

LOCAL BRIEFS

Receive Bids—The Blue Mountain Lumber company has gone into a receivership and Judge J. W. Knowles, of the circuit court, has set Saturday for receiving bids for timber on Catherine creek belonging to the company.

To Return—Mrs. R. F. Murphy and daughter, Betty Lou, are expected to return this weekend from Kansas City where Mrs. Murphy has been visiting her parents and other relatives.

Recovering—Mrs. Robert Dixon is recovering from a serious illness at the Grande Ronde hospital where she has been confined during the past week.

From Baker—Miss M. Fisher and Miss B. B. Binder, of Baker, are business visitors in La Grande today.

Returns—Lester Keffner, who is attending Oregon State college at Corvallis this year, arrived in La Grande this morning to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends. Mr. Keffner is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

To California—Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Dow and son, Robert, will leave Friday for California to spend the holidays visiting their son, John, in San Francisco.

Wallowa Turks Marketed; Good Prices Reported

By G. C. Meek (Observer Correspondent)

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—A number of persons in this end of the valley who shipped turkeys to Portland and other markets recently reported themselves very well satisfied with prices received. In many instances the returns have been considerably better than prices received for the same class of birds last year.

Roy Gastin has been helping at the Skelton blacksmith shop here during the past several days. He is helping in building some sheds for himself and also reports much other repair work along this line being brought in recently.

James Anderson, who has been visiting friends in the Enterprise and Leap sections since Thanksgiving, is helping Sam Meek haul hay from the C. A. Hunter ranch this week.

James Weaver and wife, of Alder Slope, spent several days last week visiting at the F. A. Downing home at Leap.

Egg prices have continued to make a steady climb here during the past several weeks. At present some of the local stores are paying 38 cents per dozen in trade. Reports from many of the flock owners over the community state that a rather light production is being received. Pullet flocks at most places appear to be somewhat smaller than for previous years. This, together with the unusually early cold weather, is perhaps the greatest factor in small egg production.

Sam Meek and Roy Gastin were Enterprise business visitors the early part of the week.

Mrs. Bertha Taylor and daughter, Olivia, and Frank Mingel, of La Grande, visited the last of the week at C. W. Marshall's camp in the Wallowa canyon and also at the Meek Bros. home in Leap on Sunday.

L. W. Minor and Wilfred Royster have been busy the past week cutting wood on Whiskey creek.

Sleighing continues to remain good on practically all roads in this section and much hauling of hay, wood and etc. is being done now. Most of the mill roads are still open for auto travel yet. E. E. Southwick who operates rural route No. 1, is still using his car in making his trips and reports but little trouble in getting through the hill roads in the Leap section. Both the Promise and Wallowa-Troy stages are compelled to use teams on a part of the routes because of the greater depth of snow in the Powwaka and Maxville sections.

Determining Age of Fish—The age of fish is determined usually by the scales or otoliths. The age determination is not always easy and it frequently takes much study and experience before any definite decision can be made as to the age of a given specimen.

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A Santa Claus? Sure, For Court Affirms Him; And He Hasn't Changed a Bit, Rule



Santa Claus is the same old Santa Claus and changed economic and industrial conditions haven't erased the kindly look from his countenance or cooled his love for all. So has ruled the West Virginia supreme court of appeals, which urges children not to lose faith in him.

By Hamilton Faron
CHARLESTON, W. Va. (P)—Those who doubt the reality of Santa Claus may ponder a decision of the supreme court of appeals of West Virginia, the highest tribunal in the Mountaineer state.

Five judges, harking back to their childhood days, took judicial notice of the doubting Thomases and held in a formal opinion, couched in legal phraseology, that despite new models of locomotion, different industrial conditions and economic changes, Santa Claus remains the same, his eye undimmed and his spirit uncrushed.

"His desire to be bounteous endures through the ages, though his ability to reach every child may at times be affected by unfortunate economic conditions over which he has no control," the court held in its opinion, which urged that "no child lose faith in the spirit of Santa Claus."

Judge Raymond Maxwell, who wrote the court's opinion, which was concurred in by the other four judges, referred to a previous affirmation of Santa Claus by the tribunal. That opinion, handed down several years ago, scored critics of Santa Claus and reformers "who would abolish Santa Claus altogether."

Judge Maxwell, in the opinion, pointed out that the decision was written on a petition for a rehearing, and rules limiting the period in which a rehearing may be sought were disregarded "because time ran out against Santa Claus or little children."

"Counsel who have filed the petition (friends of children and of Santa Claus) do not attempt to have the decision modified or curtailed," they recognize its soundness," the opinion read.

"Their desire is that the decision may be enlarged to embrace more recent facts known to all men. The specific query is this: Have the stress and strain of recent months dimmed the eye or crushed the spirit of Santa Claus? We answer with an emphatic NO."

