

LOCAL BRIEFS

Arrived This Morning
C. W. Collier arrived this morning from The Dalles called here by the death of his mother, Mrs. Della E. Collier, who made her home with Mrs. D. B. Lindsay.

Spent the Morning Here
Mrs. F. L. Simpson, of Hines, spent the morning in La Grande receiving dental treatment. She arrived on the early train and returned home on No. 24.

Returned Home
Mrs. Joe Brown returned to her home at Huntington this morning after visiting relatives in La Grande for several days. Mrs. Brown has recovered and is in good health following an operation some time ago.

Left This Morning
Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Carroll, of Huntington, returned to their home today after spending several days in La Grande while Mr. Carroll underwent a tonsil operation.

Spending Vacation Here
George Anderson, student at the University of Oregon, returned home this morning on No. 24 to spend the spring vacation with his parents.

From O. S. C.
Miss Violet Harer arrived in La Grande this morning to spend several days of spring vacation from her studies at Oregon State college with her parents and visiting friends.

Back From School
Mark Jenkins returned home yesterday from the University of Oregon where he was a student during the winter term.

Here Last Night
Mrs. C. W. Noyes came to La Grande last night from her country home to attend the meeting of the Post Matrons club of the Order of Eastern Star, of which she is a member.

Illness
Lou Hendrickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hendrickson, is much improved today at his home, after becoming suddenly ill while in school yesterday.

Tonsil Operation
Luther Pershall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pershall, of Hillgard, underwent an operation this morning for the removal of her tonsils.

Improving
Mrs. Ben Betts, who underwent a major operation at the Grande Hotel hospital, is improving.

Recovering
Mrs. Daniel Johnson, who has been ill for about a month, is recuperating after an operation performed at the Grande Hotel hospital.

At the Hospital
Mrs. Herbert Pattison entered the Grande Hotel hospital as a patient this morning.

Returned from Portland
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fishback and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Irwin have returned from a week spent in Portland visiting Irene Irwin who is in nurses training there.

Business Trip
W. C. Beckwith returned Tuesday evening from several days spent in Portland on business. Mr. Beckwith expects to spend most of the spring and summer in La Grande.

Choral Society Meets
The Lutheran Choral society will meet Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Stutzinger.

Weekend Visit
Miss Kathryn and Marie Peetz, of Pendleton, spent last weekend visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Peetz.

To Enterprise
Court Reporter H. R. Hanna went to Enterprise today to report the proceedings on an incendiary case which is being heard in circuit court.

At Pendleton
Ray Williams is in Pendleton on business connected with the census work, and will probably be there the rest of March, returning to La Grande to spend the weekends. He is assistant to Supervisor McIntyre.

Drove to Baker
Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Williams drove to Baker Tuesday on business, returning the same day.

To Medford
Mrs. Florence McDaniel left for Medford last night where she will visit her mother, Mrs. Ida Thompson for about three weeks.

To Baker
Mrs. Ida Charlton and Mrs. Della Harnden are going to Baker today for the meeting of Women's Benefit association there tonight. Mrs. Charlton is managing deputy of the W. B. A. and Mrs. Harnden is junior director for this district. They will probably return tomorrow.

Elks Meeting
At the business meeting of the Elks lodge last night applications were considered. The rest of the evening was spent putting the ring in place for tonight's smoker.

Locate Here
Cecil Ager, of Bend, has leased the southeast corner of the La Grande hotel and is opening a photographic studio there. Mr. Ager has attended the Eastman Kodak training school, he says.

Winter in Indiana
H. A. Bodmer, who spent the winter at Evansville, Ind., with his daughter Dr. Stella Bodmer, formerly a doctor in La Grande returned home Tuesday night.

Business and Pleasure
Miss Margaret M. Peetz, assessor of Sherman county is a house guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Peetz on Oak street while attending the tax meeting at the court house today. She is one of the two women assessors in the state.

From Bend
C. P. Nosowoner, mortician, is spending a few days in La Grande and vicinity on business from Bend. He is also visiting a daughter in Wallawa county.

From the Minam
Simon Ghend was in La Grande this morning on business from the Minam.

At Home
Mr. Webster is at his home on X avenue today where he was removed from the Grande Hotel hospital. About two weeks ago he underwent a major operation.

