

LOCAL BRIEFS

Store Entered—The Safeway store at Elgin was entered last night but a check-up today failed to disclose anything missing.

Correction—Earlier in the week it was stated in the Observer that Dr. C. L. Colley attended the two-day dental clinic here. The name should have been Dr. J. L. Macpherson.

District Meeting—Safeway stores in this district held their quarterly district meeting and dinner in the La Grande hotel last Sunday, with the entire personnel of the stores in attendance. Stores are located at La Grande, Baker, Union, Elgin, Wallowa, Enterprise and Joseph. H. M. Howard, district manager, stated that with such enthusiasm and pep as were demonstrated at the meeting, this year should be one of prosperity and achievement for the group of stores.

Goes to La Grande—Mrs. J. Fred Buchanan, of Corvallis, left Saturday night for La Grande, Eastern Oregon, on a visit to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ralph Clark, and family. She plans to spend a week or ten days at the Clark home. Mrs. Buchanan stopped in Portland over night with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Cauthorn, and her sister, Miss Mary Cauthorn, and left that city yesterday to motor to La Grande with friends. — Corvallis Gazette Times.

From Hilgard—Mrs. T. Y. Young and Miss Eva Thornbrub, of Hilgard, were in La Grande yesterday at the home of Mrs. George Hilgard. They were guests at a party given in honor of Mrs. Young's niece, Mrs. Walter Currier, a recent bride. They returned last night to their home.

Ill at Home—Rev. A. J. Starmer has been confined to his home by illness this week. He expects to be able to hold services at the Methodist Church South on Sunday, Mrs. Starmer reports.

Visits—Mrs. Walter Lane, of Baker, returned last night to her home in Baker after spending two days in La Grande where she was the guest of Mrs. Clyde Hoppel. She also attended the meeting of the Helomala club yesterday afternoon.

Recovering—Mrs. Susan Zuber, who has been ill at her home, is reported to be recovering.

From North Powder—Judge E. J. Sencerbox, of North Powder, was a business visitor in La Grande on Tuesday, calling at the county court house where he paid a visit to Judge J. W. Knowles, Sheriff Jesse Breshears and several others of his friends.

Ill—James Breshears, son of Sheriff and Mrs. Jesse Breshears, has been confined to his home by illness during the past three weeks. He is suffering from heart trouble and rheumatism.

To Union—Jesse Breshears, sheriff of Union county, spent yesterday transacting business at Union and Cove. Hugo Klinghammer, deputy sheriff, accompanied by Frank Osmond, were transacting official business at Pondosa yesterday.

Returns—Miss Jennie Peterson returned to La Grande last night and has resumed her duties as musical director of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, after an extended visit in Walla Walla with her sister, Miss Alice Peterson. Miss Peterson went to the Washington city to attend the presentations of the Irish Abbey players during the weekend and was forced to remain because of illness.

From Baker—Mrs. Eunice Conroy, Mrs. Jessie Moore, Mrs. Gladys Luster, Mrs. Dorothy Harding and Mrs. Grace Head were among the Baker residents who visited in La Grande yesterday and were entertained at the home of Mrs. Audrey Coleman. They returned to their homes last night.

Special Deputy—Mrs. Zelda Kinsey, of Baker, a special deputy of the Supreme Forest Woodman Circle, was a business visitor in La Grande for a period of five days, and during that time called on Mrs. Minnie Browning, local deputy, in the interest of the lodge. Mrs. Kinsey was accompanied by her husband, E. M. Kinsey. Mrs. Browning was congratulated on winning the second prize as grove reporter for the year 1931, which was a cash prize given by Mrs. Rose M. McCroskey, of Walla Walla, Wash. Mrs. Browning has had difficulty recently in main-

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BOY SCOUTS IN FEBRUARY RALLY

Troop IV Wins First Place—Badges Awarded at Court of Honor.

