

# WHITE CLOTHED CHRISTMAS FOR BEND IS IDEAL

### SENSIBLE PURCHASING NOTED

### GIFT TRADE IS HEAVY

Home Celebration Planned Generally For Sunday—Parties Are Tonight—Last of Record Mail To Be Delivered To Homes.

"Merry Christmas," clothed in white this year so far as Bend is concerned, leaves little to be desired. Beginning late tonight, the people of this community will have nothing to occupy them but Christmas enjoyment until Tuesday morning, for Monday is a holiday for stores and also at the mills and other places of business.

Christmas amusements this year are spread over an entire week, thereby leaving Christmas day for a home celebration in most cases, except for the church services. Tonight's program for the children at the Elks' club and the Christmas Eve dance at the American Legion building are the last events until Monday's smoker.

### Purchases Heavy

Heavy purchasing of useful and sensible gifts has marked the Christmas shopping, local merchants report. Clothiers, furniture dealers, druggists and photographers declare that they have sold more goods than last year or any previous season, but some of them say that on account of prices being 25 per cent lower than last year, their receipts do not total so large. Others claim greater receipts than formerly, in spite of the lower prices.

Bend's Christmas dinner will not be so elaborate as last year, say the grocers. Up to noon today the purchases had not been up to the standard of former years.

Leading moonshiners report sales as heavy as last year, but decreased receipts on account of a lower price.

### Smoker Seat Sale Large

That Monday's smoker is regarded as an interregnum feature of the Christmas observance is indicated by a heavy advance seat sale. All of the Bend dealers that they are in excellent condition, and ready to go as a fast pace. The doors open at 2 o'clock, and the preliminary event, or, as Matchmaker Carroll describes it, the first of the three main events, begins at 3 o'clock.

This may be the last smoker for some time under Carroll's management, he announces, as he is planning to go on tour with Speck Woods and Allie Taylor soon after New Year's.

### Packages Sent Early

Although some frenzied last minute mailing remained to be done today, the people of Bend, and apparently of the entire country had the "mail early" idea—not only had it, but carried it out, Postmaster W. H. Hudson states. Mailing and receipt of Christmas mail from the outside began this year 10 days ahead of the usual time, gradually increasing to December 15. Between December 19 and 22, the peak was reached, 130 sacks of outgoing mail being handled in three days. Yesterday there was a comparative slump.

Everything has been delivered as fast as it was received, and a 50 per cent gain in efficiency was made by issuing numbers on insured matter once, and doing the necessary clerical work in connection with the insuring away from the window. A special delivery truck has been on for several days preventing mail from piling up on the regular carriers.

### Will Deliver Mail

Opening hours at the postoffice parcels which cannot be delivered by Sunday and Monday will be between 9 and 10 o'clock, for delivery of any parcels which cannot be delivered by carrier, Hudson announces. Everything which can will be delivered by carrier, on both Sunday and Monday, whether the recipient usually receives mail in that manner or not.

The Christmas mail this year, both outgoing and incoming, has been the heaviest the Bend postoffice has ever experienced, Hudson stated.

Solemn high mass will be celebrated at St. Frances Catholic church tonight at midnight, announces Father Luke Sheehan. The masses Christmas morning will be at 7:30 and 10 o'clock.

# Troops Are Ready To Quell Strike On Christmas Eve

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

NEWPORT, Ky., Dec. 24.—State troops are prepared to disperse armed groups of strikers reported to be on the outskirts of the city planning a demonstration against steel mill employers and strike breakers. Four companies of the state guard are present. It was claimed they had control of the situation, wiping out the lawlessness which has prevailed for over a week. Machine guns have been placed in steel mills, ready to repel any strike attacks.

# Britain Plans To Build Great Undersea Fleet

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—If France prevents an agreement on submarine tonnage, Great Britain will reserve the right to build a tremendous anti-submarine fleet. This notice stood out prominently as delegates assembled today for a desperate attempt to end the naval debate by Christmas.

# REDMOND HAS WATER FAMINE

### WATER FOR WASHING BECOMES LUXURY, AND THREE CENTS A GALLON IS QUOTED AS PRICE—COLD, SNOW ARE CAUSES.

A bucket of water will be the most acceptable Christmas gift in Redmond this year, and the giver need not wait until tomorrow to make delivery. It would be just as acceptable today as tomorrow, for Redmond is in the clutches of a real water famine, according to Redmond residents visiting in Bend. Water to drink is a rarity, and only the most luxury loving are using it to wash lin. Most are content if they can get a drink now and then. At last reports water was selling at three cents a gallon. The three cents, however, does not go to finance the 1925 fair.

"The present cold spell and heavy snow storm has caused a shortage in Redmond's water supply," says the Redmond Spokesman. "The city pumping plant located near Cline Falls, is run by a turbine fed by a half mile of flume. During such weather as now prevails the river is full of slush ice which floats below the surface and freezes to the bottom, and this slush ice clogs the flume and the small gates admitting water to the turbine.

"No relief from the water shortage can be expected until a chinook or thaw takes the ice out of the Deschutes river."

# EX-MAYOR TREATS BOYS AND GIRLS

### Four Hundred Sacks of Candy Are Passed Out By J. A. Eastes—100 Pounds Are Distributed Today.

Four hundred boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves this morning at the door of James A. Eastes' office on Oregon street, when Eastes distributed sacks of candy, but none of them enjoyed the occasion so much as the ex-mayor. Eastes says some of the 400 might have been repeaters, but he made no effort to check up on that at the time. At any rate, traffic on that side of the street was effectively blocked for more than an hour. One hundred pounds of candy was distributed.

### BULLETIN TO OBSERVE MONDAY AS A HOLIDAY

Because Christmas falls on Sunday, The Bulletin will observe Monday as a holiday. There will be no issue of the Bulletin on that date.

# CHRISTMAS DAY KEPT IN WILDS

### EXPLORATION PARTY WAKENED BY GUNS

### Brandy And Coffee Given To Fremont Voyageurs As Remembrance, When Observance of Day Was Made 78 Years Ago.

The reprint from Captain Fremont's diary for the Christmas Day of 1843 is the last of the series to be used by The Bulletin, as the explorer and his party shortly afterward passed out of the state, heading in the general direction of Pyramid Lake. The celebration of Christmas Day by the Fremont party was, perhaps, the first time the date had ever been so observed in that region. Christmas lake mentioned by the explorer is believed to be one of the Warner lakes.

December 24.—We found the water of the lake tolerably pure, and encamped at the farther end. There were some good grass and canes along the shore, and the vegetation at this place consisted principally of chenopodiaceous shrubs.

December 25.—We were aroused, on Christmas morning, by a discharge from the small arms and howitzer, with which our people saluted the day; and the name of which we bestowed on the lake. It was the first time perhaps, in this remote and desolate region, in which it had been so commemorated. Always, on days of religious or national commemoration, our voyageurs expect some unusual allowance; and having nothing else I gave them each a little brandy (which was carefully guarded as one of the most useful articles a traveler can carry) with some coffee and sugar, which here, where every eatable was a luxury, was sufficient to make them a feast. The day was sunny and warm; and, resuming our journey, we crossed some slight dividing grounds into a similar basin, walled in on the right by a lofty mountain ridge. The plainly beaten trail still continued, and occasionally we passed camping grounds of the Indians, which indicated to me that we were on one of the great thoroughfares of the country. In the afternoon I attempted to travel in a more eastern direction; but, after a few laborious miles, was beaten back into the valley by an impassable country. There were fresh Indian tracks about the valley, and last night a horse was stolen. We encamped on the valley bottom, where was some cream-like water in ponds, colored by a clay soil and frozen over. Chenopodiaceous shrubs constituted the growth, and made again our fire-wood. The animals were driven to the hill, where there was tolerably good grass.

# POTATO PRIZES WON AT YAKIMA

### CENTRAL OREGON TAKES FIRST IN CERTIFIED AND COMMERCIAL CLASSES INCLUDING SPUDS SHOWN AT SPOKANE.

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 24.—First and third prizes for certified seed potatoes and first prize for commercial displays was awarded to Deschutes county growers at the Yakima Potato show, under the auspices of the Yakima county farm bureau. F. A. Snyder took first place in the certified class and George C. Murphy third. The commercial display prize was won by James Underwood of Redmond. These were the displays recently shown at the Spokane show, taking prizes there.

# PICK ARMS PARLEY AS CLUB SUBJECT

For next Wednesday noon's Commercial club luncheon at the Pilot Butte Inn, the forum committee has induced H. H. De Armond to speak on the arms limitation conference. A vocal solo will be given by James Fisher. J. L. Gaither will introduce the presiding officer of the day, Judge T. E. J. Duffy.

