

LOCAL BRIEFS

To Visit Son—

Mrs. Josephine E. Wright is expected to arrive today from Seattle to spend the holidays with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wright.

To Portland—

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Towler and Miss Phyllis Chandler left today for Portland to spend the holidays with their parents. They are sisters, and the latter has been a guest at the Towler home for the past few weeks. Miss Chandler plans to return to enter the Eastern Oregon Normal school next term.

In Portland—

Among the La Grande visitors in Portland is Mrs. W. H. Paddock, who is visiting relatives and friends and transacting business there.

House Guests—

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hooker have as their house guests, Mrs. Hooker's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Evans, of American Falls, Ida. They arrived today to spend a few days here at Christmas time.

To Portland—

Mrs. W. G. Bailey and sons, Billy and Jimmy, left this morning for Portland to visit for a week with her mother, Mrs. Pearl Fancil. Mr. Bailey will remain in La Grande throughout the Christmas holidays.

Trains Late—

Because of the heavy mail and express, the trains from the east have been unusually late during the past few days, according to local railway officials. The present condition is not unusual during the pre-Christmas season, they say.

Married—

George A. Murchison and Hazel Evans, both of La Grande, received a marriage license yesterday at the office of the county clerk, and were married by Judge U. G. Couch, county judge.

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To Spend Christmas—

Miss Jeanne Denham will arrive in La Grande on Christmas morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Judge and Mrs. L. Denham. She has been attending the Northwest School of Commerce during the past few months.

In Pendleton—

Miss Mildred Hinchliff, who is a senior at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, is spending her vacation in Pendleton visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hinchliff.

Recovered—

Mrs. J. J. McClain has returned to her home from the Grande Ronde hospital where she was ill for about two months. Mrs. McClain has recovered completely.

From Cove—

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Breshears, of near Cove, were among the business visitors in La Grande today. They spent part of the day shopping.

Special Meeting—

A special meeting of the Knights Templar of Eastern Oregon Commandery No. 6 will be held at the lodge hall at 10 o'clock Friday morning, Christmas day.

Eagles—

The Eagles will hold an initiation and a short business meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 at the hall, but since it is Christmas eve, Ray Patterson, president, says that the lodge will adjourn at an early hour.

Elks to Meet—

In spite of the fact that tomorrow night is Christmas eve, the Elks will hold a short business meeting beginning at 8 o'clock at the temple. They are planning to spend tomorrow distributing baskets of provisions.

From Portland—

Guy E. Fuller, of Portland, was a visitor in La Grande today.

To Kamela—

Miss Alyce Cook left today for Kamela to spend the pre-Christmas season with her father, Ray Cook. They both plan to return to La Grande Friday. Miss Cook attends the University of Oregon and is at the home of her family during the holidays.

Tonsils Out—

Albert McGinnis, of Pendleton, returned to his home Monday, after an operation in La Grande last week. He had his tonsils removed, and spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ballard while convalescing.

Miss Ramm in Portland—

Miss Veryl Ramm, of La Grande, was a recent house guest at the

home of Miss Marie Saccomano. Both girls are members of Kappa Delta sorority at the University of Oregon. Miss Saccomano makes her home in Portland. Miss Ramm has now returned to La Grande to spend the holidays.

Open Market—

It was announced today by Rode A. Rode, proprietors, that Rode's market at 1604 Adams avenue will be opened for business tomorrow.

Name Omitted—

The name of Miss Margaret Jane Milne was omitted from the list of the students of the Eastern Oregon Normal school who finished their two-year course last Friday. Miss Milne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Milne, of La Grande, and a graduate of the La Grande High school.

His Birthday, Too—

J. E. Reynolds found out today that he has something in common with Cornelius McGillicuddy, otherwise known to the world as Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics. Both men were born on the same day! About 20 years ago, Mr. Reynolds ran across a man who was born on his birthday, but this is the second time in his life to learn of a man coming into the world at the same time as himself. Mr. Reynolds plans to write to Mr. McGillicuddy today.

Condition About the Same—

The condition of Amos "Spud" Helms showed little change this morning. He had a fairly good day yesterday but was somewhat restless last night. Another blood transfusion was expected today. Mr. Helms was shot in the abdomen about two months ago by two Missouri bandits, Keith Crosswhite and John Owens, who are being held in the county jail on an open charge pending a change in Mr. Helms' condition.

BIG TURKEY POOL

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Christmas turkey pool of the Northwestern Turkey Growers' association totaled 2,200,000 pounds. Herbert Beyers, assistant general manager, said today. He said this amount is nearly 600,000 pounds more than last year and 1,500,000 pounds more than the association's Thanksgiving pool.

