

LOCAL BRIEFS

At Hot Lake—J. Ballard, of Halfway, motored to Hot Lake Saturday after Mrs. Ballard, who has been with her son, Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Ballard returned home Saturday and Harold expects to be able to be home Wednesday.

At Home—Tom Shaw was in Haines from La Grande for the weekend with his family. He and his daughter Alice were business visitors in Baker Saturday afternoon.

In Baker—Among the La Grande people in Baker yesterday were C. L. Harmon, H. K. Watson, and R. A. Bergin.

In Portland—A. J. Stange and T. J. Scroggin, both of La Grande, had business matters to attend to here, so they happened into the Imperial at the same time. They had no special news to tell. Oregonian.

Returns—Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Maxam have returned to their home here after spending the past two months in California visiting with relatives.

On Business—Lloyd C. White, an attorney from San Francisco, was in La Grande yesterday on legal business before the county court.

At La Grande Hotel—The Rotary dinner dance was held at the La Grande hotel instead of at the Sackajawea as was stated in yesterday's Observer.

Skating Party—A skating party sponsored by the Nature Study club of the Women's Athletic association, met last night at the Rex Skating rink for a skating party. About 75 students attended and enjoyed the affair. Eva Woods was in charge of the event.

Discusses India—The International Relations club held a discussion on India when members met last night at the Normal school. Mary Dawson discussed the caste system of India. At the next meeting they will discuss religion and leaders and the possible outcome of the conflict there. Books from the Carnegie Foundation will be used in the work.

On Business—Charles H. Simmons, of Grandview, Wash., was in La Grande transacting business. Mr. Simmons is interested in the barber business in his town.

Lumberman—J. W. Crowley, who is one of the lumbermen of Wallawa, was in La Grande yesterday looking over his business interests.

Campfire—Miss Doris Bishop, executive from the national council of Camp Fire Girls, will be in La Grande Monday, Feb. 23, for a series of meetings with local groups. She expects to remain for three days talking before various organizations and a round of luncheon, tea, and parties have been arranged in her honor. On Monday morning she will speak before the high school girls at 9 o'clock, and again at 4 o'clock at the Normal school auditorium for all guardians from La Grande, Cove, and Union, as well as others interested in the Camp Fire movement.

Wind Indicator—If people on the north side of Adams avenue are doubtful about the weather for golf they only have to look at the flag which floats above the federal building. If the flag is comparatively still out come the golf clubs, but if the banner is being whipped about vigorously the clubs stay in their storage place and the men go back to their work.

Go to Portland—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Peterson, of Richland, Ore., in Eagle Valley, stopped in La Grande last night on their way to Portland.

Interest Shown—Increased interest is being shown in the Mission study classes at the Presbyterian church. A potluck supper followed by a study hour was an event of last night at the church and was well attended. Different classes are held for all ages, for the purpose of studying the conditions and purposes of the missionary work.

Admitted to Hospital—Among those admitted to the Grande Ronde hospital yesterday were Eric Olman and Newell Klein.

Fined \$25—Alfred Back appeared yesterday in the court of the justice of the peace, charged with trapping during the closed season. He was found guilty and fined \$25. In default of payment he is now in the county jail.

Sentenced to Jail—Ed Hopper was arrested Monday night and brought before the justice of the peace Tuesday on charges of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor and of prior conviction. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to serve thirty days in jail.

Case Dismissed—Joe Schofield and E. M. Derrick, residents of Telocast, appeared in the court of the justice of the peace yesterday for a hearing of a complaint charging them with the making of threats. They were dismissed.

To Observe Holiday—Both La Grande banks will be closed on Monday, Feb. 23, in observance of Washington's birthday, which this year falls on Sunday with the result that following business day is being generally observed as a holiday.

Fined for Speeding—Three men were fined in municipal court last night by Judge C. M. Humphreys on charges of speeding, according to the police. All paid \$5. The three were Clifford Heggy, Roy Shafer and Fred Hoffman.