# M. W. Pettigrew, Veteran Editor, Married In Bend

M. W. Pettigrew, for a number of years editor of the Redmond Spokesman, now a rancher in Deschutes county, and Mrs. Sarah E. Abel, also of this county, were quietly married here yesterday by Circuit Judge T. E. J. Duffy, with County Clerk J. H. Haner and Deputy Clerk Miss Mary Fryrear as the witnesses. It was authentically learned today. Both Judge Duffy and the witnesses had apparently been sworn to secrecy, and the clerk's books showed no record of the marriage. Bride and groom are of equal age, 66 years, and Mrs. Pettigrew is a great grandmother, while her husband is a grandfather.

# CHURCHES WILL HOLD PROGRAMS

### CHRISTMAS EXERCISES TO GIVE MORE CHILDREN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT.

Christmas programs are being given this evening by a number of Bend Sunday schools, individual observances being held in order to allow more children to take part than was possible at the community tree. The Christian church held its program last night.

Numbers on the Methodist Sunday school program, 7:30 o'clock this evening at Epworth hall, are as follows:

Tableau, "The Christmas Tree." Solo, Ellsworth Staats. Recitation, Betty Jean Catlow. Exercise, "The Helpers." Mrs. J. O. Gibson's class. Song, "Santa Claus," primary department. Recitation, Virginia Carpenter. "Christmas Arithmetic," Miss Thelma Howe's class. "Good-Night Song," beginners. "Star Drill," Miss Hazelton's class. Song, Mrs. Thorson's class. Christmas Pageant, by Friendly Reserves. The general public is invited. There are seats for over 400.

There are 22 numbers on the Baptist Sunday school program, which follows:

Song, "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing," choir. Scripture reading and Christmas story, F. H. Beard. Prayer, Superintendent. Recitation, "Tiny Tim's Letter," Clifford Jonas. Song, "Our Nation's Flag," junior boys. Exercise, "Half a Dozen Snowbirds," three boys. Recitation, "What the Stockings Said," Virginia Carroll. Recitation, "The Longest Day," Robert De Armond. Trio, "O Night of Wonder." Offering number, Amanda Anderson. Exercise, "The Best Season of All," five junior girls. Recitation, "Advice," Roberta Bennett. Recitation, "The Approach of Christmas," Robert Foley. Song, "Cradled in a Manger," H. W. Primaries. Recitation, "All He Wants For Christmas," Lamar Carter. Exercise, "A Golden Word," five children. Song, "Once a Bright Star," Bereaus class with duet by Marjory and Frances Nordeen. Exercise, "At Christmas Tide," four children. Trio, Eugene Ketchum, Spenser Ketchum and Nyle Ketchum. Musical monologue, "The Inn," Fern Aellen. Exercise, "Love is the Christmas Glory," five intermediate girls. Tableau, "Abide With Me." Arrival of Santa.

# WIRELESS CONCERTS HEARD BY FIREMEN

### Radio Outfit At Fire House Much In Use—Messages From Naval Stations Often Received.

Musical concerts by wireless are being heard every Thursday and Friday evening by members of the fire department house crew. They are sent out from San Francisco.

The firemen are spending many hours with the radio outfit which they recently purchased, and which was used in receiving news for The Bulletin when other means of communication failed following the recent storm. Messages of a commercial nature are being heard, as well as some naval communication in code.

# FIND TRACE OF MISSING GIRL, BELIEVED DEAD

### WRITING ON REGISTER RECOGNIZED

### THINK WOMAN VICTIM

### Was At Hotel In Portland November 28, Declare Police After Comparing Handwriting—Name of Hochbrunn Found On Mail Slip

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.) PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Clara Skarin, under the name of "Betty Winborn" registered at the Del Ma Jo hotel here on November 28 and checked out, leaving no address, on December 3. She gave her address as Tacoma. The same girl, police believe left a forwarding mail slip at the Imperial hotel on November 6, asking that mail coming there until November 15 be forwarded to F. Hochbrunn, at 2620 5th avenue, Seattle. She signed the slip "F. Hochbrunn per B. W." The handwriting on the Del Ma Jo hotel register, and on the Imperial hotel mail slip is the same the police declared.

### MURDER SUSPECTED

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—"Find Clara Skarin, alive or dead," became the cry of the Seattle police today following the unearthing of additional clues which might indicate that Clara was hoaxed in the same manner as was Edward Von Tobel, and went to Portland to meet a man posing as Ferdinand Hochbrunn, her wealthy great uncle whom plumbers found dead in his apartment this week, and was murdered herself "because she knew too much."

