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O Lord my God, Hear me, For I am ready to halt. I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.—Psalm 38: 15, 18.

THE NEW YEAR STARTS

The world is on the threshold of a new year today, buckling into the tasks ahead of it with new confidence, with new faith in what the next 12 months will bring.

The year probably will not be one marked so much by production, but rather a year in which more attention will be paid to consumption — seeking a balancing of the two that will insure early return of normalcy.

Nationally, most interest at present is centering upon the convening of congress today, the session to continue probably into May.

General support of President Roosevelt's recovery program by all parties seems likely. Although there continues some dispute regarding certain phases, particularly the currency stabilization plan, these factors are not expected to retard any real movements for advancement.

Locally, the outlook is equally bright. The foundation has been laid, and laid well, in the year just past, and 1934 should bring forth splendid results.

And to give impetus to business that already was beginning to feel new life, came the federal hog payments to farmers, the C. C. C. camps, and the civil works program, bringing new money into the city and greasing the wheels of local business.

Another thing to look forward to in 1934 is the Union Pacific celebration to be held here in July, commemorating the arrival of the first railroad train in this city half a century ago.

The cards are stacked, and not against us this time. Unless some unusual calamity befall, 1934 should send La Grande far along the high road, and enable this community, as well as thousands of other communities throughout the land, to chalk up marks of progress that will be the sign for better times than we have enjoyed in many years.

LEGISLATION FOR IRRIGATION

One of the less publicized acts of the recent special session of the legislature was the passage of four bills offered by Senator Upton on behalf of the legislative committee of the Oregon reclamation congress and of two additional measures introduced by the senate committee on irrigation and drainage.

The four, with one other that failed of passage, came into being as a result of action taken at the meeting of the congress in Baker in September. At that time the need for legislation that would enable Oregon reclamation districts to take advantage of the opportunity to secure federal funds for rehabilitation was considered and a committee, headed by Senator Upton, named to prepare the necessary bills.

Bondholders and other creditors are being asked to scale down their claims and two of the bills in question make it possible for district boards to cancel or compromise assessments and for county courts to do the same as to ad valorem taxes.

The third bill makes receivership of a reclamation district possible and the fourth simplifies the instance of refunding bonds in case of federal refinancing.

We know that the thanks of the reclamation congress have already been extended to Senator Upton for his success with these measures and we think that the irrigation community in general owes him thanks, as well—Bend Bulletin.

Smith Agency To Hold Sales Meeting Here

(Continued from Page One) of policies. Outstanding performances were also made by Tom Bruce, Baker; Garnard Coles, Haines; and others. Accompanying Mr. Smith to La Grande for the conference will be the following officers of the company: W. C. Schuppel, executive vice president; W. P. Stalaker, treasurer; Dr. Otis B. Wight, medical director; J. S. Williams, asst. supt. of agencies; and Edwin A. Phillips, agency secretary. Representatives of the company in the La Grande district who will attend the meeting to be held in the Sacajawea Inn Friday and Saturday in addition to Mr. Coollidge, are Mr. Bruce, city manager, Baker; and H. A. Blankenship, Geo. F. Childs, Forest L. Hubbard Jr., Carrie C. Jackson, and James P. Jackson, all of Baker; T. Gordon Barnard, Fred L. Fox and Vera L. Fox, all of Union; Jack Coollidge and E. C. Herlinger, La Grande; Chas E. Bean, Elgin; Mr. Coles, Haines; Bruce Cox and Erma Kiddie, Wallowa; and Fred Edwards, Lostine. Delegates throughout the Inland Empire are planning to meet at Pendleton Thursday afternoon to form an automobile caravan for the ride over the Blue Mountains to La Grande.

The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST Oregon: Unsettled in the east and occasional rains in the west portion tonight and Thursday; snow in the mountains, moderate temperature; fresh south and southwest wind offshore. LOCAL WEATHER Tuesday: Maximum 48, minimum 38 above. Rainfall .34 of inch. Cloudy. Today: Minimum 38, 7 a. m.—42 above. Cloudy.

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

To The Editor: I have read various articles in your paper and others signed by some of our citizens in regard to the ruthless slaying of elk and other game, condemning the game commission and outside sportsmen, and I do not wholly agree with them.

No doubt, there were violations as there always are of this and other laws, but most of the rumors were exaggerated or proved untrue and some offenders were legally prosecuted. A large number of hunters had little or no knowledge of caring for an elk carcass and the exceptionally warm weather made it more difficult.

