

# LONG RUN TO FIRE IS FAST

### LA GRANDE'S FIRST STORE BUILDING IN ANGER.

#### Fire of Mysterious Origin Destroys Property In South Side.

One of La Grande's oldest frame buildings was menaced by fire at 2 o'clock Sunday morning when two frame residences, unoccupied, burned with more or less fierceness at Third and C in the extreme south end of the city. The residences once were the property of John Orvis, but now belong to a non-resident, and one of the two was practically ruined and a second residence badly scorched. The fire for a time threatened the old store building—the first ever built here and yet standing, that stands at Third and C. Although practically worthless the store building is one of the landmarks of La Grande, and was saved by the department.

The auto car made one of the longest and fastest runs of its career. The alarm came in over No. 44, the southernmost box in the city, and the long Fourth street drive was negotiated with terrific speed. Several people agree that two minutes elapsed from the time the alarm was turned in until water was on the building, the car having traveled more than 20 blocks in the meantime.

Little can be found out as to origin, total losses or insurance.

Spectators claim that there was a strong odor of coal oil and that fire broke out in both houses at the same time.

## SHERRY'S

### Audiences Pleased With New Act

What is more popular in the realm of vaudeville than a clean, clever singing and comedy act? Such an attraction opened this popular play house last night for a week's engagement. The three audiences were pleasantly surprised at the act of "Reno and Reno", these people have voices of powerful range, the act is handsomely gowned and full of animation; in fact, every requirement necessary for a high class harmony offering is in evidence.

### SULLIVAN TO VISIT OLD HAUNTS

#### Veteran Railroad Man to Take Extended Trip East.

In a short time J. D. Sullivan and family will leave for Memphis, points in Illinois, Kansas City and south Missouri. Mr. Sullivan formerly lived in these localities and he wants to go back and see the old timers who are left and note the changes that have been wrought. He has been with the railroad company here for 24 years, and while he has taken several trips back, this is to be the trip that extends over the most territory.

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### DANCELAND ROLLER SKATING

TO-NIGHT, 7:30 to 10:30 Admission 25c to skaters. Gallery 10c to everybody. Children's Matinee Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p. m., 15c. Skating Sunday afternoon and evening.

L. McNULTY, Skating Mgr. C. P. FERRIN, Mgr.

# LOGGED OFF LAND ON SALE

### FIFTEEN THOUSAND ACRES TO BE DISPOSED OF

#### Fifteen Dollars Per Acre Is Price Fixed on Looking Glass Land.

Fifteen thousand acres of logged off land on the Looking Glass have been put on the market. That the possibilities of this former timber land, cleared of timber by the George Palmer Lumber company, will mean a splendid opportunity for industrious tillers of the soil is admitted by real estate men. The land is suitable for various sorts of grain and fruit, and some of it is traversed by the logging road and very little of it over three or four miles from the Joseph branch. All is within easy access of Elgin by wagon road.

Fifteen dollars per acre is the price set for the land as it now stands.

Logged off land in the vicinity of Summerville and Elgin has in the past few years met ready sale, and it is believed that the enormous tracts on the Looking Glass will be grabbed up as desirable investment and the foundation for colonization of a farming community settlers.

# MAD DOG SHOT BY OFFICIALS

### NORTH POWDER PET MEETS A TRAGIC DEATH.

#### School So Crowded Another Grade Is Installed to Handle Attendance.

North Powder, Oct. 13.—(Special)—The schools are so crowded that the second floor of the city hall has been put in order and desks placed for the third grade. Miss Combs, a cousin of Miss Chandler, has been hired for teacher, and she will begin duties next Monday.

Considerable excitement was occasioned Wednesday when the brown dog belonging to W. R. Clark, went mad and was finally shot by the marshal. Old "Doodle Bug" was well known to many in this part of the country, having belonged to I. D. Vanorsdale for many years as a sheep dog. He was given to Clarks about two years ago. Wednesday morning the dog began acting queer—attacking every dog that came along, knocking down one of the little Clark girls, and finally snapping at Mrs. Clark, when she tried to pet him as usual. The dog then began running around "like mad" and the marshal was notified. Mr. Clark also took his gun and went to look for the dog. He was seen to come out of the livery stable and was shot by the marshal. About six weeks ago there were several reports of a mad coyote appearing at ranches near town. And about that time a coyote came to the Clark ranch and the family was awakened by the dogs fighting the animal. In the morning the coyote was found trapped in an outbuilding and was shot by Mrs. Clark—her husband being absent at the time. Nothing has been heard of the coyote since then. It is thought that the dog must have been bitten, though no marks were found, or else that the breath of the coyote carried infection. Mr. Clark has killed the other dog they had, as a precaution, as the dogs have been constant companions. It is a most fortunate termination of the affair that no one was bitten. If owners of dogs will watch their animals for a time it is likely that no harm will come to anyone.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church gave a social entertainment in the Bungalow opera house last night. The large audience enjoyed the excellent program prepared. The financial returns for the evening were most gratifying to the ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary last week Thursday, with a dance for a few friends.