Went Home Monday
Mrs. Emma Howard, of 1205 Fourth street, left the Grande Hotel hospital Monday after spending about 10 days there following a major operation.

Here This Week
Mrs. Susan Burnett, of Boise, is visiting her sons, E. S. Burnett and A. W. Burnett, this week. She arrived here Tuesday.

Substituting
While Mrs. Sylvia Foster is absent from her desk in the office of Dr. C. W. Erwin and Dr. Clarence Gilstrap to be with her sister, Mrs. C. R. Gekeler, who is ill, Mrs. Ella Ray is taking her place.

About Town
Warren Gilbert is able to be up and about town following a recent operation.

Back at the Elks Club
Arthur Kerr has returned to the Elks club after spending six weeks at Hot Lake receiving medical treatment.

From Portland
C. La Busick, of Portland, spent Wednesday in La Grande transacting business.

At the Hotel
The following are registered at local hotels: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McMillen, Twin Falls; J. R. McMillen, Twin Falls; Gus Hilder, San Francisco; Tree E. Losoy, Portland; Mrs. Tom German, Baker; R. A. Marks, Nampa; Fred W. Tollerud, Boise; David E. Graham, Vale; Andrew Graham, Vale; E. W. Holm, Portland; C. L. Henderson, Spokane; Irving Boswell, Enterprise; W. W. Garvin, Portland; Clare Bagley, Seattle; Clarence Curran, The Dalles; J. N. Griffith and wife, Fairfield; R. L. Cogburne, O. W. G. M. Pierce, O. W.; William H. Byars, Portland; J. J. La Duke, Baiter; Elmer Irie, Caldwell; Kate Quarles, Spokane; Dick Connor, Seattle; George Hedon, Spokane; E. P. Dodson, Weston; Elmer, Mrs. S. E. Fletcher, Boise; G. W. Houser, Seattle; H. W. Grosser, Portland; Joseph Fox, Portland; E. A. Buskirk, Pendleton; O. E. Norberg, Lewiston; Jack Willis, Seattle; Glenn D. Handy, Portland; Henry Tschudy, Baker; W. R. Debus, Pendleton and J. I. Purdy, Pendleton.

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As an outgrowth of state laws, he said, "blind tigers" and "moon-shine stills" sprang up and liquor dealers resisted the enforcement. The law compelled sale of liquor of specified quality and in packages.
He praised former Governor Benjamin R. Tillman for trying to enforce the law until he had reached a decision it was a failure.
He quoted from the governor's message to the legislature to enforce the law, and then gave the former governor credit for aiding its repeal.

System a Failure
Roper said the system had proved a failure and added "it had not improved conditions but made them worse." He testified, however, there were many meritorious phases of the law.
Tillman, he went on, had been leader of the state political reform movement and that no cause ever had a more forceful or more conscientious proponent and defender as long as he thought the system was defensible.
Roper explained the workings of "blind tigers." He said dispensaries had closed in accordance with the law at nightfall, and remained closed during the night and on Sundays, while the "blind tigers" remained open all night and Sunday.

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Biscuits Were "Durable"
Charles Warren Stogdler, and Joaquin Miller were in Rome together. Thirty years later they met at Monterey, Calif., and exchanged reminiscences. "Dear friend," said Stogdler, "do you remember when we had breakfast together in Rome, and you asked me what the main for 'hard' was in Italian, and I told you 'dure'? You then called the waiter and said, 'Take away the biscuits. They are too de-a dure'."
—From "Joaquin Miller and His Other Self," by Huer Wazner.

Talk to Yourself Via Slet
Those who enjoy hearing their voices may do so by dropping a coin in a slot machine which is operated on the phonograph principle. The voice is registered on a thin disc of red metal alloy of secret composition, which is "played" five seconds after the speaker is finished. It may be used on any phonograph and with any fiber needle. The record is guaranteed to be permanent.