Troop IV, of the La Grande Boy Scouts, won first place with 10 points higher than their nearest competitor in the rally held last night following the court of honor in the La Grande high school gymnasium. Elmo Stevenson is scout master of the troop which is sponsored by the Greenwood Teacher association, and Roy Stein is his assistant.

At the court of honor which opened at 7 o'clock rank pins and merit badges were awarded to a large group of Boy Scouts. A silver palm, a symbol of a rank higher than eagle scout, was awarded to Ernest Briggs.

Troop III, of the Methodist church, of which Dr. James D. Haun is scout master, assisted by Woodrow Dannerell and Harvey Carter, was second with 38 points. Scout Master Eugene Hyde's troop XV of the Christian church was third with 21 points. Troop XVI won fourth, troop XIV, fifth, and troop XIII, sixth. Harvey Carter conducted the rally and the judges were A. W. Wall, Bert Higgins and Bert Group.

A splendid display of knot boards and bird houses was exhibited, and tonight will be placed in the display window at the Jack Allen Supply company where they will remain for the rest of the week in order to give the public an opportunity of seeing the handiwork.

A. W. Nelson was chairman of the court of honor at 7 o'clock and assisted him were W. W. Fress, Harvey Carter and Elmo Stevenson. Ernest Briggs received a silver palm, the first in La Grande to receive the honor which ranks him higher than an eagle scout, since 16 merit badges are necessary, making a total of 36. Mr. Nelson awarded the badge.

Mr. Carter presented tenderfoot pins to Junior Edwards, Clinton Thompson, Rolla Beach, Jack Farris, Ernest Rostock, Darrell Lyman, Dallas Beldin. Second class pins were awarded to Ernest Roush, John Snodgrass, Robert McAnulty, Steve Smith, Robert McWayne and Dick Linn by Mr. Stevenson. Those to receive first class badges were Grant Kofford, Norman Clark, Oliver Hampton and Elmer Seward, and they were awarded by A. W. Nelson.

Merit badges were awarded to Frank Johnson for plumbing and cooking; Ernest Briggs, cement work, poultry keeping, animal industry; Donald Higgins, handicraft, pioneering; Dick Larkin, personal health, firemanship; Elmer Seward, personal health, firemanship; Delbert Group, animal industry, firemanship, cycling, farm layout, farm and home management; Bobby Brock, handicraft; Rex Wall, animal industry.

Two stars were given to Delbert Group and Frank Johnson, with Mr. Stevenson making the award. The opening ceremony included the scout oath and laws, led by Ernest Briggs, and the closing ceremony, led by Rex Wall, was a pledge of allegiance to the flag and the scout prayer.

TO DECIDE ABOUT 1932 STOCK SHOW AT FEB. 17 MEET (Continued from Page One)

prise has shown a very consistent growth and that last year in volume of exhibits, character of the livestock shown, and interest displayed, it ranked among the very best. Arguments for and against a show for 1932 are both numerous and weighty, it is stated. The county court included a small apportionment for the show in the budget for the current year.

All Quite Along Whangpoo Today—It's a Holiday

SHANGHAI, Feb. 11 (AP)—All was quiet along the Whangpoo today and at Japanese headquarters officers of several nationalities were drinking toast and crying "banzai." "We're not fighting today," a Japanese staff captain said, "it's kigen-satsu." This day is the 2592nd anniversary of the birth of the first Japanese emperor. This strictly informal "war" between China and Japan produced another odd incident when Chinese government customs boats in the Whangpoo river broke out in bunting and dressed up ship in honor of Japan's "Empire day."

All the other foreign warcraft also were dressed, for in the book of naval etiquette failure to recognize another nation's holiday is justifiable only if the celebrating country is not recognized or if there is a state of war.

North Carolina State college has abandoned its track program for 1932 for financial reasons. Hongkong Chinese subscribed lib-

Helmuth B. Dewitz Gets D. S. C. Award

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—The war department today announced the award of the distinguished service cross to Helmuth B. Dewitz, of Portland, Ore., for his valor in attacking a machine gun nest held by approximately 70 Germans at Juvigny, France, in August, 1918.

