

LOCAL BRIEFS

Refers— Miss Jean White returned this morning to resume her duties as member of the English faculty in the La Grande High school. Miss White spent the summer attending the summer session at the University of California at Berkeley.

Refers— Russell Nelson returned to his home here last night after spending several weeks working at Milton and visiting in Seattle.

Attending Round-Up— Mrs. P. L. Dyal and two children, Forrest Jr. and Barbara, are attending the Round-Up today.

To Teach— Mrs. Edward Lyman, of Portland, arrived today and will again teach science in the La Grande High school. Mrs. Lyman was Miss Mary Dralay before her marriage the past summer. She spent the summer in Portland.

To Portland— Mrs. Ellen Gray, of Boise, will return to her home this weekend after visiting her grandson, Orval Doan and Mrs. Doan. Miss Ina Fleming and Mrs. Doan will accompany her to her home. Mrs. Gray first came to the Walla Walla valley by covered wagon and later made her home in the Walla Walla canyon, although this is her first visit to this vicinity in 30 years.

Miss Sartain Arrives— Miss Catherine Sartain arrived in La Grande this morning after an interesting summer spent in Eugene, Victoria, B. C., and California. She is a teacher in the La Grande High school and head of the drama department.

To Portland— Mr. and Mrs. Albert Currey plan to leave this weekend to attend the national convention of the American Legion in Portland.

J. P. Halley Dies— J. P. Halley, brother of Ed Halley, of La Grande, died at Baker Friday morning. Funeral services will be held at Baker on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He also is survived by his sister, Mrs. James McCallister, of Portland.

Gun Club Shoot— G. C. Hensley, executive officer of the rifle division of the La Grande Gun club announced today that there were a national qualification shoot at state range course "A" at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. All members are asked to attend, and visiting riflemen are cordially invited.

Small Fire— The fire truck was called out about 2:05 this morning to extinguish a trash fire on Court street. No damage was reported.

Report of Week— Reports received here said that a Pacific Fruit Co. truck figured in an automobile accident at Union last night, but that no one was injured. Further details were lacking shortly after noon today.

From Salem— Mrs. P. P. Phipps, of Salem, is spending the weekend visiting at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Waller, who live on M avenue.

Will Sing— Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller will furnish the special musical number tomorrow at the morning service at St. Peter's (Episcopal) church.

Weekend Guests— "Tom" Anderson and Andy Kallerg, of Portland, are weekend guests of Russell Nelson. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Nelson were classmates at Whitman college last year.

Mr. Scott Here— Russell Scott, former Boy Scout executive in this territory, was in La Grande this morning on his way from Twin Falls, where he is now located, to Seattle. He is on a business trip. He reports scouting to be on the upgrade in Idaho despite adverse conditions. If sugar beets and dry beans continue to hold their prices, he says Southern Idaho is going to be prosperous this fall and winter.

Return to Portland— Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wren and son, Bobby, left for their home in Portland this morning after spending a week in La Grande visiting Mrs. Wren's mother, Mrs. Mary Hoffmann.

Leaves— Miss Hester Hopkins left last night for Portland where she will enter business college this winter. Miss Hopkins spent the past summer with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carey.

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LA GRANDE HIGH CLASSES TO BE STARTED MONDAY (Continued From Page One) Other English teachers will hold classes in the Methodist church basement. They are Miss Beasie Pettigrew, Miss Agnes Palmer, Miss Catherine Sartain and Miss Alice Klippel. Miss Eleanor Vernon will teach Latin in the basement of the L. D. S. Recreational hall and Miss Lillie also will teach three periods a day there.

The industrial arts and home economics building is intact and will house the classes in those fields, as well as the offices of Principal Gralapp. Music will be taught in the Lutheran church. The athletic department will function from the Recreational hall, while the commercial department, with Mrs. Bertha E. Hays, M. E. Hoffman and Florence Williams comprising the faculty, will meet in Honan hall.

