

PACKING PLANT HERE IS LARGE

Scope and Capacity Seldom Appreciated—Portland Concern Alone Is Greater—Wholesale and Retail Equipment Tremendous.

How many people know that La Grande has the largest packing plant in Oregon outside of the Union Meat company of Portland? It's a fact!

The Grande Ronde Meat company of this city holds that distinction. To the thousands who pass the front of the retail department, the institution resembles a well-equipped and regulated retail meat shop and that is all. It is only when an investigator gets into the back rooms, up to the second floor, or down in the basement, which measures 90x110 feet, cut into various departments and sections, that one realizes the scope and capacity of this plant, which employs an average of 32 men at a payroll of \$30,000 annually.

The easiest way to get at the system—and system is the watchword—is to take an imaginary trip through the plant with a hog or beef, killed at the very modern slaughter house outside of town. The beef is unloaded by machinery to a heavy overhead roller and run into cooling rooms. Cooling, by the way, is accomplished by two ice plants of an aggregate capacity of 22 tons per day, and keeps the show cases in the retail end and store rooms of the entire plant cooled to prevent unsanitary conditions. Once cooled in rooms that will handle 100 hives at one time, the hives are cut up and sent to the various departments. During the course of a month 100 cattle go through this process, and all Eastern Oregon calls upon the plant for some of its supply.

The route that a slaughtered hog follows is a trifle more intricate. After it is hauled into the cooling rooms from wagons by the automatic equipment, and properly cooled, it is again pulled out and automatically dropped upon the cutting blocks, where a deft blow or two separates it into four parts and a man takes each. The pickling room with many big vats is reached by a convenient chute. Once cured sufficiently, the hams and bacon are taken out and either sent into a room where the temperature is such as to prevent further absorption of salt, or sent to a washing vat and prepared for the smoking room. Such parts as are smoked are handled precisely as in the biggest packing plants. The process here, as in every other department, is of the most modern type and always with elimination of muscle lift and elimination of unsanitation. The parts that go to the second floor, where the lard is rendered and where sausage is prepared, are handled in the customary and convenient manner. The chopper is a new invention, sanitary and speedy. Five large knives cut 200 pounds of meat in eight minutes, and an hydraulic instrument stuffs the sausage. The lard is rendered by the open-kettle method, which prevents burning. The agitation and transferring is scientific and the sealing is by the approved Summer topping method.

Thus, extremely brief as it is, is stated an inkling of what this big plant is. Receiving each month an average total of 1000 hogs, and 100 cattle, not to mention sheep and poultry, and preparing this vast amount of meat for the wholesale and retail markets, calls for intricate system, big pay rolls and enormous equipment. The volume is enormous, the method of the best and most sanitary, and the best money can buy, it is readily seen that La Grande justifiably boasts of its splendid packing plant.

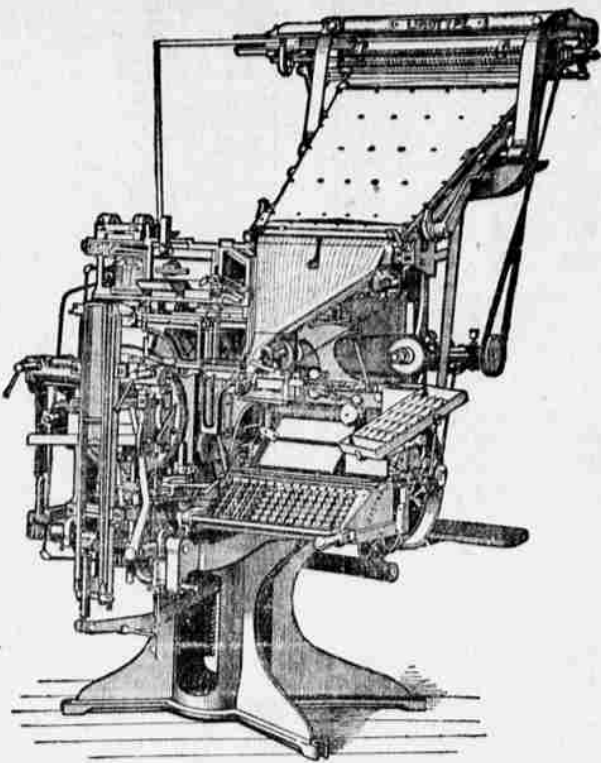
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Photographers	3
Civil Engineers	2
Florist	1
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Observer Like All Small-City Dailies Issued "With A Rush"

A MODERN LINOTYPE



The machine that sets these lines is possessed of such possibilities that it is often ranked quasi-human. Two of these machines compose the reading matter and much of the advertising of The Observer's pages.

The general public knows less about the intricate machinery, organization, machinery and appliances requisite to the production of a daily newspaper than of any other enterprise. This, probably, because modesty often curbs the tongue of the editor—so often the management deems it improper to mention something of its own paper's mechanism and merits.

