

# LOCAL BRIEFS

**Visits—**  
David Larson arrived Friday from Portland and visited over the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Huff. He has gone on to his home at Albin, Wyo.

**Conclude Visit—**  
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Williams, who have been visiting the past two weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Ed Daniels, left yesterday for their home in Centralia, Wash.

**Called to Colorado—**  
Mrs. G. C. Headley, 805 N. avenue, left last week for Trinidad, Colo., having been called by the condition of her mother, who had fallen and suffered the fracture of one hip. The Headley family has received no word yet from her since she reached Trinidad in regard to her mother's present condition.

**Spends Weekend—**  
Miss Bonnie Fraser, who teaches this year in the school at Richland, Ore., was in La Grande for a visit over the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Fraser, on Eighth street.

**Regular Meeting—**  
The Neighbors of Woodcraft will hold its regular meeting Tuesday evening at the Odd Fellows hall, the meeting being called for 7:30 o'clock. The women are also busy arranging for a silver tea which is to be held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Yeake.

**Fined \$15—**  
Lavin Niederer was fined \$15 in municipal court Saturday night on a charge of drunkenness. He was unable to pay the fine, police reported this morning.

**Visiting—**  
J. G. Snodgrass, of Portland, is in town.

**NURSE TELLS HOW TO SLEEP SOUND, STOP GAS**  
Nurse V. Fletcher says: "Stomach gas bloated me so bad I could not sleep. One spoonful of Adierka brought out all the gas and now I sleep well and feel fine." Red Cross Drug Store, and feel fine."—Adv.

**Enkay**

La Grande transacting business and visiting his brother, L. L. Snodgrass.

**To Washington—**  
Mrs. Cal Wright left last night for a short visit in Grandview, Wash. She will be a guest at the homes of relatives and friends during her stay, and return by railway in a few days.

**Returns Home—**  
Jimmy McClure, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McClure, of Pendleton, left last night for his home in Pendleton. He is a member of the freshman basketball team of the Pendleton High school and was in the city for the games during the past weekend. Both Jimmy and his parents are well known in La Grande, having many friends with whom the former visited during his stay.

**Here Over Weekend—**  
Mrs. D. B. Lefebvre and two children, Eugene and Rosalee, of Baker, spent the weekend in La Grande visiting friends and transacting business. The Lefebvres are former La Grande residents having moved to Baker only a few months ago where Mr. Lefebvre is employed by the railroad.

**Returns to Work—**  
Lawrence Graham, who assists County Clerk C. K. McCormack in his duties, returned to his office at the court house following a week's illness. He has been ill at his home of influenza for the past week.

**Marriage License—**  
Ben Garrett and Ethel Hendrickson, both of La Grande, obtained a marriage license Saturday afternoon at the office of the county clerk.

**Military Department—**  
The military department at Falk's, which has been taken over by Mrs. Echo Helms, will not be called The French Shop, as previously announced, but will still go by the former name.

**Returns—**  
Gerald J. Tucker, forest ranger, who has been transacting official business in Pendleton for the past two weeks, has returned to his office here.

**From Walla Walla—**  
Francis Bird, of Walla Walla, is transacting business in La Grande today.

**Arrive Home—**  
Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Ralston returned home yesterday after spending the

past five months in Europe. Dr. Ralston studied at the leading clinics at Vienna during their absence. They report much cold weather during their stay in Europe.

**Returns—**  
Carl J. Ebert, who spent the past few days transacting business in Portland, has returned to La Grande.

**Company E—**  
Company E, 186th Infantry, will hold regular drill tonight with close order drill directed by company officers; physical exercise by the non-commissioned officers; marksmanship by Lieut. Jesse V. Andrews; and combat principles of the platoon by Sergeant Carl Ebert and Howard Glenn. Enlistments will be made to fill the vacancies left by Sergeant Osmar J. Brandt, who recently moved to Portland; Private Herman Goodwin, honorably discharged; and Private Harold LeRoy, who has been transferred to Headquarters company of the first battalion of the 189th Infantry at Oresham. The position of supply sergeant, formerly held by Mr. Brandt, will now be filled by Clyde C. Pennington, who has been promoted.

