

La Grande Evening Observer

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER -- PRINTS THE NEWS THE DAY IT HAPPENS

VOLUME XVI

LA GRANDE, OREGON.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1916.

NUMBER 130.

LOFTUS BRICK SOLD TO LOCAL MEAT COMPANY

GRANDE RONDE MEAT COMPANY
PAYS, IT IS REPORTED,
\$30,000 FOR IT

ADDITION ON DEPOT ST.
ULTIMATE EXPECTATION

After Owning Building for 11 Years
Tom Loftus Disposes of Brick
Building At Noon Today—Extensive
Repairs to Main Building Also
Contemplated for Future.

Ownership of one of the best corner
properties in La Grande changed
hands today noon, involving it is said,
a deal of approximately \$30,000. The
specific figures are not given out. The
property sold is the Loftus corner oc-
cupied by the Levy-Vogel Drug com-
pany, and various offices upstairs at
Depot and Adams. The Grande
Ronde Meat company is the new owner
of the building and site which ex-
tends 110 feet on Depot street and
160 feet on Adams avenue. R. W.
Logan negotiated the deal which was
closed promptly at high noon today.

J. A. Russell, president of the buy-
ing company, announces that in the
future extensive improvements, re-
pairs and additions will be inaugu-
rated, but architects have not been
consulted to date and the work will
not likely begin right away, although
the company takes possession immedi-
ately.

"We will need more room soon,"
said Mr. Russell this afternoon, "and
we now own the property so that we
can build on the vacant part of the
site on Depot street wherever we need
the additional room. The new struc-
ture will probably be part for lease
but mostly for our own use. Con-
siderable improvement of the present
building is contemplated."

Mr. Loftus, a Starky rancher and
stockman, has owned the property for
10 years during which several changes
have been made to the first-floor
fronts. The brick was built by O. E.
Ralston originally.

The deal is taken by businessmen
and realty dealers generally as proof
of the substantial faith money inter-
ests have in La Grande business prop-
erty. With a new building just com-
pleted across the street to the North,
repairs and additions to the property
in question will further enhance busi-
ness property in that vicinity. The
sale is one of the most important
made in La Grande in several months.

SMALL STEAMER IN DISTRESS
Rescue Wireless For and Is on the
Way—Boat Leaking Badly

Washington, Nov. 18.—(United
Press)—A small American steamer,
the Arvil, carrying passengers and
freight is reported distressed off San
Jose Del Cabo, the south end of Lower
California. She is leaking and en-
gines disabled.

The Collier, Saturn, is hurrying to
the Arvil's aid.

Special Music Sunday.

Special services at the Presbyterian
church tomorrow. Among the
"specials" are Mrs. Cornelia Barker
Carson, violinist, of Portland, Mrs. C.
H. Upton and Miss Leila Deborah
Smith, soloists, besides a double quar-
tette. Sermons both morning and
evening by the pastor, G. L. Clark.
A welcome to all who are not other-
wise affiliated.

The Time To Do Your Christmas Shopping and Advertising Is Now

The time to do your Christmas
shopping is now when the stores
are full of stock to select from.
The wise merchant will do his
Christmas advertising now. All
the December magazines are out
with their appeals for mail-order
advertising. The time to meet this
competition is now.

The place to buy things is here
at home, where every article ad-
vertised in foreign magazines can
be had cheaper and better than you
can send away for and buy "sight
unseen."

Deutschland Ready To Try Once More

New London, Nov. 18.—(Uni-
ted Press)—Capt. Hinch of the
Eastern Forwarding Co., has
testified at the government in-
vestigation of the Deutschland col-
lision. He described the col-
lision.

The Deutschland is ready to
start now, her damage sustained
when she rammed a tugboat
while trying to get to sea yes-
terday, having been of the very
slightest kind.

HARVARD FALLS BEFORE BROWN

Wonderful Little-School Team Is Con-
queror Over Both Yale and Harvard
in Seven Days' Time—Yale De-
feats Princeton.

Cambridge, Nov. 18.—(United
Press)—Brown university, small in
numbers but powerful in football
snatched the champions from Harvard
under today 21 to 0. The game pre-
sented uncertainties when it started,
but no one dared even hope Brown
would do what she did in the way she
did. A week ago the Brown eleven
started the football world by beating
Yale, but today, it was felt, Harvard's
wonderful power would exert itself.
But victory for Brown would not be
denied.

