

Gravel Roads Planned By Union County Court

POWER ROAD OUTFIT WILL BEGIN WORK

CAMPREHENSIVE PLANS DRAFT-
ED BY COUNTY COURT IN
MAKING HIGHWAYS.

MAIN ARTERIES LIKELY
FIRST TO BE BUILT

Gigantic Traction Engine and Power
Scrapers Ordered by Court on "Sat-
isfaction Guaranteed" Basis—Sixty
Days to Try Equipment—Island
City Gravel Road to be Extended—
Continuous Road Construction is
Plan of Court.

Completing a road system that it
expects to work by this year the county
court of Union county today made
public its intentions relative to road
construction and repairs.

Apparently realizing fully that the
country as a whole is intensely in-
terested in better roads, members of
the county court have been putting in
a good deal of time of late in for-
mulating a plan for permanent road
work. The present court was not
organized for business last year owing
to litigation over elections, until
late in the spring when time for all
preliminary road work had almost
expired and it was with some diffi-
culty that even a portion of the year's
work was handled to advantage.

Beginning this year in plenty of
time the court has contracted for a
heavy, high-power traction engine and
power graders. This road machinery
has been ordered on a "satisfaction
guaranteed" basis. In other words,
the court is taking no chances on ma-
chinery and the order has been placed
with a sixty day trial by Union county,
before final decision is given as to
accepting it. This will give ample
time, it is argued, for every feature
of the equipment to be tried out.

Permanent Crew to be Organized

It is then proposed to man the
new equipment with a permanent crew
of skilled labor in road building, and
common labor will be contracted for
just so long as it comes up to a cer-
tain standard of production. The in-
tent, however, is to organize a good
crew and keep that crew with the
power outfit throughout the spring
and early summer. This will mean,
according to the court's plan, con-
stant traveling back and forth across
this valley with the engine and grad-
ers, making ditches and crowning the
highways with an occasional rolling
and dragging.

The heavy traction rig will travel
several miles a day pulling power
graders and with skilled hands in
charge of the equipment, it is the be-
lief that splendid results will be at
once apparent.

Will Haul Gravel With Engine.

Should the new traction outfit prove
satisfactory the county plans that the
road crew and equipment will work
as long as the season will permit
grading, draining and crowning the
highways and when the dry season
comes on it is then proposed to keep
the engine busy hauling out gravel.

The gravel bars in the Grande
Ronde river have long been a draw-
back and have caused the river to
maintain a crooked course. The court
will erect gravel elevators in the
river with permission of abutting
land owners and by using the regular
gravel wagons it is found that the
large engine will pull six of these
wagons loaded with gravel. By us-
ing elevators for loading, the expense
of labor is to be reduced and the
tractor and its six wagons will make
trip after trip each day to the high-
way depositing its cargo of gravel.
This work will continue all summer
long, from the day it is too dry to
grade until the extreme winter
weather prevails. By removing gravel
from the river its course will be
straightened—an admitted im-
provement to land owners.

Exact Location Not Given Out.

Just where the court will do the
first work has not been given out
as yet, but it is presumed that the
Island City road will be extended to-
ward Cove and the road from Moss
Chapel to the Pierce macadam will be
graveled. Also it is probable that the
short stretch of dirt road from the

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CANNING PLANT POSSIBLE WHEN ACREAGE COMES

UP TO FARMERS TO SUBSCRIBE
THE NEEDED AMOUNT OF
CANNING PRODUCTS.

MONEY QUESTION NOT
THE CHIEF TOPIC NOW

Commercial Club Assured Financial
End the Moment Enough Acreage
and Tonnage is Forthcoming—Com-
mittee Now at Work—Much Al-
ready Subscribed by Farmers.

There was a good attendance at the
Commercial club meeting yesterday
evening and several people from the
outside were present to take further
steps toward the cannery proposition.
The committee heretofore ap-
pointed to secure data and including
J. A. Russell, C. M. Riddle and W.
L. Spillman, made their report. The
undertaking is looked upon with much
favor. The first essential is the fact
that a cannery is an industry to which
this country is specially adapted. The
initial cost as compared with the value
of the output is much lighter than
that of any similar industry. Heavy
expense in the way of machinery and
other equipment is not necessary. All
these conditions may be met by the
community without straining the
country's financial resources. One
man present at the meeting last night
said he would personally guarantee to
provide all the money needed as soon
as it could be assured that there was
a guarantee of enough stuff produced
to keep the institution going.

The One Thing Needed.

