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MORE C.W.A. PROJECTS APPROVED

ASSIGN WORK TO 307; MORE JOBS TUESDAY

Picking Men For Glass Hill, Ladd Canyon and E. O. N. Bleachers.

PUMPKIN RIDGE PROJECT OKEHED

Old Brick Building at Imbler to Be Razed—Local Committee is Working Overtime.

C. W. A. work in this county now has been assigned to 307 men and an overworked committee is hoping to have selected men for three more projects—the Glass Hill road, the Ladd Canyon road, and the E. O. N. bleachers — by tomorrow morning.

Chinook Brings Warmer Weather To This Valley

Snow and wind, with the mercury well below freezing point, buffeted the Grande Ronde valley Saturday night and part of Sunday, before the wintry weather gave way before a chinook wind that sent the mercury up to 41 above.

The Story of Christmas



When the Wise Men heard the words of the king, they departed; and they saw with exceeding joy that above them the star glowed again and guided them toward the place which they eagerly sought.

5 SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

HERE'S HOW ONE CAN SAVE ON POSTAGE

Christmas greeting cards, in unsealed envelopes, and with no writing inside other than a "Merry Christmas" and the sender's signature, may be mailed at the third class rate of one and a half cents, according to Postmaster Ralph R. Huron.

WILL ROGERS says:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 17 — You sure got to try it to this administration for giving to do something for the down and out. Over in Phoenix, Ariz., the other day I run onto something that I had not read about, but I understand there is quite a few in southwestern states.

It's called a government transient camp. I went out to see 'em. There was about 700 men and boys (lots of 'em very young) and they kept 'em there and fed 'em and gave 'em clothes. They received no money. Good food, good coats and blankets. All had to work.

40 LA GRANDERS ATTEND LEGION MEET AT BAKER

The La Grande delegation to the conference of the seventh district of the American Legion in Baker Saturday numbered about 40 members of the post and the auxiliary.

American Legion dignitaries, headed by Harold Warner, of Pendleton, state commander, attended the conference, and at the evening program

COUNTY RECEIVES \$2998 AS SHARE OF FOREST MONEY

Union county gets \$2,998.29 this year as its apportionment of the 26 per cent of the revenue received from forest rentals, sales of timber and similar items within the counties, it is announced today.

Wallowa county received the largest amount of forest reserve allotments, \$11,075.94. Baker county was just below Union county with \$2,771.52 and Umatilla county receives \$2,674.98.

Apportionment to the 32 Oregon counties eligible for a share of the money began Saturday.

TIGERS TO PLAY AT IMBLER NEXT

La Grande High school's final basketball game of this year will be played at Imbler Thursday night, and tougher competition is expected than was received here last Friday night.

Imbler has two games under its belt, losing a close tilt to the alumni, and winning from the Imbler M. L. A. by two points.

On the home floor, the Imblerites are hopeful of starting their interscholastic season with a victory.

Coach Ira Woodie is expecting to start the same combination that worked so well here last weekend.

On Jan. 5 the Tigers will go to Elgin, resuming the winter schedule after the holidays.

Wedding "Habit"



Failure to pay for four wedding feasts in a month caused the downfall of Bror Peterson, above, when Chicago police, investigating his neglect, said they found that four different brides had graced the festal board.

3 LEGISLATORS SPEAK AT LIONS LUNCHEON TODAY

Senator Henry Hess, of Union and Wallowa counties; Rep. L. P. Allen, of Wallowa county, and Rep. Victor Eckley, of Union county, were guest speakers at today's luncheon of the Lions club at the Sacajawea Inn.

The three legislators, who returned last week from the special session in Salem, gave very interesting talks, explaining the liquor control and bus and truck laws, how they were passed, and other accomplishments of the session.

ELKS CHRISTMAS TREE IS ERECTED

The La Grande B. P. O. Elks lodge erected its community Christmas tree at Washington and Depot streets yesterday and completed decorating the tall fir. This year's tree is one of the most beautiful the Elks ever have had.

The Elks annual Christmas day party for the kiddies of this community will be held at the tree.

The remainder of the funds derived from the Days of '49 show held last October is being used to provide school children with needed clothing, with the teachers of the various schools co-operating in the work.

PARCELS ON INCREASE AT POST OFFICE

Another Proof That Conditions in La Grande Are on the Mend.

FOUR MORE MEN WILL GET WORK

Post Office Force to Be Increased This Week to Handle Usual Christmas Rush.

Conditions unquestionably are on the mend. Another proof is found at the post office, where the Christmas packages are more in evidence this year than last—and that is a pretty good sign of better times.

The post office has only one accurate way of checking on Christmas packages, and that is through insurance receipts. But from Dec. 12 to Dec. 15, inclusive, records show that Christmas parcels this year were nearly double for the same period last year.

Table comparing parcel statistics for 1932 and 1933. Columns: Date, 1932, 1933. Rows: Dec. 12, 13, 14, 15. Totals: 117, 201.

