

Railroad Division Offices Exemplary as Exponents of "System;" Type of Citizenship on Payroll Skilled

SOME OF THE MEN WHO DIRECT LA GRANDE DIVISION, AND SOME FAMILIAR RAILROAD SCENES IN LOCAL YARDS, SHOPS AND ROUNDHOUSE.



Ed. Thomas, Master Mechanic.



J. K. Keeney, Agent.



J. F. Corbett, Chief Dispatcher.



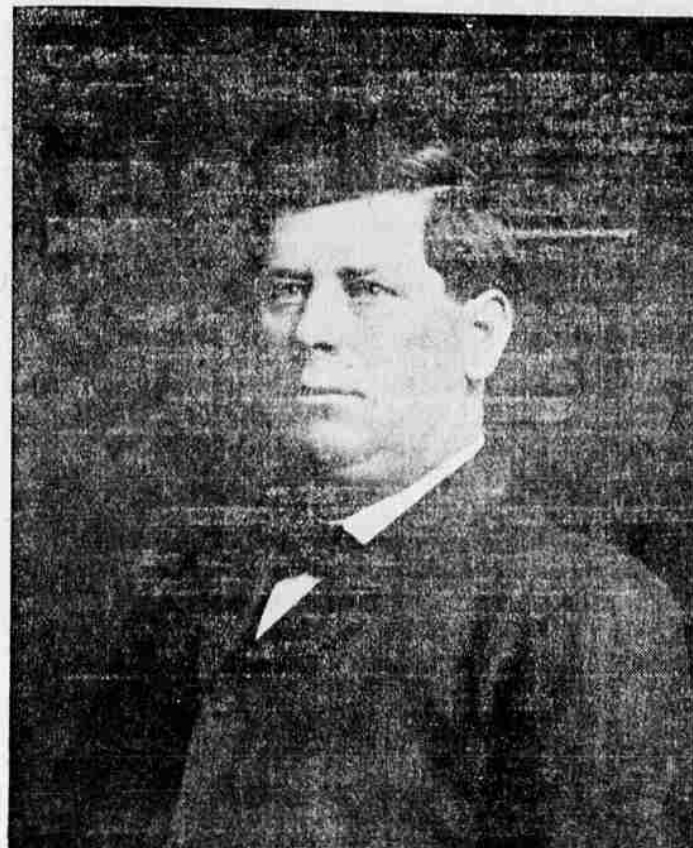
H. L. Lyon, Chief Engineer.



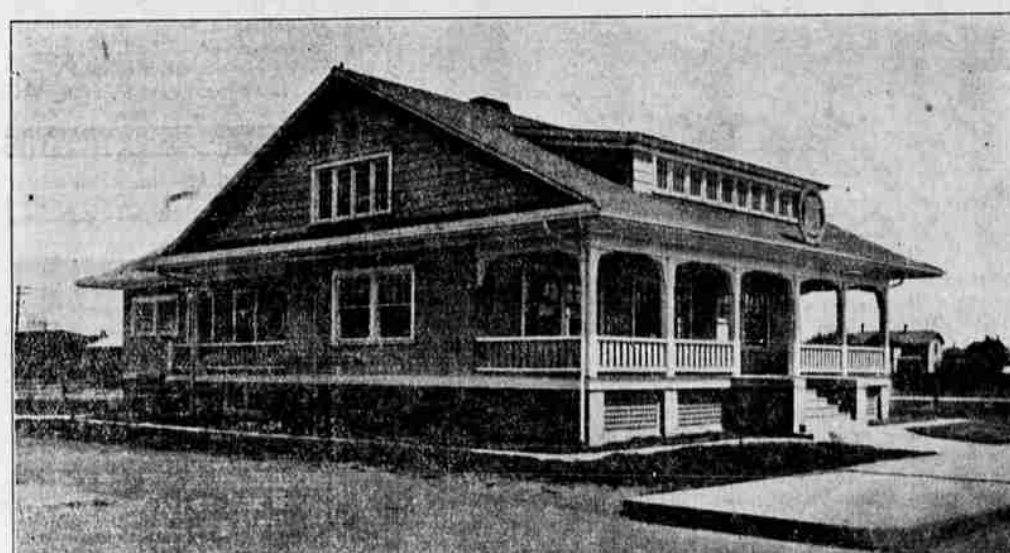
I. A. McAllister, Div. Store Keeper.



Joe Miller, Chief Supt. Clerk.



William Bollons, Division Superintendent.



O.W. Club House and Emergency Hospital, With Full Rest Room and Club House Facilities.



A. J. Martin, La Grande Store Keeper and one of oldest pioneers of the La Grande Officials.

It is human nature to underestimate that which one sees about him day after day, and La Grande is probably no exception. The payroll the Oregon-Washington & Navigation company leaves in La Grande is often boasted of; the fact that men of special training, long experience in responsible positions and men with professions and trades are employed by the company almost exclusively, has a tendency of elevating the general tone of the citizenship. For several years the administration of the La Grande division from Huntington to Pilot Rock Junction (or Reith) and branch lines, has been executed from La Grande under the general direction of William Bollons, superintendent. Under him are men of long training as heads of departments—the men who guide the destinies of the myriad branches of railroad. Any well-regulated railroad is the quintessence of "system"; the minutest detail, the simplest order must be made a matter of record, and to execute this fine-haired detail work requires a large clerical force.

