LOCAL BRIEFS

Collision—
Cars driven by W. A. Elam and W. Cottrell figured in a minor traffic collision on Adams avenue at 7:50 o'clock Jan. 17. No one was hurt.

Go to Helix—
Kermit Estes, Garnard Coles, and Ray Davidson spent the weekend at Helix. Garnard played on the E. O. N. team in the basketball game Saturday evening, while the other two attended. Ray visited with his parents during the remainder of the weekend.

Army Payroll Out—
A payroll amounting to $1,022.85 will be distributed at a regular drill of Company E, 186th Infantry, tonight at the armory, by Captain Walter Bean. This is the pay for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1930. After the distribution of the pay, marksmanship badges were awarded to all who qualified during 1930. Expert riflemen to receive badges are First Sergeant Carl M. Ebert; Sergeants George D. Oliver, Elmo G. Webb, and Herman Yeske; Corporal George M. Plant, and Private Leonard Waggoner. Sharpshooters awards go to Sergeant Howard C. Glenn, Corporal Howard C. Peterson; Privates First Class Albert T. Meranda, Frederick G. Roe, Paul T. Walker, and Private John W. Steward. Marksman badges will be awarded to Corporals Hilyard W. Brown and Edward U. Council; Privates First Class Jack H. Durland, Price E. Harlow, Cecil W. Posey, Raymond C. Griffin, Privates Walter G. Chadwick, Lee J. Turgason, Nicholas A. Fox, Leo W. May, Paul M. Newlin, O. R. Nichoalds, Arnold E. Oliver Edwin G. Rogers, and Robert R. Swan.

Mail Carrier Ill—
D. B. Stoddard, mail carrier, is ill at his home today. Harvey Patton, who is also employed by the postoffice, returned to work today after being ill the latter part of last week.

Hilgard Folk Here—
Mrs. Cleveland Noland and daughter, Helen, of Hilgard, were in La Grande Saturday shopping.

Hurt on Toboggan—
While tobogganning near Hilgard, Claude Sanford twisted his leg Sunday and was unable to work this morning. Winter sports at Hilgard are reported to be especially fine now with a toboggan slide and a ski jump among the entertainment features.

Goes to Hospital—
James McNamee left Sunday for Portland where he expects to undergo treatment at the Veteran's hospital for a few days.

To Have Turkey Feed—
The Knights of Pythias members are holding their annual turkey feed at the K. P. hall tonight beginning at 7 o'clock. They are entertaining the ladies and families. A joint committee has been appointed which includes H. W. Riley, chairman; Walter Jones, L. L. Pittenger, Don Gaily, Wesley McDonald, from the Knights; and Mrs. Don Gaily, Mrs. Alva Crowley, Mrs. Walter Jones, Mrs. Wesley McDonald, Mrs. Jim Quinland, and Mrs. August Erickson, from the Pythian sisters.

Visit Wallowa Lake—
Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Siegrist, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leisman and W. C. Perkins motored yesterday to Wallowa lake where they spent the day at snow sports. They enjoyed dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Siegrist's new lakeside cottage.

Visiting Here—
Mrs. James Snodgrass and daughter, Judith, are visiting in this city for a few days. They make their home in Baker.

Goes to Baker—
George Williams, of La Grande, road foreman of engineers for the Union Pacific railway, was in Baker recently.

Arrive in La Grande—
Mrs. Pat Powers and son, of Medical Springs, who have been visiting in Baker, arrived in La Grande to spend a few days.

Appendix Operation—
Irene Geiger, of Elgin, underwent an appendix operation at the Grande Ronde hospital this morning.

Returns to Home—
Miss Mildred Smith returned to her home today, after a confinement of several weeks in the Grande Ronde hospital.

Leave Hospital—
Mrs. Clayton Coalwell and baby left the Grande Ronde hospital yesterday.

Recover—
Mrs. Ed Johnson and Iris Hughes were among those who left the Grande Ronde Hospital yesterday.