Accident—Cars driven by A. A. Masterton and M. G. Willert, both of La Grande, figured in a minor accident yesterday on Adams avenue. No one was hurt.

Flue Fire—A flue fire at the Montgomery home west of the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary on Pennsylvanian was extinguished yesterday afternoon by the fire department. The fire was at 3:35. Thirty-eight gallons of chemicals were used.

Mr. Barnwell is Winner—Lloyd Barnwell of the local sales force, Natural Gas Corporation of

Oregon, is winner of first place in an essay contest recently conducted by the corporation and affiliated companies among all employees. This is in accordance with word just received from the San Francisco offices of the company by R. D. Scott, local representative of the company here. Mr. Barnwell has been a resident of La Grande for the past several years and has been active in the sales department of Oregon since the opening of office and display room in the Sackajawea Hotel building. This contest was conducted in conjunction with an essay contest sponsored by the Pacific Coast Gas association among member companies, and Mr. Barnwell's essay, together with the next four in succession, will compete in the finals, representing Natural Gas Properties Incorporated.

The two-for-one offer of the State Theatre mentioned in today's ad is good only today and tomorrow!

\$338 PAID FROM UNION COUNTY

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The six counties covered by the Whitman forest amounted to \$18,837.55, the report shows; the Wallawa forest paid a total of \$7860.14; and the Umatilla forest paid a total of \$6,278.13 with six counties involved.

The total amount received by the state from the 15 forests in the state of Oregon was \$191,722.64, the report shows.

Opera Singers In Portland On March 12, 13, 14

Undoubtedly the greatest cast of world renowned singers ever assembled by the Chicago Civic Opera company will make up the cast of principals in the four performances of opera to be presented by the Chicago company at the Portland Public Auditorium, March 12, 13 and 14. Evidence that this fact is accepted by the public is seen in the advance ticket sale which is practically three times as great as the advance when the company was on the Pacific Coast the last time in 1928.

A great many of the artists have never been heard before but have gained local renown by reason of their photograph records or press reports of their great victories in opera elsewhere in the world. Of particular interest this year is the



EMMA REDELL, soprano, will be featured in the opera performances at the Portland Public Auditorium.

cast being brought out for the revival of German opera in the Northwest. This cast to appear in "Die Walkure" includes such famous European artists as Frida Leider, Maria Olszewska, Emma Redell, Alexander Kipnis, Theodore Strack, Chase Barncoe, Coe Glade, Sonia Sharnova and others.

Intangibles Refund Bill Is Sent Back

SALEM, Feb. 19 (AP)—House bill 298, providing for an immediate refund of \$894,458.35, collected by the state tax commission under the intangibles tax act that was later declared unconstitutional, did not come up as special order in the house yesterday as scheduled. Instead the sponsors of the bill agreed, according to Representative Allan Bynon, one of the introducers of the bill, to send it back to the committee for amendment to harmonize with the program of the three taxation and revenue committees of the house and senate. This was agreed to by Representative Bynon and Homer D. Angell as leaders of the refund movement.

Slayer's Attorney Asks for New Trial

MEDFORD, Feb. 19 (AP)—A motion for a new trial was filed here on behalf of James Kingsley, sentenced to hang April 3 for the murder of Sam Prescott, Ashland policeman.

Robert E. Hann, attorney for the slayer, said the new trial is petitioned for on grounds of alleged misconduct of jurors. One juror, he said, read a newspaper in the jury box during the case.

Congress May Talk Philippine Freedom

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—The belief that a pending bill might be the entering wedge for the consideration in congress of Philippine independence was expressed in the house yesterday by Chairman Johnson, of the immigration committee.

Paper of 1880 Tells of Death Of Washington

"On Wednesday last, the mortal part of Washington, the great father of his country and the friend of man was configured to the tomb, with solemn honors and funeral pomp," the Ulster County News of January 4, 1880 states. Earl Hooker is in possession of a copy of the paper, having bought it from a dry farmer in Idaho a number of years ago. The paper is on display in Falk's store in one of the show windows.

