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SAWMILLS ACTIVE MARCH 1

SEVERAL RUNNING NOW AND PROSPECTS GOOD.

Few of the Big Mills of the Eastern Part of the State to Open Soon.

Ere the present month is ended, practically every sawmill in the big Eastern Oregon empire will be ready to either call in their crews for the summer run, or be so near to that stage that it will be a reality within a few days. Several mills are already in operation after a brief period of idleness ostensibly to make repairs, but the larger mills do not expect to start their wheels until March 1st. Sawmill men of Eastern Oregon are optimistic and predict that the coming season will be profitable. They are not right now burdened with deliberation on the Plummer gateway matter and can give their attention to lumbering interests solely.

The George Palmer Lumber company of this city is one of the few big mills that are continually running, except for repairs which take up a week or two each year. Other mills that have resumed operations after the mid-winter lull are The Oregon Lumber company's mill at Austin, the Hilgard Lumber company at Whitney, and a few others of similar size. Portable mills are making use of the late January and February snows to keep their saws humming. The Perry mill, and the Nibley-Minnaugh mill at Wallowa

are two big mills that will be in full swing by March 1st, according to present plans.

Eastern Oregon lumbermen have returned from their meeting at Spokane where the Western White Pine Manufacturers were in session. The lumbermen of Eastern Oregon have a sub-organization to the parent body and this organization is to meet here shortly to consider matters of purely local interest. The Plummer Gateway squabble prompted the organization and since its formation, various local questions come up for consideration at the frequent meetings held.

GLEE CLUB IN COUNTY.

First Appearance East of Blue Mountains Comes Tonight.



Randolph Thomas, soloist and assistant leader with O. A. C. glee club.

To thoroughly cover Union and Wallowa counties, the O. A. C. glee club passed through La Grande today bound for Union. After the program there tonight, the troupe goes to Imbler tomorrow and then will fill four dates on the branch line before returning to La Grande Sunday evening for the performance here the next evening.

Perry Service.

A preaching service will be held in the Sunday school hall at Perry tomorrow (Wednesday) evening at 7:30. Rev. Drann of this city will conduct the service. All are invited to attend these services and a good attendance is looked for.

Read the advertisements too.

WITHYCOMBE DECLINES TOGA

CAN SERVE THE PEOPLE IN HIS PRESENT JOB.

Experiment Station Chief Cannot Be Candidate For State Office.

Eastern Oregon Experiment Station, Union Ore., Feb. 9.—(To the Editor Observer.)—I have read with a great deal of surprise and appreciation the very complimentary statement in the Observer of my possible candidacy for state representative.

It is very pleasing to receive such unsolicited support from loyal friends, and I can assure you that I have always been ready and willing to do what ever I could for the people of Eastern Oregon and especially for those of Union county. However my work at the Eastern Oregon Experiment station requires all of my time and attention, hence I wish to state that I will not be a candidate under any consideration.

While I would greatly appreciate the honor of representing Union County at our state legislature and while I realize the importance of careful and judicious legislation, yet I feel that I am already in a position to serve our people to a considerable extent through the channels of the Eastern Oregon Experiment station by demonstrating the feeds and methods of feeding that will produce the best results in finishing livestock; advocating improved cultural methods in various farm operations; developing new grasses and forage crops, which are suitable for range conditions; and the production of a wheat that will produce a greater yield for the farmer and will enable the miller to manufacture a flour that will make two good loaves of bread where only one was made before.

Again thanking my friends for the favor. With my kindest personal regards and best wishes,
 Yours very truly,
 ROBERT WITHYCOMBE.

MASTER OF XYLOPHONE HERE

Arche Is Entertaining Theatre Goers With Rare Musician.

La Grande theatre goers have never heard a better xylophone player than the young man who is performing at the Arcade theatre. We will say more, they will likely never hear a better one because this young foreigner seems to have grown up with the little wooden hammers in his fists and is a perfect master of an otherwise difficult instrument. He can beat it, that's all, and if you have any doubts about the matter we want to see you at the theatre. If you can name a better man, your entrance admission is waiting for you at the door. His rendition of classical music last night and some of the better rag time was great, and the audience called him back four times. That's the proof of the pudding. He is here tonight.—Adv.

MRS. FLORA SMITH DEAD

Body Will Be Brought From Pendleton to This City For Burial.

Mrs. J. W. White of this city, was last night informed of the death of her sister, Mrs. Flora Smith, who died in Pendleton last night about 12 o'clock. Death seems to have been caused by heart failure. She was been ailing for some time and death came during a sinking spell.

Mrs. Smith was born in Seymour, Conn., in 1865, and has been a resident of this section of the country for many years. Her husband for several years conducted a meat market in this city. In 1889 Mrs. Smith and her husband were traveling in Nebraska when her husband was stricken of paralysis and died. She traveled much in the east and middle west and was a well informed person. She was a kind and gentle woman of more than ordinary brightness and was a favorite among her friends.

Mrs. Smith leaves to mourn her loss a daughter, Miss Birdie Smith, who lived with her mother in Pendleton, and Mrs. J. W. White of this city.

Joe Carr went to Pendleton this noon on No. 17 to conduct the body to this city. The body will lie in the Henry & Carr undertaking parlors upon arrival tonight, on No. 18. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon the arrival of Miss Birdie Smith, the daughter who comes tonight with the body.

MEETING OF MERCHANTS

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city understand what an annual meeting of the Oregon retailers means to this city.

John Collier, who was almost the father of the local association and who for a number of years was active in the state association work, talked on the benefits to be derived from the convention. He also offered a number of good suggestions that will be of great service in preparation for the work of entertaining.

G. L. Larrison spoke from the wholesaler and jobbers' end of the question and he pledged loyal support to the undertaking, as did C. D. Emahiser.

It was noticeable that a number of new faces were present. Business is changing in La Grande. Old firms are being purchased by new men, hence the personnel of the association is undergoing a change. For the new member F. E. Oxner and C. C. McCormick spoke, each stating that La Grande had claimed him for a resident.

Before the meeting adjourned a permanent committee was elected to have in charge the entire work of the June convention. Sub-committees will be appointed for the different lines of work, but the general committee will have the event in charge and upon them rests the burden of failure or the credit of success of the convention.

More Clearly Stated.

Readers might be misled by the item in yesterday's Observer relative to the Ivanhoe divorce proceedings therein. The item might have left the inference that Mrs. Ivanhoe had instituted the original proceedings. Mr. Ivanhoe filed his first suit for divorce and asking the court for a decree to property in this city. Since this suit was illegal, neither of them being residents of Clackamas county, where the case was filed, it was necessarily dismissed. Following this Mrs. Ivanhoe filed a suit for separate maintenance. Circuit court granted her a support of \$35.00 per month, but this decree was reversed on account of errors in the trial. Now follows the second suit for divorce instituted by Mr. Ivanhoe.

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Apple Salad. Take 2 large or 3 small apples (not too tart), 4 slices of Hawaiian pineapple and 2 bananas, cut all into small dice-shaped pieces, add ½ cupful of lightly chopped (not ground) walnut meat, add a pinch of salt, sugar, a tablespoonful of lemon juice and a salt spoon full of paprika; mix the above ingredients well and serve on crisp lettuce leaves with a heaping teaspoonful of mayonnaise prepared with Ehmann Olive Oil.

Apple and Celery Salad. To 3 apples take the white part of one head of celery, ½ cup of walnut meat and one cupful of Ehmann pitted ripe olives, chop all not too fine, season with salt, paprika and a little sugar and serve on crisp leaves heaped with mayonnaise made of Ehmann Pure Olive Oil.

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