Washingtonian Here—
Mrs. Augustus Hunt, postmistress of Burton, Wash., spent the latter part of last week visiting with Mrs. F. S. Nye and her daughter, Mrs. Harry Turner. Mrs. Hunt is having medical treatment at Hot Lake sanitarium.

Mrs. Mackey Ill—
Mrs. C. L. Mackey, who nursed her son during the two weeks that he was ill of smallpox, is ill at her home. She was released from quarantine last Saturday.

Goes to San Francisco—
Miss LaVelle Richey left Saturday for San Francisco, where she will enter nurses training at the San Francisco General hospital. She was accompanied as far as Portland by Mrs. G. N. Ttrkington.

Drum Corp to Meet—
The American Legion drum corps will practice tomorrow evening at the highway shops at 7:30 under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr. The La Grande drum corps won first place in Eastern Oregon last year, with a drum corps which included 33 members.

Goes to San Francisco—
Miss Lavonia Cornell left this morning for San Francisco where she expects to study dancing. Miss Cornell has been spending the past eight months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cornell, in this city.

Visit In La Grande—
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Newell, of Huntington, Ore., spent the weekend in this city transacting business and shopping.

Highway Beautifiers Meet—
The Oregon Trail Beautiful committee of the Neighborhood club met Saturday for a special meeting called by the chairman, Mrs. H. G. Smith. The committee is planning an interesting program for March 3 on Oregon trails, and various clubs throughout Union county, including granges, women's clubs, etc., will be invited. The program will include speakers who will talk on the preservation of natural scenery and the beautification of the highways. A speaker from the Willamette valley is being considered for the main address of the day. Following the program a tea will be served, probably at the La Grande hotel, for the purpose of allowing the women from other towns to discuss their own local problems. The committee includes Mrs. E. P. Mossman, Mrs. Turner Oliver, Mrs. Renwick Clark, Mrs. Adolph Siegrist, Mrs. Charles Playle, Mrs. Clyde Seitz, Mrs. Merlin Batley, Mrs. Glen Thompson, Mrs. Mary Maber, and Mrs. Fred Henning.

A. T. Hill In Seattle—
A. T. Hill, local business man, left Saturday evening for Seattle, Wash., where he expects to spend a few days on business.

Leave for East—
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ravenscroft left during the weekend for the east where they will make an extended visit in several cities. Mrs. Ravenscroft returned Saturday morning from Seattle where she accompanied her daughter, Jane, who is attending the University of Washington. Miss Ravenscroft received an injured knee while riding on a sled during vacation time and has been unable to walk to her classes. When Mrs. Ravenscroft returned to this city, she stated that Jane was able to walk with a cane and had resumed her school work at the university.

Lutherans to Give Play—
"Fascinating Fanny Brown," a play of mistaken identity with a gripping denouement, is being rehearsed for presentation by the Choral society of the Lutheran church in addition to "Miss Mary Smith," which they have been working on for some time and which they will present on Jan. 30 at the church. The second in the series will be given some time in April. The cast for the "Fascinating Fanny Brown" includes: Dorothy Dudley, the heroine, a modern flirt, played by Mary Wilmer; Billy Pierson, the hero who is very much in love with the heroine, Motier Dodge. Other characters are Helen Hughes, Ralph Couch, Mildred Dodge, Alvin Dodge, Tillie Olson; Juanita Stitzinger, and Minnie Ainsworth. The Choral society will hold choir practice Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of Helen Hughes.

May Form Audubon Group—
An organization meeting for the purpose of forming an adult Audubon society has been planned for Tuesday evening in the La Grande hotel. All those interested in the study, activities and protection of birds are welcome. The meeting begins at 7:30 o'clock.

Scout Leaders Make Plans For February Events

The local scoutmasters, their assistants and members of the scout leadership course at the Normal school held a meeting in the La Grande hotel last Thursday evening, the purpose of this meeting being to outline a series of activities for the spring months and anniversary week.

For anniversary week, Feb. 8 to Feb. 15, the group decided to hold a court of honor, a parents and sons banquet with a typical scout program and to have a window display contest among the local troops. A prize is to be awarded to the troop whose window is best decorated. The necessary committees were appointed to manage these affairs. Clare Thomas will chairman the arrangements committee, Harvey Carter the program committee, and H. Rogers and E. Finlay, the ways and means committee.