**Married—**  
Word has been received in La Grande of the marriage of Park Taylor, formerly of La Grande, and Miss Anna Laura Lee, in the Methodist church in Portland. Miss Lee was a teacher in the High school here for several years, until 1931.

**Ill—**  
Mrs. Herbert Patton has been confined to her home the past week by illness.

**Steve Eaton Here—**  
Steven Eaton, former La Grande resident, was a visitor in La Grande during the weekend and has returned to Portland where he is a student at Grant High school.

**M. Meacham—**  
Among the La Grande ski enthusiasts who spent Sunday at the tournament at Meacham were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Quinn. He is athletic coach at the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

**From Walla Walla—**  
Professor Russell Blankenship, professor at Whitman college, spent yesterday in La Grande. Professor Blankenship and Miss Kate Houx, director of training at the Ackerman Training school, are collaborating on a reader for seventh, eighth and ninth grades, and while the former was in the city they conferred on the progress of their book. Professor Blankenship has received acclaim and recognition recently, both in the United States and in England, for his book written on the field of contemporary literature.

**Visits Parents—**  
Russell Nelson, who is a student at

Whitman college, spent Sunday in La Grande visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nelson. He is a member of the freshman class at the Walla Walla college, and accompanied Professor Blankenship to this city.

**Mr. Baumann Here—**  
T. J. Baumann, of Portland, arrived in La Grande today to visit his mother, Mrs. C. L. Baumann, and his sister, Miss Carolyn Baumann.

**Ill—**  
D. W. Stone is confined to his home at Landis Court, suffering from influenza and from the results of a fall in which he received a fractured rib.

## Six Drastic Modifications of Grid Rules Announced by Committee

HANOVER, N. H., Feb. 15 (AP)—The national football rules committee announced six drastic modifications of the playing code today.

In an effort to check the "tendency toward increasing injuries" the committee decided:

1. To restrict the formation of the team receiving the kickoff by requiring that five players of the receiving team remain on their 45-yard line until the ball is kicked; and to allow the kickoff to be made either by place-kick, punt or drop-kick;
2. To forbid players on the defense to strike an opponent on the head, neck or face with hand, wrist, forearm or elbow;
3. To liberalize the substitutions rule to allow a player withdrawn from the game to re-enter once in any subsequent period;
4. To forbid use of the flying block or tackle;
5. To make the ball "dead" when any part of the ball carrier's body except his hands or feet touches the ground;
6. To amplify the rule regarding equipment so as to require padding of hard and unyielding substances with felt, foam rubber or other soft padding at least three-eighths of an inch thick.

**Changes Important**  
These changes were termed by Chairman E. K. Hall the "most important" in making the game safe for the players, since the modifications of 1906 and 1907.

Although it had been found that the "so-called fatality list accredited to football was more than 50 per cent entirely misleading and inaccurate," Hall said, the committee had noted an increasing number of injuries, due to it was believed to the "intensive development of the open game."

"The result," Hall explained, "has been to bring into the game certain practices or styles of play, most of them entirely legitimate and within the spirit of the rules, which are tending, in the opinion of the committee, to bring into the game certain new sources of hazard to the players."

It is to combat this tendency that the modifications have been adopted.

**Aim At "Flying Wedge"**  
The new kickoff rule is aimed directly at the so-called "flying wedge" form of interference. With five men of the receiving side required to remain on their 45-yard line, there will be much less chance for an effective "flying wedge" to form about the receiver.

The rule also provides the receiving team must be given the opportunity to make fair catches. Interference by members of the kicking team, even though the latter are on side.

Although public agitation last fall over football deaths centered on the "flying wedge" as the principal offender, Hall said "the facts show that this is not the case."

The new rule regarding the use of the hands by players on the defense was adopted to meet the protests of some coaches who said players were delivering weakening and dangerous "rabbit punches" on the necks of opposing linemen. Violation of the new rule calls for disqualification of the player and the loss of half the distance to the offending team's goal-line.