Eighty engine crews operate upon the division. While the year just coming to a close is rather larger than the average for a period of years in the volume of business done, the fact remains that \$65,000 is the average monthly payroll for the current year.

Shops Great Institutions
Three hundred and eighty-seven men are on the payroll about the shops, roundhouse and mechanical departments general. Of these 58 received 47 cents an hour or better. None receive less than 23 cents which applies to unskilled labor. Few realize the scope and field of the shops. Considerably more than a quarter million are spent there annually for all kinds of repairs, it is authentically estimated, during a period of one year. Of this amount the cumbersome general overhauling and big repairs to engines reach close to \$200,000.

Where an amount of money of that proportion is spent there must be activity and skilled men. The La Grande mechanical department is governed by the following: E. Thomas, master mechanic; J. M. Burley, general foreman of locomotive department; J. T. Ridenaur, general foreman of shops; J. D. Sullivan, general foreman of car department; S. Duryea, foreman of night round-house force.

The heads of departments are as shown in the above illustration except that G. L. Bonsteel only recently was transferred to La Grande to take the place of Chief Accountant Alquist who has been transferred to Portland, and his likeness is missing. Books might be written upon the thousands of intricate cogs that make up this vast piece of machinery—a machine constructed by constant application of the chief cogs in it to improve, and attain perfection. Space forbids it, but these citations may

whet La Grande's appreciation to some of the stupendous concerns and organizations doing business within her gates.

And in passing it must not be forgotten that the type of citizenship that is capable of running an engine over the mountains, of being a conductor, or of officiating as firemen and brakemen, is an asset to the city of La Grande. The men earn big money and spend it freely. They are desirable citizens.

LA GRANDE CHURCHES.

(Continued from Page 2)

Peter's church, being dedicated to that apostle, martyr and saint. Sometimes when my Roman Catholic friends deny us any catholic character (for the Episcopal Church claims to have retained the apostolic succession), I feel like replying: "Well, is not St. Peter a Catholic enough name for you?" From Latter Day Saints to Episcopalians, "what a fall is there my countrymen." For if we are called to be saints we are only every day sinners. When at our services we declare that "we have left undone that which we ought to have done, and done that which we ought not to have done," and each one's conscience tells him that he is speaking the truth. I crave the charity of my readers, and while acknowledging that, as one of our bishops replied to a critic, "we have no religion to boast of," yet as God has worked through sinners before, so He may use us now, to promote His glory and the salvation of men.

Christian

These good people have made a distinctive advance during the past year, under the leadership of their faithful pastor the Rev. H. L. Ford. Their material improvement is shown in the erection of a neat bungalow parsonage, adjoining their house of worship. Pastor Ford believes in instructing his people in the fundamentals of their faith. This of necessity must result in much spiritual benefit, for an un-instructed people cannot make a strong church. Their enthusiasm soon wanes and they fall away at the first difficulty, but those who can give a reason for the faith that is in them, are the ones who endure and upon whom dependence can be placed. May Pastor Ford be with his people many years to build up and flourish them in all truth. Thus they will be blessed and become a power for good.

Methodist Episcopal (North)

Our Methodist brethren do not hide their light under a bushel. They let it shine and it is no dim one either. The last year their light has increased in brilliancy, owing to the careful trimming given it by the Rev. Dr. C. A. Edwards, their genial minister. Those people are too well known and their good works too manifest, so extended mention is rendered superfluous.

ous. The Methodist church believes in and depends on the saving grace of the Holy Spirit. This is the secret of its success. Brethren, I "wish you good luck in the name of the Lord," ad multos amos.

Baptist

These are to be congratulated on their good fortune in securing the services of such an able minister as the Rev. Mr. Tickner. Although he has been here nearly a year, his work has begun to tell. But a meed of praise should be given to the faithful labors of his predecessor, the Rev. R. E. Close, who for four years shepherded this flock. Here he was ordained and here he obtained a good report in the ministry. Our Baptist brethren may well look forward hopefully to the future. With an experienced leader and assisted by Divine grace, "quietness and confidence shall be their strength."

Presbyterian

Presbyterianism suggests rockribbed orthodoxy and sedateness. Our Presbyterian friends in La Grande, live up to their reputation. But this does not imply that they are narrow or bigoted, and cannot smile on occasion. They are one of the strongest spiritual forces here, and have done much for the spiritual good of the place. It was through them and the efforts of their former pastor, the late Rev. Dr. Lane, that the neat chapel named for him, was built across the track where it serves for a flourishing Sunday school and occasional meetings for the population in the vicinity of the Palmer mill, thus filling a notable want. The Rev. G. L. Clarke, their present minister, is active not only in parish work but in connection with the Y. M. C. A., the Boy Scouts and other civic endeavors. Their philanthropy was shown in the splendid offering recently of over a \$100 for Armenian relief, and the amount they annually expend in benevolence outside their parish.