Elmer Irvine has returned from Portland and resumed his duties in Huddelson's store.

John Nelson of Union came up Wednesday for two of his horses, which had been taken up as strays at the Thos. Parker ranch.

Mrs. Lillie Goodman, who has been visiting her brother, Lane Goff, and her friend, Miss Chandler, has returned to her home at Coos Bay.

Rev. W. A. Winters, district superintendent, will hold quarterly conference at the M. E. church tomorrow night.

**Big Wheat Yields Reported.** Reports from those who are fortunate enough to have finished threshing are good. John Davis reports 105 acres of Red Chaff wheat that yielded 40 bushels to the acre. Luther Moore has threshed 41 acres of oats with a yield of 82 bushels to the acre. The storms of the past few days may cause some damage to grain that is not threshed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thronson gave a party last Sunday afternoon and evening in honor of the 17th birthday anniversary of their son, Albert. After games and refreshments the guests were taken to the Bungalow theatre for the evening.

A number of friends of Walter McGrath helped him celebrate his birthday last Friday evening. They gave Mr. McGrath no notice of their intentions, consequently the host was a most surprised man, and was also well pleased with the attention.

John McPhee, wife and sons, and Mrs. Young, went to Baker Thursday to attend the hearing of the man who picked up Mrs. McPhee's pocketbook near her home last week.

Mrs. Lee Dalton is slightly improved.

Miss Lois Long of Portland is caring for her mother, Mrs. Thos. Burns.

Fourteen carloads of cattle were unloaded here Wednesday to feed in transit. They were consigned to E. E. Williard and will feed on the Jim Dalton ranch.

### Putting Trees to Bed.

An interesting method of protecting peach trees from frost during the winter has been practiced for several years at the agricultural experiment station at Canyon, Colo. Early in November the earth is removed from a circle about four feet in diameter round each tree, and water is turned in to saturate the soil. When the ground has become soft the tree is worked back and forth to loosen the roots and is then pushed over on its side. The branches are brought together and fastened with a cord, and burlap covered with earth is put over them.

When the trees lie snug until spring, when the covering is gradually loosened and finally removed, and they are raised and propped up.—Rocky Mountain News.

### But She Hadn't.

"What's the matter, old chap? You look as if you hadn't had a wink of sleep all night."

"I haven't. You see, my wife threatened never to speak to me again if I didn't come home last night before 10 o'clock, and I didn't."

"I see. You're finding out the loneliness of solitude because she kept her word, eh?"

"Not by a jugful. I wish she had."—Exchange.

### Shut Her Off.

First Deaf Mute (making sign)—Did your wife complain because you stayed out till after midnight? Second Deaf Mute (chuckling)—Did she? You should have seen her! But when it began to get monotonous I just turned out the light.

### Fox Hunting.

In communities where fox hunting is considered a sport catching one is the cardinal offense. The rule in fox hunting is that you may chase the quarry, but you must not overtake it.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Mother's Tongue.

"Don't you realize the power of the mother tongue?" asked the young man who professed interest in literature.

"Yes, and so does father," replied the young woman.—Buffalo Express.

### Mostly All Talk.

"I don't feel quite well, doctor. Do you think I could go to a coffee party this afternoon?"

"Certainly, miss. Your tongue is all right."—Flagpole Blatter.

### Measuring Him.

Wife—James, do you know that you are a very small man? Husband—How ridiculous! I am nearly six feet in height. Wife—That makes no difference. Whenever I ask you for money to go shopping you are always short.—London Tit Bits.

### Going Too Far.

Reader—He tore his hair and rent the air. Hearer—There you are! We even have to rent the air now. It's time we had a change of government.—Pathfinder.

# KNIGHTS IN JOINT SESSION

### FATHER MARSHALL OF BAKER LEADS SERVICES.

#### Fifty Knights March to Church and Partake of Communion.

Knights of Columbus of this city to the number of 50, yesterday participated in religious observance of Columbus day. The lodges marched in a body to the Catholic church and there were administered communion by Father Marshall of Baker, who presided at the church in the absence of Father Driscoll, who participated in the program at Baker. The address scheduled to be delivered by Father Driscoll on Columbus, was not heard because of the changes at the late hour.

Next Wednesday evening the lodge holds its annual election of officers and will top the evening off with a banquet and smoker.

At Pendleton, exercises were held similar to those in La Grande and Baker.