Wallowa Group Elects Officers For Coming Year

By Mrs. C. A. Hunter (Observer Correspondent)

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Jessica chapter, O. E. S., held election of officers Thursday night and the following were chosen to fill the offices: Julia Pfeffer, worthy matron; John McDonald, worthy patron; J. H. Hunter, associate matron; J. H. Martin, associate patron; Eula Marvin, secretary; Maud Marvin, treasurer; Mae Waddell, conductress; Ruth Baird, Adah; Lillian Dale, Ruth; Christine Sutphin, Esther; Agatha Marvin, Martha; Nellie M. Poole, Elmer; Lena Bratton, conductor; Charles Fisher, sentinel; Rae Searle, chaplain; Hattie Fisher, marshal. Joint installation will be held Friday evening with Stanley lodge and the Masonic brothers will serve refreshments and be the hosts of the evening.

The women of the American Legion auxiliary gave a benefit card party at the Masonic hall Monday evening that proved a delightful social event as well as a financial success. Eighteen tables were arranged for cards and bridge and pinocle were played. Charles Hauprichs and Mrs. Hollis Bull were awarded prizes for high scores at bridge, and Barton Wade and Miss Ada Johnson received the awards at pinocle. Mrs. John Bratton is general chairman of the social committee for the year. Assisting her were Mrs. Ross Hood, Mrs. Fred Jones, Mrs. Hugh Daugherty, Mrs. Ray McKinzie, Mrs. William McBeth, Mrs. E. Hook and Mrs. Orval McKinzie. At a late hour lovely refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Sub-zero weather still continues in Wallowa. Sunday night the thermometer registered 13 degrees below and Monday night the low point was 15 degrees below. With clear skies, there was no indication on Tuesday of a change of weather conditions.

Chinese Had the Idea
Centuries before modern knowledge of food values in citrus fruits, a Chinese writer asserted that the peel of the orange was a good tonic.

Toy Balloon Traveled Far
A toy balloon released in Acton, England, was found in Czechoslovakia.



Just save this picture to look at when you want to get cool next summer. Behind that coating of ice are the rigging and masts of the fishing schooner Magellan, as she appeared on returning to port at South Boston, Mass., the other day, after a trip to the fishing banks. The ice is sometimes chipped off for home use!

CRICKET FLAT PERSONALS

By Miss Lois Witherspoon (Observer Correspondent)

CRICKET FLAT (Special)—Mrs. A. H. Parsons left last week for Walla Walla where she will visit relatives for a few days and then go to the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parsons, of Spokane, to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waelty and children were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Halgarth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parsons and Mrs. Cooby were La Grande visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis McCarty, of Nampa, Idaho, who are visiting at the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hug, spent the latter part of last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roulet.

Fred Miller, who has been working on the highway near the Canadian line, moved a rock crusher crew to Spokane, Wash., then returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Miller, to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bechtel, of Wallawa, spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mrs. Bechtel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Witte, of Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waelty were shopping in La Grande Saturday.

Herman Carlton, who has been visiting at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Breashers, left Tuesday for his home at Hagerman, Idaho. His wife and daughter, Virginia Lea, will remain here until after New Year's before returning home.

Mrs. Milo Pratt, of Imbler, spent Sunday visiting at the home of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Witte, of Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bingham and children, of Imbler, and Mrs. Bingham's mother, Mrs. Stella Witte, of Elgin, spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mrs. Witte's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bechtel, of Wallawa, and also her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bennett.

Obstacle In Way Of Market Removed

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16 (P)—One of the greatest legal obstacles standing in the way of early construction of the new \$2,500,000 public market in Portland was overcome Tuesday.

Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker, of McMinnville, sitting in Multnomah county, granted the city's motion for a judgment on the pleadings in the mandamus proceedings brought by Walter W. Whitbeck seeking to compel the city auditor to accept for filing the referendum petition against the city ordinance locating the market on Front street site.

Whitbeck will be allowed 60 days in which to appeal to the state supreme court. It is expected such an appeal will be taken.

Ranchers Welcome Heavy Snow Blanket

THE DALLES, Ore. (P)—The heavy snow blanket which covered the lower levels of orchard and truck gardening areas of Hood River and Wasco counties is welcomed by ranchers as being worth many thousands of dollars.

The snow was the heaviest that has prevailed in several years so early in the season and protected many crops and vines against low temperatures.

In the highland forests the snow drifts are unusually deep and are packed hard in canyons and ravines. This snow lasts long into the following summer affording orchardists and gardeners a source of water supply for irrigation. Forestry officials say prospects for adequate water are better than for the past three years.