Yale Defeats Princeton.
Palmer Memorial Stadium, Princeton,
N. J., Nov. 18.—(United Press)—
Yale upset the predictions of many
and defeated Princeton here today 10
to 0. It was a magnificent battle
from the start and the attendance was
a record one. Both teams have been
defeated hence no actual champion-
ship was at stake.

Afternoon Meeting At Y For Men On Sunday

Dr. Danford to Preach on Go-to-
Church Sunday. "Fireside Talk" Is
Official Name Given to Sunday's
Gathering.

All men are cordially invited to at-
tend the Sunday afternoon meeting
for men tomorrow afternoon at 3
o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. building.
The Religious Work committee of the
Y. M. C. A. has decided to hold the
meetings only when it is possible to
get a very strong man. The meeting
will be known as the Fireside talk
and will be very good and practical.
The committee present as the speaker
for Sunday Rev. Dr. S. A. Danford,
who has already established a reputa-
tion as a very excellent speaker. A
short song service will also be held.

Busy Day Tomorrow.
Tomorrow Dr. S. A. Danford will
preach both morning and evening at
the Methodist church and he will con-
tinue his series of Gospel readings in
the afternoon. These Bible readings
are explaining the Scripture in a
most lucid and helpful way. The af-
ternoon meetings have been well at-
tended by the women of the church
but not as they should have been by
the men. "You cannot afford to miss
hearing these remaining lectures as
the Dr. takes up the lecture de-
claring the thought of the day and deals
with it in a masterly and scholarly
way," declares Rev. Edwards, the
pastor.

Church Buys New Piano.
Rev. Roberts, of the Methodist
church, South, helped piano movers
carry a splendid piano in the church
edifice today, the instrument taking
the place of the organ formerly utilized,
but which was inadequate to the
demands made upon it.

Business Consolidation at Union.
The remainder of the stock of the
Michell Hardware Co. was this week
bought by the Union Hardware Co.,
stock invoiced to be moved to the
Union Hardware stand. This consoli-
dates another line in Union, and is
merely an adjustment to fit the times
and the size of the town. Mr. Michell
expects to leave the city for western
Oregon, in the vicinity of Hood River.
—Union Republican.

Taken to the Hospital.
Whit Langford was operated upon
for ulceration of the stomach, Sun-
day last, in the La Grande hospital
and is reported getting along fairly
well. The operation developed num-
erous complications, rendering the
case serious.

FIVE REFUGEES AT PARRAL ARE SAFE ON COAST

HAZARDOUS TRIP THROUGH IN-
DIAN-INFESTED DISTRICT
LASTED 15 DAYS

BRIEF MESSAGE HINTS AT
HARDSHIPS OF ESCAPE

Villista Bands Dodged by Group of
Five Who Fled From Parral Where
They Were Trapped and in Serious
Danger for a Time—No Word of
Others Formerly Trapped.

El Paso, Nov. 18.—(United Press)
—Five American fugitives at Parral
have reached Guisanc, Sinaloa, on
the Mexican west coast. T. O. Hawk-
ins, superintendent of the Alvarado
Mines in the Parral district, advises
corporation officers here: "We have
arrived safely."

They rode 15 days in the wildest
part of the Sierra Madre, through
Indian-infested regions and hiding
from Villistas.

Originally there were 10 Americans
at Parral and for many days authori-
ties have been deeply concerned over
the situation fearing Villistas had
massacred them. It is believed the
others have taken different routes to
safety.

FAMILY ABSENT, HOUSE BURNS
Home of Frank J. Hamblen Quick-
ly Reduced to Ashes

While all the members of the fam-
ily were away, the house of Frank
J. Hamblen burned down last Fri-
day just after noon, says the Enter-
prise Record-Chief. It was the
former home of Henry Horton,
south of Enterprise, just around the
"rock point."

Mr. Hamblen was at Lostine
making his rounds for the Enter-
prise Electric company. Mrs. Ham-
blen and two children had eaten
dinner and walked to the depot to
go to Joseph with her mother.
Shortly after they had left the house,
flames burst from it.

A few minutes after Mrs. Ham-
blen had reached the depot, word
was brought there that the house
had burned. She got into Aubrey
Haney's automobile and he drove to
the spot.

So Mrs. Hamblen and children
turned back and went to the depot,
and took the train to Joseph, no longer
having any home.

