

TAKES YEAR TO GET BUILDING

FEDERAL BUILDING IN LA GRANDE IS CERTAIN.

Bill Which Passed Both Houses of Congress Last Saturday Will Give La Grande the First Glimpse of a New Building in Something Like a Year—Volumes of Red Tape to Be Gone Through—Advise for Bids on Department Plans.

The federal building for La Grande which was provided for in a bill introduced by United States Senator C. W. Fulton and which passed both houses of the legislature late last Saturday, will be forthcoming in something like one year, according to estimates made.

Even at that La Grande has fared well. Pendleton and La Grande each get a federal building, while Baker City passes unnoticed.

The new building may ultimately become the home of the eastern division of the Oregon supreme court.

DOUBLE MURDER AT PORTLAND.

Husband of Baker City Family Kills and Suicides at Portland.

Portland, May 25.—Because Mrs. Daisy Hickey, a grass widow, refused to elope after the court had refused him a divorce, J. Edward Blum, a teamster, killed the woman and himself with a gun yesterday in the La-Porte lodging house.

Herman Trial in August.

Washington, May 25.—It is reported here today on good authority, that the Blinger Hermann land fraud trial will begin in August.

Congress to Adjourn Thursday.

Washington, D. C., May 25.—Final adjournment of congress is expected next Thursday.

BOURNE UNPOPULAR.

U. S. Senator From Oregon Will Have Hard Time in Senate Hereafter.

Washington, May 25.—Senator Jonathan Bourne has worn out his welcome at the White House. Secretary Taft regards him with the bitterest hatred. The senate calls him a joke.

Three Drowned.

Spokane, May 25.—The Kootenai river claimed three more victims last night. John Sharpless, a veteran of the Boer war, John Miles, a pioneer of Richmond, and a young Englishman were swept over the falls near Nelson, B. C., while rowing yesterday.

Governor Sparks' Funeral Held.

Reno, Nev., May 25.—Business is suspended during the obsequies of the late Governor Sparks today. The body was taken to its former home in Texas, under the auspices of the local Elks.

WILL EXTEND ELECTRIC LINE

The Union Republican gives out the following:

It is the purpose of the Grande Ronde Electric company to build about 33 miles of electric (power) line this season from Union, to connect with the Rock Creek line in Baker county at a cost of \$50,000.

This much is told the Republican this week my Manager Fred Housh, who was in Union Monday.

The company will also erect a brick addition to the Union station, 24x24, one and one-half stories, for transformers. The company has out upon the line at the present time a force of men making all necessary repairs and placing the line in first-class condition.

The pole contract for the Rock Creek extension will probably be let in Union and this city will probably be the headquarters for construction work.

Connection with the Rock Creek and Red Boy plants will give the Grande Ronde company the privilege of using 2000 more horse power for all needs in the Grande Ronde valley for some time.

CAKE TOURING VALLEY TODAY

HE SPEAKS TO THE LABORING CLASSES OFTEN.

With a Party of Twenty Leading Republicans and Candidates, Hon. H. M. Cake is Touring Union County Today—Driving Home the Fact That He Adheres to Statement No. 1—Ovations Are Spirited and Large Crowds Hear Him Here Tomorrow Night.

Hon. H. M. Cake has inaugurated a new system of campaigning. In his extended tour through Union county, which commenced this morning at 6:45, and will end here tomorrow night, he is speaking to the laboring classes whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Early today, before the employees of the Grande Ronde Lumber company had gone to their day's work, Mr. Cake was at Perry talking in his straightforward manner to the workmen, telling them of his qualifications to the office of United States senator.

In automobiles he and his friends were hurried to La Grande, where he again talked to the laboring classes. At the round house, shouting above the din of the shops, he talked briefly to the expert boiler-makers and machinists alike.

At 9:30 he was off on his tour. A quartet of automobiles, well loaded down with republican candidates for Union county offices and prominent republicans composed the party. The first stop was at Island City. Here commenced the enthusiastic series of meetings, that was continued throughout the day, leaving his interested listeners at Island City, he and his party sped to Alsea. For a period of an hour he talked to practically the entire male population and a large portion of the feminine inhabitants of that village. His reception was enthusiastic.

