

Three Boys Aid In The Arrest Of Two Suspects Here

La Grande Is The Gateway to Wallowa, "The Switzerland of America"

La Grande Evening Observer

Only Newspaper Printed in La Grande Covering Union and Wallowa Counties

VOLUME 32

EASTERN OREGON'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

LA GRANDE, OREGON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1933

MEMBER ASSOCIATED PRESS

NUMBER 93

NORTHWEST FLOODS NEAR AN END

POLICE JAIL TWO MEN ON OPEN CHARGE

To Be Questioned By District Attorney Helm in Holdup Case

SCOUT IS VICTIM CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Dwight Smith, Assisted By Wayne Smith and Clayton Klein, Follow Suspected Men.

Two men were in the city jail today, held on an open charge, and three boys were receiving congratulations for their aid in bringing about their arrest after an alleged holdup at 1115 p. m. last night.

The two men, Joe Breiten and John Jordan, were arrested by City Policemen Bob Coy and Ray Pullmer, who alleged they held up Dwight Smith at Fir and Jackson. No gun was found on the men but the police said one of them broke a bottle on Fir street on the way to the station.

The case was to be turned over to District Attorney Carl Helm today for investigation.

The three boys, Dwight and Wayne Smith and Clayton Klein had spent the evening in the rooms of Mr. Gates at the La Grande hotel. He is an expert in Boy Scout work and directs Troop 18 in its activities. The boys were receiving instruction in first aid and bandaging.

On their way home, they said they saw what they believed to be two men who they feared may have been drinking. Wayne and Clayton, wishing to avoid any trouble, took a side street but Dwight went on ahead. He said a gun was thrust in his side and he was searched for money, after which he was told to go home and keep still.

Hurriedly catching up with his companions, he told them what had happened and they tried to find a telephone to summon the police, they said. Not finding a phone, they encountered two men who agreed they would help the boys find the alleged holdup men. Armed only with a holdup knife and a dog, these five located the suspected men on Fir street, and then Officer Pullmer arrived on the scene.

All three of the boys are Boy Scouts, and Don A. Smith is scoutmaster of their troop.

Police also have the name of Eliza Marten, who said he was an eyewitness, seeing what happened from his home.

State Police's Power Curtailed In Drunk Cases

Captain H. Lee Noe, of Baker, commander of the Eastern Oregon division of the state police, has been informed by higher authorities that "section 15-705, Oregon code, 1930, defining the crime of drunkenness on any highway, street or any public place or building, and drunkenness in a private building or place, and disturbing others and drunkenness or drinking in or upon any engine, car, train of cars, boat, landing, wharf, or depot of any common carrier, has been repealed by section 51 of the liquor control act."

Captain Noe has received orders to issue instructions to those under his command to refrain from making further arrests under this section, according to word received here. As a result the state police are without jurisdiction in liquor cases except those of driving an automobile while intoxicated.

Of course, city police officers are authorized to handle all cases of drunkenness in cities which have ordinances covering the subject.

The county court has jurisdiction to control road houses as it has authority to control dance halls in outlying sections.

WILL ROGERS says:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 25 — Between looking at our Xmas necktie and new coat it don't give us much chance to read the Xmas day papers. There is something about a terrible accident or calamity that draws even nations closer together.

Now France, we cuss 'em (for looking out for France better than we look out for ourselves) but when we read of this terrible train wreck all debts are forgotten, all over-charges to us when we were tourists there are bygones.

We just think of 'em as folks like us, who have about the same problem to face, wooden coaches on railroads. Yours, WILL ROGERS. P. S.—This P. S. is put in here to save all R. R. presidents from sending good-natured indignant wires. We know that you are all doing away with the wooden ones as fast as you can. How's that, Mr. Stotesbury?

Will Rogers
© 1932, McLaughlin Studios, Inc.

1.05 INCHES RAIN FALLS HERE IN DAY

Heaviest Precipitation in Months—Inch of Wet Snow Turns to Slush.

Heavy precipitation during the 24-hour period ending at 7 o'clock this morning, including an inch of wet snow, brought the 1933 rainfall figures for La Grande to 22.56 inches, which is 3.11 inches above normal. An inch and five one hundredths of rain fell yesterday, but colder weather in the mountains prevented rivers and streams from swelling to a dangerous point.

Christmas day's rainfall was one of the heaviest of the entire year. The inch of snow that fell last night turned to slush early today and was melting rapidly with the mercury moving above freezing at 7 a. m. after a low of 32 above. Monday's maximum was 61 and the minimum 35 above.

