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## ELKS PURCHASE BUILDING SITE

### DEEDS MADE OUT FOR WASHINGTON AVE. SITE.

After Almost Ten Years of Effort the Local Lodge of Elks Has Found a Desirable Site for a Home and Has Purchased It—To Be Located on Washington Avenue, Adjoining the Creamery—Other Option Has Been Dropped.

After 10 years of almost constant committee work with an object in view of selecting a suitable site for the La Grande lodge of Elks to build a home upon, a block of ground 70x110 feet has been actually purchased, and upon it will be erected the up-to-date structure for the past several weeks promised the city of La Grande. At a recent meeting of the Elks in this city, a permanent option was secured on the empty lot adjoining Selder's candy store, but this option was dropped last night when the Elks made the last step necessary in the acquisition of the cheaper and almost as suitable ground, facing Washington avenue, in the same block as the other option called for.

It is now an assured fact, so much so that the papers to prove it are in the public document depositories, that the Elks will build. The structure will be erected between the Blue Mountain creamery building and the J. E. Foley residence.

The parcel of land is immediately adjoining the creamery and the building will face Washington avenue. The cost is something like \$2,500 less than the original option called for, though located in the same block.

Now that the matter of site is disposed of, the lodge will take up the matter of procuring plans and specifications for the building.

May we ever be able to serve a friend and noble enough to conceal the fact.

## PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL MESSAGE.

Congress Listens to Reading of Long Message Today on Labor and Money.

Washington, Jan. 31.—President Roosevelt today had read before both houses of congress a special message dealing with the liability act, enforcement of anti-trust laws, and the attitude of corporations against the department of justice.

The message plainly asks for re-enactment of the employers' liability act, which was recently declared unconstitutional. Injunctions are dealt with, and he recommends setting aside an appropriation for injured employes on the Panama canal, and a wide general outline of extra and sorely-needed legislation.

The message has created a stir in the national capital. "It means the renomination of Roosevelt to the presidency," said Senator Bourne of Oregon, when the reading had finished.

## AGAIN IN JAIL.

Was Allowed to Go Once, But This Time Will Serve Full Time.

Harry McCleary is again boarding at the expense of the city. A few days ago he was arrested for breaking the quarantine law, and after promises of future good behavior, was allowed to leave the jail before his full time had been served, but last night he was found again on the street and was promptly brought back to his former quarters in the city jail. This time he will remain until he has served his full time. Chief Walden will make an example of him for fear others might conclude that the quarantine laws are to be trifled with.

## Pope Pius Speechless.

Rome, Jan. 31.—Dr. Portacci, the pope's physician, today declared that for the time being His Holiness had lost the use of his voice, owing to a sore throat and a cold. The conference that Pope Pius was to have held today with representatives of the American college, has been postponed. The pope's condition has been greatly weakened by gout.

## HUGHES WILL DEFINE POSITION

### CHANCE TO COMPARE IDEAS WITH TAFT'S.

Before the Republican Club Tonight Governor Hughes Will Outline His Version of Political Issues and Tomorrow His Presidential Campaign Will Be Fairly Launched—Great Interest Manifest in the Political Speech Tonight.

New York, Jan. 31.—All doubt as to the position of Governor Hughes in the political arena will be removed tonight, when New York's governor will address the Republican club in this city and in this way launch his presidential boom. Tomorrow Governor Hughes will be an avowed candidate for the republican nomination, and one of the greatest factors in the political field.

Hughes' speech is awaited with more than ordinary interest. He will define his attitude on all questions of national policy, and in this way a chance for comparison with those of Taft will be given his party followers.

## Robbed of Three Thousand.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 21.—Mrs. Joseph Hoffman, wife of the pianist of that name, was robbed of a handbag containing money and jewels to the value of \$3000 while at a Christian Science hall yesterday evening, listening to her husband's recital. The audience was a large and fashionable one. The bag was attached to Mrs. Hoffman's arm and rested on the next seat. It was cut during the last number on the program and the thief escaped without detection.

## New York Bank Falls.

New York, Jan. 31.—The Oriental bank, which withstood a run yesterday, failed to open its doors this morning. A statement is promised by the bank officials.