The citation said Dewitz, with the 32d division, and his comrades used their rifles so effectively that 32 Germans surrendered within an hour.

Beneficial Health Rays The ultra-violet rays and the infra-red rays are supposed to be the most beneficial to health.

4-HOUR TRUCE FRIDAY MORN AT SHANGHAI (Continued from Page One)

trapped in that shell-torn no man's land.

Priest Causes Truce Father Jacquinot, of Saint Francis Xavier's college, was credited with effecting the truce, the first cessation of hostilities in the zone. It was believed many citizens were still trapped there, survivors of the almost two weeks of constant bombardment.

The French priest lost an arm at Verdun and holds a medal for heroism in that World war engagement.

Save for that one gesture of mercy preparations in the international settlement and all along the twenty-mile Chapel-Woosung front were for renewed and bloodier hostilities.

U. S. Troops in Front Line United States soldiers of the 51st infantry moved up into the front line of settlement defenses today, occupying one of the most strategic sectors along Woosung creek. They relieved three companies of Shanghai volunteers, one of which was made up of American business men.

Meanwhile sporadic outbursts occurred today both at the Chapel and Woosung ends of the battle zone. Fresh fires were set near the international settlement by Japanese bombers and the invaders also loosed aerial projectiles on the Chinese air-drome at Hunajoa, five miles west of Shanghai. The raiders dropped some fifty bombs, the Chinese said, tearing up the ground around the hangars and shaking the countryside.

Although many British and American residents lived near the hangars no casualties were reported. The Chinese removed airplanes from the hangars.

Marines Have Narrow Escape Earlier in the day almost a score of United States marines narrowly missed death from a Japanese aerial bomb in the international settlement. The projectile hit a Chinese-owned cotton mill on Soochow creek in which the marines were billeted, killing five Chinese women and children, and wounding 12. None of the marines was injured.

Rear Admiral S. Shimada, a member of the Japanese command at Shanghai, visited United States marine headquarters immediately after the bombing and expressed his regret there as well as to Admiral Taylor of the United States Asiatic fleet.

Calls It a Mistake Describing the bombing as a mistake, the Japanese commander announced that reparations would be made for the killing and wounding of the Chinese and for property damage.

Shimada said the incident occurred while Japanese planes were bombing a concentration of Chinese soldiers near the settlement boundary in Chapel, and that the airmen did not know they had struck the settlement until they returned to the Japanese airport when they discovered they were "short" two bombs. An apparently faulty release mechanism was blamed. The admiral said mistaken aim could not have occurred and that all Japanese aviators have strict instructions against flying over the settlement.

There have been some mistakes, he admitted. Vice Admiral K. Nomura, in supreme command of Japanese in the Shanghai district, instructed aviators to keep safe distance from the settlement boundaries as a result of the incident. He said newly arrived fliers had been unable to distinguish the settlement limits.

Five planes participated in today's Chapel raid, concentrating on the Shanghai-Nanking railway line. Several direct hits were observed and two women were among the killed.

CHINESE SEND MORE PLANES HONGKONG, Feb. 11 (AP)—Nine Cantonese airplanes left here for Shanghai today to join the Chinese air force there. Hongkong Chinese subscribed lib-

Sickness Hits Wallowa; Many Out Of School

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

WALLOWA (Special)—An epidemic of colds and continued cases of scarlet fever has greatly interfered with the attendance of school here in the last month. As many as 27 and 30 pupils have been absent at a time from the grade schools and 10 and 12 from the high school. Hollis Tutley, high school student, is the latest one reported to be ill of the scarlet fever.

McLean's theatre closed its doors for an indefinite period following the show Monday night. The attendance during the winter months has not justified a continuation of the shows. The management hopes, however, to be able to re-open the house in the spring.

Fred Rigles, who has been confined to the local hospital for several weeks, is still reported to be seriously ill.