The thing needed to make the can-
nery proposition a go is a sufficiency
of products. Taking the fruit output,
which is already available in consid-
erable quantity, it was the belief that
there should be in addition 500 acres
of corn, 100 acres of beans and 100
acres in peas. This is what is con-
sidered necessary to secure a cannery
in La Grande.

A committee was appointed yesterday
evening to secure this acreage. The
committee is W. L. Spillman, C. M.
Riddle and MacWood.

One or two of the farmers present
volunteered to plant forty acres in
corn. They are induced to do this
on account of the fact that the crop
will be planted in summer-fallow
ground and that they will have the
fodder as a residue after the corn has
been sold to the cannery. The com-
mittee will endeavor to have the re-
quired acreage signed up right away
and another meeting to further con-
sider the cannery project will be held
next Monday evening.

Peterson Resigns As Chairman

Pendleton, Feb. 29.—Will M. Peter-
son, democratic county chairman for
Umatilla county, today announced his
resignation as county chairman, rec-
ommending Judge Maloney as his suc-
cessor. Two years ago Mr. Peterson
resigned as chairman but was prevail-
ed upon to serve another term. He
now states he will refuse a re-election.
He has been chairman for the past
eight years and is now a candidate
for election as delegate to the demo-
cratic national convention.

WAR BULLETINS.

Petrograd, Feb. 29.—Turks are
hastily evacuating Trebizond or the
Black sea, and neighboring cities be-
fore the Russian advance, a Tiflis dis-
patch says today. One Russian force
is moving west long the seashore
through Risch, another northward
from Erzerum. Saturday the
Russians were 50 miles from Tre-
bizond.

Dover, Feb. 29.—The Maloja was a
victim of a submarine, and was not
mined, Chief Officer Forbes testified
today. Other witnesses failed to
corroborate Forbes' story.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Secretary of
State Lansing today again directly
rebuked Ambassador von Bernstorff
for improper publicity work. An in-
formal statement, declared the morn-
ing paper, reports dealing with con-
tents of Germany's latest memoran-
dum, were not made public by the
state department, and that Lansing
hadn't expressed his views. "Any
such statement is entirely unauthor-
ized."

DOC COOK'S WILD MAN OF BORNEO



Here is Doc Cook's wild man of
Borneo, who he found on his recent
trip to that wild land. The doctor
took many photographs, but most of
them were spoiled on the long trip
back. This wild man, the doctor
says, is a fair specimen of the sav-
ages he found there.

Mrs. Clements' Mother Dead

Word has been received of the death
of Mrs. Whitney, mother of Mrs.
Chas. E. Clements, at Roseburg, Ore-
gon. During the time that the Clem-
ents family were residents of La
Grande Mrs. Whitney was a frequent
visitor here and acquired an extended
acquaintance. She was an Oregon
pioneer of 1852.

BRYAN FAVORS WILSON AGAIN

NEBRASKA CHAIRMAN ISSUES STATEMENT

Visit to Bryan At Miami Results In
Radical Statement

Washington, Feb. 29.—William J.
Bryan favors Woodrow Wilson's re-
nomination, and probably will be a
member of the solid-Wilson delega-
tion from Nebraska, said State Chair-
man Thompson on returning today
from a visit with Bryan at Miami,
Florida.

LARCOM FUNERAL TOMORROW

Deceased Resident of La Grande Will
Be Buried At 2 O'clock

Funeral arrangements for interment
of the remains of the late C.
J. Larcom, who died yesterday morn-
ing at his home in this city, have
been completed. The services will be
held at 2 o'clock at the Bohnenkamp
chapel, and Rev. C. A. Edwards will
officiate. Interment will take place
at the Masonic cemetery.

MRS. SLATER, AGED 81, DEAD

Mrs. E. E. Slater died at her home
at No. 807 Penn avenue at 7 o'clock
this morning. The first indications
of a serious nature were noticeable
yesterday evening and a weakened
condition of the heart is the sup-
posed cause of death. About a year
ago Mrs. Slater sustained a severe in-
jury in a fall, and although having
measurably recovered from this trou-
ble it is believed that the injury had
some effect in shortening the period
of vitality.

Mrs. Edna Elizabeth Slater was
among the well-known pioneer resi-
dents of the Northwest. She was
born in East Tennessee October 17,
1835. Her parents were Robert D.
and Agnes Gray. Her husband, Jas.
H. Slater, who died about twenty
years ago, was also a well known
figure in the early history of the
state, having been a representative
in the lower branch of congress and
in the United States senate.