Be that as it may, it might interest Observer readers to know that there is a total force regularly employed upon this paper of eighteen, besides seven carriers for delivering the paper in La Grande. Two expert linotype operators and two beginners produce from The Observer's two linotypes the reading matter.

What is known as a "make-up" man, pulls the proofs of the type these linotype operators set, puts the corrected lines back in place, sets the heads turned in from the news department, accumulates and inserts the articles in their respective departments—and the next morning throws it away. Ad setters and linotype operators compose the display matter, which is placed in the forms according to previous instructions of the advertising manager. Pressmen keep the presses in readiness to turn the wheels when the right moment comes; carrier boys wait the delivery of the printed and folded paper and in due course of time the collector reaches the home after the pay therefor.

Expensive cable, telephone and telegraph tolls, and an organization of an army of thousands scattered throughout the entire world are but factors in the presentation of the nightly allotment of telegraphic news. County news is contributed by paid correspondents, and the home news is gathered in the usual way.

Expressed on paper, the process is simple. When one becomes a cog in

the wheel, a new vision of the newspaper field is gained; one gets the spirit of the thing, the hurry of it all, the ever-alertness to get news—clean news, not gossip and scandal—and to get it and present it fairly without error or prejudice or bias.

Why some genius hasn't invented a system to reduce the possibilities of errors in small dailies remains a mystery. The big daily has its copy readers, and proof readers who do nothing else. On a small paper the staff does a little of everything from writing news to taking in subscriptions or job work.

News is written at full tilt—as fast as fingers can hit the keys. With little time for editing, it goes to the machine for composition. Proof readers are seldom able to scan the sheets uninterrupted. Often times when errors are detected new ones develop in resetting the line. Again, the man who inserts the corrected lines in the mad rush to get to press picks out the wrong line. These are but isolated instances how errors creep in and are inserted here in the hope of converting those who honestly believe a misspelled word is prima facie evidence of ignorance or insanity. Taking it all in all, The Observer is as free from typographical errors in news and advertisements as the average metropolitan newspaper.

The Observer Publishing Company has the following officers: J. D. Meyers, president; Mrs. H. B. Leiter, vice-president; J. D. Meyers, treasurer; Clarke Leiter, secretary. Mr. Leiter is also editor and publisher. Mr. O. E. Moran is advertising manager, and A. W. Nelson, city editor.

The Observer is a member of the United Press Association and takes great pride in printing today's news today. It buys a great deal of special news from its corps of country cor-

respondents and eastern newspaper syndicates. It is a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations, The Oregon Editorial Association and The Oregon Publishers Association. It is a subscriber to the American Press Association and the Newspaper Enterprise Association. The Observer is ranked among newspaper men in the state as one of the leading newspapers outside of Portland and its editorials are frequently quoted. Its circulation is rapidly growing showing that its enterprise is appreciated by the people of this locality. It goes into nearly every home in La Grande and its ambition is to be read in every home in the city. It also has a large and growing circulation in the homes of Union and Wallowa counties.

The Observer has a loyal group of employees, a large payroll, a large mechanical equipment, and its interests are the up-building of the city and country. As time goes on it will be found making improvements to better its service, both in news and circulation.

Running a newspaper is no easy task and its management believes that the only way to win is to give honest and faithful service to the people.

CLUB STORE ATTRACTIVE.

(Continued From Page One.) stalled behind the cups, dishes and glassware. A cozy little office to one side completes the arrangements.

"We naturally are proud of our store" says Mr. Bacon—a La Grande boy entering business for himself. He has as an able assistant Ed. Casey, who is a wizard at cooking coffee and dishing up a nice lunch with alacrity.

ATTRIBUTES EXTENSIVE.

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It has government dairy expert. It has county agriculturist headquarters.

It has two fine creameries. It has a box factory.

It has good hotels and apartment houses and restaurants.

It has bubbling drinking fountains. It has laundries.

It has ample electric light facilities.

It has a gas plant well financed and to build soon.

It has hundreds of comfortable homes.

It has a democratic people. It has an enormous amount of cement walks.

It has a sanitary sewer and disposal tank.

It has a fair grounds and race track.

It has conservative, established real estate dealers.

It has leading lines of life and fire insurance companies.

It has a chicken ranch recognized as a model, and many smaller poultry farms.

It has livery stables. It has fully-equipped garages and leading auto agencies.

It has several artesian wells. It has a progressive florist.

It has good nurseries. It has first-class dairies.

It has active women's clubs. It has parent-teachers associations.

It has playground facilities including double-tennis court of cement and several clay courts.

It has several wireless stations. It has prize-winning stock on nearby farms.

It has bakeries. It has many wholesale houses and is recognized as a distributing point.

