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GIFT BUYING PERIOD OPENS IN LA GRANDE

Christmas Shopping to Reach Its Peak During Next Two Weeks.

FINE STOCKS ARE SECURED LOCALLY

Wide Variety of Gifts and Toys Offered By Merchants — "Shop Early" is Urge.

With Christmas eve barely two weeks in the future and only 12 shopping days remaining, the seasonal volume of business in La Grande stores is beginning to show an upturn.

Some Christmas shopping has been done during the last two weeks, but the bulk of the trade is getting under way at present, and merchants anticipate a busy time from now on, particularly during the weekends and after the distribution of the mid-month railroad pay checks.

Christmas stocks have been received in all of the stores dealing in gifts and toys, and a wide variety of articles are offered La Granders at prices much lower than ordinary. Attractive displays have blossomed forth during the last week or so, and from now on, the Christmas "rush" is expected to gain momentum, to continue until the stores close Christmas eve.

MANY PRACTICAL GIFTS
By Bess Duke

Twelve more shopping days until Christmas! La Grande shop windows are fairly crying out to shoppers to buy early with dainty but practical gifts for women and useful and very masculine things for men displayed

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MAIL AND SHOP EARLY, IS POST OFFICE PLEA

Within a few days, the La Grande post office will be plunged into its annual Christmas rush, and as the "busy season" approaches, Postmaster R. R. Huron urges everyone mailing Christmas packages to pay particular attention to the wrapping, containers and the addresses.

"Use strong paper and heavy twine," Mr. Huron urges. "All parcels must be securely wrapped or packed. Also, addresses should be complete, with house number and name of street, post office box or rural number, and typed or plainly written in ink. The return must be placed in the upper left corner of every piece of mail. If a tag is used, the address and return should be written on the package also, so that if the tag is lost, the gift will still reach its destination."

Mr. Huron also emphasizes the importance of early mailing. "Do your Christmas shopping so that you can mail your gifts a week or 10 days before Christmas, according to the distance. This will not only make it certain that they are received on or before Christmas day, but will be a great aid to the post office employes in handling the heavy amount of mail during the two weeks before Christmas."

Plans Instruction In First Aid Work

Beginning early next month, Red Cross first aid classes will be started in La Grande, with local physicians and a competent staff of assistants as instructors. Annually, lifesaving classes have been held here during the summers, and now plans are being made for the first aid classes.

It is hoped to interest many employes of public utilities but the classes are, of course, open to all. The first enrollment meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 4 at the La Grande hotel. The course will consist of 15 hours of instruction, divided into 10 lessons of one and a half hours length.

A local committee is making all arrangements for the Red Cross classes.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Rains in the west and snow in the east portions tonight; slightly colder in the west portion tonight; Friday fair and cold; fresh west becoming northerly winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—24 above.
Minimum: 16 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 35, minimum 23 above.
Condition: Cloudy. Range —8 degrees.

WEATHER DEC. 10, 1930

Maximum 42, minimum 18 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy, traces of snow, precipitation .09 of inch. Range—24 degrees.

School Census Complete; Shows Total of 2621

More Girls Than Boys in La Grande as Compared With Different Condition in 1930-31.

A slight decrease in the number of boys and girls of school age is noted for the school year 1931-32 as compared with the year of 1930-31, according to the census just completed by Raymond O. Williams, clerk of the school board. A total of 2621 persons of school age, between the years of 4 and 19, inclusive, live in school district No. 1, which includes only the La Grande schools, whereas last year a total of 2774 was shown.

Of the 2621, the enrollment in the La Grande schools shows that 2102 are attending.

More Girls Now

In 1930-31 there were 1392 boys and 1382 girls, and in 1931-32 there are 1309 boys and 1312 girls.

The total decrease in the census, Mr. Williams states, is 153, probably due to the fact that a number of families have moved from La Grande during the past summer and fall.

Of the total of 2621 children, only 51 have foreign born parents, while all of the children were born in the United States.