The origin of the fire, of course
can only be guessed. It would seem
probable that it had got a start be-
fore Mrs. Hamblen left, but had
not gained sufficient headway to be
noticed then. Then it burst into
flames and quickly destroyed the
building. Mr. and Mrs. Hamblen
hope to find a small house, or apart-
ment to occupy until they can arrange
to rebuild.

Both house and contents were in-
sured, but not nearly enough to cover
the loss.

Alexander's Lead Over 600.

Boise, Nov. 18.—(United Press)—
Official returns from all Idaho coun-
ties showed Governor Alexander re-
ceived 605 plurality over Republican
candidate Davis.

FOURTEEN CONTRACTS TO BUILD NEW DESTROYERS LET TODAY

Washington, Nov. 18.—(United
Press)—The navy department has
awarded contracts for eight destroy-
ers to the Fore River Ship Building
corporation, at Quincy, Mass.

The department also awarded six to
the Union Iron Works at San Fran-
cisco.

The Fore River contract provides
\$1,160,000 for each destroyer while
the Union company contract calls for
\$1,100,000 for the first four destroy-
ers and \$1,185,000 for the last two.

On the same day that these 14 de-
stroyer contracts were let, Chairman
Padgett of the House naval affairs
committee, announced the new naval
appropriation bill includes expendi-
tures of \$375,000,000.

DAYS OF '49 CLOSE UP FARO AND ROULETTE TONIGHT

Tonight closes a remarkable run of
the Days of '49 at the Elks old audi-
torium. Each night the attendance
has grown, but tonight there will be
a tremendous crush—everybody wants
to be there to get a paddle on a box of
candy or a boy doll, and to partake of
the score of other games of amuse-
ment that operate. Last night the
spirit of '49 ran rampant from an
early hour until after midnight.

Paper money is in big demand
every minute. To many a faro game
or a roulette wheel is a mystery. Such
as haven't seen the old forms of
gambling, now almost extinct except
on such occasions as this, will find a
fine opportunity at this show to study

the old forms of gambling. The rou-
lette wheel is of the standard make, at
one time so common in the west. The
faro bank is also of the type com-
monly used in the days of the golden west.
All told the display of crap, faro,
roulette and other gambling devices
are typical of the days of '49. Dan-
cing continued last night continuously
with a big crowd of lookers on watch-
ing the whirling dancers.

One of the big features tonight will
of course be the award of prizes to
both men and women winners.

The returns from the entertainment,
already well above \$500, will be used
to apply on the Elks' public Christmas
tree and charity dinners.

Settlement Of Big Strike Recommended

Washington, Nov. 18.—(Uni-
ted Press)—The national coun-
cil of the United States Cham-
ber of Commerce has recom-
mended the government pass
legislation to prevent railroad
strikes pending in the settle-
ment of disputes between em-
ployers and employees, more es-
pecially the four big brother-
hoods and the companies.

War Bulletins

London, Jan. 18.—(United Press)—
Gen. Haig reported further British ad-
vances northeast of Beaumont, Ham-
el, and north of Beaucourt. British
raided a redoubt north of Ypres, cap-
turing prisoners and a machine gun.
Heavy German cannonading goes on
against Beaumont, Hamel and He-
bemar.

Monastir Advance Continues.
Paris, Nov. 18.—(United Press)—
French grenadiers repulsed an attack
at Blackies. Six German aeroplanes
were destroyed and the allied advance
continued. Serbians
captured 800 metres of trenches and
seized Height 1212, northwest of Iven.

London, Nov. 18.—(United Press)
—The Indian office has announced
British defeated a large force of Mo-
hamedans on the Indian border. Six
thousand tribesmen mobilized on the
border opposite Shi-Ib-Kadr.

Berlin, Nov. 18.—(United Press)—
(Via Sayville)—It is announced Ger-
mans have sanguinarily repulsed Ser-
bian and French attacks on the plains
of Monastir. They recaptured a moun-
tain peak Serbians had previously
seized. There is artillerying around
Mackenzien's left.

MORE ENTERPRISE ENTERPRISE
Fred Ashley to Erect Building in
Prosperous City Soon

Another building will be erected
in the near future on Main street by
Fred S. Ashley, on his 60-foot lot east
of the Hub store, says the Enterprise
Record-Chief. This is the lot
owned for years by D. W. Shenan.
After passing through several other
hands, Mr. Ashley bought it in the
summer. On half of the frontage
there is an old frame building of two
stories, in which lodge meetings and
social gatherings were held in early
days.