It is impossible to check on the parcels through postal receipts, as postage charges have changed in the last year.

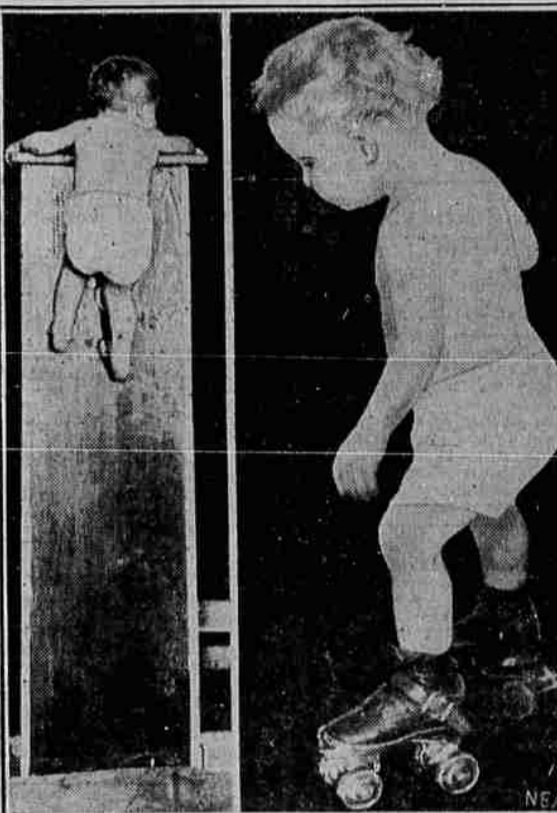
Tomorrow or Wednesday, Postmaster Kiddle will check on the parcels through postal receipts, as postage charges have changed in the last year.

English Comedy Will Be Staged By Odd Fellows

"Freeing a Mother-in-law," a sprightly English comedy in one act, will be presented by the Odd Fellows lodge, under the direction of R. J. Kitchin, for the benefit of the cemetery fund, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the I. O. O. F. hall.

The cast of characters in the play includes Mr. Watumuff, a harassed husband, Frank Snydman, Mrs. Watumuff, his wife, Mrs. Minnie Bragg, Ferdinand, the nephew, Ed Bork, Emily Watumuff, the daughter, Daphne Bowery, Walter Latherland, who is in love with Emily, Melvin Bork.

Science Did This in 19 Months



Crawling is passe for 19-month-old Johnny. He skims about on roller skates, for he's a "conditioned" baby. Heights that would alarm an ordinary infant mean nothing to him, as he poses in the picture at the left for a 63-inch drop.

KIDDLE BECOMES ACTING GOVERNOR

SALEM, Dec. 1 (AP) — Acting Governor Fred E. Kiddle arrived at the executive offices here today.

Governor and Mrs. Julius L. Meier are visiting their daughter in California during the Christmas holidays.

STORES OPEN THREE NIGHTS

Stores in La Grande will remain open until 8 o'clock on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening, before Christmas, according to a decision reached this morning by the Retail Merchants committee of the chamber of commerce.

FEAR FLOODS IN WAKE OF COAST STORM

Oregon and Washington, With Hurricane at End, Look to New Dangers

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18 (AP) — A warning that the Cowlitz river at Kelso will probably exceed the danger state of 22 feet by Tuesday, and that the Columbia river from The Dalles to the mouth of the Willamette will rise during the next two days, was issued here today by Edward L. Wells, government meteorologist.

With much of her equipment wrecked, her deckload of lumber gone.

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SALES TAX PLAN PRESENTED TO F. R.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP) — Serious consideration of a sales tax plus phraseology in the law giving President Roosevelt the right to raise or lower liquor taxes to stamp out bootleggers was urged upon congress today by the National Association of Manufacturers.

James A. Emery, general counsel of the association, warned the house ways and means committee that its sub-committee's recommendations showed "a startling tendency toward predilecting income taxes on gross rather than net incomes." Then he said:

"Entering a fourth fiscal year of deficit, and enlarging public debt, we urge, in the face of the demonstrated unreliability of income taxation as a major source of income, the serious consideration of a gross federal sales tax with exceptions for food, clothing and medicine, as a substitute for the many existing special sales taxes and the emergency levies' repeal."

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 30 1/2 cents, bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 68 cents.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (AP) — The first advance in United States quotations on gold this month went practically unnoticed by the grain markets today, cereals showing a tendency to sag.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

- AUTO CODE TO CONTINUE
CAFFERY IN HAVANA
OPPOSES REARMAMENT
OLD-AGE PENSION SUIT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP) — President Roosevelt today approved continuation of the automobile code, without change, until next September 4.

HAVANA, Dec. 18 (AP) — Jefferson Caffery, representing President Roosevelt in Cuba, arrived here today to be greeted by Representatives of President Grau San Martin, the staff of the American embassy, and 200 spectators. In the meantime Havana counted six dead and 13 wounded today in the capital's latest bloodbath and disorders.