The enrollment by schools which makes a total of 2102 students is Ackerman, 173; Central, 511; Greenwood, 397; Riverla, 299; Willow, 80; and the High school, 642.

WALLOWA COUNT 19 LOWER

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Dec. 10 (Special)—Population in Wallowa county has been about stationary in the last year, as indicated by the school census taken Nov. 1, and just given out by Supt. J. C. Conley, states the Record-Chieftain. This shows 2395 children of school age, compared with 2414 a year before, a decline of 19. There are 1232 boys and 1163 girls on the census roll.

No marked shift in population

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HELMS' CONDITION SOMEWHAT BETTER

Officer Rallies This Morning — Doctor Flys to La Grande From Portland

Amos "Spud" Helms, after a more or less delirious condition most of yesterday, rallied some last night but at an early hour this morning, with delirium returning and his fever fluctuating, his condition showed little change. During the morning, however, he became rational and at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon was reported as showing some improvement.

A hurried call was sent to Dr. Joseph F. Wood, of Portland, yesterday and he flew to La Grande, arriving here about 8 o'clock last night to confer with Dr. C. S. Moore and Dr. C. E. Branner. Mr. Helms' physicians. The Portland man was encouraged this morning by Mr. Helms' condition and believes he has a chance to recover, although his condition remains very critical. In the flight from Portland yesterday, the plane came from Pendleton to La Grande in 40 minutes through intense cold, and the doctor was thoroughly chilled when he reached the local airport. He is to return to Portland this evening.

Mrs. McClure, of Portland, Mr. Helms' mother, arrived here last night and his father reached La Grande today. A sister, Mrs. J. F. Wallace, of Vancouver, Wash., arrived at 7:30 last night.

Mr. Helms was shot in the abdomen several weeks ago by Keith Crosswhite and John Owens, Missouri bandits, who are in the county jail here at preagnt, held on open charges.

Memorial Service At Elks Meeting

In memory of members of the local B. P. O. E. who have died, the lodge will hold memorial services tonight at 7:30 at the Elks temple. The services will last until 8:30, after a regular meeting of the lodge will be held. Sherwood Williams, exalted ruler, also believes that final plans for the Christmas program will be made.

Herbert Browning is chairman of the committee which is making plans for the annual Christmas tree which will be put up Christmas week at the intersection of Depot and Washington streets. The committee also is arranging for the distribution of Christmas baskets.

H. E. Coolidge will deliver the main address at the memorial services, Mrs. Sherwood Williams will play the funeral march as an impressive opening of the program, and will also play the recessional. Mrs. Floyd Sherwood and E. E. Hurley will furnish vocal solos, and R. J. Green will give the eulogy. Both Mr. Green and Mri Coolidge are past exalted rulers.

The service will be accompanied by the regular rittialistic service.

Scaling Down Of War Debts Sought

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP) — The French government has formally notified the United States of its position that reparations revision must be accompanied by a comparative scaling down of war debts.

Ambassador Claudel of France notified Secretary Stimson of the French attitude.

JAPAN, CHINA ACCEPT PLAN OF LEAGUE

Both Acceptances, However, Made With Reservations, is Report.

BOARD OF INQUIRY IS PROVIDED FOR

Document Approved By Ambassador Dawes — No Opposition Develops in Paris Today.

PARIS, Dec. 10 (AP) — Japan and China today accepted the League of Nations resolution on the dispute in Manchuria.

Both acceptances were with reservations.

Kenkichi Yoshizawa reserved the Japanese right to take measures against bandits in Manchuria. Dr. Alfred Sze stipulated that China reserved "any and all rights, remedies and juridical positions" to which it is entitled under the league covenant and under treaties to which it is a party.

"China understands and expects," said Dr. Sze, "that the commission of inquiry in Manchuria will make its first duty to inquire into and report with recommendations on the withdrawal of Japanese forces if such withdrawal has not been completed when the commission arrives on the ground."