Even at the time of his death, George Washington, the first president of the United States, was revered and honored, for the paper adds: "A multitude of persons assembled from many miles round, at Mt. Vernon, the choice abode and last residence of the illustrious chief. There were the groves, the spacious avenues, the noble mansion, but alas! the august inhabitant was nowhere. That great soul was gone. His mortal part was there indeed; but all how affected by the spectacle of the river firing minute guns shook afresh our solemn sorrow."

The paper, which was set in type by hand, is extremely different from the modern paper, since the timely news is put on the two inside pages, while the first page is devoted to editorial columns, and the last page to classified advertisements.

No less auspicious than the occasion which the story deals is the language and flowery verbiage which fills the three columns.

"Between 3 and 4 o'clock the sound of artillery was heard in the river firing minute guns shook afresh our solemn sorrow," the story continues in describing the funeral. "The corpse was removed—a band of music with mournful melody melted the soul into all tenderness of woe."

PLAN UNDERGROUND RAILWAY

PORTLAND, Feb. 19 (AP)—Plans for an underground belt line railroad to provide uniform switching operations here were approved by the city council last night.

The underground link will be a mile in length, owned by the city, along the waterfront.

'HEARING' IS HELD ON TWO ORDINANCES

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noter if there was any left after expenses were paid, and did not in any way stage the matches. The commission, he explained, acted only in an advisory or supervisory capacity, although it had insisted on a clean sport and absence of fakes.

Says There Is Misunderstanding—Mr. Farnam said there was undoubtedly a great deal of misunderstanding. He denied that wrestling was put on by the "White Ways." "It is a national sport," he said, "originating in our schools." He urged that the age limit be lowered, recalling that boys and girls often graduated from high school and took on the responsibilities of adults before or at the age of 16 years. He said that today education is given the youth as his shield that protects him in mastering his own destiny, rather than telling him he cannot do this or that.

He pointed out that wrestlers of national fame are appearing here, and that radio broadcasts exaggerated descriptions of their bouts in other cities. He expressed the opinion that those who have not seen the matches here are in no real position to denounce them; he said that women, when he changed it to ladies, saying that the word "women" took in too much territory—had attended matches here, accompanied by their children, and he ventured to say that none of them would speak ill of the local matches.

Concerning the matter of keeping children out of their homes at night, Mr. Farnam said that children were not allowed to come into the matches free of charge, but that they must pay to enter, and that this was done largely to insure that they come with their parents' consent.

He remarked that parent teacher associations had asked City Manager Cherry to explain wrestling to them, but he also expressed the opinion that it is possible they did not grasp it as it is or as Mr. Cherry may have presented it.

Mr. Farnam, in his first talk, also stated that the boxing commissions on which he served, inquired into legal matters thoroughly and that they had functioned within the laws of the state and the ordinances of the city.

Sections of State Law Read—Victor R. Melville, president of the city commission, stated that there is some misunderstanding in all probability, and asked Mr. Eakin to read the state law. Mr. Eakin read several sections, some of which governed the handling of finances, staging of bouts under boxing commissions, etc. Mr. Farnam, however, declared that in no place did the law state that a boxing commission must stage the matches, merely acting as an advisory board over the actions of private promoters, there is no violation of the law.

Mr. Melville said that he did not feel that the city should be financially concerned in the matches, and that he felt that the city is responsible.

Mr. Farnam also pointed out that the state law gives the municipal boxing commission control over the matches, and referring to possible liability, he said, in recent boxing matches, all professional boxers were required to sign a release before they entered the ring. He read a letter from the State of Oregon Home offices saying that boxing in Oregon must be held under a boxing and wrestling commission or else it comes in the classification of prize-fights, which are unlawful.