### Severely Injured.

Jerry Thomson met with a very severe injury Friday while building a bridge near his Catherine creek farm. A comrade was chopping with a double bitted axe as Jerry came up behind his back encountered the axe as the wielder was drawing back for another blow. The blade inflicted a flesh wound just above the right eye but had Mr. Thompson stood nearer the chopper it might have been a fatal stroke. All of the workers were considerably alarmed until they found out the nature of the wound.—Union Scout.

### Bridge Is Now Ready.

The steel bridge recently constructed by Joe Campbell is now complete and ready for traffic as well as inspection. Two concrete piers over sixty feet in length support the weighty structure and the street is covered from wall to wall. This is the best bridge that Union ever had and one of the best ever put up in the county. There is plenty of room for teams on the right and left and the two foot bridges are cut off by low banisters. It looks to a layman like a pretty good job.—Union Scout.

**Cheats and Depew.** At an annual dinner of the St. Nicholas society Ambassador Joseph H. Choate was down for the toast "The Navy," while Senator Depew was to respond to "The Army."

Depew began by saying: "It's well to have a specialist. That's why Choate is here to speak about the navy. We met at the wharf once, and I never saw him again till we reached Liverpool. When I asked how he felt he said he thought he would have enjoyed the trip over if he had had any ocean air. Yes, you want to hear Choate on the navy."

Choate responded: "I've heard Depew hailed as the greatest after dinner speaker. If after dinner speaking, as I have heard it described and as I believe it to be, is the art of saying nothing at all then Dr. Depew is the most marvelous speaker in the universe."

### Returned the Compliment.

Shortly after the workmen had finished the landlord took especial pains to show to each tenant the bill for doing over his flat. The householders regarded that attention in different lights, according to the improvements they had fought for and got. Some looked frightened, thinking it portended a raise in rent, some apologetic, others defiant. The third floor right man was uncommittal. Three days later he called at the landlord's office and showed him a slip of paper. It was a bill for six shirts, some socks and ties, a hat and a blue serge suit.

"What's this got to do with me?" the landlord asked.

"Oh, nothing," said the man. "Just an interchange of courtesies. Nothing like being neighborly, you know."

### Few Russians Wear Hats.

The male population of Russia wearing hats is in the great minority as compared with the vast number who purchase the Russian cap. The seasons are practically winter and summer, so that the transition from the cloth cap to one of fur, the straw hat coming in for slight attention during a brief period in midsummer. The student class, which aggregates many thousands, and the official class, which is still more numerous, with those in the city who wear a uniform cap with an official or semi-official cockade, constitute a vast army of people who do not wear hats.

### Jim Miller Walks the Streets.

As evidence of a good town Jim Miller, traveling passenger agent of the O. W. R. & N., was compelled to walk the streets Saturday night for there was not a bed to be had in La Grande.

### Mill Closed for a Time.

J. D. Casey was down from Meacham yesterday and stated the saw mill has closed down for a time but that the planer is running every day.

# COURT IBLE ON HOLIDAY

### QUESTION OF HOLIDAY BOTTLERS ATTORNEYS.

#### Court Plays Safe by Not Conducting Trials In Circuit Court.

Keeping on the safe side of a much-disputed question, Judge Knowles did not take up circuit court matters today. There is considerable argument among attorneys as to whether or not Monday is a judicial holiday or not. It appears that though Columbus day fell on Sunday, most of the governors have declared the day following a legal holiday, but just what the exact situation is, no one seems to agree upon. However, Judge Knowles, who has returned from his Portland visit, was of the opinion that it was best not to try jury cases. Court will take up tomorrow with consideration of the case of Toy Young against Ed Wolfe.

Saturday afternoon a jury reached a verdict of acquittal in case of State vs. C. H. Broughn. The jury reached its verdict about 3:30 o'clock and the last judicial act of Judge Morrow of Portland in this city was to receive the verdict. Broughn was immediately re-arrested on instructions from an adjoining county.

### Hunts Deer From Auto.

Enterprise, Ore., Oct. 13.—(Special)—Hunting deer in an automobile is the modern method in Wallawa county according to the precedent recently set by Jacob Haas, one of the best hunters in the entire northwest. Mr. Haas has a machine and he decided that he just as well use it for hunting deer, so a few days ago he ran into the mountains to a point where the deer trail was to be seen. He shut down the engine, reclined on the upholstered cushions with gun in hand for a short time when a deer bounded past. With his true aim he brought down the deer, loaded it into the machine and drove back to town.

It is the first feat of the kind ever pulled off in this section and created quite a little comment.

Mr. Haas is one of the exceptional hunters of Wallawa county. When he goes after deer he makes it a rule never to return until he has secured one. Bear are not to his liking and he only kills them when they get in his way, which is quite often.

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