It has a Salvation Army headquarters.

It has little crime. It has free delivery of mails both city and rural.

It has a directory of mercantile establishments and general business houses that go to make up a well-diversified business town.

It has the famous Hot Lake sanatorium 10 miles from its borders.

It has two telephones, telegraph and express companies.

It has large and commodious auditorium for dancing and mass meetings.

It has a modern foundry and iron works.

It has ample timber for fuel close to town.

It has two modern banks. It will have a rural credits center.

It has the largest L. D. S. tabernacle outside of Salt Lake.

It has a beautiful Episcopal guild hall.

It has an assessed valuation of over \$3,000,000, which is part of the county's valuation of over \$21,000,000.

It has about it a chain of enterprising sister towns, such as North Powder, Medical Springs, a hot springs resort, Union, Cove Elgin, Imbler, Summerville and its own suburb of Island City, Alicel, Perry, Hilgard, Starkey, Kamela.

It has a ministerial association. It has several print shops.

It has many other things that make it worth while.

It has a brick yard. It has gasoline service stations.

It has taxis. It has fine fishing in the river and creeks nearby.

CITY MAINTAINS RECORD.

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bound period, and except for work al-

ready started, there was little done in a contracting way.

March Building

On the first day of March J. H. Stoker commenced construction of a one-story frame dwelling on lot 25, block one, Pleasant addition being on X avenue. Cost \$1000.00.

Joe Horstman erected a one-story frame building on S avenue between Greenwood and Spruce as an office for E. C. Davis the owner. Cost \$250.00.

Emma Wood built a one-story frame as a store and dwelling fronting on Fourth street between C and D streets. Nash & Smith were the contractors and the building cost \$1500.00.

I. E. Scott built a frame dwelling on Y between Ash and Fourth street for Chas. Supp. Cost \$1000.00.

William Smith repaired a dwelling fronting on Third between Cherry and X on Z Avenue for Robert Rostock. Cost \$100.00.

J. Millering built a repair shop for George Ruby on Washington and Depot street. Cost \$225.00.

John Wilson repaired and altered a one-story brick used as a laundry on Jefferson between Fir and Greenwood for himself. Cost \$500.00.

W. D. Grandy built and repaired his livery barn structure on Adams at the junction of Fourth between Fourth and Chestnut. Cost \$350.00.

J. G. Lambert built a one-story frame entrance to his building on Greenwood between Jackson and T. Cost \$20.00.

George Rippey repaired a one-story frame structure used as a dwelling on Pennsylvania between Cherry and Balm. Cost \$75.00.

Milton Block erected a one-story frame for himself as a dwelling fronting on X avenue between Fir and Greenwood. Cost \$1300.

William Kelley built and repaired a one-story garage building occupied by Johnston & Reiland on Adams Ave. between Hemlock and Greenwood. Cost \$500.00.

Goodnough & Sons repaired for Mrs. E. M. Anson a building used as a store between Fir and Elm on Adams. Cost \$250.00.

J. H. Blumenstein repaired his one-story home on Main between First and Second streets. Cost \$250.00.

Franklin Zurbrick built a one-story garage on N Avenue between Sixth and Fifth streets. Cost \$75.00.

George Burns altered a one-story frame dwelling on Third between Jefferson and Grandy. Cost \$75.00.

G. J. Price built a one-story frame woodshed on X avenue between Fir and Depot streets. Cost \$50.00.

Total for March \$7,470.00.

April Building

W. H. Bohnenkamp commenced construction of a frame building on Second street between Spring and Main as a residence. Heinie Roskamp contractor. Cost \$1600.00.

Ben Noyes repaired a two-story dwelling fronting on Washington between Fir and Greenwood. Cost \$250.00.

C. D. Emahiser repaired a frame residence on M between Second and Third streets. Cost \$100.00.

Ambrose Wright built a one-story frame garage on Adams between Cherry and Willow. Cost \$200.00.

Ulrich Lottes built a frame garage on Washington between Eighth and O streets. Costs \$100.00.

The Christian church built a frame dwelling as a parsonage on Pennsylvania between Sixth and Seventh. Cost \$1400.00.

R. J. Green commenced construction of a one-story frame dwelling and garage on N between Second and First. Cost \$3500.00.

L. W. Crampton repaired his dwelling on Fourth between Crook and Benton. Cost \$400.00.

H. E. Roskamp built a frame dwelling on Washington between Fourth and Third for Etta Foley. Cost \$2500.

H. E. Roskamp repaired the J. W. Knowles residence, previously damaged by fire, on Main between Third and Fourth. Cost \$1000.00.

I. L. Underwood built a porch on his Fourth street residence between G and D. Cost \$100.00.

M. A. Harrison, Jr., erected a garage on Third between Adams and Jefferson. Cost \$30.00.

Dr. P. A. