

Windstorms wreak havoc; sunshine kills pesky germs

OUT OF THE PAST

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100 YEARS AGO Dec. 30, 1915

• Oregon goes dry tomorrow night, so far as the sale of liquor is concerned. From Saturday morning on, it will be illegal to make or sell intoxicating liquor of any kind for a beverage in the state, or to give it away. Any “wet” goods on hand may be consumed by the owner, but he may not dispose of it to others only at the risk of prosecution under one of the most strict and carefully drawn statutes in the United States. In this county the new constitutional amendment will close three saloons, two in Joseph and one in Lostine.

• Sunshine is an amazingly potent germicide for the farm housekeeper and in the dairy and stables. The practice of exposing cooking and other

utensils used in connection with food to direct sunlight makes use of this fact, although comparatively few appreciate exactly the work done by the sun in this regard. Probably only those who are acquainted with tests which have actually been made realize how quickly sunshine kills disease germs exposed to it.

70 YEARS AGO Jan. 3, 1946

• Damage estimated at \$500 or \$600 was done to the Bob Inn Tuesday night by a fire which apparently started from a short in the Frigidaire. The fire was discovered shortly before midnight by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harmon who were going by across the street. The fire department had to break in the glass door to get in.

• George DuBois, Prairie creek farmer, was painfully and seriously injured last Thursday morning at his home when he was run down by his



These men are filling bags with candy, perhaps for Christmas? Date and location unknown.

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tractor. Mr. DuBois cranked the tractor which, without his knowledge, was in high gear. The motor started instantly, ran over George, broke his left leg and bruised one side of his body, went out through the back end of the machine shed and into a field where it was stopped by his son, Dick.

• F. F. McCully passed away Dec. 28, 1945. He was born Oct. 9, 1870. With his passing Wallowa county has lost one of her most useful and highly esteemed citizens. Ever since he entered the business world he has occupied positions of trust and responsibility. He has a record of over 50 years on the school boards of Joseph and Wallowa and in post offices in both places. Mr. McCully will be greatly missed in the church and civic life of this community.

100-mile-per-hour fury Monday creating havoc from one end of the valley to the other. Buildings were wrecked, trees uprooted, power lines knocked down and debris scattered far and wide, from demolished signs, roofs, fences and other demolished facilities. Hundreds of home owners reported window and roof damage throughout the area.

• Photo caption: At Joseph, Santa Claus, said to bear a striking resemblance to one of Walter Brennan’s mimics, showed up last Thursday and handed out treats to a large number of children at the Civic Center. Among those hanging around for a glimpse of old St. Nick was little Diane Daggett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Daggett. Santa was as much attracted to her as she was to him.

• Photo caption: This was the scene that greeted John Burritt when he entered the auditorium of the Elks lodge Christmas morning and found that burglars had broken into the building and stolen a considerable quantity of currency and liquor. The robbers chiseled out concrete blocks in the east wall of the building, made a 2-foot hole, and knocked off the wall panels when they got through the concrete.

• Photo caption: Santa Claus met a horde of youngsters at Enterprise Friday afternoon when the children came pouring out of the Vista

theater where they had seen a free movie provided by local merchants. Santa is shown here with little Cindy Coffin and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coffin. Cindy’s dad is a member of the Enterprise Volunteer Fire Department which met Santa when he arrived in town and escorted him down Main street and to the theater. About 500 bags of candy were handed out.

Christmas trees Sunday, Jan. 6, at the empty lot next to Wallowa Hardware. The Wallowa Improvement group will provide hot chocolate, and some residents brought along other goodies last year when the event featured music and Christmas carols.

LAST WEEK’S PHOTO

Several readers contacted us with guesses as to the location of last week’s photo of a local diner. One caller said it was the Range Rider, as you could see the Bowlby stone of the old Chieftain building through the window. However, the photo was from the 1950s, and the Range Rider didn’t move into its current location until much later. Jerry McCully of Mesa, Ore., emailed to say it was “The “Bob-Inn,” I think. It was about three doors east of corner across from Ford dealer.” Another email said: “I believe this is a photo of the old Circle T Restaurant in Enterprise. I don’t know the year, but that’s how it looked before the fire.” Carlene Johnson-Small called to say it likely was the Frontier Club, located at the current site of Thai Enterprise at 215 W. Main, and that if you walked through the diner there was a bar to the side at the back. She also said that at the time there also were two taverns — Range Rider and Headquarters — side-by-side across from the theater.

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Friday, Jan. 8: Open mic, 7 p.m. at Terminal Gravity

Friday, Jan. 8: Fishtrap Fireside, 7 p.m. at Fishtrap. Three select authors read, followed by a literary open mic. The open mic is limited to five minutes (including introductions) and a maximum of four performers. First come, first served.

Saturday, Jan. 9: Seth Kinzie, an impressionist piano composer, will be performing his new album accompanied by Linton Wright — a percussionist from Alabama — as well as trumpet, saxophone and modern dance, 7 p.m. at Odd Fellows Hall in Enterprise. \$12 by donation, kids free. There will be free wine at the event.

Sunday, Jan. 10: Open mic, 4-6 p.m. at Josephy Center

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