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Farewell Party Given In Honor Of 3 Couples

By Mrs. M. F. Raymond (Observer Correspondent)
PONDOSA, Ore. (Special)—A farewell party was given at the school house here honoring Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gray and Mr. and Mrs. James Wade who are leaving for their localities. Mr. and Mrs. Wade are moving to La Grande, the other two couples going to Baker. Mr. Raymond has been superintendent of the Latter Day Saints Sunday school and has been much interested in the work. His success is shown by the fact that the Sunday school won the efficiency pennant over all schools in the Union state. He was given a farewell gift. Mr. Wade has been president of the relief society, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Lowell have been active in both organizations and all three were given farewell gifts by the relief society.

A number of friends of Dunham Wright, pioneer of Medical Springs, surprised him with a party honoring his 83rd birthday Thursday evening. Mr. Wright enjoyed the evening watching the guests dance and play games. A mammoth cake decorated with 88 candles was served at a late hour. A score of cards and letters of congratulation was received by the aged gentleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry West, of La Grande, Mrs. West's sister, Miss Clara Johnson and brother, Harry, came up to spend the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Clara Johnson Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sowers left for Portland this week to be gone ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pratt who have been in Enterprise for ten days on business returned Tuesday and moved to Baker, valued Wednesday.

Plans for an art contest were made at the meeting of the Medical Springs Women's club, held Thursday at the school house. The club members have been studying art and artists all winter and are now ready for their contest to be held Wednesday evening. A beautiful framed picture is the prize to be given the winning contestant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lark and Mrs. K. W. Smith and children went to St. Louis last near Baker for an outing Sunday.

W. K. Everton, who has been on a Latter Day Saints mission in the northwestern states, stopped Tuesday for a visit with his aunt, Mrs. W. W. Gray and family. Mr. Everton is returning to his home at Logan, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lawler went to La Grande Tuesday evening to be away until next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawler who have spent the winter here with their son, Chester, and family, returned to their home at The Dalles Tuesday.

Mrs. John Stoddard and children returned from La Grande Sunday where they have spent the last four weeks at the home of Mrs. Stoddard's mother, Mrs. George Lyman.

The members of the primary board were delightfully entertained with a dinner Tuesday evening by Mrs. Emmet Smith at her home. After dinner a business meeting was held. Those present besides the hostesses were Mrs. D. E. Nelson, Mrs. T. E. Hansen, Mrs. John Stoddard and Mrs. D. E. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Powers attended funeral services for Frank Jasper in La Grande Thursday.

The Relief society of Baker gave a party Monday evening commencing the organization of the first relief society, the women's society of the Latter Day Saints church 88 years ago. The members attending from here were Mesdames T. E. Hansen, Ed Lark, W. W. Gray, George Fuller, David Johnson, John Peffer, D. E. Nelson and Mary Murray. E. G. Murray and D. E. Nelson took the ladies to Baker in their cars.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Fallow returned Monday after spending the winter in La Grande.

ROBBIE IS KILLED
NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (AP)—An attempt by three masked men to hold up a Greenwich Village

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Arthur Sharp, 16. They had been reported missing.
Earlier the body of Carl Merchel, 29, had been taken from the ruins.
G. W. Black was found unharmed.

TWO KILLED IN WRECK
WALLACE, Ida., Mar. 20 (AP)—Two men were killed when the rear half of a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul freight train ran wild down a grade last night at Four Acres, Mont., near here, and struck into an embankment. Thirteen cars were destroyed in the resulting fire, it became known today.

FEAR FOREST FIRES
PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 20 (AP)—Federal forestry officials today were less optimistic over the 1930 forest fire season even though rain during the night was thought to be widespread.

Officials yesterday announced that unless a phenomenal rainfall occurs within the next three months, the Pacific northwest probably will face a more disastrous forest fire season than in 1929.

Normal School Girls Conclude Basket Series

The final game between the freshman and senior normal school girls basketball teams was played yesterday. The freshman team won by a wide margin, defeating the seniors by a score of 15 to 4. Mildred Standly was captain of the winning team. Players on the freshman team were Elizabeth Jackson, Ethel Langley, forwards; Esther Willy, jumping center; Marie Little and Mildred Standly, guards. Ar. Wheat closed firm 3 1/2, a Jackson made four baskets and Mildred Standly made two baskets and one free throw. Two girls were out as substitutes in the last half. Eva Woods played forward and guard in the last quarter. Charlene Evans played as running center during the last quarter.