Christian Science

This society according to report has grown considerably of late. While I cannot accept their philosophy and take sharp issue with them on many points, yet when they heal the sick of long standing ills, I cannot say them nay. Their emphasis on spiritual reality is moreover an antidote to the gross materialism of the age. At present they hold their meetings in the I. O. O. F. hall, but if, as probably will be the case, their numbers continue to augment, they ought to be able soon, to build one of their own.

Methodist Episcopal (South)
Across the track on the north side there stands the little church belonging to this society. It ministers to a rapidly increasing portion of the town. The Rev. Mr. Roberts has been lately assigned the charge and he is taking hold with vigor. There ought to be a good opportunity for this church and in a quiet way it rises up to it.

I sometimes climb the hill overlooking the town and valley and, noticing the churches scattered around and recalling that these represent different and widely divergent faiths, a feeling of regret comes that thus it should be. But I find comfort in the thought that the smoke of the sacrifices of prayer and praise offered up on these various altars, rises to the same place and blends into one solid column as it nears its goal. To one and all, as we gather together to greet the Babe of Bethlehem, my heart sends forth the greeting, "Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

THE Y. M. C. A.

(Continued From Page Two)

break in school life occurs at about 143 or 15 years, and that the majority of cases in the juvenile courts fall in the same period. The problem of the La Grande Y. M. C. A. in touching these adolescent years is to make the right use of all the facts of boy life. If the local association can make character and bring better ideas into the minds of the hundred or more boys connected with the association, there is no question but that much good is being done for the homes, the community and the state.

Then there is the "silent" influence that the association bears to the community, hundreds of positions have been secured for men that were very needy, lodging and meals has been given to scores without a place to go and personal talks that help to cheer some unfortunate is quite common. The relation that the association bears to various organizations and churches is worth while for both and much good can be accomplished by mutual cooperation.

I have not spoken of the physical side of our Y. M. C. A. here. It is well patronized, is wide in its scope, and is growing. If any reader of these lines isn't familiar with our institution and what it contributes for the general welfare of the community let him but call upon us.

SALVATION ARMY.

(Continued From Page Two)

A dinner will be served in the army hall Christmas day and the children will not be forgotten.

The officers and soldiers of the Salvation Army have their Christmas plans well in hand, and all are eager to do their part to bring cheer to the unfortunate in our city.

Well filled boxes will be sent to the homes on Saturday the 23rd, that those who prefer to have their dinner there may do so.

On Christmas Day a free dinner will be served in the hall, and special invitations given to men and boys away from home.

The children will be made happy with a Christmas tree and useful gifts will be supplied.

The Army will be grateful for donations of food, clothing and money. Phone Miss Olive Childers for particulars.

Water Department of City Pays Own Bills

Repairing Dam, Lowering Spillway, Lawsuit and Routine Affairs for the Year Total \$20,438.47.

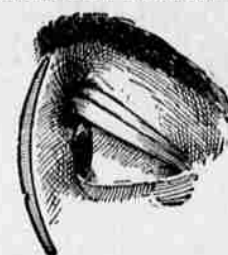
During the 11 months of 1916 the La Grande water department has taken in more than it has spent but the general enterprise of the department has called for less men than last year when the Beaver creek dam was built at a cost of about \$20,000. Changing the spillway and propping the dam, laying considerable new pipe in town, and procuring an accurate map of the department's taps and other needed facts, were some of the undertakings directed by Water Superintendent L. M. Hoyt this year. Constant repairs and changes of a minor sort, reading meters and making collections, were other routine duties of the department to perform.

Following are the total expenditures by month of some of the feature items noted from time to time, but no mention is made of routine expenses and labor accounts:

Jan.—Beaver Creek bonds
biggest item. Total \$ 2,081.61
Feb.—Bond expense again
chief item 4,596.90
March—Thawing pipes considerable item 375.90

April		463.90
May—Pipe \$996, meters \$400.00		2,071.19
June		862.61
July—Ints. \$1,225 on B. C. pipe bonds		1,757.23
Aug.—B. C. sinking fund \$4000.00		4,483.19
Sept.		627.19
Oct.—Lowering spillway at dam 3 feet \$416		1,049.07
Nov.—Payment Howland verdict and witness, \$700, spillway \$326		1,653.91

Total 11 months 1916 .. \$20,438.47
Receipts same period 24,757.06
Pungent Facts From Department
Four-inch woodpipe laid, 2764 feet.
Four new hydrants installed.
Thirty-one taps, new patrons, installed.



EYES OF ALL NATIONS

America and Germany are the greatest eyeglass and spectacle wearing nations of the world. Five Americans wear glasses to one of any other nation.

Deplorable were it not a fact that blindness in America has decreased over 20 per cent since the advent of glasses, while in every other country of the globe there is an actual increase.

Save Your Eyes

Glasses fitted by Peare's will do this—We grind our own lenses, Factory on the Premises.

J. H. PEARE & SON

Registered

Optometrists