The rainfall brought December's total to 3.66, the wettest December since 1924, when the total was 3.32, most of it in the form of snow. So far this month there has been five inches of snow, all of which melted soon after falling. One inch of snow fell in November.

North of La Grande, heavy snow was reported — through the Blue mountains, Pendleton and at Walla Walla, where there was eight inches piled up this morning. No snow fell last night at Baker, it was reported today.

Last night was the first time the mercury dropped to freezing point since Dec. 18.

The weather forecast indicates snow in Eastern Oregon tonight, with little change in temperatures.

MINOR ACCIDENTS DURING WEEKEND

Several automobile accidents occurred in and near La Grande during the Christmas weekend, but without injury to anyone, according to reports to the police.

At 4:45 p. m. Christmas day, a car driven by Leon W. Berry and George Lyman collided at Pennsylvania and Fourth. Damage was not serious, it was said.

George Clark and Harry Mason were arrested by the police after their car figured in a collision with a parked car belonging to Charles Karstner. No one was hurt. Police said Clark was driving.

Cars driven by Wilfred Landers and an unidentified man met in collision Christmas day, and on Dec. 25.

(Continued On Page Four)

Boy Convicted



Raymond Frye, 16, Indian youth, found guilty of murder at Coquille, Ore. The jury recommended life imprisonment. The lad declared the killing was a hunting accident.

LOCAL CHURCHES BRING CHRISTMAS JOY TO HUNDREDS

Churches of the city reported today one of the most joyous Christmas seasons in recent years, with large attendances at special and regular programs and services and some unusually generous offerings. Practically all churches of the city observed the Yuletide in an appropriate manner.

The majority of the musical programs took place Saturday and Sunday evenings, with midnight masses held at the Episcopal and Catholic churches Christmas eve. Cantatas were given at the Christian and the First M. E. church Sunday night. The annual Sunday school program was held at the Presbyterian church Saturday night and on Sunday evening. The L. D. S. church held at joint Christmas service Sunday evening.

Christmas morning Rev. J. George Walz, of the Presbyterian church, spoke to the Knight Templars at their Christmas day service, using for his theme "Symbolism of Numbers," emphasizing the Scripture numbers three, four, seven and twelve.

The Sunday evening program at the Presbyterian church was arranged by Mrs. S. B. Morgan and Mrs. J. P. Morelock.

Because of lack of space today, the Observer was unable to print several of the programs in detail.

(Continued On Page Four)

EAST OREGON C. W. A. HEADS COMING HERE

District Conference Next Saturday; Palmer, Carlson to be in Attendance

A district conference of the civil works chairmen, committeemen and employees of Union, Umatilla, Baker and Wallowa counties will be held in La Grande Saturday with Barton E. Palmer, of Portland, assistant to the C. W. A. administrator, as chief speaker. Mr. Carlson, Eastern Oregon field manager, also will be present.

Mr. Palmer has just returned from a two-day conference in San Francisco and will bring additional facts concerning the operations and policies of the C. W. A. to local chairmen and committees.

The conference is to be held at 1 p. m. Saturday and in the evening Mr. Palmer is expected to deliver an address at the La Grande hotel.

Mr. Palmer will spend Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Eastern Oregon, and will stop at The Dalles, Bend, Condon, Canyon City, John Day and La Grande.

J. H. Pearce, local chairman of the C. W. A., is making arrangements for the conference.

Mr. Pearce also announced today that R. B. Wilcox, from state relief headquarters in Portland, sent a letter.

(Continued On Page Five)

La Grande Urged To Donate \$125 For Flood Relief

A telegram received by Rev. Paul De F. Mortimore, chairman of the Union County Chapter of the American Red Cross asks that this organization raise at once \$125 of the thousands of dollars immediately needed to help the victims of the floods now ravaging the lower Columbia river area. The Red Cross is the official relief agency in this emergency as in all major disasters, and is hard at work rescuing and caring for flood refugees, Mr. Mortimore says.

Later it will be necessary to provide means of rehabilitation for many who will be left destitute; and the Red Cross will also provide this service, he added, and every dollar that can be raised will be needed in caring for the unfortunate victims of Oregon's worst storm in history.

Those who care to make voluntary contributions may leave them at the La Grande Investment Co. office. Sherman Williams is treasurer of the local Red Cross and will forward all contributions. A canvass of the downtown district will be made at once, it is announced.

Estimates today were that the La Grande children, whose parents were unable to provide them with the usual supply of Christmas gifts, were made glad during the Christmas weekend by organizations and clubs of this city.

(Continued On Page Five)

Sea and Roses in Her Domain



Not only beautiful, but broad in expanse, is the realm of Treva Scott. She has been elected "Queen of the Seven Seas." And as such, Her Majesty will rule over the colorful Tournament of Roses at Pasadena, Calif., New Year's Day.