They came to Oregon in 1853, set-
tling in the Willamette valley. In
1863 they removed to Walla Walla
and in 1864 they went to Auburn in

FRENCH REITERATE THAT VERDUN DRIVE IS BROKEN

KAISER TAKES MANHULLES IN VERDUN REGION

GERMANS SAY SQUEEZE TO
VERDUN VIA MAHULLES
WILL CONTINUE

TERRIFIC LOSSES CLAIMED
TO HAVE BEEN INFLICTED

French Capture Several Lorraine
Trenches, and Say They Witheld
Verdun Attacks Safely—Douaumont
Surrounded By French—Bombard-
men Continues Day and Night Say
Reports.

Paris, Feb. 29.—All German attacks
before Verdun were repulsed this
morning, today's morning communi-
que said. It predicted that the day
would see fresh attacks, however, all
along the line. The French entirely
surround Douaumont, which they lost
Saturday, and which has been the
scene of several days of struggling.

In the meantime, Germans captured
the village of Manhulles, 11 miles
southeast of Verdun, and are driving
eastward to force evacuation of Ver-
dun through a squeeze north and
south. Heavy bombardment north of
Verdun continued throughout the
night. French have recaptured sev-
eral Lorraine trenches.

Early German Claims Out

Berlin, Feb. 29.—Statements made
this morning of the night's fight-
ing at Verdun say that Germans cap-
tured the small armored works north-
west of Douaumont in the Woivre re-
gion. Germans claim to have captured
16,575 soldiers, 238 officers, 68 can-
non and 86 machine guns in the drive.

German Death List Given

London, Feb. 29.—More than 45,000
Germans were killed in the Verdun of-
fensive, an Amsterdam dispatch has
declared.

JOHN MYERS SELLS FARM

Receives \$40,000 For Large Tract
Near Haines

John I. Myers, former Union County
resident, has sold his farm near
Haines. A Baker report concerning
the sale says:

"One of the largest ranch deals in
this city has just been completed in
the purchase of the John Myers ranch
of 780 acres, five miles west of
Haines. A. A. Fidler of Haines, was
the purchaser and he will move on
the ranch. He paid \$40,000 of which
\$20,000 was in Haines property and
the balance in cash. Mr. Myers is
considering going to Washington to
reside. The deal was put through by
C. H. Newton, Baker real estate deal-
er."

EXTRA DAY IS BORN IN SNOW

OTHERWISE, FEB. 29th DIFFERS
LITTLE.

What Luck Cupid Had on This Day
of Days Winged God, Records
Only Can Show.

La Grande awoke this morning to
find 1916's extra day a snow day.
During the night an inch of snow
had fallen and this morning a radi-
ant sun shone down upon a lilly-white
valley—but aside from that the extra
day wasn't particular important.

Business went on in the same old
way, and what luck Cupid had in the
way of successful proposals, will not
come to light just yet. Here are some
uses to which "Extra Day" was put:

Columbus, O., Feb. 28.—Central
Ohio devotees of boxing tonight will
see Johnny Griffiths, Akron, light-
weight, and Leach Cross of New
York, in a twelve round contest at the
State street Coliseum here, under the
direction of the Queensbury club.

Minneapolis—Ten civic organiza-
tions chose today, an unusual date, for
launching a campaign against mos-
quitoes, in this city surrounded by
a state that has 10,000 lakes. It is
planned to eliminate every puddle
in the state where water stagnates.

Dallas, Tex.—Three bishops, Luther
E. Todd of St. Louis, Walter R. Lam-
buth, of Birmingham, Ala., and E. E.
Hoss of Muskogee, Okla., were here
today to aid in planning the Method-
ist membership campaign to be in-
augurated in Texas and New Mexico,
March 12.

Tulsa, Okla.—Tulsa businessmen se-
lected the extra day in the year to
celebrate Prosperity Day. In addi-
tion to the usual carnival features, a
battery of public speakers will tell
Tulsa what a regular city it is.

JURY KEPT IN "CLOSE ORDER"

HORSE STEALING CASE READY
FOR JURY.

Court Orders Talismen Kept Together
Day and Night.

For the first time in several terms,
a circuit court jury has been kept to-
gether night and day during the pro-
gress of a trial. The order came
last evening when the first day's trial
of James Childers and L. Burke,
jointly charged with stealing four
horses, came to a close. Judge
Knowles ordered the men to keep to-
gether for the night and among
other things, to refrain from read-
ing the Observer which might carry
news of the trial. A battery of law-
yers fought the case.

Unless plans miscarry the case will
go to the jury this evening some
time, the defense being well along
with its share of the testimony at the
noon hour.

