

E. O. L. & P. MAY EXPAND

SEVEN EASTERN CAPITALISTS REPRESENTING MILLIONS INSPECTING VALLEY TODAY

Boston Chicago and Milwaukee financial Men in the Party

RUMOR OF BIG EXPANSION IS REVIVED

ALICE IMBLER SUMMERVILLE SAID TO BE ON PROJECTED LINE OF EXPANSION AND GROWTH

VISITING FINANCIERS.
Ray Nye—President Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, headquarters at Fremont, Nebraska.
O. U. Lansing—Cashier National City Bank of Chicago.
P. H. Farley—Prominent capitalist of Boston.
Wm. A. Jackson—Vice president of the Fidelity Trust company of Milwaukee.
Wesley Turner—Of the Bond and Securities company, Omaha, Neb.
Frank B. Johnson—Vice president Omaha Printing company.
E. W. Cummings—Consulting engineer for the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, with headquarters at Seattle.
F. A. Harmon—Gen. Man. E. O. L. & P. Co. Baker City.
Moneyed men financiers and capitalists coming from a geographical territory that embraces that portion of the United States lying between Fremont, Neb., Milwaukee, Chicago, and Boston, are in and about La Grande today studying opportunities for future investment. Announced purposes of the visit are that a greater majority of the seven who comprise the party are guests here with Ray Nye of Fremont, Neb., and who is president of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, having

holdings throughout a vast area of Eastern Oregon.
General Manager F. A. Harmon of the E. O. L. & P. Co., with headquarters at Baker City, is the pilot of the party. They arrived this morning and at once commenced a tour of inspection that will lead them during the next two days to all the holdings of the electric light company in Union county.
As to the real purpose of the visit nothing is known. That some definite purpose drew financiers from Boston and other eastern cities is apparent. What it is, is only conjecture, but following a visit to La Grande about a year ago of a portion of the men in his party, a deal was closed in relation to the light company that involved some \$300,000 and it may be that additional eastern money is to be invested in Union county.
The occasion is also the semi-annual visit of President Nye to Oregon. He brought these men to Oregon to get them in touch with Oregon and Oregon prospects, he says, and will take them over the holdings. The presence here of consulting engineer Cummings puts a phase on the visit that indicates more than a pleasure junket.
Rumors of Expansion
Elgin, May 9.—(Special)—The com-

ing to La Grande and Union county today of several eastern capitalists, has sharpened the rumor about here for several days that the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company will extend its lines into this territory, touching all the smaller towns along the railroad. Alice, Imbler and Summerville are said to be included in the proposed expansion. Rumors to this effect have been current for several days here, but little faith was attached to them until it was learned today that automobiles parties carrying the capitalists have been touring a major portion of the proposed route of the new line.

CITIES NEGLECT CHANGES

LOST OPPORTUNITIES COST MANY EASTERN CITIES DEARLY.

After Visiting in Louisville and Other Cities, Ladies Return.
After a month's travel in the east, Mesdames W. H. Bohnenkamp, president of the park association and the prime mover in the park movement here and Mrs. H. C. Grady, returned yesterday from Louisville, Ky., where there were guests with Chase Bohnenkamp, who is attending a military school in that city. While the trip was made primarily for pleasure, both ladies were wide awake to school themselves in the science of city park ing.
"We found that cities as a rule, are spending unlimited sums to recover lost opportunities in the way of city park facilities," said Mrs. Bohnenkamp this morning. "They overlooked opportunities when they had them and are now paying enormous sums of money to buy sites and to maintain them once secured."
The ladies made frequent stops en

route and came back with many lessons in city beautification that they will lend to the park association here. The deplorable condition of the local depot facilities was made vivid to the travelers after seeing the O. S. L. depots in Idaho.

League Had Pleasant Time
On Friday evening of last week a very pleasant evening was spent by members of the Epworth League at the home of B. G. Fritts. A musical program was rendered, games played and at a proper hour, refreshments were served.

More White Slave Cases.
Washington, May 9.—Politicians here predict that the New York exposure of the white slave traffic will result soon in the passage of an anti slavery law, the purpose of which is to make the trade along the line extremely hazardous.

NEW VERSIONS ON COMET

MAY HAVE BEEN THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

Iowa Pastor Outlines New Theory on the Comet of Today.
Webster City, Iowa, May 9.—The St Paul Universalist church congregation believes that Halley's comet and the Star of Bethlehem are the same. Dr. Spicer from the pulpit last night gave arithmetical computation to prove his statements.
He declared that scientists believe that Christ was born four years before the credited birth. The comet was due then.
Large Missionary Offering.
At the M. E. church yesterday morning the sum of \$233 was raised for foreign missions, which is a splendid showing for a city the size of La Grande, according to those who have closely observed these things. The church here expects to raise another hundred dollars for the same cause, which will make the full amount allotted this congregation. It required only a few minutes to raise the money after the morning services.