U. S. Approves Plan

With the acceptance by Japan and China endorsement of the resolution became unanimous. It also has been approved by United States Ambassador Dawes.

This arrangement calls for cessation of hostilities in Manchuria, withdrawal of Japanese troops as quickly as possible and creation of a neutral commission of inquiry to study the whole Sino-Japanese trouble.

Dr. Sze stipulated that hostilities must not be started by Japan under the pretext of the existence of lawlessness "caused by a state of affairs which it is the very purpose of this resolution to do away with."

"It is to be observed," he said, "that much of the lawlessness now prevalent in Manchuria is due to the interruption of normal life caused by the Japanese invasion.

"The only sure way of restoring

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SANTA CLAUS TO VISIT ALL CHILDREN HERE

"Yes, Santa Claus will be on the job during Christmas week for the poor as well as for the more fortunate children in La Grande."

This was the word given the Observer today by the fire department, where toys are being repaired for distribution to the needy.

"I believe we will have as many if not more toys than last year," Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay said, attributing this largely to the fact that the work was started earlier this year and also because a few toys were left over from last Christmas.

"The main thing now," he said, "is to learn where Santa is to deliver these toys. We seek every source of information we can, but it is manifestly impossible to not miss someone. It will make it a lot easier for us, if people would notify us of children who are not likely to receive toys Christmas day—and we'll do the rest."

Russian Papers Play Up "Crisis"

MOSCOW, Dec. 10 (AP) — Russian newspapers are giving prominent space to the opening of the United States congress seizing upon America's economic difficulties as evidence of the collapse of capitalism.

Izvestia talks of the "mounting crisis" and of "Hoover's inability to stem it." Pravda calls Washington the "most dangerous center in agitation for a new war" and both papers renew the charge the United States is trying to undermine Soviet Russia by forcing her into the Manchurian dispute.

IT'S TIME TO OPEN THE PURSE!

Data Requested By Local Group At City Meeting

Rumblings of a protest against present telephone rates in La Grande were heard last night at the city commission meeting, with the prospects pointing toward a possible investigation of rates by the state commissioner.

A. V. Andrews and J. Y. Walnum, present at the meeting, both figured in the discussion. Mr. Andrews inquired as to the phone company's payments to the city and was informed the West Coast Co. paid about $195 per month. Four per cent of the gross is the present "tax," which is determined by a graduated schedule.

"Wartime rates are being charged," Mr. Andrews said," and there is no apparent effort to reduce them. We think it is about time something is done." He intimated that a large number of local people stood ready to remove their phones unless some action is taken.

Mr. Walnum asked for information as to who establishes the rates and was informed that the company files rate schedules with the state, which in turn either rejects or approves them, following an investigation. The company itself, it was pointed out, is powerless to invoke a new rate until this procedure has been completed.

The visitors at the meeting also were informed that any complaint or request for lower rates would have to be filed with the state commissioner. V. R. Melville, president of

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Nobel Prize Is Awarded Today To 2 Americans

OSLO, Norway, Dec. 10 (AP)—Jane Addams, American social worker, and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, New York City, were awarded the Nobel peace prize today.

The award was made by the Nobel committee of the Norwegian storting (parliament). Half the prize goes to each of the two winners. The award has a money value of approximately $40,000.

The presentation took place in the Nobel institute in the presence of King Haakon, Crown Prince Olaf, heads of foreign legations, members of the cabinet and the storting, high state officials and representatives of various leading Norwegian educational, commercial and industrial bodies.

Neither of the two recipients was present and the awards were accepted in their name by Hoffman Philips, American minister to Norway.

Legion to Take Lead In Campaign To Keep La Grande Band Intact

An organization, composed of representatives of several local clubs, to sponsor the movement to raise funds for the continuance of the La Grande band, was formed last night at a mass meeting at 7:30 at the Sacajawea Inn, called by the members of the band. Andrew Loney Jr., director, presided at the meeting which was attended by members of the band and representatives from civic organizations, service clubs and other groups.