Of the 100 cars, about 75 were sent to the New York area and the rest to Pacific coast cities.

FARMERS' BILL PASSED

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 23 (AP)—Wisconsin's progressive assembly, in a tumultuous session last night, overwhelmingly voted a subsidy to farmers. Conservatives predict it will not pass the senate. The bill provides if the income of a farm does not pay the farmer 90 cents an hour for an eight hour day and time and a half for overtime, the state reach into its treasury and pay the farmer enough to return that minimum.

Extension of Time Allowed Sullivan

The case of Willard Sylvester Sullivan, who was convicted of playing Hoofer Bidwell, North Powder rancher, will be appealed to the supreme court, and R. J. Kitchen, his attorney, has been allowed an extension of 60 days from Dec. 10 by Judge J. W. Knowles, circuit judge. Mr. Kitchen stated in his affidavit, in which he asked for the extension of time, that the court allowed the evidence of another crime, burning a house, when Sullivan was charged with murder.

CONGRESS ON VACATION OF TWELVE DAYS

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domestic economy's legislation, stated clearly with a list of markers erected by President Hoover. Many of the legislators have displayed a great willingness to speed the program.

Except for the unsolved struggle over electing the president pro tempore of the senate, both houses have successfully negotiated organization work. Despite the overtone which brought Democrats into home control, the accompanying inter-party troubles, and the committee are formed.

There will be a good bit of opposition in the path of the Hoover domestic program, some of it important. The big question mark of increased taxation finds the Democratic forces still shrinking from a decision on making a program of their own in place of the stiff-backed which the administration recommended even in the face of a presidential election next November.

Prohibition, farm relief, Muscle Shoals, veterans' cash and pension demands, cash outlays for unemployed, and all the other overhauling sources of struggle and friction, are just around the corner.

The full-length Christmas vacation was not approved without difficulty. The president wanted it cut short to speed the reconstruction corporation bill. Senator Reed and Senator Borah, Republicans, insisted upon getting back to work Dec. 28, and "young guard" Republicans, western Independents and a few Democrats joined in. But the leaders held out. The decision on adjournment did not come until the last thing last night.

What It Has Done This is what congress has accomplished to date: Ratified the moratorium. Passed a \$200,000,000 appropriation for the veterans administration and some additional items for employment services.

Pushed consideration of the \$500,000,000 reconstruction corporation in committee to the point that it can be brought out for action soon after reconvening.

The house passed and sent to the senate a bill to make \$100,000,000 available for farm land bank loans. The senate confirmed numerous nominations and initiated several new inquiries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—An amendment of \$25,000,000 to the \$100,000,000 land bank bill, designed specifically to allow the banks to be lenient with delinquent borrowers, was suggested today at a senate committee hearing.

It came from Chairman Carey of the banking subcommittee, which has the measure before it, after Paul Bestor, federal farm loan commissioner, testified that of \$1,171,000,000 in outstanding land bank loans, \$275,450,000 was delinquent.

The bill has already passed the house. It is designed to help ease the pressure on the farmers but Carey said the \$25,000,000 would give the banks funds to permit the suggested moratorium on loans. Carey said his proposal was tentative.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Reduction of ten per cent in all federal salaries above \$2,000 was advocated today by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho.

"The most important thing for us to do now," said Borah, "is to balance the budget and we never can do that unless we cut drastically government expenditures. It is all nonsense to say we can't. We can."

"I am in favor of beginning with every federal salary above \$2,000 or \$2,500. Let us cut 10 per cent off. Of course, we cannot reach the judiciary salaries."

Democrats have already proposed a slash of \$300,000,000 in the budget recommendation of President Hoover. A resolution by Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, to declare the senate in favor of this blanket cut is now before that branch.

RUSSIANS IN GOOD HUMOR

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (AP)—Russian officials prepared, with high spirits and good humor, today to attack the problems of completing the five year plan in 1932, backed by the enthusiasm of a rally last night in the former throne room of the czars at the Kremlin. Joseph Stalin, virtual ex-officio dictator, sat upon the platform, fresh from his fifty-third birthday yesterday, but Vyacheslav Molotov, president of the council of people's commissars, did the talking.

FAMILY PHONE REUNION

SALEM, Dec. 23 (AP)—A long distance telephone hookup will be utilized in an unusual family reunion to be held here Christmas eve at the home of Ray Smith, Salem attorney. Smith, who is undergoing an operation at St. Luke's hospital in Chicago, will attend the reunion by telephone, connected with his home here. Others attending the reunion in Salem personally will be Mrs. Smith, Mrs. W. D. Smith, 73, mother of the attorney, a sister, Grace E. Smith, assistant attorney general, and a brother, William E. Smith.