## POWER USERS GETTING BUSY

### PRACTICALLY EVERY PLANT IS RESUMING BUSINESS.

While it is Expensive to Make the Changes for Motive Power, Everybody Realizes That They Are Simply Up Against It, and Are Doing the Next Best Thing—Gasoline Engines and Water Motors Being Installed.

The users of electric power were unexpectedly put upon their individual resources yesterday morning and everybody got busy arranging as best they could to keep things busy. An Observer pencil pusher visited most of the power using plants this morning and everything considered, the situation is not nearly so demoralized as they might be.

The La Grande Iron works is installing a six-horse power gasoline engine, which will permit it to handle the usual run of work at this time of the year. While the uninitiated would never realize it, the blower in the foundry department requires more power than all of the other machines combined. It is simply a fan, but it revolves 2000 revolutions per minute and creates the forced draught in melting the metal.

The La Grande brewery, when it installed its electric motor many months ago, did not dismantle its steam plant, so it is in position to take care of its trade at this season.

Cherry's New laundry secured a steam engine and after working all night, were ready for business this morning. They lost the greater portion of the day yesterday, but with everybody putting on a little increased speed they will never know the difference by this evening.

J. B. Stoddard, proprietor of the planing mill, is arranging to secure a traction engine, which will be installed within the next few days, and that plant will be in position to take care of the usual trade.

The Blue Mountain creamery has arranged to have J. W. Oliver furnish power for churning purposes, from his gasoline engine. This engine is in demand. During the evening it furnishes power for the light plant installed at the People's store, and for the time being will also run a few hours each day, grinding feed for the Grande Ronde Cash company.

L. C. Smith, before noon yesterday, had a gasoline engine taking care of his lather in his repair shop, and the autoist can secure immediate repairs, as usual.

The La Grande Flouring mill is the greatest sufferer. It uses 60-horse power and has been lying idle for several weeks.

There is sufficient flour on hand to supply the local market, but to be able to do so they have not been able to fill their outside orders. However, is this mill and the Island City and Union mills, are all practically owned by the same stockholders, and as these two latter mills are operated by water power, they are handling the shipping orders.

The meat markets which use power for their sausage machines are compelled to use hand power until they secure gasoline engines.

The Observer office several days ago installed a water motor to run the presses and expected this week to arrange power for the linotype machine, to be in readiness for the final suspension of electric power, which everybody knew was coming. I caught us a few days sooner than expected, but by 6 o'clock last evening we had another water motor attached to the linotype, so we have power. Today, however, we will only issue a four-page paper for the reason that the pipe used in installing the motor to the presses was not sufficiently large to give the required power. By issuing but four pages we for today reduce the press work one-half; in other words, we print both sides with one impression. This will permit us to get off today reasonably early, and permit the plumbers to make the necessary changes.

## MORE THAW TROUBLES.

Countess of Yarmouth, of London, is Seeking Divorce on Double Charge.

London, Jan. 31.—The special correspondent of the United Press is informed on high authority that Countess of Yarmouth, formerly Alice Thaw of Pittsburg, will base her suit against her husband on the ground that he was married at the time he went through the ceremony with her in Pittsburg, and that he is physically unsound.

People who are familiar with the facts believe that she will have no difficulty in proving her charges. It is known that the earl underwent a Scottish marriage ceremony with an actress 10 years ago, the two simply declaring themselves married, which is valid in that country. They separated by mutual consent, and the woman died in Paris some years ago.

The case will be bitterly contested, the earl having employed several of the best barristers in England to care for his interests. If he loses the suit he will again be poverty-stricken.

## THREE BELOW ZERO.

Pendleton the Warmest and North Powder the Coldest Cities.

The coldest weather of the year in Grande Ronde valley occurred last night when the thermometer dropped to 3 degrees below zero. This maximum point was reached at some hour during the night, but by early morning was rapidly climbing upward again. This reading was taken by Weather Observer W. A. Worstell.

At Pendleton zero was threatened, but the mercury lacked one degree in registering that point.

Trainmen report that North Powder saw the coldest weather of eastern Oregon this morning, when the thermometer showed 10 degrees below.

