fuel and food for none, no medicine for the sick, and rags for many were in prospect. These are the disasters the American people like to cope with. And how were they met this year?

If anybody went without a Christmas dinner, without sufficient fuel and clothing for Christmas cheer and comfort, without the gifts without which Christmas would be just another day, it was because he had so completely shut himself up that combing philanthropists and charity workers could not break in to discover the want.

Materialistic? Self-centered? Impossible of a people who consider it a calamity for one unfortunate to be forgotten at Christmas.

A DOUBTFUL PANACEA

A representative of a national association of building owners and managers has come to the conclusion, like other observers, that municipal government is not what it should be. Reform is a skyrocket. Neither charter changes, no matter how enlightened, nor the labor of citizens' associations, no matter how persistent, have brought about the millennium. City government may be better than it was some decades ago, but it is still far from ideal.

This critic's improvement plan calls for putting to work all individuals and organizations interested in civic affairs. It is not enough that they give advice. The weakness in municipal policy, as he sees it, lies not so much in advice as in execution. The carrying out of a public improvement program involves jobs, contracts, fees—perhaps graft. Right there is where he would apply his remedy.

The real estate board would assess real estate for taxation and appraise property for condemnation. Engineering societies would pass on contracts and enlist technical personnel. The public accountants' association would supervise the auditing of municipal accounts.

Political economists will have something to say about this rather novel proposal. Politicians will scoff at it. Nor would the public relish having the local enforcement of sundry legislation turned over to members of some league. There are practical objections to the plan, but there is something in the idea of encouraging closer relations between government and the various trade and professional organizations.

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Heavy Ribbed Underwear
98c

BRUSHING UP SPORTS . . . . . By Laufer

Abe Martin

After Explorer Byrd gits back from the south pole the senate lobby committee might git him to fly over the sugar gang ramifications. "Anybuddy that's ever swept up after a bouquet o' dried out golden rod 'll be mighty glad to know that hereafter the blamed weed is to be used fer makin' tires," snapped Mrs. Em Moots, today.

School To Open At Union Jan. 2 For Winter Term

By W. V. Connor
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION (Special) — Plumbers have been doing some repair work at the school buildings during the holidays. School will reopen Jan. 2.

Miss Josephine Bliss, who has been here since December 21 visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Vaden, left Sunday noon for Vale, Oregon, where she teaches in the grade schools. Her school reopened December 30.

The basketball boys of the Union high school have been playing some practice games with the Cove high squad and with the local alumni. These games do not count in the percentage for representation in the district tournament. Union easily won the two games from Cove but lost to the alumni.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Maxwell who had been visiting during part of the holidays with friends in Portland, stopped off on their way home for a short visit with relatives and friends here. Their home is in Idaho.

Messrs. Davis and Barnwell, two La Grande men, have bought and reopened the Tobina meat market in North Union. Mr. Davis is in charge and has added a line of groceries to his stock.

Twice during the past couple of weeks would-be robbers have been frustrated in their attempt to obtain possession of somebody else's property. Henry Griggs, who owns a chicken ranch in North Union, scared a chicken thief who was robbing his roosts and the man in his flight dropped his poultry. Tuesday night Frank Conner was phoned that a man was acting in a suspicious manner near his store. Arriving on the scene with the city marshal they apparently scared the burglar who made his getaway, leaving a robe, a sack and an axe on the ground.

Rex Gambill, Giles Van Houten, J. E. Allen, Charley Cross and John Miller drove to Pendleton Saturday afternoon to attend a meeting of the Encampment lodge of that city. Mr. Miller went along as a candidate for two of the degrees which the Pendleton team was putting on. The lodge meeting was preceded by a dinner at 6 o'clock. The local boys report a pleasant trip and visit with the Round-Up Odd Fellows.

Ned Slater, who has been in the hospital at Hot Lake for several weeks, is much improved and will probably be able to return to his home here in a few days.

Mrs. Hershal Halsey left Thursday for Colfax, Wash., called there by the death of her uncle, Joseph Henderson. The Hendersons were formerly residents of Union.

Roy Hall and George Osborn received the third degree in the local Odd Fellows lodge Friday night. J. J. Stills of La Grande, H. H. Little of Cove and a member of Baker lodge were visitors of the Union lodge.

Will Compton came down from his ranch near Haines to eat his Christmas dinner with his mother and sister, Mrs. Charley Castor. He returned to his home the same evening. Mrs. Compton generally makes her home at the Compton ranch but is here for the winter on account of the deep snowdrifts which generally make getting out from the ranch difficult.

The Woman's club will hold their next regular meeting at the club home Jan. 2. The program will include a book review by Mrs. Cecil Griggs and current events by Mrs. Tom Kerr. Mrs. F. G. Hall, Mrs. Ward Halsey, Mrs. Mint Gale and Mrs. Eleanor Davis will act as hostesses for the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stringham were over from Elgin last week for a short visit with Mrs. Stringham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sturgill. Mr. Stringham is owner and manager of the drug store at Elgin.

