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WILL CLEAN A VAST QUANTITY OF WHEAT HERE

FLOUR MILL PREPARING TO RUN 150 CARLOADS THROUGH THE PROCESS.

SACKED WHEAT WILL BE RESHIPED IN BULK

La Grande Milling Company Will Clean Eastern Washington Wheat While En Route East—Crew Will Work Day and Night for Forty Days it is Thought.

The La Grande Milling company has the contract for cleaning 200,000 bushels of wheat for rail shipment east. The wheat all comes from eastern Washington and will be handled through the mill elevator. It will come to La Grande in sacks and will be put through the elevator and cleaning process and will then be re-loaded in bulk.

For the purposes of properly handling extensive piece of work special machinery is needed and the required equipment is expected to arrive today. A force of men will begin tomorrow to make the needed changes at the mill, in the way of remodeling the facilities for handling as well as installing the new appliances.

Night and Day Shifts.
The amount of wheat to be handled, 200,000 bushels, is the equivalent of between 150 and 200 carloads. First shipments are expected to start within a few days and as soon as the arrangements are under full swing the cleaning department at the mill will be run night and day. It is stated that a force of about ten men will be employed and that the cleaning season will continue over a period of at least forty days.

Heavy Preliminary Expense.
While La Grande Milling company is about the only logical place on the line in the way of having elevator facilities for handling a job of this kind, there is considerable of a preliminary expense. It was stated today by one of the mill officials that it would cost a thousand dollars for the new equipment required. This is but the beginning of a somewhat radical change in the way of grain exporting and may lead to much larger proportions in the future. At any rate, the work now in sight will put some dollars to moving through the employment channel and is a good thing for La Grande.

TRAFFIC OVER O.-W. RESUMED.

Washington Division is Now Opened—Wild Horse Road is Repaired

Pendleton, Jan. 25.—After having been suspended two days on account of damage done by the high water, traffic over the Washington division of the O.-W. E. & N. was resumed again today. The first train over from Walla Walla was mixed train and the local this evening is expected to arrive pretty nearly on time. The county road along Wild Horse has also been repaired so that vehicles may get over it.

The principal damage to the railroad and the wagon road both was around Havanna. The water had washed the embankment of the tracks away for a considerable portion and along the Judge Fee place the macadam had been washed away for 25 or 30 feet. The railroad company, while repairing the tracks, also fixed up a part of the road and Judge Marsh had a crew at work fixing it up also. When the snow melts off, permanent repairs will be made.

ALASKA STEAMER SINKS.

Portland Ports Scenes of Disaster and Near Disasters Today.

Portland, Jan. 26.—The Steamboat George Simons sank at the Alaska dock when thawing pipes burst. Two other steamers narrowly escape a like fate.

SETTLEMENT NEAR.

Lansing and Ambassador Indicate Lusitania Deal Improves

Washington, Jan. 26.—After conferring with Secretary Lansing Ambassador Bernstorff indicated the Lusitania controversy is specifically settled. Only a question of words is at stake and should be finally settled in a few days. The Envoy and Premier, wouldn't say whether they had progressed toward an adjustment of radical difference between German and American viewpoints.

LATEST PHOTO OF WOMAN WHO IS FIGHTING FOR HER LIFE.



This is believed to be the latest photograph taken of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, who is on trial at Providence, with two Negroes, on the charge of having killed her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr. The picture shows her to be better looking than the photographs taken of her just after the death of her husband.

THREE JUMP FIVE STORIES

FIRE TRAP FORCES THEM FROM WINDOWS.

All Are Dashed to Death When Striking Seattle Pavement.

Seattle, Jan. 26.—Three men leaped from the fifth floor of the Walter building today and were dashed to death on the pavement, when a fire originating in a pile of hemp on the fourth floor, trapped them.

Holocaust Develops.

Three others were burned to death and seven are reported missing. Firemen found three bodies on the fifth floor when they succeeded in fighting their way through the flames. Most of the dead are recent refugees from Russia. Hemp burned furiously and those on the fifth floor were trapped before the alarm was sounded, and before the department arrived, they leaped to the pavement. One struck on a lamp post and was killed. The others struck the pavement and died shortly afterwards.

Ray Winkleman of Tacoma had a contract for drying the hemp and employed nearly a score of men.

Later Winkleman's body was identified among the burned. Others burned to death are C. Buckley of Portland and Simon Brosthorpe. The body of the third man who jumped to the pavement has been identified as J. Friedman. Two workmen were later accounted for. These are believed to have escaped and went home.

JUST THIRTY YEARS AGO.

Mercury Was Dancing Far Below in the Month of January.

"Talk about cold weather," remarked Fred Gaskill, "yes, we will all admit it is a little chilly or has been the past few days, but I can well recall thirty years ago the first week of this month when the mercury stood 33 degrees below zero for several mornings in front of Jay Brooks' store, which is the N. K. West & Co. location now." Mr. Gaskill in those days was a stage driver and drove the Summerville division of the Walla Walla county stage line. He says the lower road was completely snowed in and it was necessary to travel the foothill road

Hawaiian Concert Co.

What promises to be the musical event of the season will be the appearance at the Y. M. C. A. of the Peerless Hawaiian Concert company on Monday evening, Jan. 31. To those who had the pleasure of hearing them at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, they need no introduction. Solos, choruses and ensemble numbers, both vocal and instrumental follow each other in rapid succession, making up a choice and pleasing program, ranging from ragtime to grand opera, that contains enough variety to satisfy the most exacting. The Y. M. C. A. has been put to considerable expense in bringing this really excellent company to the city and a good crowd should turn out.

Former Senator Here.

T. C. Taylor, former joint senator for Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, and one of Pendleton's mainstays, is a visitor in La Grande today and is registered at the Foley hotel.

FIRE FILM COMING.

State Insurance Commission to Send "Fire Demon" to La Grande.

La Grande is to see the famous film "Fire Demon" which is being sent throughout the state under direction of the state fire insurance bureau. Harvey Wells, commissioner, has written to J. G. Snodgrass, president of the Commercial club, saying that he will soon announce the date the educational film will be released for La Grande. Mr. Snodgrass inquired as to the possibilities of obtaining the film for this city and has been advised that in due time it will be forthcoming. It costs nothing, and is purely instructive, showing the best methods of preventing fire, and of applying Safety First methods.

Governor Appoints Delegates.

The governor has appointed as delegates to the Twelfth Annual Conference on Child Labor the members of the Oregon Child Labor committee. They are Mrs. Sarah A. Evans of Oswego; Prof. William T. Foster, Reed College, Portland; Mrs. Turner Oliver, La Grande; Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, of Portland; Mrs. H. G. Kundret of Portland; Mr. Stephen Smith of Portland.

Black Magic Made Bear

Chicago, Jan. 26.—"Black Magic teachers possessors to perform miracles, and to become invisible; price \$4.00." (Post Office Inspector D. Angier was curious when he read that and he ordered the book. F. Kempinski, the magician, was turned over to the authorities. If you would like to be come invisible, according to his plan, here is the secret: "Catch a black cat while it is walking toward the setting sun. Cut off its left ear. Wrap the ear in a leaf from a tree growing in a graveyard. Then go home without speaking to anyone and maintain silence until the following daybreak. Upon arising, the candidate for invisibility must walk toward the rising sun until he meets the cat whose ear he has cut off. Then he must remove the other ear. Whenever over the tips of the two ears are joined and certain magic words are repeated, the person holding the ears becomes invisible as long as the ear tips touch.

Prohibitionists at Work.

Pierre, S. D. Jan. 26.—Despite previous defeats, prohibition forces today set out to get votes enough to put South Dakota on the water wagon at the general election November 7th this year. For five years the constitutional prohibition provision in the original code under which South Dakota entered the union, was retained. In the larger cities the provision was not enforced. The provision was fairly voted out of the constitution and has remained out. Headquarters of the drvs is at Mitchell, S. D. Revival gospel services are being conducted in various parts of the state under the direction of A. C. Rankin. Meetings ranging in length from one night to one a night for two weeks are being held. The state Sunday school organization is also working to mould sentiment against the saloon. The wets are lining up their forces to keep the saloons in.

3 MILWAUKEE TRAINS CRASH AND THREE DIE

ENGINEER AND TWO HOBOES SUFFER DEATH IN COLLISION.