The new building will be of per-
manent construction, of brick or
concrete and is to be ready for occu-
pancy by April 1 next year. It will
be one story and basement, with walls
heavy enough to carry another story.
Mr. Ashley has a tenant ready to take
the building when completed.

MINNESOTA VOTE IS COMPLETE

Hughes Carries the State in Official
Count By 396 Votes

St. Paul, Nov. 18.—(United Press)
—Official returns in Minnesota give
Hughes 179,553, Wilson 179,157.
Hughes carried Minnesota by 396.

MRS. BOISSEvain RALLYING

In Face of Seeming Improvement Doc-
tors Doubtful of Recovery

Los Angeles, Nov. 18.—(United
Press)—Inez Milholland Boissevain
spent a "very comfortable night." De-
spite her improvement physicians said
her recovery chances are slight.

CANADIANS DO VALIENT WORK AGAINST FOES

DEADLY SHELL FIRE IN BRIL-
LIANT MOONLIGHT FORE-
RUNS GALLANT CHARGE

ALL PARTS OF CANADA
REPRESENTED BY TROOPS

Will Simms Describes Vividly Shell
Fire, Charge and Bombing That
Prevailed in Taking Regina Trench
—Two Minutes of Fighting After
Men Crossed Parapets.

BY WILL P. SIMMS.
(Copyrighted by United Press in
America and Canada.)

With the Canadian Forces on the
Somme, Nov. 18.—Eight minutes of
charging across a sea of mud, and a
methodically-increased barrage, quick
trench fighting sufficed Canadians to
take Regina trench. They assaulted
in brilliant moonlight and completely
won every objective. At midnight
every man was over the parapet. The
gun-fire was perfect and the Canadian
wave charged 50 yards behind blazing
shells where they attacked the Prus-
sian guards and Saxons.

The enemy was routed in two min-
utes.

Many Germans died while attempt-
ing to flee through the barrage formed
from the Somme river.

Canadian bomb throwers then ad-
vanced methodically up the trench and
prevented counters. A violent Ger-
man barrage was started later but it
was too late.

German prisoners have admitted
that the Canadian shell fire is the
deadliest of all.

Americans Among Victors.
Canadians from all parts of Can-
ada and some who previously lived in
America, took part in the charge. They
never wavered but fought like bear-
cats.

NAVEL ORANGES IN SEASON

First Crop Comes Forward—So Does
Elgin Hot House Lettuce.

Navel oranges, the first picked, be-
came forward in fine shape. At the
ried by retailers today. The naves
come forward in fine shape. At the
same time Elgin hot house lettuce
made their appearance on the local
market shelves this morning.

Westbound Trains Normal Again
After nearly a week of up-set
schedules for Westbound passenger
trains, regular running time was re-
established today when No. 17 ar-
rived on time.

Young Attorney in Jail.

A well known young attorney of La
Grande, who doesn't want his name
mentioned—not by any means—was
busy conferring with a client this
morning who happens to be an inmate
of Sheriff Hug's hotel. After an
hour's conference with the prisoner
the young barrister was ready to
leave only to learn to his utter dis-
gust that the janitor had closed the
cell door and locked it. For fully an-
other hour Mr. Attorney hammered
on the bars and it was only by mere
chance that Deputy Weagle happened
into the jail end of the court house
and heard the disturbance. When he
investigated he found a very irate
lawyer anxious to get into fresh air.

Moose Members Entertain.

Sixty-five members of La Grande
Moose lodge met Wednesday evening
for lodge and a social session. The
program was entirely informal, wind-
ing up with service of light refresh-
ments.

**Rio Grande, Brazil, Nov. 18.—(Uni-
ted Press)—**An American consulate is
being established in this city to afford
better advantages to the rapidly de-
veloping trade between the state of
Rio Grande do Sul, of which this city
is the capital, and the United States.
Samuel T. Lee is the new Consul.

Raise Money for German Red Cross.
St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 18.—(United
Press)—St. Paul was decorated to
represent its appearance 50 years ago
today when several thousand Austro-
Hungarians and Germans from the
Northwest began arriving for an an-
nual reunion and folkfest. Beginning
tomorrow, funds will be collected for
four days for the German Red Cross.
Tomorrow will be St. Paul day, North-
west, American and German days also
are on the list.