Since appropriations for the La Grande band were excluded from the city budget recently, the goodwill of the townspeople has been with the organization, but they have lacked a leader to arrange a program of raising funds. The American Legion offered to supply the stimulus and to co-operate with the other organizations in conducting a drive for funds, supplying the head necessary to organize the body of clubs who will probably lend their support.

Brady Chairman

Hugh Brady, as chairman of the American Legion committee, appointed at the last meeting on Dec. 2, will assume the chairmanship of the general committee. Members of the committee appointed last night include Claude L. Mackey, B. F. Wylde, Charles Playle, H. E. Coolidge, Roy Farnam, P. R. Finlay and J. P. Morelock. The general committee will meet next week with the legion committee, composed of Harley Richardson, Roy B. Currey, John Garity and H. T. Smith, and will discuss tentative plans of procedure.

Members of the legion point out that they are not endeavoring to finance the entire movement or assume complete control of the drive,

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TWO LYNCHED IN LEWISBURG TODAY

Negroes, Who Shot Officer and His Companion, Put to Death By Mob.

LEWISBURG, W. Va., Dec. 10 (AP) — Two negroes were taken from the Greenbrier county jail here early today and lynched by an organized mob of about 60 men.

They were hung, almost nude, from the cross arm of a telephone pole on the Midland trail, and then, before death could come by strangulation, volley after volley of shots were fired into their bodies.

The two, Tom Jackson, 25, and George Banks, 27, had been arrested November 22, at Leslie, W. Va., in connection with the killing of Constable Joseph Myles and Jack Brown, a companion, who had gone to a negro dance at Leslie to order the dancers to be more quiet. They had left the dance hall when they were shot down with a shotgun. Myles died instantly but Brown lived for a short time.

The mob came to the jail in automobiles about 2 o'clock. The cars were driven quietly around the square on which the jail is located with their lights dimmed and their license plates removed. Simultaneously they pulled to the curb and parked.

Quietly, and almost with military precision, the men got out of the automobiles and marched to the jail door. Jailer Wallace Flint was summoned, and as he opened the door he was grasped by the men and his keys taken from him.

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Zamora Elected Spanish Executive

MADRID, Dec. 10 (AP) — Niceto Alcala Zamora, a farmer's son, was elected first constitutional president of the Spanish republic by vote of the national assembly tonight.

The election was by secret ballot and Senor Alcala Zamora got 362 votes out of a possible 466.

Powers Case In Hands of Jurors

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 10 (AP) —Harry F. Powers today was convicted of murder. There was no recommendation of mercy.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 10 (AP) —The case of Harry F. Powers, charged with slaying Mrs. Dorothy Pressler Lemke, Northboro, Mass., divorcee, was given to the jury at 3:19 p. m. today.

TODAY IN WASHINGTON
(By the Associated Press)

President Hoover asks congressional approval of his moratorium plan.

Garner and Snell, in house, indicate vote not likely before Tuesday.

Johnson investigation resolution adopted in senate; Smoot introduces bill to ratify moratorium.

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Stiffer immigration and naturalization laws urged.

Senate Republicans consider compromise candidate for president pro tem.

Democrats prepare to frame party program.

Borah opposed to revival of war debts commission.

Treasury officials expect 15 per cent gain in industrial production.

Stiffer Laws On Naturalization Urged By Doak

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—Secretary Doak wants stiffer naturalization laws.

His first annual report, sent Wednesday to President Hoover, proposed that the alien be required to be as bright as a 14-year-old public school student and to be able to know English before he can be sworn to citizenship.

This would tremendously reduce the numbers naturalized. At present, a foreign-born person must reside in

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KING NOT TO OUST NIKOLAS RUMORS SAY

By the Associated Press

Talk of Magda Lupescu as possible future common queen of Rumania entered the dispute of the royal brothers at Bucharest today and capital circles believed they saw indications that King Carol would not expel Prince Nikolas for the latter's recent marriage to a commoner bride.