Others Speak—At this point, one man in attendance said that he has two boys, had taken them to all fights he attended here, and that he found the fights all right.

A woman, representing the W. C. T. U., said that things are going back to barbarian days and expressed the belief that the trend should be stopped.

A man then said that if the

matches are unfit for children to attend, then they must be unfit for parents to attend.

Ray McCarroll, promoter of the wrestling matches here, mentioned that under state law the municipal boxing commissions had control of the matches, the regulations, etc. He asked if the boxing commission had approved the proposed ordinance. City Manager Cherry replied that no meeting of the boxing commission had been held this year, and Mr. McCarroll pointed out that the ordinance is not an instrument of the boxing commission. He said that he does not want any minors to attend unless such attendance is agreeable to their parents. He said that he felt that the license fee of \$20 is too high, also the \$1000 bonds. He said that the bonds did not give him protection as a promoter who has spent time and money to build up the sport here, from others coming in from the outside angle, he heartily disapproved the ordinance.

Fred Henning took the floor, recalling that many matches have been held in recent years without anything out of the way occurring. He said that he had also attended and enjoyed football games and found that sport more vulgar, possibly more vulgar, in his opinion, than the boxing matches. He said that he doesn't see any need for any age limit, unless one aimed at babes in arms, whose crying would be put on the program.

He declared that it is a clean sport.

"Too Many Ordinances," He Says—"We probably have too many ordinances," Mr. Henning said. "We all have a right to our own opinion. I believe in the state of things, the thing very nicely. . . . We should live and let live. If some people like this sport, let's not deprive them of it."

Mr. Cherry answered that no one was trying to stop the fighting game. The idea, he said, is for the city commission to get out from under the "White Ways," he said, "and want you to pull off these events but we want nothing to do with it."

He said that he felt that the boxing commission tied in the city commission with the sport, and asked for an opinion from Mr. Eakin as to whether they could abolish the boxing commission, and if the boxing commission had been carrying on in any way and also complimented Mr. McCarroll on the character of the wrestling matches held here by him. "There is absolutely no necessity at this time for enactment of a new ordinance," he declared.

PROMOTERS TAKE MONEY

It was at this point that Mr. Farnam brought out the point that the boxing commission had never received any money, all of it going to the promoter. "Bouts have been staged just as they are now," he declared. He said that Mr. McCarroll is not connected with the boxing commission in any way and also complimented Mr. McCarroll on the character of the wrestling matches held here by him. "There is absolutely no necessity at this time for enactment of a new ordinance," he declared.

Other Ordinance on Grill

The first fireworks of the evening were touched off when the paper-hangers, painters and decorators ordinance was brought up, although the document was laid on the table. The first speaker from the audience made the assertion, as a representative of organized labor, that he is "terribly opposed to it." He said that he be-

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Heved it is his business if he wants the paper in his house hung upside down. He classed the ordinance as a type of legislation that is taking personal rights away from individuals. He said that its provisions were against those of the American Federation of Labor.

Another painter spoke, declaring that as a painter, he was not in favor of such an ordinance.

The third speaker, a contractor, although a journeyman painter, Mr. Melville said he could not answer it, that the ordinance is adopted or not, and that the commission wants it only if the community wants it. The commission must satisfy the majority of citizens, he said, expressing appreciation of the statements made by those citizens in attendance.

In addition to the discussions concerning the two ordinances, several minor matters were taken up, and the city manager's report was read. The weekly report from the recorder-treasurer was given in detail, a practice started last Wednesday. Mr. Cherry reported that a new report on the city water was received from the state board of health, showing the water in "A" condition on Feb. 19. He said he had decided to extend U-turn intersections one block west on Adams and two blocks east on Adams avenue, and this was approved by the commission. The city physician reported that he has appointed Mrs. Lund as caretaker at the city hospital in place of Mrs. Swalberg.

Mr. Cherry, while in Portland, will take up several legal matters with the attorney, including the city improvement bonds for sale sometime in the near future.