The liberalized rule on substitutions was adopted with the idea of allowing tired players to rest without losing their place in the game.

The new rule further provides that the team making a substitution is to be charged with a "time out" for some reason or unless the substitution is made for an injured player.

The danger of the flying block or tackle, the committee said, involves principally the blocker or tackler himself and not the opponent. Under the new rule it will be legal for the tackler to leave his feet only at the instant he makes contact with the opponent.

The penalty for violation has been fixed at five yards. It was pointed out also that this rule will provide a forward passer with protection after he has thrown a pass. If the offense is committed against a forward passer the penalty is to be enforced from the spot of the preceding down.

**To Prevent Piling Up**  
The new "dead ball" rule was adopted to prevent crawling and piling up, causes of frequent injuries.

Hall explained that the rule had been adopted because of the danger of injury when the ball carrier keeps struggling for distance until the whistle blows.

"If he is partly on the ground his opponent has no way to stop him except to come down on him," he said, "and he is in no position, under such circumstances, to protect himself."

In addition to providing for the padding of hard substances used in football accoutrements, the new equipment rule forbids the use of hard or unyielding elbow or knee pads and recommends that soft knee pads be worn by all players.

**Forward Step Taken**  
Summing up the changes in the code, Chairman Hall said:

"The committee is gratified to believe that by the changes which have been made a great forward step has been taken not only in checking the tendency toward increasing injuries but that we have made the game much safer than ever before. We believe these changes will not in any manner detract in the least from the style of play or the interest or fascination of the game."

"Of course there will always be injuries in any game involving both physical contacts and speed but we believe that results will show that it has been possible to accomplish much by modification of the rules alone."

"There are other things which can be done which will tend still further to minimize the injuries but they are outside of the jurisdiction of the rules committee. The committee purpose, however, to make definite recommendations to the governing bodies as to what in our judgment they can do to still further reduce injuries, and also send a letter of recommendation to high schools and unorganized teams as to ways by which they may eliminate the number of serious injuries by better supervision and prompt attention to trivial or minor injuries."

**Murray's Name To Appear on Oregon Primary Ballot**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 15 (AP)—Murray-for-president headquarters here have announced that Governor W. H. Murray's name will be filed in the preference primaries of Georgia, South Dakota and Oregon.

The governor's name was filed for the North Dakota primaries Saturday, and will enter the Georgia lists this week.

In announcing the decision to test Murray's strength in at least four states, George Henshaw, manager of the Murray-for-president headquarters, said he had information from Georgia that the race will be between Roosevelt and the Oklahoma governor.

"We have not established state headquarters exactly in these states," Henshaw said, "but Murray-for-president offices have been opened. Some were opened by friends, independent of any state organizations."

The headquarters manager said a national campaign fund was lacking and "we are just living from day to day" on the dollar contributions which are coming in slowly.

Murray's name would be placed on the Oregon lists this week, he said, at about the time it is entered in Georgia.

The cotton fibre is intended by nature to enable the wind to carry and scatter the seeds, as it does those of dandelion.

**CHINESE WAIT FOR ADVANCE OF JAPANESE**  
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today, according to official reports of the various nations, awaiting a tremendous battle which promised to

## MYSTIC AN OLD FRIEND OF WRIGHT

Alano Taka Dass, Hindu, Explains How He Became Aware of Powers

Jack Wright, local theatre manager, had a pleasant surprise last night when he discovered that Alano Taka Dass, Hindu mystic man and psychic—who is here for a week's performance at the Liberty—was an old friend of his.

The two men had met in Walla Walla when Mr. Wright was playing the organ and in the orchestra at the Capitol theatre and the mystic was making a vaudeville tour. At that time as the performers and the orchestra members would visit in the dressing rooms awaiting show time, the Hindu told the story of how he first became aware of his "unusual powers of predetermination."

Alano Taka Dass was born in Bombay, India, he recalled. His father was called a Hindu "prophet" which is the same as a professor in this country. At the age of three Taka Dass can remember going with his father to the nearby villages and sitting quietly while his father taught. To this he attributes the fact that at an early age he was in the habit of doing much thinking and wondering that the normal child of that age does not do.