The study hall will be located in the Recreational hall basement. Mr. Gralapp urges that every student who is planning to enter High school report on Monday to save the officials and teachers confusion later in the week. One new teacher will report for duty in the High school on Monday, Miss Nora Myers, home economics instructor, while in the grade school Miss Grace Snook is returning from a leave of absence spent at Cheney Normal school.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 10 — Motor vehicle finance corporations which make a practice of collecting a fee of \$15 as a premium for insurance from contract purchase of motor vehicles, without actually insuring and delivering insurance policies, are operating in violation of the Oregon insurance laws and are subject to the penalties thereof. Such is the force and effect of an opinion given by Attorney General Van Winkle to Insurance Commissioner Averitt, who acting upon the advice, will prosecute all violations.

Section 21 of the motor vehicle finance act of 1931 permits the collection of a maximum fee of \$15 by the vendor of a motor vehicle, or the finance corporation which purchases the contract, as an insurance premium to cover the vendor's single interest. Information has come to the insurance department that certain finance companies have contracted this section of the act as vesting them with the authority to collect this premium arbitrarily, without qualifying to transact an insurance business in the state, and have been retaining this premium fee and issuing no policies.

Attorney General Van Winkle holds that the motor vehicle finance act does not presume to supersede existing provisions of the insurance code, which requires the taking out of a license to transact an insurance business in the state, and that finance companies which collect such fees without delivering an insurance policy written by an authorized insurance company are clearly in violation of the insurance code of the state.

"It is a familiar rule that one cannot do indirectly that which the law prohibits being done directly," says the opinion. "The soundness of this time-honored rule is exemplified when, as here considered, finance companies, operating under the motor vehicle finance act, collect and retain premiums from car purchasers and borrowers, for which no policies are issued. It is my opinion that licensees under said act are not authorized to transact business in the manner described but must comply with the provisions of the insurance code as to the licensing of insurance companies and agents in order to do so."

committee handling veterans' affairs in the house, to avoid confusion allegedly arising from handling of veterans' affairs by many committees. Child Welfare Favored Adoption of laws which will insure the improvement of conditions for children in keeping with plans evolved at the White House conference on child health and at a similar conference in Salem. A net loss of \$5000 by the state department during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, was reported by Finance Officer Thomas D. Stoughton. He reported operating expenses at \$17,000 and net income at \$12,000, which forced the department to draw upon the cash reserve, reducing it to about \$13,000. Stoughton recommended that the budget for the 1932-33 fiscal year be reduced to \$9000 from the \$12,000 voted last year.

The new chef de gare of the Grand Venture of the 40 et 8 or Oregon is Edwin J. Bayless, of Sheridan, formerly of Salem. Bayless, who has been commander of the Sheridan post of the American Legion twice and is past district commander, was elected at annual convention of the 40 et 8 here yesterday. Other officers elected were: Harold Warner, Pendleton, chef de train; John H. Hays, Portland, commissaire; Inspector George Burton, Portland, re-elected grand correspondent; Dewey Powell, Klamath Falls, grand conductor; Dan Robinson, Portland, gard de la porte; Ed Iveta, Portland, cheminot nationale; Herb Stebel, Portland, sous cheminot nationale; Shirley B. Waite, Tillamook, grand amoniteur; C. K. Logan, Salem, grand public.

Grand Chemists Named Grand chemists for the various districts are Nell Bertrandis, Port-

land; J. T. Delaney, Salem; George Parker, Albany; Lee Garlock, Medford; Chet Kerlake, Keno; and Joseph Boyer, Baker. The legion auxiliary, likewise, with more than 100 delegates attending, will elect today with Mrs. Alice George of Eugene, unopposed for the presidency. She is the wife of Sydney S. George, former state commander of the legion and she now is vice president of her organization. A contest was expected, however, in the contest for the vice presidency she is to vacate, with Mrs. J. B. Eakin, of Dallas, and Mrs. Charles T. Jones, of Portland; both out for the office. The auxiliary yesterday expressed vigorous opposition to the repeal or weakening in any way of the state radical syndicalism act. Wallawa Woman Honored Portland unit No. 1 won the silver cup for greatest gain in members during the year, while Bandon unit No. 26 was the winner in the contest for the greatest percentage of gain in membership. The past president's pin for obtaining the greatest number of members was awarded to Mrs. Helen Hood, of Kruse unit, Wallawa. The Virginia Kietzer cup for Americanism went to the Argonne unit of Sherwood, with Baker and Rose City units getting honorable mention. The community service traveling gavel bell, presented by Mrs. George of Eugene, went to the Ashland unit.

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