Once more taking to the roads, the republicans reached Imbler. Here again a half hour was consumed by speaking. The usual enthusiasm was evinced. For the fourth time the caravan of autos journeyed onward until Summerville was reached. For another half hour the senatorial candidate lay down principles which he advocates. He dealt with forests, exclusion of orientals, and in each stop driving home the fact that he is still an exponent of statement No. 1, despite what he said of him to the contrary by his opponents in politics. Summerville was his last stand in daylight.

At Elgin tonight, republicans are going to meet him in great numbers. The ovations which his addresses are eliciting are complimentary.

Tomorrow the first jump will be a long one. From Elgin to Cove is the trip. His speech there will be more extended perhaps, than any of them were today. At Union he speaks in the afternoon and then he starts the last lap of his course. He is scheduled to arrive in La Grande before 7:30 o'clock, in fact, his itinerary allows ample time for this. At 7:30 he opens his final speech in Union county. The early hour is arranged in order that all may attend the graduation exercises at the opera house at 8:30.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

One of the special features of the program given by the high school tomorrow night, will be a vocal solo "The Star Spangled Banner," by Miss Mabel Williams, with a pantomime by 14 girls from the seventh grade.

J. W. Snodgrass, delegate to the recent republican convention at Portland, has returned from Salem as Portland, where he has been for two weeks. Mr. Snodgrass states that unless the weather turns warmer, Portland will be "shy" a few roses for the rose carnival.

Robert Smith has recently purchased the barn belonging to Mrs. Anthony and is moving the same to his property on P street.

Bert Gilman left Saturday night for Seattle and other Sound cities, and incidentally to see the fleet.

NINE KILLED IN TEXAS STORM

NORTH TEXAS SWEEP BY SEVERE STORMS.

Thousands Are Homeless or Driven From Homes by High Waters—The Damage to Property is Very Heavy and Stock Losses Will Total Thousands—Five Thousand Near Fort Worth Driven Out Last Night—Two Thousand More Go Today.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 25.—A violent storm swept northern Texas last night. Nine persons are known to be drowned and there are probably many others. There is \$100,000 damages here.

Andrew Welch and an unknown boy drowned north of Fort Worth. Four unidentified men drowned in Maple creek here. Wade Owens, and Ernest Slater were drowned at Mineral Springs. An unknown man drowned at Denton.

Thousands Are Homeless.

Seven thousand people homeless or driven from their homes by the rise of Trinity river, two thousand being forced this morning from there to follow 5000 refugees of last night. Thousands of livestock have already perished.

Roosevelt to Convention.

Chicago, May 25.—The Hughes Fairbanks managers announce that Roosevelt will attend the convention in Chicago and assist Taft. The allies declare the secretary is scared and the president's personal efforts are the only hopes for Taft's nomination.

New Tammany Sachem.

New York, May 25.—Daniel F. Cohegan will be elected to succeed W. Bourke Cochran as grand sachem of the Tammany society at the meeting this evening. Another matter likely to be considered is the advisability of moving the Tammany Hall headquarters uptown. Leaders of the organization are seriously considering this proposition. It is known, but the plans of the board of sachems will not be made public until a site has been selected and an option secured.

General MacKenzie Retires.

Washington, May 25.—General Alexander MacKenzie, chief of engineers, is today 64 years old, the age for retirement from active service in the United States army. He graduated from West Point in 1864 and his army career since that time has been a brilliant one, culminating in his appointment as brigadier general and chief of engineers in 1904. His work in connection with river and harbor improvement has made him famous throughout the country.

Auto Wreck Near Portland.

Portland, May 25.—Dr. George E. Watts, Gust Ludwig, and an unknown man and a woman were injured in an auto accident. Watt's machine ran into a buggy containing the unknown people, near the 12-mile house, Ludwig. In another auto, crashed into the wreck. Watts is at the hospital and Ludwig is bruised. The other couple was picked up by an auto and disappeared.

Buy Isolated Land.

Several tracts of isolated land located in Umatilla and Wallawa counties were sold at public auction in the United States land office this morning. A group of Umatilla people, consisting of Bert T. Byrd and Chas. Cate, were the successful bidders on Umatilla land. Wallawa land was purchased by John Bookout, John Bookout, Jr., and David Roller, all of that county.

Killed His Son.