STEAMER IN TROUBLE

Bandon Jetty Spells Woe For Steam-
er Carrying Hay Cargo

Marshfield, Feb. 29.—The steamer
Fifield struck a heavy sea crossing
the Bandon bar this morning and
swung against the jetty. She is now
lying on the beach, a big hole below
her waterline, and probably will be
a total loss.

A crew of 21 and four passengers
escaped uninjured. The Easterbrook
company is the owner.

A huge sea flung a water-soaked
log ashore breaking a leg of William
Kay's. The boat had a cargo of hay.

MILLS INCREASE PAY

Aberdeen Announces Increase In
Wages Beginning Tomorrow

Aberdeen, Feb. 29.—Several lum-
ber mills today announced increased
wages beginning tomorrow. Four log-
ging camps shut down for many
months, will be started early in March,
and 500 men will be employed. The
camps opened are the National Lum-
ber company, Hoquiam & Cedarville,
Aberdeen Lumber & Shingle com-
pany, Humptulips and Preston Keefe
Camp, and the Aberdeen Coast com-
pany.

1000 MEN IN A FRENCH BOAT WHEN IT SANK

ABOUT NINE HUNDRED IN
SAFETY AT MALTA AND
GREEK COAST

AUXILIARY CRUISER ONCE
IN CAOST-SEA TRAFFIC

Details Meagre and Real Cause of
Disaster Unknown—Probable that
Boat Carried Men Bound for Sa-
lonika—Submarines Known to Be
Active in Mediterranean.

Paris, Feb. 29.—The French auxiliary
cruiser Province carrying 1800 men
sank Saturday in the Mediterranean,
an official statement said today.
Eight hundred and seventy were
saved and it is feared nearly 1000
drowned. Boats are now continuing
the search for other survivors. Four
hundred landed on the Greek island
of Melos, and 296 at Malta.

The Province probably carried
troops for Salonika. It is likely she
sank between Malta and the Greek
west coast. Dispatches didn't state
whether she was submerged, mined
or met with an accident.

It is known submarines are active
in the Mediterranean. This boat is
believed to be a Palatal liner form-
erly in trans-Atlantic service and re-
cently taken over for admiralty duty.
She was an 18,000-ton boat and was
600 feet long.

Election Battle Over Race Problem.

St. Louis, Feb. 29.—After a stiff
legal fight against the holding of an
election on the subject, St. Louis vot-
ers today are deciding by ballot wheth-
er negroes here shall be compelled to
live within residential districts se-
lected for them. The Segregation bill,
as the plan is called, would prevent
whites and negroes from living in the
same blocks and would compel white
persons to move from their homes in
blocks the majority of whose residents
are negroes. Negroes would be pro-
hibited from living in blocks in which
the majority of the residents are
white. Should segregation win,
negroes and white interests opposed
to the proposed law, will attack it as
unconstitutional, they said today, on
the ground that it is discriminatory.

DOUBLE TEAM ARRIVES.

Union High Boys and Girls to Play
Here this Evening.

With the scalp of La Grande's first
game at Union at their belts, and de-
termined to wrest another this even-
ing, the Union high school team which
is contending for the Eastern Oregon
championship arrived this morning.
They were accompanied by the Union
high school girls who play the Y. M. C.
A. girls in connection with the boys'
game at the high school gym. The girls
will play the first tonight, alternat-
ing halves with the boys.

The Y. M. C. A. girls will lineup
as follows: Guards, Alice Spencer,
Anna Warren, Verda Graham. For-
wards, La Verne de Lashmutt, Roma
Jacobson, Marie Love. Center, Gene
Smith.

STUDENTS TO DO STUNTS.

Merchants to Get Advertising in In-
dustrial Parade Friday.

One of the most novel and original
stunts to be pulled off in La Grande
for some time will be the In-
dustrial parade conducted under the
auspices of the Athletic association of
the high school Friday noon. Plans
are being made whereby nearly every
business firm in town will be rep-
resented by one of the high school boys
in this parade, the main object of
which is to advertise the merchant.
Originality is the key note of the af-
fair and each boy will try to make
his display or advertising the most
original and attractive. Placards,
signs or sandwiches will be worn
and the dress made to coincide with
the advertising of the firm represent-
ed. For this advertising the merchant
will pay a small sum for and in turn
not only receive the advertising but
will be given a ticket for every 25c
expended, the tickets being for the
basketball game between Baker and
La Grande on Friday evening.

That the parade will be a success
is assured as the merchants are tak-
ing to it like a duck takes to water
and the boys in charge of the parade
are going to give the advertisers their
money's worth besides giving them
their tickets to the game.