PARIS, Dec. 18 (AP) — The war chiefs of France, in a secret session attended by General Maxime Weygand and former Premier Etienne Flandin, today decided they were flatly opposed to a rearmament of Germany.

SALEM, Dec. 18 (AP) — Mandamus action to compel the Marion county court to make a levy for old-age pension payments was brought here today in circuit court.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18 (AP) — The Multnomah county district attorney's office revealed today that Dr. Edward O. Heinrich, national known criminologist of Berkeley and San Francisco, has been engaged as a special investigator in the W. Frank Akin murder case.

ARMISTICE NEAR IN CHACO BOREAL AFTER LONG WAR

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 18 (AP) — Paraguay proposed to the Pan-American conference today an immediate armistice of the war in the Chaco Boreal against Bolivia.

The two nations have engaged in hostilities more than fifty years over the question of sovereignty of the great wilderness which lies in the interior of South America.

The hostilities developed into a war during the last two years which has seen the employment of every modern type of warfare including tanks and airplanes.

Many thousands of men on both sides have been killed in the hostilities, and tens of thousands more have been wounded. Paraguay reported last week that her forces had annihilated 15,000 Bolivian soldiers in one action on the Bolivian front.

Although the news was not officially confirmed, the slain atop the office of the newspaper El Pueblo was

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FOG IN CHICAGO CAUSE OF DEATHS

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (AP) — Seven persons perished in motor car mishaps during a heavy fog that enveloped Chicago Sunday. The fog was so dense that airplane traffic was held up until late last night.

After the fog had lifted another victim was added to the list when Mrs. Margaret Grace, 63, a wealthy widow and prominent local club woman was killed by a hit and run chauffeur, James McKnight.

BIG LAKE, Minn., Dec. 18 (AP) — Six persons were killed when their automobile was struck by an eastbound Northern Pacific passenger train here Sunday night.

TRADE GAINS SINCE SPRING SIGNIFICANT

Chart of Upturn Continues, Despite Curves of Last Few Years.

RECOVERY MOVES AHEAD IN U. S. A.

National Retail Dry Goods Association Sends Results of Survey to the President.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18 (AP) — Pacific coast business gained slightly more than the seasonal expectation during the week of Dec. 9, the Standard Index indicated. The index rose .3 points to 73.0. It was a little lower than the 73.3 of a year ago.

GENEVA, Dec. 18 (AP) — A decisive increase in world trade has occurred since the spring of 1933, the official economic bulletin of the League of Nations said today.

"Figures for October show an increase as compared to previous months," the bulletin said. "The increase is 8.3 per cent for imports and 16.3 per cent for exports as compared to April, 1933."

The report added that a significant fact was that while in previous years of the depression trade has been lower in autumn than in the spring, the contrary was true this year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP) — The National Retail Dry Goods association announced today it had sent to President Roosevelt the results of a survey showing that many leading merchants believe the recovery drive is gaining ground steadily.

The merchants praised the NRA and expressed confidence it will bring further improvement.

The association is headed by Lew Hahn. Its announcement said it is a trade group of 4500 department and specialty stores.

P. C. Winnett, president, Bullock's Los Angeles, said: "If everything that

Tornado Fatal To Four; Heavy Property Loss

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 18 (AP) — A fatal tornado which roared out of the northwestern part of the Sunday quiet of a Caddo Parish lumber camp and a plantation took four lives, injured 19 and caused heavy property loss.

The blast, so terrific that it stripped the clothing from individuals, killed a white woman and two negroes at the Grayson lumber camp, 18 miles west of here, and a negro at Soda Fountain plantation, 10 miles to the north.

Those killed at the lumber camp were Mrs. H. B. Tress, 28, A. C. Johnson, 44, and Hana Reed, 27. Charlotte Hill, 75, was fatally injured on the plantation. Eleven others were injured at the camp and eight more at the plantation.

Relief agencies took charge of the stricken areas today.

Lindberghs Land At Charleston, S. C.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 18 (AP) — Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh, en route from Miami to New York, landed at the Charleston navy yard today at 2:18 p. m. (EST).

NORTHWEST TO TURN TO GRAPE GROWING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP) — Unleashed by repeal of prohibition, grape growing was foreseen today by Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, as one of the future agricultural developments of Eastern Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

The Pasco area of Washington and the nearby Eastern Oregon region was described by Dr. Mead as excellent for the growing of burgundy grapes. He said he never had seen larger yields. A considerable portion of the Columbia river basin area, which will be served by the Grand Coulee dam and irrigation development, is of the same soil texture as the Pasco region, he said, indicating the vicinity could become an important area in supplying the new legal demands for wines in this country.

Advertisement for 'WHAT'LL YOU HAVE?' featuring a bottle of 'LEGAL LIQUOR' and a bottle of 'BOOTLEG LIQUOR'. The ad includes a cartoon illustration of a man in a suit holding a bottle, with the word 'CRIME' written on his chest. The signature 'Hergl' is visible at the bottom.