According to Taka Dass he had his first vision at the age of seven. He was sitting in the yard of his home in India and seemed to fall half asleep and a very strong dream came to him. It seemed as though a little girl was standing there and nearby was called a rattle-snake. . . . The name 'Mary' came to me and as the rattle-snake struck I awoke from my dream. I was greatly impressed with my dream and so I told my mother about it and she, remembering that there was a little girl in our neighborhood by the name of Mary, told the girl's mother about the dream. Naturally watching Mary very close the next day, she narrowly averted that very thing from happening and a rattle-snake six feet long was killed in the yard."

After that Taka Dass said he often had dreams or visions and as they usually pertained to something of importance he was regarded with a great deal of awe by the neighborhood folk.

At the age of 11 he was brought to New York and thence to Hollywood where he received the major portion of his education. He had played in many of the theatres of the United States and also maintained at times offices in many large cities where people could come to him and get advice on many things of importance in their lives.

During his engagement in La Grande he expects to answer questions of all kinds, calling you by name and working many other astonishing feats, according to Mr. Wright. His performance will begin tomorrow night, it is announced.

United States consular authorities advised all Americans in outlying places in the Lower Yangtze valley to evacuate these towns and come to Shanghai because of the possibility of widespread hostilities. Other foreigners also were reported evacuating interior towns.

Thousands of additional Japanese troops unloaded from four more transports in the river today and marched to quarters, accompanied by artillery, machine gun equipment and a hospital corps. Headquarters announced that further detachments are expected shortly. The total number of Japanese troops here now was given as approximately 25,000.

General Tsiang-Kai, commander of the Chinese troops, in the area said two new divisions have been added to his army, bringing the total numbers of Chinese soldiers now ready to oppose the expected big Japanese thrust to 50,000. The two new divisions, the Chinese said, comprised 20,000 men.

Foreign Forces 10,000  
The forces of the foreign powers, after the arrival of a French contingent which is expected shortly, will number slightly more than 10,000 troops.

The Chinese armies seemed preparing to insure an orderly and dogged retreat if they should find it necessary to fall back before the power of the Japanese advance. Most of the new troops have been assigned to the Kiangwan sector in which there has been considerable action during the past week.

The belief was expressed by Chinese military authorities that the Japanese plan much of their offensive action for this vicinity.

A number of Japanese shells fell into the sectors patrolled by the United States marines and American and English members of the Shanghai volunteer corps during a bombardment today.

The volunteer corps withdrew for safety's sake, but they emerged again after the shelling was over.

About a dozen shells, most of them dud, fell within the marines' area. Several others landed among the volunteers. No one was injured. The bombardment was directed against Chinese positions.

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## COLD WAVE HERE SENDS MERCURY DOWN TO ZERO

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in than cold spells endured earlier in the winter. Baker was four below zero Sunday.

This morning, with the mercury climbing, a fine snow was falling. The weather bureau at Portland predicted slightly warmer weather in Eastern Oregon tonight with clear skies tomorrow.

**WEST OREGON CHILLY**  
PORTLAND, Feb. 15 (AP)—Winter was back in the limelight today after bright sunshine had held the weather stage for three days.

Light snow was falling over much of the Pacific Northwest, although on the Oregon coast the day broke clear with not a hint of snow. The snow storm was expected to give way tonight to clear weather marred only by scattered cloudiness, and accompanied by slightly warmer temperatures. The storm struck Seattle at 2 a. m. and rapidly spread over the northwest until today it had become general. The mercury here stood at 31 degrees. At Baker it skipped to 2 below zero; Burns had 2 below, Salem 26, Eugene 29, Longview 28, Medford 24, Roseburg 26, Walla Walla 22 and Wolf Creek 22.

**BLACKFOOT 14 BELOW**  
BLACKFOOT, Idaho, Feb. 15 (AP)—The temperature dropped to 14 below zero here early today as a cold wave swept over Southern Idaho.

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