LATE KINGS FUNERAL PLANS ARE NEARLY COMPLETED

George V Formally Made King This Morning With Ancient Ceremonies

FUNERAL OF KING EDWARD ON MAY 20

BODY WILL LIE IN STATE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE FUNERAL ACCORDING TO ARRANGMENTS

London, May 9.—King George was formally proclaimed king at 9 this morning. All the pomp of medieval ceremony was adhered to. It has been officially announced that Edward's funeral will be held at Windsor Castle May 20. The body will lie in state three days preceding the funeral.
Coffin Being Prepared
Edward's body lies in the bed chamber where he died. He appears to be sleeping and fails to show any trace of suffering. The body is clothed in the red silk robe he wore when he passed away, with his hands folded over his breast. The coffin is being hewed from a freshly cut oak tree in the royal preserves near Windsor.
Mining at Joseph.
Many of the rich mining prospects in the Joseph district are rapidly being developed to a point requiring stamp mills and other machinery, says the Joseph Herald. Then this entire district will come to the front with leaps and bounds as one of the world's greatest and richest gold, silver and copper producers. Even Butte, Cripple Creek or South Africa did not make as favorable a showing in their early history as Joseph is making now.
An Isis Attraction.
A new trap drum has been pur-

ward's funeral were completed today. Lord Eschers, deputy governor of Windsor Castle, who had charge of Queen Victoria's funeral and also of Edward's coronation, will superintend the obsequies. The body will be conveyed from Buckingham Palace on the gun carriage to the railroad station where it will be shipped by a special train to Windsor. The royal coffin will probably be draped with English flags and on the casket will lie Edward's crown, robes and scepter. The King, Queen and the Queen's mother will follow the funeral train in carriages. At Windsor the body will be carried to the Albert Memorial chapel where public ceremonies will be held, the body to lie in state three days.
chased for the Isis theatre and will lend attractiveness to the music. Among the excellent films at the Isis for tonight is "The Girl and the Fugitive"—a strong and powerful western drama as ever released by this firm. There are strong dramatic crises that are developed to the utmost and are made as much of by the capable actors as possible. And there is a dash and go to the entire picture that makes it stirring at times. There is a love story connected with it which gives it a heart interest and serves to develop and maintain a human, not a wholly curious interest. Details are worked out with careful attention.

ROSEBURG DROWNING

Roseburg, May 9.—Two prominent young women of this city were drowned in the North Umpqua river at midnight at Winchester. The boat was overturned. They were Mrs. Adeo Vial and Miss Hattie Smith.
They were rowing above the dam with Lloyd Afterburg and Clarence Cole when one of the girls became frightened, jumped to her feet and upset the boat. The boys reached the shore but the girls sank almost immediately. Dragging and dynamiting today failed to recover the bodies.

Trench Digging Progresses.
Digging of trenches for the 10 inch water mains on Adams avenue has reached the Foley hotel block, having commenced on the west end of Adams. The trench will be continued to Greenwood and immediately afterwards, a trench for an 18 inch main from the reservoir to Adams avenue will be dug along Second St.
Back at Office.
Dr. M. P. Mendelsohn has partially recovered from his recent attack of illness and is able to be at his office again today.

A NEWSPAPER'S TELEGRAPH NEWS SERVICE

La Grande would certainly be isolated and forced to admit that she was ten hours behind the remainder of the country if it were not for the telegraphic news service.
The Observer is the only paper in Union or Wallowa county carrying telegraph. It is expensive to be sure, but what can a newspaper hope to be without it?
Take for instance the illness and death of King Edward. The Observer gave the first intelligence to Union and Wallowa counties. The evening issue told of his illness with strong chances that he would not recover, and a few minutes after the paper was on the street a message came to the Observer telling of the King's death.
This message was posted on the Observer bulletins in prominent places and La Grande and vicinity knew of the sad news as quickly as any other point in the northwest.
Moreover the Observer's telegraph report of the ruler's death was the only news received in this city by wire. It is not a satisfaction to know that as a news disimportance can happen in the world without the people of this community hearing of it through the Observer before bedtime?
Is it not a satisfaction to know that as a news distributing center La Grande has no equal between Portland and the Idaho state line?
The Observer covers this field and the people have learned that its telegraphic reports are genuine; that when an article carries a date line that article was received over the Western Union lines at a great expense to this paper in order to accommodate its readers, and for the further purpose of giving La Grande what she is justly entitled to—
A real newspaper.

COVE HOST TO I. O. O. F.

The 3d Rebekah convention held at Cove Saturday, was well attended, 15 from the local lodge driving over. Union sent over 30 by train and Summerville an auto load. All were delightfully entertained by the hospitable Cove people. These conventions held annually have proved to be very profitable, the delegates returning full of enthusiasm to perfect their own lodges.
Elgin was chosen as the meeting place for the next convention with the following officers:

Chairman—Mrs. Martha Russell, of Elgin.
Vice chairman—Miss Alexander, of La Grande.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Smith, of Summerville.
Left to Attend Trial.
Among those who left for Portland last evening to attend the Scriber trial were N. K. West, Jos. Palmer, Sam Bolton, G. M. Richey and Jos. Carr.

MAY CONTEST ELECTION

Union, May 9.—(Special)—While there seems to be no real backbone to the propaganda, there is a considerable wave of discussion as to bringing contest against the passage of the recent bond issue when the people of Union by a vote of 118 to 156 decided to float bonds for \$50,000 to build a new high school here. More conservative ones are confident the objections will not take shape, as

there seems to be so well defined grounds on which to institute the action.
Raise Bond Limit.
The city council Saturday night framed an ordinance looking toward a new charter which will lift the bond limits and permit of bonding for water system improvement, projected light systems and other municipal improvements.

DALLAS GIRL RUN OVER

Dallas, Oregon, May 9.—The coroner today held an inquest over the death of Miss Leighton of McMinnville, who was killed last night by a train. Miss Eunice Lewis of Newberg, was badly cut about the head, and E. Whipple and J. Scully, both of Sheridan, were hurt. The girls had left the train at Bridewell station to ride to Dallas with their friends and were crossing the track

when the Dallas passenger crashed into the buggy hurling them all out. Miss Leighton's body was taken from the pilot badly mangled. The wounded were brought to Dallas at midnight.
Club Meeting Tonight
A regular meeting of the commercial club will be held this evening at the club parlors.