Cattlemen in this end of the valley are enjoying the continued mild weather. Cattle are still feeding on the range and owners will probably get through the winter with less than the usual feed expense.

Ruth Connor, who has been confined to her home for the past few weeks as the result of burns from boiling water, is much improved and will be able to resume her work at the Eastern Oregon normal when the new term opens this week.

MULLAN RUM REBELS SENT TO THE 'PEN'

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The government charged that Mullan was "in open rebellion" against the prohibition laws and that the city council passed an ordinance licensing saloons, disorderly places and gambling houses.

The defense had argued that the mining village had always been "wide open," but that a conspiracy did not exist. Instead, they contended, "certain citizens had made donations" to relieve the financial distress of the town.

Between one and two score citizens of Wallace have also been indicted for conspiracy and this case will be tried in May. Sheriff Wenniger, Mayor Herman J. Rossi, and other prominent men were accused in the Wallace case.

U. S. Attorney H. E. Kay's crusado against rum resulted in charges against about 200 persons during the last few months.

MANY FOUR-H CLUBS

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — This city enrolled 1,353 boys and girls in 95 Four-H clubs this year, 1,344 of whom or 99.3 per cent completed their work, according to the annual report just submitted to the extension service by R. J. Maaske, city club leader. Portland is one of the few large cities in the United States maintaining its own club work.

A Detroit automobile magnate, Mr. Henry R. Joy, takes a rap at dry hypocrisy. Surely not because there are so many Joy rides!

Joe Wright Ill In San Bernardino

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION (Special) — Word was received the past week of the illness of Joe Wright at San Bernardino, Cal. He had suffered rather a serious heart attack and was confined to his bed. He was a former resident of Union and an uncle of L. A. Wright of this place.

Irvin Hess was confined to his home the past week with an attack of flu.

Mrs. T. D. Smith and daughter, Jane, Sol Seamens and Mrs. Emma Spray visited in La Grande on Saturday.

The Misses Jane Smith and Leona Spray entertained a few friends very pleasantly at the T. D. Smith home Friday evening. The evening was spent at pinochle followed by a waffle supper. First prizes were awarded to Clara Van Houten and Donald Lamb and the consolation to Erma Puckett.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bidwell and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bidwell were Union visitors on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sommer of the Sacajawea Inn were Sunday visitors at the M. S. Levy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Stewart of New Plymouth have spent the past week in Union.

Christmas was a big day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Nielson with many of their family and relatives gathered together to celebrate the day. Those who enjoyed the festivities were Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Halling and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hansen and son, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Anderson and family, two daughters, Verna Nielson and Mrs. Hilda Johnson recently returned from California and the immediate family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Evans and son, of La Grande, were callers at the E. P. Coburn home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hill, prominent ranchers of Telocaset, were shopping and visiting in Union on Saturday.

Mrs. Virginia Evans and family moved from the Sam Andrews place last week to Union and is living at the Mulholland place.

The Misses Jane Smith and La-Verne Clark plan to return to Gooding on Wednesday to resume their school work on Jan. 2.

LA GRANDE HOTEL
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Special New Year's Dinner

Golden Gate Fruit Cocktail
Hors d' Oeuvres Varies
Celery en Branch Pickles
Jumbo Olives
Essence of Tomatoes Vichy
Cream of Fowl a la Sevigne
Lemon Ice
Grilled Boneless Chicken Monza
Broiled Swiss Club Steak a la Cheron
Stuffed La Grande Young Turkey
Cranberry Sauce
Roast Domestic Duckling Orange Marmalade
Prime Ribs of Beef au jus
Salade de Olga
Sweet Potatoes Long Branch Potatoes Marie
Asparagus Tips Polanaise
Apple Pie a la Mode Hot Mince Pie, Cheese
Heinz Plum Pudding Maraschino Hard Sauce
Parfait Hawaiian Fruit
Vanila Ice Cream Lady Fingers
Lubyettes Sundae Arabian Bar
Mission Orange Pale Dry
Butterscotch Wafers Dinner Mints
Demi Tasse

Served from 11:30 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. $1.25 Plate

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WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR
And May it be a Prosperous One

WE wish to take this time to thank you for the valuable patronage extended us during the last five months of this year—our first five months of business in La Grande—and welcome your patronage in 1930.

NEW YEARS ARE AS HAPPY AS WE MAKE THEM

Steadily accumulated savings constitute a Horn of Plenty, whence issue the good things of life. The man with the savings account in a sound institution knows his money is safe, knows that it is only a matter of time until he has a neat little fortune.

Whether you are looking forward to the declining years of old age or to the fruitful years of youth and maturity, each New Year is very much what each individual makes it. Those who exercise thrift, energy, integrity, find the making of a happy year quite natural. For ourselves, we can only hope to have a part in that kind of happiness and to promote it by a broader and more comprehensive financial service to you and to the community.

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