St. Helens, Ore., May 25.—George Barger, while attempting to shoot a crane, accidentally put a rifle bullet through his 13-year-old son's brain yesterday, killing him instantly.

ANARCHISTS SCORE Y. M. C. A.

Noted Scientist Shuns Membership of Portland Institution.

Portland, May 25.—Dr. C. E. S. Wood, the noted anarchist scientist, called the members of the Y. M. C. A. "Easy Christians," in an address here yesterday. He severely arraigned the organization for its refusal to rent the hall to Emma Goldman, the high priestess of anarchy.

Wood, in introducing Miss Goldman, declared he believed the young men joined the organization because it was no trouble to be a Christian now. He said he believed that even the directors wouldn't belong in days when there was danger of burning at the stake.

Tennis Courts Finished.

This afternoon saw the finishing touches placed on the two double courts constructed by the Algonquin Tennis club, and by tomorrow the game will be on in full blast.

Killed by Lightning.

St. Louis, Mo., May 25.—Lightning killed Joseph Howard while he was playing golf yesterday.

A CHANCE TO STUDY TICKET

In this issue of The Observer is printed a complete copy of a sample ballot for use in the election on June 1. Aside from the list of candidates it contains, there is ample subject for study on the part of voters relative to the many amendments to be acted on. In this instance, the voter will see the amendments as he will see them in the election booth June 1, and by preparing himself now, he will be able to more quickly and intelligently cast his vote.

In the list of amendments are many catch phrases which, if not interpreted correctly, will bring just the opposite result from that which was intended. One of these is the measure regulating the conduct of theater, race tracks, billiard halls and the like. The saloon element has dexterously velled a clause in the amendment which in the end will annul the "dry" movement. If the measure is carried, if you do not vote on this amendment at all, you are voting for it. If you do not want it to carry you must vote "No." There are several thus, carefully worded, and to vote correctly and intelligently will mean some study. This is a splendid opportunity to do it, where the amendments are assembled and arranged in the order in which they come on the official ballot.

Methodist Deadlock Broken.

Baltimore, May 25.—The dead lock in the Methodist bishops' vote at the conference, was broken by the election of William Quayle of Chicago, on the tenth ballot this morning. Five more bishops will be selected speedily.

NO ESCAPE FOR HARRY K THAW

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE UP-HOLDS DOWLING'S RULING.

Considerable Excitement Today Over Announcement of a Decision Reached by Justice of the Supreme Court, Affirming That Thaw is Insane and Unfit to be Given His Liberty—Evelyn Seems Pleased—Thaw Blames it to Jerome.

Poughkeepsie, May 25.—Harry K. Thaw is insane and not a fit person to be at large, declared Supreme Justice Morschauer this morning. The court upholds Judge Dowling's order of commitment to Matteawan asylum, and says that Thaw must remain in the asylum until cured and beyond danger of a relapse.

District Attorney Jerome is highly pleased with the decision.

It is reported that Thaw threatened the prosecutor's life. It is also reported that Evelyn is satisfied, as it is well known she feared harm in the event that her husband was released.

Thaw said today that he expected such an outcome of the case and blames Jerome's "hot air" and spectacular work. The witnesses for the defense were not sensational enough to attract attention, but he does not blame the reporters.

Thaw said he did not believe Evelyn would drop her divorce suit. His mother visits the prisoner this morning and is the only person to "appeal." A hearing to determine the place where Thaw will be confined will probably be held next week.

WM. HACKETT BURIED.

Funeral Took Place Yesterday Afternoon From Episcopal Church.

The funeral of the late William Hackett was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from St. Peter's Episcopal church. The interment took place in the Masonic cemetery immediately afterward. Those acting as pallbearers were David Day, J. D. Slater, Jop Stevens, H. W. Jones, T. B. Johnson and L. H. Russell.

Memorial Address Given.

G. A. R. and W. R. C. Attend in Body Yesterday Afternoon.

The Memorial services in the Baptist church yesterday afternoon were well attended and the many attendants enjoyed the memorial address by Rev. W. H. Gibson. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. attended in a body. All the pastors of the city participated in the services.

Mark Twain Missed It.

Tiptop, Nev., May 25.—Mark Twain narrowly missed being a millionaire. A big gold discovery has been made near the humorist's old cabin in Unionville, Nev.

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HILL'S DRUG STORE

La Grande Oregon