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN ON OTHER TRAIN HURT

Express Cars, Engines and Baggage Cars Badly Crushed in Collision on Milwaukee Line Near Othello—None of the Passengers Hurt in First Report.

Spokane, Jan. 26.—(Engineer George Rait and two unidentified hoboes were killed in a collision of Milwaukee trains Nos. 17 and 18, near Servia, 37 miles east of Othello.

William Schultz, the engineer on No. 18, and D. F. Armstrong, the fireman on No. 17, and John Woodward, the express messenger, were seriously injured. Both engines, express and baggage cars were smashed. No passengers were hurt.

The cause of the collision has not been determined. Lap orders caused the Milwaukee wreck, officials have declared. The west bound train received orders to meet the other at Rockboro. The east bound train's orders said Servia. The track was straight where collision occurred and the engineers had time to check their speed.

Passengers on both trains were shaken and badly bruised and the track was torn up for some distance. Passengers were transferred to special trains sent to the rescue.

NEW FIRM ORGANIZED.

Will Occupy Offices in La Grande National Building.

J. J. Burbridge and J. B. McKennon have formed a new firm and will have offices in the La Grande National bank building on the first floor. The new firm will handle life insurance and buy grain. Mr. Burbridge has purchased the district agency from O. H. Cash of an eastern life insurance company and Mr. McKennon will buy grain. Both are well known in Union and Wallawa counties.

Heavy Shelling Reported.

Amsterdam, Jan. 26.—Allies' monitors have shelled German positions at Westende and simultaneously aviators bombed positions near Klocke and Heyst. The Westende shelling is reported as especially effective. It is reported officials are sending numerous German wounded to Burges and Ghent. The attack is believed to be retaliation of German raids on Channell towns.

New Corporations Get Permits in Oregon.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 25.—Declarations of intentions to engage in business in the state have been filed with Corporation Commissioner Schulderman by the Smith Securities company of Washington, capitalized at \$150,000, and the Tru-Blu Biscuit company, also a Washington corporation, with a capital of \$100,000.

The Klamath Manufacturing company of Klamath Falls has increased its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$250,000, and articles on incorporation have been filed by the Northwest Institute of Anthropology of Portland.

MINERS WILL WORK.

Indianapolis, Jan. 26.—The United Mine Workers voted overwhelmingly today not to suspend work in coal fields on April first, if new agreements haven't been concluded by then.

Stockman Visits in City.

James Dalton, prominent farmer and stockman of North Powder, is a visitor in La Grande today.

Smuggler Pleads Guilty.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 25.—Nat Scharlin, arrested in Bellingham last July with \$31,000 worth of opium in his possession, pleaded guilty in the United States district court yesterday and was fined \$7500. He paid the fine.

Hood River Boosters Entertain.

Hood River, Or., Jan. 25.—Last night was "Ladies' Night" at the local Commercial club, the members giving the first of a series of entertainments for their wives and sweethearts. More than 60 women were present at the entertainment.

THE LATEST SKIING AND SKATING COSTUME.



BLOCKADE NOT TO BE PERFECT

GOVERNMENT ADMITS ONLY PARTIAL ATTEMPT.

Held in Commons that America Wouldn't Object Much.

London, Jan. 26.—In the midst of debate over the blockade resolution, Sir Edward Grey announced the government has no intention of declaring an actual blockade.

London, Jan. 26.—Debate over England's proposed blockade of Germany was formally opened in the Commons today. Arthur Beven moved adoption of the resolution providing for a blockade.

He declared America would not object strenuously and held neutrals would welcome substitution of an admittedly legal blockade for the present measure.

Bristol England, Jan. 26.—By a big majority representatives of over 2,000,000 workmen in convention today pledged support to the government. The resolution as passed failed to mention the subject of conscription, but later resolutions are certain to denounce compulsory service. Resolutions were passed which condemned German atrocities in Belgium.

Zurich, Jan. 26.—Distinguished Turkish diplomats have arrived here to prepare peace proposals, a newspaper stated. It is reported Turkey is desirous of going peace because of the strained conditions of her finances.