The group has planned for an indoor rally to take place in March. The program will include a fire-by-friction contest, one team from each troop; a signalling vent, using both semaphore and Morse codes, one team of four for each event from each troop; a be-prepared first aid stunt, pyramid building, Paul Revere race, chariot race, patrol judging contest, troop stunt, knot-tying (a team of nine from each troop) and a pack-rolling contest. Two blankets, three milk cans, a shirt, a pair of socks, flashlight, a pair of shoes and three feet of rope will be required for the pack contest.

After planning these events the group engaged in a discussion of the patrol method. Illustrations were given for interesting boys in first aid. Other suggestions for troop programs and games were given. This meeting constituted a class session for the Boy Scout leadership course given by the Eastern Oregon Normal school under the direction of Elmo Stevenson, instructor.

Those present were Harold and Edwin Rogers, Woodrow Damerell, Clare Thomas, Dr. C. Polly, H. Carter and others.

MELVILLE TO TURN ON GAS AT CEREMONY

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presidents of the Rotary and Lions clubs, the chamber of commerce and other organizations are to be present at the noon ceremony. Members of the organizations and the general public are invited to attend.

All residents are invited to attend the ceremony, to begin promptly at 12 noon.

All preparations have been made for this event. Executive Vice President R. E. Aitsheson, accompanied by Merchandist Manager T. E. Bartlett have arrived from San Francisco and A. E. Strong is here from the Portland office. He is in charge of organization work for the Oregon and Washington properties.

Recently a store was opened here, and R. D. Scott, local representative, was placed in charges as manager.

The plant which the company has erected here is one of more than forty gas plants of the same type which are being constructed on the Pacific coast. The plant is of a design prepared by Thebo, Starr and Anderton, after years of survey and study of the uses of liquefied petroleum gases and is the last word in construction and efficiency.

The construction of the distribution system was carried out by the contracting firm of Lindgren and Swinerton, while all work was done under the direction of Standard Management and Operating corporation.

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In discussing the arrival of gas in La Grande Mr. Aitcheson made the following statement:

"We are more than pleased with results of the applications for gas service which have been made in this community. To date more than 1000 persons have made application for service and this is an indication of a highly pleasing nature that La Grande appreciates the investment which our company has made toward giving a utility service that will modernize the city and place it upon a parity with larger cities throughout the state."

In connection with the opening of the gas service, a number of local citizens were interviewed by the Observer.

Among the statements were the following:

A. T. Hill, former city commission president and local merchant: "Any enterprise which brings in a payroll is helpful to La Grande. As the company increases in usefulness to the individual by helping him in his fuel problems, it will also increase in usefulness to the community by the addition of another industry which will help take care of the unemployment problem."

Victor R. Melville, present city commission president and plumber: "The opening of the natural gas service in La Grande means the last word in convenience for the home. It permits of greater development in our industries."

W. C. Perkins, proprietor of Perkins Motor company and prominent in civic work: "I think La Grande is very fortunate in being added to the many towns in Oregon that are supplied with gas. La Grande was next to the largest city in Oregon that did not have this service, the only larger city without gas service being Klamath Falls, which city is soon to be supplied by the same company as La Grande. The advantages to La Grande are: an additional industry to add to the taxable wealth of the county, additional payroll, a lower rate to purchasers of heat for certain purposes, especially where quantity is required. A city the size of La Grande needs this utility and we are indeed fortunate that the franchise was granted to the Natural Gas Corporation of Oregon. This company being a subsidiary of the Standard Oil company no doubt will have the same attitude as shown by the parent company in matters pertaining to the upbuilding of the communities which it serves."

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Roadster	430	435	5
Sport Coupe	500	525	25
Coupe	490	495	5
De Luxe Coupe	525	545	20
Tudor Sedan	490	495	5
Fordor Sedan	590	600	10
Town Sedan	630	660	30
Cabriolet	595	625	30
Victoria	580	625	45
De Luxe Sedan	630	640	10
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