

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Dean T. Goodman went to Portland Monday to join Mrs. Goodman and Dean, Jr., who have been in the city for some time.

Miss Yelma Cass arrived here from Seattle on Saturday and will spend the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. May Cass. She is attending school in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ayers, accompanied by Mrs. Annie Spencer, departed Saturday afternoon for Portland, expecting to visit in the city over the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McMillan of Lexington were in town last evening to see "Dr. Jack" at the Star theatre. This Harold Lloyd comedy was a big drawing card.

V. M. Sackett, who is with the Standard Oil company at Sheridan, Oregon, is a visitor in the city this week, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Nelson.

Heppner merchants are all busy now taking inventories of stocks, and by January 1, they will all "know where they are at."

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Livingston and Miss Lois spent Wednesday in town where they enjoyed the day visiting with friends.

Miss Gertrude Davies, grade teacher, departed on Saturday for her home at Baker to spend the holidays with her parents.

Percy Jarmon is in from his Pine City ranch today. The winter weather down his way still remains mild and open.

Gunnar Lindhe, extensive farmer of Alpine, was a visitor in this city on Monday, doing some Christmas shopping.

The year 1924 is leap year and all the girls will be in line to do the "proposal." Boys will have to look out.

Billy Padberg was in town yesterday. He and his family enjoyed Christmas with relatives in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wyland of Ione were Christmas shopping in Heppner on Saturday.

Chas. Allinger was a prominent resident of Ione doing business in this city on Monday.

Punchettes By REV. M. A. MATTHEWS, D. D., L. L. D.

(Editor's Note—Rev. Mr. Matthews is the man whom the Bethel Chapel people heard by radio last Sunday evening.)

NEW YEAR. The habit of course of the superficial is to speak of turning over a new leaf. It is not so much a new leaf as it is a new pen, a new purpose, a new policy, a new prophecy the world needs.

Let us make resolutions, even if we break them. If we fall let us try, try again until we succeed. We are enjoined not to yield to temptation, for yielding is sin. Each victory will help us some other to win. If that negative truth is valuable, the positive side of it is more valuable.

Try, even though you fail. Each effort new strength will bring. Arise and try again, for the mountain peak you shall reach. Be not faint-hearted, the future is yours. Be not short-sighted, the horizon is extended. Be not little, the world is big. Be not human only, God is your friend. Do not look at the failures of last year. Look at the material of next year, out of which you can construct success, fortune and favor. The prophecy of the future is pregnant with prosperity, progress and power. If Jesus Christ does not return before the year ends there will be, from a human standpoint, unlimited progress and power. These things should make us serious because we need more humility and grace in the moments of disaster and peace and progress than we do in the moments of disaster and sorrow.

The new year is before you, seize it, use it, go through it, and at its end you shall be a better man, worth more to the world, and the world shall lay at your feet its garlands of gratitude.

World Search for "Master Swindler"



Leo Korte, called Chicago's master swindler, who is alleged to have victimized friends, business men and mother to the amount of five million dollars, also left his wife (below) and two children penniless when he departed Dec. 6.

Farm Activities

American Wheat Growers Plan Export of Surplus

Proposals for legislation to improve conditions in the wheat industry will be at the front during the session of Congress which is just opening, and the most discussed among the many plans to increase wheat prices is the program advocated by the American Wheat Growers Association. This organization is the sales agency for nine state wheat growers associations and brings to the support of its proposal the united strength of the more than 80,000 members of these state organizations.

The American Wheat Growers Association advocates the creation of an agricultural export commission consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Agriculture who would be chairman. The commission would have power to levy a tax upon all of the saleable wheat produced in the United States. The fund thus created would then be applied as a premium on that portion of the wheat crop which is sold for export.

"Haunted Valley"

By HERBERT ROBINSON Adapted from the Patherial by Frank Leon Smith

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Henry Mallinson was having an exciting time of it in the control room. With Ruth Ranger and the reporter in the mine shaft, and with fire destroying the treasure at the bottom of the shaft, Mallinson was in a frenzy.

"Are those levers working over there?" he shouted to the control man. The answer came in the affirmative. "Then turn 'em on and flood the passages!" he shouted.

Ruth and Dick Foster were indeed in a precarious predicament. The elevator was rapidly reaching the top of the shaft, and threatened to crush both of them. Suddenly Foster whirled out his revolver and began shooting holes in the planks in the top of the elevator.

After looking the map over the girl decided she would explore the place at once. "I've gone too far to turn back now," she declared. "I'm going to solve this mystery before I leave Haunted Valley."

Meanwhile, Vivian Delamar was worrying herself sick over the disappearance of Mallinson. She finally decided to visit his home and see if she could learn anything there. Upon her arrival, she found Mallinson's servant burning a lot of papers in the fireplace in the library.

"Where is Mallinson?" he asked. "I have an account to settle with him." Vivian saw she must act quickly. "If you have anything important to take up with Mr. Mallinson," she said, "I know he will be glad to see you just one moment and I will tell him you are here."

amount thus added to the export price would also place the domestic price 30 cents a bushel above the present world's level. The enhanced price for export wheat would have to be paid by those desiring to purchase domestic wheat.

The tax, according to the plan of the marketing organization, would be collected by the government through railroad channels and through certified mill reports on wheat delivered directly to mills by farmers. Export premiums would be applied on an equitable basis on flour milled in this country from United States wheat and then exported.

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Harmond's

Passion Players Awe-Struck But Unaffected Amid New York's Glitter



From the valley of Oberammergau, in Bavaria, where their lives are molded to the character they aspire to portray in "The Passion Play" (produced every 10 years) has come a small band of wood carvers to sell their wares, all returns to help feed their starving women and children.

French Burroughs, the Rhea creek farmer, shipped 1300 pounds of turkeys to Portland this week. For the Thanksgiving trade some 1600 pounds were shipped—none independent.

FOR RENT—The George Parman wheat ranch in Gooseberry section. For further information call on or write C. J. Anderson, Ione, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Werner Boltmann of Ione were Saturday visitors in Heppner.

AT THIS Holiday Season we think of our customers as our friends. We like to feel that in a broad sense our customers are our partners—that our success is but a reflection of theirs.

Farmers & Stockgrowers National Heppner Bank Oregon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27 COLLEEN MOORE in "BROKEN CHAINS" An Emerson Hough Picture First prize winner in Chicago Daily News scenarion contest. Something doing all the time. Also FELIX Gets Broadcasted.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 ROY STEWART in "THE SAGE BRUSHER" By Zane Gray RUTH ROLAND in HAUNTED VALLEY and the Pathe News Weekly.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29 Dorothy MacKail and James Rennie in "MIGHTY LAK A ROSE" A picture that should please any one Also Pathe Review, Screen Magazine

SUNDAY and MONDAY, DEC. 30 and 31 Helene Chadwick and Richard Dix in "QUICKSANDS" Romance, Pathos, Thrill, Suspense and Sensation were never more skillfully combined. Also Comedy, "KILL OR CURE"

TUES. and WEDS., JANUARY 1 and 2 "SOULS FOR SALE" By RUPERT HUGHES A story of Hollywood, its problems and its people. See it. Also "FELIX IN HOLLYWOOD"