London, Jan. 26.—The Dominion liner Norseman was beached without casualties among her crew, it was learned today after Liverpool advices reported her torpedoed and sunk.

Rome, Jan. 26.—Austrians have occupied Medua, Albania, and are moving toward Durazzo, dispatches have declared. They plan to join the Bulgarians in the Elbassan region. Montenegrin and Albanian forces defending Scutari were captured when the city was occupied, but Serbians escaped and are heading southward.

Bird Feed Considerable.

Deputy Game Warden John Walden has been looking over the condition of the wild birds of this district and has come to the conclusion that the scare over the lack of sufficient feed is not well founded. Several dead pheasants have been examined and in every case the "crops" were well filled with grain, showing that it was not insufficiency of feed that caused death. Mr. Walden thinks that the extreme cold is the prime cause and that the birds which are of the older class, and that the younger and more active ones manage to find all the grain they need for sustenance.

Missionary Society Meeting.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. S. A. Gardiner at 2:30 o'clock, Friday afternoon. All members are requested to be present.

UNION MAN IS NAMED COUNTY "FARM EXPERT"

PAUL H. SPILLMAN SELECTED TO SUCCEED C. C. CATE IN THIS COUNTY.

APPOINTEE ESPECIALLY FAMILIAR WITH LOCALITY

Mr. Spillman Will Move His Family to La Grande to Accept New Post by February First—County Deemed Fortunate in Appointment—Local Advisers Are Heeded.

Appointment of a successor to Farm Expert C. C. Cate, recently transferred from this county to a better paying district in Southern Oregon, has been announced by O. A. C. Furthermore, the new man is thoroughly familiar with Eastern Oregon conditions, a qualification that has been earnestly sought for by those advising the appointive powers. His name is Paul H. Spillman, an O. A. C. man, connected with the Union experiment station. The appointment is made to read effective next Monday and Mr. Spillman will move his family to La Grande from Union by or near that time. The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Spillman and a daughter. For the past year they have been located at the Union station, there becoming thoroughly familiar with climatic and soil condition and other prime factors in farming and horticulture. Several years ago he was connected with Manager Robert Withycombe at Union for a time.

Mr. Spillman is a practical farmer. He has owned and operated a farm in the Willamette valley, and managed a big fruit farm near Salem. Manager Robert Withycombe at Union bespeaks for him much success in the post he has been appointed to. "Mr. Spillman is thoroughly qualified to do the work, and the people of Union county are fortunate in having a man appointed to the place who is so well versed with local conditions. Mr. Spillman's specialty is horticulture, but he knows the ropes from beginning to end."

The appointment of Mr. Cate's successor was delayed until the very best available timber was found. County Judge Phy, the Commercial club here and others, stood out for an Eastern Oregon man if such a thing was possible. In announcing the appointment R. D. Hetzel, director of extension writes to Secretary F. B. Currey concerning this:

"Mr. Spillman has been appointed county agriculturist for Union county. He will begin work February 1st according to our understanding. We have notified Judge Phy of this appointment and Mr. Spillman as well. I sincerely hope he is going to be entirely satisfactory."

"In making this appointment, the request of Judge Phy, Mr. Townley and yourself that an Eastern Oregon man be appointed, received consideration and we have particularly taken notice of your approval of Mr. Spillman's work."

FARMERS WANT TRAIN.
Special From North End for Good Roads Day Being Promoted.

That farmers in the north end of the county want a special train to La Grande at least one day during Farmers' and Home-makers' week which begins here next Monday, has come to the notice of the Commercial club. The requests generally set Friday as the date, that the visitors may come to listen and participate in the Good Roads program booked for that day. Something towards that end will likely be taken up.

"Pigs Is Pigs."

Warren Chandler, the stock buyer, continues to ship hogs to the Portland market and prices are steadily advancing on the hog. Warren says "pigs is pigs" and they are finally coming into their own place on the markets.

Will Have New Sign.

with the cold snap was brought many troubles. Guy Ellis, who owns the Depot street barber shop, ordered a load of coal and the coal company sent it with a new driver. Backing the coal wagon to the curb the driver paid no attention to the revolving barber pole which has been the pride of that block ever since it was installed. There was a crash and the red, white and blue was twisted into debris. A new sign has been ordered.