The senior team suffered a loss by the absence of several regular players. Emma Karstans was captain of the team. Hilda Morrison and Rita Harris played forwards; Leita Nielson at jumping center; Audrey Boxner at running center; Emma Karstans and Lillian Snaul, guards. Irma Neilson was the only substitute and she went in during the last quarter. Rita Harris and Hilda Morrison made the points for the seniors.

The sports that will be offered as courses in recreation next quarter are baseball, tennis, horseback and volley ball. Other minor sports may be included, provided enough divisions may be made in regard to classes, it is said.

WHEAT VALUES JUMP HIGHER; CLOSE FIRM

CHICAGO, Mar. 20 (AP)—Influenced largely by an outlook for late returns in quotations at Winnipeg, Liverpool and Buenos Aires wheat values here rose briskly in Chicago today toward the end. Exporters noted more assurance by European buyers, and said there had been at least some purchasing for half a dozen trans-Atlantic countries today. Absence of selling pressure here was at outstanding feature, and the wheat stabilization corporation was reported as having found it necessary to add any appreciable amount of wheat to the corporation's holdings during the last week.

Wheat closed fir 3 1/2, 2 1/2, a bushel higher than yesterday's finish. Corn closed 7 1/2 up, oats 1 1/2 up, and provisions varying from 7c decline to a rise of 2c.

Georgia's campaign against illiteracy has penetrated the state prison, where classes have been organized.

RELOADED SALESMAN DIES

CLATKANTIA, Ore., Mar. 20 (AP)—E. L. Porsengen, Kelson, Wash., salesman, who was carried unconscious from the burning Tourist hotel recently, died today in a hospital. He was overcome by smoke.
Damage to the hotel, garage and cars was placed at \$29,000.

TWO-MILLION FIRE

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 20 (AP)—Official estimates today placed the loss in the fire which swept the Gulf Refining company's reservation at Grand Point last night in excess of \$2,000,000.

The tank steamer Hagan was badly damaged and a pier, 15 tank cars and a big warehouse filled with oil vats, tanks and drums were destroyed.

Most of the Hagan's superstructure was burned, but the vessel listed and settled on the bottom of the river, partly submerged. Before the fire reached its cargo of 78,000 gallons of oil, its crew of 36 leaped into the river. All were picked up by tugs and police boats.

A score of fire companies and several fire boats fought the blaze for three hours before it was brought under control. Several firemen were overcome by smoke. The vats and drums exploded with terrific blasts which were heard for miles.

Bank of England Reduces Rate To 3 1/2 Pct. Today

LONDON, Mar. 20 (AP)—The Bank of England reduced the bank rate today from four to three and one-half per cent.

Banking institutions—owing to fall of commodity prices and trade depression—reached a point especially in New York and London permitting reduction by the English central bank from the mark which was established only a fortnight ago.

This easing of the bank rate accompanied by firm exchanges and fewer movements of gold relieved fears that the bank would not be able to build up a reserve if the rate was materially reduced.

Traders welcomed the reduction as lightening the burden of their high loan charges. The treasury meanwhile is said to be awaiting a favorable opportunity to reduce the rate of interest on war loans by big conversion schemes.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Mar. 20 (AP)—Wheat closed: March 78 1/2, 1 1/2, 1 1/2, 1 1/2.
May 78 1/2, 1 1/2, 1 1/2, 1 1/2.
July 78 1/2, 1 1/2, 1 1/2, 1 1/2.
October 78 1/2, 1 1/2, 1 1/2, 1 1/2.

Wilkins Tells Of Discoveries In Antarctica

NEW YORK, Mar. 20 (AP)—Sir George Hubert Wilkins, Arctic and Antarctic explorer, returned Wednesday from his fourth expedition to Antarctica with the information that he had found only seas where it had been supposed the Antarctic continent existed.

Behind Chirent land, he said, the Stefansson straits, bound by him last year, continue into sea water, "pushing back the Antarctic continent" about eight degrees.

On his expedition last year Sir George found that the land discovered between 60 and 70 west and 92 and 72 south was an archipelago and not a direct continuation of the Antarctic continent, and the expedition this year further decreased the size of the south polar continent whose boundaries never have been definitely established. It charted about 1,200 miles of new coast line on this year's aerial expedition, and discovered five islands.