LESS FORTUNATE MADE HAPPY BY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

SOME TOYS LEFT
The Lions announced today that several toys remain undisturbed and that some addresses of children given them and the firemen for Christmas aid, could not be located. Anyone knowing of any needy children who did not receive gifts is asked to notify either Fred Henning or Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay, and deliveries will be made as long as the toys last.

The hearts of hundreds of La Grande children, whose parents were unable to provide them with the usual supply of Christmas gifts, were made glad during the Christmas weekend by organizations and clubs of this city.

Estimates today were that the La Grande children, whose parents were unable to provide them with the usual supply of Christmas gifts, were made glad during the Christmas weekend by organizations and clubs of this city.

(Continued On Page Five)

MRS. BILYEU IS KILLED AT ALBANY, ORE.

Enterprise Woman and Parents Victims of Accident; Daughter Hurt.

Mrs. Charles G. Bilyeu, of Enterprise, prominent in women's club circles over the state, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mayer, of Lebanon, were killed in an automobile-train crash at Albany, Ore., Sunday.

Mrs. Bilyeu's daughter, Mary Joan, University of Oregon student, was injured seriously, but will recover.

The Mayer automobile was struck by a Southern Pacific passenger train, the machine being carried more than 400 feet. Eye-witnesses said that Mr. Mayer, driving slowly, apparently failed to see the crossing warning and drove directly in front of the train.

The Mayers had gone to Albany to meet Mrs. Bilyeu and her daughter, who had arrived there Sunday morning from Eugene and were to spend Christmas at the Mayer home.

The news of the tragedy was received with sorrow both here and in Wallowa county, where Mrs. Bilyeu was very well known.

Plans for funeral arrangements have not been learned as yet.

LIQUOR CONTROL LAW FACING TEST

SALEM, Dec. 26 (A) — The new state liquor law is target of a constitutional suit which questions the state monopoly on sale of retail hard liquor and seeks renewal of home rule or local option privileges. A permanent injunction against operation of the law is asked.

The suit was filed in circuit court here late Saturday by the city of Klamath Falls through Mayor Willis Mahoney and Special Attorney Elton Watkins, of Portland.

No agreements or treaties exist, it was explained, which would prevent Spain from taking a similar course.

Wheat Today

The price of hard cash wheat stood at about 31 1/2 cents bulk today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 63 cents.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26 (A) — Decidedly colder weather over domestic winter-wheat territory did much to uphold wheat values today, and the close was about unchanged from Friday. Forecasts were for it to 10 below zero tonight in Chicago and suburbs, but at times the market effect was more than offset by heavy snowfalls from Illinois eastward. There was some buying of wheat futures as against increasing flour sales.

Wheat closed steady, 1/4c off to 1/4c up compared with Friday's finish, corn at 1/4c decline to 1/4c advance, oats 1/4c lower to 1/4c higher, and provisions unchanged to a rise of 3/8c.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

PORTLAND LOSER OFFICE
HIRED TO KIDNAP BOY
FLOODS IN PHILIPPINES
INSULT SECURITIES HELD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (A) — Senator Steiwer of Oregon was today notified by the agricultural adjustment administration that it has abandoned plans for opening a branch office at Portland, as announced several weeks ago.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 26 (A) — Sheriff T. A. Heise announced today that Robert H. Wiles, 49, alleged killer of 15-year-old Herbert H. Harris Jr., "was hired to kidnap him" for the purpose of ransom or killing the boy.

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 26 (A) — Floods sweeping down the sides of the inactive volcano Bulusan in Sorsogon Province drowned at least nine persons today while a typhoon, tidal wave and torrential rains caused heavy damage in Eastern and Southern Philippine Islands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (A) — The Reconstruction corporation reported to a senate committee today that it holds several million dollars of Insular securities and German bonds back of the loan still outstanding to the Central Republic Bank and Trust company, the Daves bank of Chicago.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (A) — Representative Pettus (D., Texas) said today he did not believe congress would force cash payment of the bonus at the coming session if that would interfere with the president's monetary program.

WEEKEND DEATH LIST IN NATION MORE THAN 180

By the Associated Press
Yuletide and over-the-week-end holiday accidents and the weather combined to cause a heavy loss of life in the United States, a survey revealed today.

More than 180 deaths were reported, most of them due to motor car mishaps. No section of the country escaped.