Considering the number of hunters out, I would say the number of accidents and law violations was few. Sportsmen, stockmen and farmers in outlying districts have been clamoring at the game commission for several years to open the season and it was with a view of satisfying this class of people that the season was opened.

The killing of the old bulls does not impair the breeding stock of elk but a very little as they are very much like cattle and no rancher keeps his old herd bulls and it is the old bulls that become the biggest nuisance and in many cases a menace.

No farmer would appreciate having a herd of his neighbor's cattle in his grain field or haystack, and you can well imagine the result if his neighbor insisted his cattle were protected by law and would pay no damages. And it is almost impossible to fence against elk.

To the man who had nothing to lose the situation might be humorous or he might say "Mr. Smith shot Mr. Jones' poor offensive cattle."

I have farmed and raised livestock in this country for 20 years and as elk are fairly numerous here I think I am pretty familiar with this side of the question. As to the outside hunters I think that if any of us that wanted to hunt in another state and bought our license, we would feel we had a perfect right to do so and as the elk season had been closed since 1909, it naturally did attract a lot of people.

In writing this I do not wish to appear as devoid of sentiment. I am glad that I am living in a time when I can see these animals in their natural state and I have spent hours studying their habits. But I can see no reason to protect them to the extent where they become a nuisance.

We have an open season on deer and other game, why not an open season on elk? I would also suggest a change in this open season.

Against the average hunter, the elk is perfectly able to take care of itself, as many hunters can tell you. I heard a man from Baker state that in his opinion the elk needed no protection but he thought the state should make a test—open season and pay a man three dollars a day to hunt them instead of charging him for a license.

JACK STARRO, Starkey, Ore.

E. O. N. To Open Season Against Boise Quintet

(Continued from Page One) weeks ago, will come to La Grande Friday of this week for the opening game of the season. The Boise quintet, in spite of its loss to the Vandals, is rated as a strong team, and a real contest appears in store for local fans this week. The game will be played at the L. D. S. Recreation hall at 8 p. m. with Ira Woodie as referee. It will be preceded by preliminary tilt beginning at 7 p. m.

The remainder of the schedule follows: Jan. 11—Whitman college at Walla Walla. Jan. 12—Lewiston Normal at Lewiston, Ida. Jan. 19—College of Idaho at Nampa, Ida. Jan. 23—Whitman college in La Grande. Jan. 25-26—Monmouth Normal in La Grande. Feb. 5—College of Idaho in La Grande. Feb. 7-8—Lewiston Normal in La Grande. Feb. 10—Boise Junior college at Boise. Feb. 15-16—Monmouth at Monmouth. Feb. 20—House of David in La Grande.

Rotarians Hear Rep. Eckley On New Laws

(Continued from Page One) ers was eliminated. Rep. Eckley explained the sales tax proposal, stating that it was a 1 1/2 per cent tax upon all retail sales of taxable personal property. In other words, according to the speaker, "a tax upon anything you buy out of a store."

The tax, which is expected to come before a referendum, differs from the sales tax plan of the previous legislative session, in that it imposes no levy upon wholesale purchases, nor

AT THE LIBERTY



Here is a scene from "Hoopla", starring Clara Bow, and opening at the Liberty Thursday. It shows a fat lady having difficulty in boarding the train.

Clara Bow, the over- fiery, makes her latest screen appearance in "Hoopla", her second starring film to be released under the banner of Fox Film. The production is slated for a two day engagement at the Liberty theatre beginning on Thursday.

In this story of carnival life that dramatizes the hatreds, the desires, the romance and the loves of the "big top", Clara Bow is said to reach the highest point of achievement in her colorful career. The role she plays is reported as so well suited to her capabilities, that it promises to be the most important portrayal she has ever undertaken.

In "Hoopla" Miss Bow depicts the part of a fiery carnival dancer, and the environment of the open-air show forms a kaleidoscopic background for her constantly-changing emotions and the fire of her personality.

The cast in support of Miss Bow is headed by Preston Foster and Richard Cromwell and further includes Herbert Maudin, James Gleason, Minna Gombell, Roger Imhof and Florence Roberts. Frank Lloyd, director of "Cavalcade" and "Berkeley Square", is also responsible for the direction of this production. The film was produced by Al Rocco for "The Barker" stage play by John Kenyon Nicholson.

does it levy a tax upon electric light, gas or water bills or upon sales of products by the farmer. The result of products of the farm by a store is taxed. Small stores doing a business of less than \$50 a month are not proposed to be taxed. All revenues from this source of taxation are to go to the relief of delinquent school funds.