Uncomfortable Journey
John Ledyard (1751-1780), the Connecticut-born traveler, once traveled from Sweden to the western coast of Siberia, all the way on foot, with practically no money or suitable clothes and equipment.

Uncle Eben
"A man dat likes to hear hisself talk," said Uncle Eben, "wouldn't be so bad if he wasn't so unselfish in trying to share de pleasure with others."—Washington Star.

Hint for Fishermen
"When ye have taken a great fish, undo the maw, and what ye find therein make that your bait, for it is best."—Dame Juliana Berners, 1406.

Trifle of Truth
It takes a beauty surgeon to lift a face, but a little money and mighty little brains will lift a nose.

Gale Defined
A gale is a high wind traveling from 40 to 70 miles an hour.

Toys That Whirl, Talk And Walk To Give Children Surprises Christmas



Toys this year perform in more lifelike manner than ever before. Dolls like those above are designed as real companions for the girl. They sing, walk, talk and dance.

NEW YORK (P)—Surprises aplenty are in store for the boy and girl when they unwrap their toys this Christmas morning.

For toyland has spent a busy year developing new forms of toys to please every taste, and the services of modern psychologists have been enlisted to give them variety and appeal.

Mechanical toys exhibited at the Leipzig Fair in Germany this year and which have been on toy counters throughout the world show more ingenuity than ever before.

The newest engineering marvels have been reproduced in lifelike miniature. The sophisticated child of 1931 will find his fondest dreams realized.

There are dredging machines, derricks, complete miniature dams, motor mixers, shovels, oil wells and trip hammers—all in actual operation by clock or electric power.

The newest toy railroads are equipped with systems of unseen control so that the entire operation is controlled from a single switchboard.

Standard makes of cars are reproduced in lifelike manner. One of the season's novelties is the railway engine vacuumobile which is propelled cheaply and safely by an ingenious use of vacuum.

TRAINING SCHOOL PRESENTS DRAMA

"Hermann, the Clock Maker" Given During Assembly This Morning

With lighting effects which made the stage setting resemble the mellow paintings of old masters, the J. H. Ackerman Training school presented "Hermann, the Clock Maker" from "This Way to Christmas" by Ruth Sawyer, this morning at 10 o'clock before a large audience of training school pupils, students of the Eastern Oregon Normal school and townspeople. The cyclorama which has been hung on the stage was a fitting background for the costumes and properties, and lent itself appropriately both to the first scene which took place inside Hermann's shop, and to the second which was set in the interior of a cathedral.

The roles were well taken by pupils of the training school, and Christmas songs, by the vested choir of children, were sung well, their songs increasing the religious atmosphere of the second scene.

Johnny Groupe plays the part of Hermann, the little old clock maker, making a clock to offer as a gift at the cathedral. Those who enter his shop are Mary, with a broken doll, Ellen Gartry; Karl, whose toy is mended, Vern Baxter; Elsa, a hungry child, Mary Marie Johnson; Trude, a neighbor child, Verna Ward; Brother John, Dick Burnett; Little Sister Anna, Barbara Jean Shirley; the blind beggar, Ray Pierson; Herr Graf, an old gentleman, Dallas Marshall; servant of Herr Graf, Margaret Sine. Passersby are Earl Gullickson, Floyd Chruskie, Betty Burns, Nancy Lindsey and Frances Millers.

Carolers in the first scene are Patricia Hall, Jean Inlow, William Baker, LaVerta Puckett, Keith Patten, Eugene Southall, Frederic Lewis and Johnny Anderson.

In Scene II, those who accompany Hermann to the cathedral to offer gifts were all dressed in appropriate costumes and offered gifts which represented their positions in life. Those who brought the gifts were Dell Kennedy, the king; Elisabeth Gullickson, queen; Laurena Palmer and Lillian May Bohnenkamp, maids in waiting; Teddy Cusick, scholar; Hart Rechin, poet; Wendell Coleman, the artist; Robert Pierce, merchant; Billy Warner, courier; Virginia Finley, little girl; Pat Fitzgerald, soldier; Carl Butterfield, rich man; Eugene Palmer and Donald Shadle, two followers; Billy Weiss, musician; Winifred Scott, a beautiful woman; William Southall and Charles Doherty, two observers.

An appropriate close to the play was the singing of "Carissime de Noel" by the mixed glee club of the Normal school. Verna Baker told the Christmas story, Luke 2:8-21; and the eighth grade trio, Vada Baxter, Eugene Shultz and Winifred Scott, sang "Carol of the Shepherds."

Christmas carols were sung by the audience and the children between the scenes.

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By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)

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The Camp Fire girls will give a Christmas party to the pre-school age children at the Methodist church parlors Saturday afternoon, Dec. 19. All the small children of the community are invited.

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Be discontented; it's another name for ambition.—Deems Taylor, composer.

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