A cold blast from the Canadian Northwest sent temperatures tumbling to near and below zero in many sections of the mid-west, and was blamed for at least five deaths due to exposure. Four of them were in Chicago where the mercury sank to 7 above. Eleventh, Minn., had 42 below, and Rhinelander, Wis., 31 under the zero mark. Snow covered Iowa, and most of Illinois, the Dakotas.

(Continued On Page Four)

SPAIN MAY SEND WARSHIP TO CUBA

EL FERROL, Spain, Dec. 26 (A) — It was said in official circles today that the Spanish cruiser Jaime I has received orders to proceed to Havana, Cuba, to protect Spanish interests if necessary. It was said the cruiser would set out shortly.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (A) — Dispatch of a Spanish cruiser to Havana to protect the interests of that country in Cuba was accepted among high officials today as an indication that Spain had abandoned any plans she might have had of asking the United States to intervene.

Sending of the cruiser would create no precedent, it was said, as Great Britain, during one turbulent occasion in Nicaragua, sent a British warship there to watch British interests.

No agreements or treaties exist, it was explained, which would prevent Spain from taking a similar course.

CONCERT AT HOTEL SUNDAY AFTERNOON

With gay Yuletide decorations lending a colorful tone to the stilled atmosphere of peace and good-will, the Christmas concert at the La Grande hotel on Sunday afternoon was one of the most impressive features of the day. A large audience gathered in the lobby to hear the music appropriate to the season and to join in the caroling.

Musical by the La Grande High school orchestra, directed by Andrew Loney Jr., opened the program, after which Mrs. George Birnie presented the history of the Christmas carol, "Silent Night" and "First Noel" were sung by a men's quartet composed of

WINTRY COLD IS CHECKING HIGH WATERS

Major Rivers Falling in the Pacific Northwest Today.

COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY BLOCKED

Relief Work Goes Ahead in Idaho and Washington; More Deaths Added to Storm Total.

PORTLAND, Dec. 26 (A) — Cold weather today had stemmed the tide of furious floods which for ten days raged from the banks of Pacific northwest streams. All major rivers were falling. Insignificant creeks which had been transformed into raging torrents, were assuming more normal proportions.

Several hundred families, made homeless by the yellow, debris-laden waters throughout the northwest, were being cared for by the Red Cross and other relief agencies as rehabilitation work went forward in the affected areas.

In many sections of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, snow or cold, drizzling rain replaced the terrific down-pours and the unseasonably warm weather of the past two weeks.

Columbia River Highway Blocked
Railroads and highways in several parts of the northwest, however, continued to be menaced by landslides as huge sections of hillsides slipped away leaving great scars above, and debris and destruction below. The

(Continued On Page Three)

Pacific Slope Business Shows November Gain

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (A) — Confirming reports of rising business from many quarters, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco reported today the bank's elaborate statistical studies of Pacific slope activities showed a gain in the aggregate for November.

The November rise followed a moderate two-months recession, in the wake of the preceding strong revival that got under way in April.

"Both industry and trade were more active than a year earlier," the report said. There were seasonal declines, however, in employment in industries and agriculture.

Though wholesale prices of farm products fluctuated considerably, they "showed little net change between the beginning of November and the middle of December."

Governor Kiddle Grants Extradition

SALEM, Dec. 26 (A) — Extradition of Theodore Maxfield and Thomas H. Henson to Washington county, Idaho to face burglary charges was authorized here today by Acting Governor Fred E. Kiddle.

The two were under arrest at Ontario, Oregon.

Wreck Fatalities Reach Total of 199

PARIS, Dec. 26 (A) — Known fatalities in Saturday night's railroad disaster reached 199 today, with the death of three more victims.

Of the total number killed, only three persons remained unidentified at noon; they were two women and a man. Meanwhile an investigation was pressed into the worst train wreck in France's history.

The exact total of deaths may never be known.

COUNT WILD ANIMALS IN UMATILLA FOREST

There is plenty of wild life in the hills. If the forest service's count in the Umatilla national forest area is taken as evidence.

The total number of elk counted by the foresters was 3,080, and the estimate on mule deer is 7,950.

Porcupines were most numerous with 9,850, with deer second and coyotes third with 4,100. There are 3,775 weasels according to the count, 945 bear, 500 wildcats, 31 mountain

lions, 251 beaver, 620 martens, 69 fox, 603 mink, 845 badgers, 14 otter, 860 skunk, 260 raccoons and 400 muskrat.

Game animals killed during 1933 in the Umatilla forest area were: elk 259, deer 532, bear 90. The estimated number of hunters in the forest was 5,890.

Predatory animals killed by men of the biological survey follow: coyotes 702, bobcats 72, bear 90, porcupines 755.

Possible Effect of Congress Meeting At New Year's Time