### CLUES EXHAUSTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—"We have exhausted every lead here in the attempt to find Clara Skarin" detective headquarters asserted today.

# SENATORS MAY OUST NEWBERRY

### SIX FORMER BACKERS SWITCH, AND WILL VOTE AGAINST HIM UNLESS HE TAKES FLOOR IN OWN DEFENSE.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Six republican senators, former Newberry backers, informed Senator Curtis, Newberry's senate fight leader, that unless Newberry takes the floor in the senate to refute charges, they will vote to unseat him.

Should Newberry not take the floor in his own defense, the addition of six republicans will be sufficient to unseat him when the final vote is taken next month. Five of the six senators added are Capper, McNary, Jones, (Washington,) Kellogg and Willis. The name of the sixth has not been learned.

# LOAN APPLICATION RETURNED APPROVED

One of the first, if not the first, preliminary applications for a loan under the state bonus act to be returned approved to the applicant, is that of C. H. Knowles, vice commander of Percy A. Stevens post, American Legion, received today. Enclosed was a form for the final application.

# PRISONERS TO GET RELEASE TOMORROW

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Attorney General Daugherty today issued a statement dispelling rumors and news reports spread yesterday to the effect that released political prisoners would spend Christmas at home. They will not be released until Christmas morning, Daugherty announced.

# GASOLINE TAX BILL FAILS IN STATE SENATE

### AMENDMENT LOST BY SINGLE VOTE

### ROAD MEASURES PASS

### Deadlock of Yesterday Results In Adjourned Session Today—15 To 14 Is Final Result—Adjournment Sine Die Expected Today.

SALEM, Dec. 24.—The senate just before 1 o'clock today failed to pass the financial amendment to constitution, authorizing a state gasoline tax for financing the Portland world's fair. The final vote 15 to 14, the same division which had marked the senate fight since last night.

Exceptions were taken to an appeal from the usual announcement of failure, but failed by the same vote. **Ritner Overruled**

The vote favoring passage 15 to 14, is one vote short of the majority necessary to pass or defeat the constitutional amendment. Due to the death of Senator Hume, the senate membership is now only 23. Following the defeat of the resolution, President Ritner ruled the bill had failed because of lack of a constitutional majority. This ruling was overturned, and the resolution sent to the house as amended.

The Fletcher bill, companion measure to the financing amendment, also passed and was sent to the house. The house may take the same view as President Ritner, that the bill failed of a constitutional majority in the senate, declaring it therefore not before the lower chamber, thus killing the bill, or it may pass its own bill as amended by the senate.

**Courts May Decide**  
Certain senators said whether or not the amendment was passed in the senate might be for the courts to decide.

The house for the time being controls the fate of the Portland fair. Senator Moser, immediately after the vote on the fair, 15 to 14, was announced, appealed from the usual announcement that the bill had failed, holding that 15 votes, due to the vacancy, was a majority and that the bill had passed. By overthrowing President Ritner's ruling, the senate also held this view. Moser's exception and appeal may result in the house passing the bill as amended, even though Ritner had based his ruling on an opinion by the attorney general.

The Oregon state senate was still (Continued on Page 5.)

# "1925"

(Baker Herald.)

Recent actions on the part of the Portland Chamber of Commerce can be construed in no other light than insults to the intelligence of the people of Eastern Oregon. If you think that is a strong statement, consider these facts:

1. Portland is asking Eastern Oregon to tax itself approximately \$1,000,000 for the purpose of holding a Portland fair in 1925.

2. Portland, while claiming this is an Oregon fair and that Eastern Oregon will derive a great benefit, at the same time is exerting its utmost influence to destroy both local and tourist trade in this part of the state.

3. Portland, its chamber of commerce, its newspapers, its people are spending more time, effort and money in promoting the unnecessary Wallula cut-off road than has been exerted all told, for all legitimate Eastern Oregon highways. The Wallula cut-off would save a few miles of travel from southern Washington points to Portland, but there is today a paved road from Walla Walla to Pendleton where it joins the Old Oregon Trail, which is good enough for anybody. They would sacrifice the completion of the John Day highway, the Central Oregon Highway, The Dalles-California highway, the La Grande-Joseph highway, the Baker-Unity highway, the Old Oregon Trail and many others of vital importance to Eastern Oregon and the state as a whole, merely to "steal" a few dollars a year from the territory of the hated rival, Seattle.