## CATTLE FEEDING HERE.

Trainload From Nampa and Three Cars From Elgin Tonight.

A trainload of beef cattle, loaded at Nampa, Idaho, are feeding in the La Grande stockyards today.

The train is made up of 12 cars, and this morning they were unloaded to feed and await the arrival of three more carloads from Elgin this evening, which will be added to the train. The shipment is way billed to Troutdale.

## Ousting Revolutionists.

Lisbon, Portugal, Jan. 31.—Magazines of firearms and ammunition have been discovered by loyal police and confiscated and more arrests are being made daily. Premier Franco seems to have the upper hand and is being supported by the king. A number of peers and deputies from the chambers have been arrested.

## THAW JURY OUT

New York, Jan. 31.—After listening to Judge Dowling's instructions, the jury in the case of Harry K. Thaw retired for their deliberations this morning at 11 o'clock.

## COMMISSION HAS RETURNED

### AN ABUNDANCE OF WATER IN BEAVER.

Will Render a Written Report to the Mayor of Actual Measurements Taken Within the Next Few Days—The Report Will Show an Excess of 2,000,000 Gallons Every Twenty-four Hours—All Unanimous.

The commission appointed by Mayor Richardson to visit Beaver creek for the purpose of ascertaining the actual condition of the water supply at this season of the year, consisting of S. N. Bolton, J. E. Foley, W. D. Grandy, W. H. Bohnenkamp and David Bay, returned this morning, within the hour for days the committee will file a written report with the mayor, which will be published, giving the figures of actual measurements taken.

The Observer was able to find three of the members, Mr. Bolton, Mr. Bay and Mr. Bohnenkamp, all being of unanimous opinion, which they also stated was the opinion of the entire committee, that there was ample water for domestic purposes for a city double the size of La Grande, and that their figures will show an excess of 2,000,000 gallons of water for every 24 hours.

Mr. Bay, during all of the discussion relative to the Beaver creek project, was skeptical as to the amount of water in Beaver creek, and took with him a 10-inch pipe with the expectation of running Beaver creek through it, but after completing his examination he was confident that there was sufficient water to fill four such pipes.

It is well and proper that this committee of representative citizens visited Beaver creek at this particular time. For without doubt the creek is at its lowest stage. Rumors have been in circulation for several weeks that the creek was practically dry, and if this was the case, it was proper for the citizens to know it.

## CHILD IMPROVING.

Victim of Blaze at Kamela Passed the Danger Point and May Live.

Having lived over the crucial day, yesterday, little Emma McCoy, the girl who was almost fatally burned at Kamela recently, gives added hope to her physicians and relatives. Her physicians yesterday morning stated that the danger point was reached, and as she has successfully passed this stage, the little girl will in all probability recover eventually. The girl was burned in such a manner that bilaters and charred portions cover practically the entire body. Her neck is severely burned, also. The mother, though burned about the hand and forearms in a frightful manner, is rapidly recovering. The convalescents are still at the D. C. Graybeal home.

## HOUSE KEEPERS

### Look To The Needs Of Your Linen Closets This Week - - -

While we offer you an unusual opportunity to supply your linen needs this week we will also continue our last week's "Year-End and Inventory Sale" as advertised last week.

Ladies Suits, Hats, Coats and Jackets, and Misses and Childrens Coats at Half and LESS THAN HALF PRICE, Boys and Mens Overcoats at Unordinary Prices, and all Broken Lines at Heavy Price Reductions.

### TABLE LINENS, BED LINENS, TOWELS AT INTERESTING PRICES

25c Linen Towels 38x18 inches, in Plain and Fancy Borders

3 for 50c

20c Linen Huck Towels Plain and Striped Borders

Each 15c

15c Linen Toweling 11c

45x36 in. Pillow Cases 3 for 50c

22 in. Bleached Linen Napkins this week

Per Set 39c

50c Table Linens in Turkey red and Canary Colors

33c

\$1.15 values in 72x80 inch Sheets

95c

68x90 inch Bleached Linen Table Cloths in beautiful Floral Patterns, this week

\$2.78

\$1.25 Bleached Linen Damask 72 inches wide, this week

89c

\$1.50 Real German Linen 72 inches wide, this week

\$1.05

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