MORATORIUM IS RATIFIED BY CONGRESS

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that the approved resolution recorded congress as utterly opposed to any scaling down or cancellation of the war debts due this country. That is a declaration backing up widespread individual assertions by prominent legislators.

It was called forth by that message of President Hoover on foreign affairs which recommended re-establishment of the World War foreign debt commission to weigh in the light of changing conditions the ability of nations to pay—in other words again scale down the war debts.

Hoover Not Convinced This congressional declaration, however, is in the face of widespread conviction, expressed by the president, Secretary Mellon, outstanding financiers and others that some further remission appears inevitable.

"It is useless," said Mr. Hoover, "to blind ourselves to an obvious fact." The opponents of the moratorium did not miss the point. Recurring constantly in their virulent attacks was the prediction that this one-year moratorium was more forerunner of an extension, or a reduction in the debt total, or even at attempt at cancellation.

In approving the resolution the senate defeated a group of little-reputed amendments running from moratoriums on farm loans to a requirement for revision of the Versailles treaty. There was not even the semblance of party lineup in the divisions. Six Democrats were Republicans, six Democrats.

Johnson Chief Opponent Chiefly the show was that of Senator Hiram Johnson, of California. This arch-opponent of the Hoover foreign policy, whose hat has hovered near the ring of presidential candidacy, made one remark last night as an opponent to Herbert Hoover next year. Outlining his demand that the government drop European troubles and think of distress at home, he asserted:

"I am ready to stand before the American people upon a proposition such as that advanced here today."

IMAGINE PARADE WITHOUT A BAND!

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en each year, one in Baker and the other in Pendleton. These concerts are greatly appreciated by the neighboring cities and are supported by large enthusiastic audiences.

Last year at the annual northwest band contest which was held in Portland, the La Grande band was awarded first place in class A bands. Many other cities were represented but the La Grande band far excelled the other competitors.

23 Concerts Here For the citizens of La Grande 10 regular concerts were given during last year and 13 special concerts were given at the request of various organizations. These special concerts were in the nature of assisting in some community event or to entertain visiting guests in our city. At each of these concerts hundreds of people were afforded the pleasure of hearing the leading band in the northwest.

Another interesting fact not generally known is that the band as an organization has purchased as its general property several very fine band instruments. Among these are a set of kettle drums, two bass horns, baritone horns and other instruments. They have also purchased new uniforms. These investments amount to some \$2330 and the property belongs to the band as an organization. This, of course, does not take into consideration the vast amount of money invested in personally owned instruments.

Do the citizens of La Grande want this organization to disband and leave the city without its band to uphold the reputation already established throughout the northwest? The American Legion post of La Grande believes not. The legionnaires have agreed to undertake to raise sufficient funds for the maintenance of the band during the year 1932 and will soon be under way to complete the job. Although the drive does not start until Dec. 28, several very substantial donations have been made to Hugh Brady, who is general chairman of the legion committee.

PLANE CRASH KILLS TWO BILLINGSLEY, Ala., Dec. 23 (AP)—An army airplane crashed into a thicket near here today and killed two men identified as Lieutenant Bruce A. Tyndall, of Maxwell Field at Montgomery, and Private Walter N. Newborn, of Memphis, Tenn., who was en route home on a Christmas furlough.

POET'S CORNER

THE NAME OF BETHLEHEM (By Carlos A. Plummer) Inspired prophets long foretold Messiah's wondrous birth; The virgin mother's holy Child; Redeemer of the earth.

(Chorus) To us, God's holy Child, was born; To us, His Son was given; We praise Him for His Christmas Gift; His own dear Son from Heaven.

He left the glory-world above, Here on the earth to dwell; "God manifested in the flesh;" The great "Immanuel."

On Christmas night an angel came, With tidings of His birth, And Heaven's angel choir sang: "Good will and peace on earth."

His name is called "The Son of God;" The mighty "Prince of Peace;" "The King of Kings, and Lord of Lords;" Whose reign shall never cease.

He reigns in countless Christian hearts; Gives joy and peace to them; No other name is half so dear As Christ of Bethlehem.

Mrs. Stearns Sings Over Nampa Radio

Mrs. Helene Stearns, lyric-dramatic soprano, appeared recently in several musical events at Nampa, returning to her home here on Monday. She was a popular addition to several programs during the past week, while visiting at the home of her cousin, E. W. Rising.