MARY KLEMM, ADVOCATE OF PEACE, VISITS

An over-night visitor in La Grande yesterday was Miss Mary Klemm, northwest field secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War, with headquarters in Portland. Miss Klemm was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1930 in the school of journalism.

Lecturing before civic groups, schools, churches, and colleges on

the subject of the prevention of war, she is to spend two or three weeks in Eastern Oregon, having travelled in Eastern Washington during January.

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Miss Klemm went on to Wallawa this morning. She will return to La Grande in another week.

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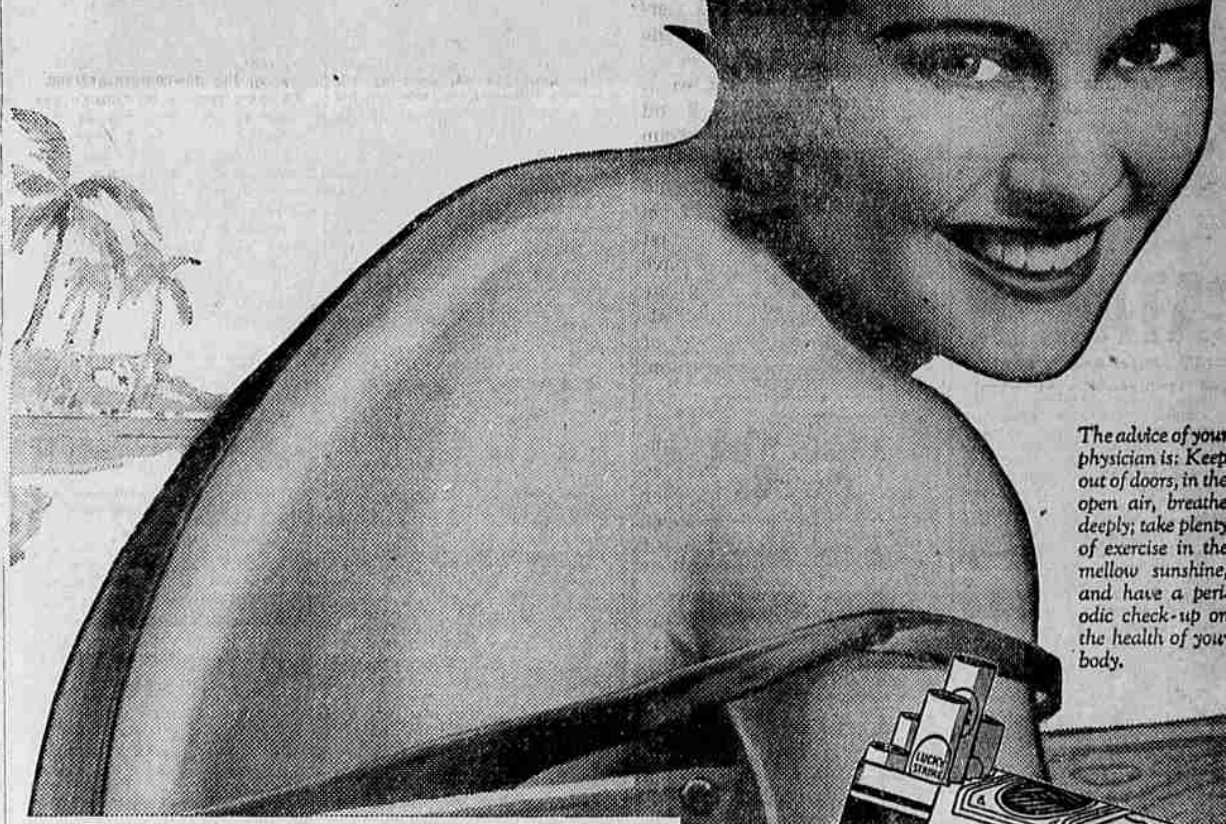
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