Foreign diplomats arriving at Paris from Rumania reported Mme. Lupescu had forsaken Judaism and become a Christian with a view to qualifying herself to be queen.

At Bucharest Prince Nikolas was understood to have handed King Carol his renunciation of membership in the royal family and that the document was a copy of Carol's renunciation, made under similar circumstances in 1926, when he was crown prince.

Premier Jorga denied the report, however, and the belief grew that Carol had determined not to exclude his brother.

15 Per Cent Gain In Output Likely

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP) — Treasury officials expect a 15 per cent increase in industrial production in the next fiscal year which begins on July 1, 1932.

In framing their tax recommendations, treasury experts used as their base an estimated fifteen per cent increase both in production and in government income for the next year.

It was pointed out, however, that an improvement could start and be carried on for months without becoming evident.

Umatillan Killed At Grade Crossing

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 10 (AP) — Robert A. Allen, 58, of Umatilla, was killed today when his automobile was struck by an O.-W. R. & N. train at Umatilla. Reports of witnesses said his automobile stalled on the tracks.

Congress Likely To Grant Hoover Most of Program

Ultimate Approval of His Plans, However, Does Not As Yet Include Higher Tax Scheme.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP) — Much of President Hoover's domestic economic program now seems destined for ultimate approval in congress, although a tedious period of thorough investigation, is ahead.

This prospect does not extend necessarily to all his economic proposals, nor to the tax increase plan which must run a gauntlet of tremendous opposition by the Democratic forces, the Republican independents of the senate and others.

The new $500,000,000 reconstruction corporation proposed by Mr. Hoover is one of the measures seeming to carry enough favor for victory. So is the home loan discount system, the recapitalization of federal land banks and the revision of the national bank laws.

Definite Stand Develops

A definite stand, however, has developed against the recommendation for liberalizing in the emergency the federal reserve system's rules for discounting of paper.

Turning to foreign affairs, triumph over some opposition was seen for the one-year moratorium proposal. More light upon the attitude of congress on this rested in its reception today of the president's message asking its ratification.

Bills were before both branches to carry out every important recommendation in the Hoover annual message, but there was no rush to get them enacted. In the senate banking committee, leaders insisted upon placing the reconstruction corporation plan in a sub-committee for deliberate study, embracing an inquiry into operation of the voluntary $500,000,000 credit corporation formed by banks at the president's suggestion.

Some of the other points already have consent of congressional leaders, expressed at the bi-partisan conference held in October at the White House. Senator Glass, of Virginia, the Democratic spokesman on banking legislation, however, is one of the leaders in opposing changes in the federal reserve system.

The house has not yet formed the

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Sniper In West Orange Murders Young Woman, 28

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 10 (AP) —Mrs. Grace Guilliano, a bride of six months, was shot dead in her bath last night.

The bullet, fired from a .22 calibre rifle, came out of the darkness, through a window pane and struck her in the back as she was preparing to draw water into the tub.

Her husband of six months, Joseph, who was downstairs reading, heard her scream. She was unconscious when he reached her side and was dead before she could be taken to a hospital.

The shot that killed her was not the first fired last night in the fashionable neighborhood in which the Guilliano home stands. As the husband, seeking help, ran from the house, he came upon a group of policemen who were investigating the circumstances of a shot fired through a window at the nearby home of J. C. Dorn. The bullet shattered the glass, but did no other damage.

Sniping has occurred in West Orange at frequent intervals for several years. No trace of the riflemen ever has been found. The slaying of Mrs. Guilliano, who was 28 years old, was the first fatality, although other persons have suffered flesh wounds from the sniper's shots.

Mrs. Guilliano's father, John Moffatt, is a federal labor conciliator.

The two shots were fired from an elevator at the rear of the Dorn and Guilliano homes. No one has been found who heard the shooting.