She has sung several times for the Meffan and Rising broadcast over station KPXD, and last Sunday was heard at the First Presbyterian church there.

Mrs. Stearns also sang at the banquet held by Ashlar lodge, No. 90 A. F. and A. M., on Friday evening. She sang "Serenade," by Toell; "Noon and Night," by Hawley; "Homing," by Deliego, and "Would God I Were A Tender Apple Blossom," by Tynkson, accompanied by Mrs. Earl Neher.

Miss Ruth Cherry, formerly of Enterprise, also entertained with two vocal numbers, "Love Here Is My Heart" and "Mammy Song."

FIVE KILLED AT GRADE CROSSING

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train rushing on him. He, his son and Mrs. Bruzoo were killed instantly. Mrs. Gonzales and her daughter died a few minutes afterward as they were being taken to Mills Memorial hospital.

After the accident, San Mateo city and county officials started an investigation to determine whether the gates installed to protect the crossing were working. Southern Pacific officials were also investigating the crash.

At the Gonzales home the coroner found an empty Christmas scene. A merry fire blazed in the hearth, reflecting on a glittering Christmas tree, at the foot of which presents were clustered. The family was wiped out in the accident.

STARTS NEW ATHLETIC FIELD

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. (AP)—Construction of a new athletic field has commenced on a 16-acre tract here. A concrete and steel grandstand is to be erected.

WITHYCOMBE DEAD TODAY IN PORTLAND

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his family went to Portland in August and consulted a physician in the hope of learning the cause of his ill health. On his return he continued his work, but his health seemed to fail more rapidly until a serious attack of flu and near pneumonia put him to bed, and a week ago Saturday he was taken to the Jones clinic in Portland. The real cause of his trouble was not found though he had suffered for many years with a mastoid infection. It was thought that Mr. Withycombe was making a satisfactory improvement and the report of his death came as a shock to his many friends. Reports from Portland said blood poisoning was the cause of death.

Mr. Withycombe came to Union in 1903 and during the following year was made superintendent of the experiment station. During his stay here, he took an active part in all that was progressive in the community. He served several years as mayor of the city of Union, also several years as secretary of the commercial club and at all times was a most ardent supporter of the stock show. He was the first president of the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show association, organized in 1908 and since then had been a member of the board of directors, and his efforts in behalf of the progress of the show and the development of livestock for Eastern Oregon have been untiring.

His kindly genial nature, his glad hand of welcome was felt by everyone who visited the experiment station and during the numerous farm fairs he cheerfully conducted parties over the premises and explained the different experiments in plant breeding.

Being a son of the late Governor Withycombe he was always more or less interested in the politics of the state and the nation. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and of the Knights of Pythias. He married Mabel Hutchinson in the year 1918 and to them five children were born, Robert, Isabel, James, Carolyn and a twin of Carolyn's, who died in infancy. He is also survived by his mother Mrs.

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James Withycombe, a sister, Mable, who lives in Portland; a brother, Harry, of Havre, Mont., and a brother, Earl, of Sacramento, Cal.

Mr. Withycombe was born in Hillsboro August 29, 1880 and received his public school education in Portland. He graduated at O. S. C. in 1901 and took two years of post graduate work in plant agronomy at the University of Illinois. He carried on extensive research work and his development of a beardless barley with a consequent yield in that product was one of his valuable contributions to the science of farming. He lived with the hope of making some real contributions to better farming.

The body was taken to Finley's mortuary and funeral services will probably be held in Portland as most of his relatives are buried there.

Books opened or closed, financial statements and tax returns compiled.

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Pork Roast Extra lean, Pound	11c				

Merry Christmas

SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY & SATURDAY

Richelieu Foods Please Call City Grocery	Oranges California Navels Sweet & Juicy
Raggety Ann Peaches 2 1/2 Tins, 2 for	49c
Raggety Ann Apricots 2 1/2 Tins, 2 for	49c
Elgin Mayonnaise Pint size	25c
Quarts	49c
Richelieu Melba Pears 2 1/2 Tins, 2 for	55c
Richelieu Fruits for Salad No. 1 tall tins, 2 for	39c
Richelieu Seedless Grapes For salad, No. 2 tins, Each	21c
Sweet Potatoes Fancy smooth stock, 6 Pounds	25c
Snow Flake Crackers Oven fresh white or Grahams 2-lb. size	29c
A-B Naptha Soap Family Favorite, 10 Bars	35c
Cake Flour Gold Medal, reg. size, Package	25c