Charles Playle was in charge of today's program and previous to Rep. Eckley's talk he introduced his granddaughter, Lena May Rosenbaum, clever tap dancer, who accompanied at the piano by Dave Steward, entertained the Rotarians with several clever samples of her artistic work.

Admits Strangling Chum for "Lying"



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LA GRANDERS IN CAMP AT PORT ORFORD

PORT ORFORD, Ore. (Special) — The 964th C. C. C. Co. has a very promising basketball team, having already played some very close games with strong hopes to play in all the district tournaments. Randal Emberg plays center, Earl Ashman is substitute center and Clifford Briggs plays running guard.

An enjoyable Christmas was the reward of all the boys who stayed in camp. The company celebrated by having a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. After the dinner a dance was enjoyed.

Among the La Grande boys who stayed in camp were Antone McEwen, Oswald McMurray and George Sinclair.

Henry Yahn, a local boy, is playing in the camp band.

Now that the holidays are over, the C. C. C. men are returning to camp. Many of them traveled long distances, among them were Randal Emberg, Earl Ashman, Merle Carbine, Clifford Briggs and Glade O'Neil, all of La Grande.

The 964th Co. lost two members when R. Chapin and E. McQuisky were discharged for overstaying their Christmas leave.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Returns To Klamath—Miss Dorothy Eberhard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Eberhard, left Monday night for Klamath Falls after spending the holidays in La Grande with her parents. She is a teacher in the High school there.

Returns To Portland—Mrs. Frances Daugherty has returned to her home in Portland following a visit of several weeks at the homes of her brother and sister, J. B. Stearns and Miss Mae Stearns.

Visit at Elgin—Mrs. E. I. Shepherd and her sister, Lillian Taylor, visited at Elgin yesterday with their brother, Frank Schermer, at his ranch home.

To Boise—Miss Jane DeVinney, graduate nurse, who was formerly employed at Hot Lake sanatorium, has gone to Boise to take charge of the surgery in Emanuel hospital there.

SWAN SERVICE ON THURSDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida D. Swan, who died Sunday, will be held at the chapel of Walkers Funeral Home Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock with the Christian Scientists in charge. Burial will be in the Ackley cemetery.

MINOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT HERE

Cars driven by John McMurteen and Clyde Bloom figured in a minor traffic accident on Washington avenue near Zuber hall at 1:30 a. m. Jan. 1, according to reports to the police. No one was hurt and the damage was slight.

GUN CLUB TO HOLD ELECTION

The La Grande Gun club will meet for election of officers next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the club house, Floyd Lanning, secretary, announced this morning.

TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TO WIDEN LOCKS PORTLAND, Jan. 3 (AP) — Addition of 20 feet to the width of the Bonneville navigation locks had been approved by the war department. It was said by Major Charles F. Williams, U. S. district engineer here. He received word from Washington last night.

The new order changes the width from 36 feet to 76 feet and each lock will be 360 feet long. Two barges instead of one will be accommodated, but sea-going boats will not be able to pass through.

SALEM PLANS CONDEMNATION MOVE SALEM, Jan. 3 (AP) — The Salem city council last night unanimously passed an ordinance authorizing the city to institute condemnation proceedings enabling the city to purchase the properties of the Oregon-Washington Water Service company here. The measure received the immediate signature of Mayor Douglas McKay.

SCHOENFELD NAMED DIRECTOR PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3 (AP) — A dispatch to the Journal today from Washington, D. C., said Dean W. A. Schoenfeld of Oregon State college has been appointed a director of the Federal Land Bank at Spokane, to succeed E. M. Ehrhardt, resigned. Schoenfeld's acceptance had not been received today, the dispatch said.

NO FIRE DEATHS SALEM, Ore., Jan. 3 (Special) — State Fire Marshal A. H. Averill announces with much pleasure that the holiday season has passed without the reporting of any death, serious injuries or heavy property losses in Oregon due to carelessness in the use of the customary inflammable Christmas tree.

MRS. DALE DIES IN BAKER ON SUNDAY NIGHT NORTH POWDER (Special) — Mrs. Anna Dale passed away in the Antler's hotel in Baker at seven o'clock Sunday night, Dec. 31, following a short illness of pneumonia. Mary Anna Simons was born March 2, 1862 in Wisconsin. She is survived by a son, Major Harry Dale, and a daughter Mrs. Mary Owens, of Washington, D. C., five brothers, Jacob, Matts, Louis, and James, of this vicinity, and John, of Union, and two sisters, Mrs. George Harrison and Mrs. Theresa Nice, also of this vicinity. Funeral services will be held in the St. Francis Cathedral in Baker Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

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