Capone Is Taken To McNeil Island

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10 (AP) — Under heavy guard, Ralph Capone, chief lieutenant for Al Capone, Chicago gang leader, passed through Portland today en route to McNeil island federal prison where he will serve a three-year sentence, began at Leavenworth penitentiary. No one was permitted to see the prisoner. Due to heavy snow in Eastern Oregon the train was 40 minutes late.

Considerable secrecy surrounded the transportation of Capone who was sentenced to prison for income tax evasion. A department of justice operative was in charge of the party. He was accompanied by two guards.

West Side Highway Proponents Meet

DALLAS, Ore., Dec. 10 (AP)—Equal distribution of highway work improvement between the east side and west side routes was demanded at a gathering of nearly 100 persons here last night, representing west side highway communities from Monroe to Newberg.

The highway commission's plan to widen the east side route between Salem and Portland, without widening the west side route accordingly, was criticized by speakers.

HOOVER ASKS FOR VOTE ON MORATORIUM

President Tells Congress Debtor Nations Cannot Pay at Present.

CANCELLATION IS NOT CONSIDERED

House, However, Will Not Act Before Dec. 15—Garner and Snell Are in Agreement.

NO ACTION BEFORE TUESDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP) —Speaker Garner said today that the house would not act on the Hoover moratorium before Dec. 15, the time for additional intergovernmental war debt payments.

The Texan said "We certainly will not pass on such a piece of important legislation before we have some information on it."

Hearings will be held before the ways and means committee probably next week.

Garner contended it did not necessarily mean the governments would default in their payments Dec. 15 just because congress failed to act on Hoover's proposal.

Representative Snell, the Republican leader, agreed the house could not act before Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—Declaring the debtor nations cannot pay, President Hoover asked congress today to provide for "temporary adjustments" in the war debt of Europe to the United States.

In a message submitting the June moratorium for ratification, he proposed revisal of the commission which funded these debts, and said:

"As we approach the new year, it is clear that a number of the governments indebted to us will be unable to meet further payments to us in full pending recovery in their economic life."

"Therefore it will be necessary in some cases to make still further temporary adjustments," he emphasized.

Asks For Recommendations

The foreign debt commission would go into the debts question in the light of "the present economic emergency," and make recommendations to congress.

Leading off with these recommendations, the message touched upon

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SNOW IN EAST, RAIN IN WEST DURING NIGHT

PORTLAND, Dec. 10 (AP)—Snow and rain visited Oregon again last night. Snow and lower temperatures were reported at points in Eastern Oregon, Southern Oregon and Eastern Washington, while rain was general on the coast from Eureka, Cal., to Vancouver, B. C.

Light flurries of snow fell in the Portland Heights during the night, melting as they fell. Rain and lower temperatures were forecast for Western Oregon today and tonight, with still lower temperatures expected Friday and Friday night.

Bend had a temperature of 28 and snow today. Snow was falling at Medford with the temperature. Baker had a minimum of 20 and fine snow was falling. Burns was one of the coldest places in the state with a minimum of 14 degrees.

Jealousy Cause Of Trunk Murder

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP) — Police announced today that Otto Jochmann had confessed that he killed Louis Jensen, of Hoboken, N. J., whose body was found last night in a trunk in Jochmann's apartment.

They said the motive for the killing was Jochmann's jealous love for a young servant girl who was engaged to marry Jensen.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 (AP)—Dominated largely by unsettlement of securities and by disquiet concerning possible adverse trade exchange legislation at Washington, grain prices tended to sag today. Late scarcity of offerings, however, led to rallies near the end of the day.

There were reports the Russian wheat crop and potato crop this season had proved virtually a total failure.

Wheat closed nervous ¼@¾ cents higher than yesterday's finish, corn ¼@¾ cents up, oats unchanged to ⅜ cent off, and provisions unchanged to 5 cents down.

PORTLAND, Dec. 10 (AP) — December wheat closed with a loss of ¾ cent bu. for the Thursday session of the Portland futures market with May unchanged. Cash wheat was unchanged on the merchants exchange.