The Wallowa County Ministerial association met in Wallowa in regular session on Monday. The meeting was held in the Christian church with 20 present. The program started in the morning and at noon a potluck dinner was served in the basement of the church. Rev. Arthur A. Harriman was the principal speaker giving a book review of "Price of World Forces." The meeting next month will be held in Enterprise, Rev. and Mrs. Weston F. Shields, of Enterprise, were among the out-of-town visitors at the meeting.

Jack Baker, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Baker, who underwent an operation for appendicitis recently, has sufficiently recovered to be removed from the hospital to his home.

Ray Miller and Mrs. Susie Davis were passengers on Monday's stage for La Grande where they went to attend the funeral of his father and her brother, George Miller.

Jack Gregory, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Gregory, went to La Grande Sunday to enter the Eastern Oregon Normal school on Monday. Jack, who has been a student at the university, recently returned home on account of illness.

Fred Furst, superintendent of the forestry service in Wallowa, is confined to his home this week with an attack of influenza.

The largest and one of the most delightful social affairs of the winter season was the Saturday afternoon bridge party at which Mrs. Roy Lovell and Mrs. Charles Fisher were joint hostesses. The party was given at the Lovell home and guests were invited to form seven tables of bridge. Beau-

NO SECRET UNDERSTANDING WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—State department officials denied today that there is any understanding between this country and Mexico in connection with relations with the far east.

In quarters conversant with Latin American affairs, it had been said previously that such an understanding was in force.

Inquiry at the state department brought the reply, however, that there have been no communications with the Mexican government on the subject. Moreover, it was said that if such an understanding were in effect, officials there doubtless would be familiar with it.

While both the United States and Mexico have been following the troubles between Japan and China, these have not been the topic of any exchanges between the governments.

FILE CHARGES AGAINST JAPAN SHANGHAI, Feb. 11 (AP)—Charges that Japanese aerial bombers killed 51 Chinese flood refugees, men, women and children, in a refugee camp in Chapel last week were filed today with Japanese Consul General Murali by Sir John Hope-Simpson, director of the national flood relief commission.

The bombardments, Sir John said, occurred February 5 and 6. The flood relief director's long protest reached Consul General Murali today at about the same time the Japanese planes were bombing the Wungon cotton mill in the international settlement in part of which a detachment of United States marines were billeted.

Sir John contended the bombing of the refugees' camp was unnecessary and without military advantage. The first raid, he said, resulted in the killing of a woman and a boy and the wounding of four other Chinese, one of whom died later.

The next day, he said, the planes again dropped bombs on the camp, killing 48 people, many of them women, and most of whom were patients in the camp hospital. The planes returned twice again on February 7, he said, and bombed the camp both times, but the refugees had been evacuated the night before.

"This bombing was worse than a crime," the flood relief director's statement said, "it was folly. It could not possibly have had any military advantage for the Japanese."

CRICKET FLAT PERSONALS

By Lois Witherspoon CRICKET FLAT (Special)—Miss Marjorie Hindman, who has been ill of the measles for about two weeks, is much improved at this time.

Myron Hallgarth spent the weekend visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hazelwood.

Billie Rex Roulet is ill of the measles this week.

Buster Breshears, who has been spending the winter with John Wickons, is quite ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Breshears, of La Grande.

Little Miss Genevieve Long is another victim of the measles in this community.

Cricket Flat grange will hold its regular meeting Saturday at the Highland school house at 11 o'clock with dinner served at noon. Each family is to present one number during the lecturer's hour.

On account of the snow and bad roads, Miss Lucilla Witty was unable to get to her school Thursday. The roads were opened up Friday.

Dick Maxwell returned Sunday from Lewiston, where he had been visiting relatives since the first of the year. Since selling his interest in the Wallowa creamery, Dick has been taking a much needed rest. He plans to go into some other line of business in the near future.

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Violet Rays Cure Lioness and Tiger

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 11 (AP)—Violet rays have cured Juliet, a lioness, and Duke, a tiger, of rickets.

Highland park zoo officials said today the animals which would hardly stand a few weeks ago, now leap to a three foot shelf in their cages after treatment under lamps.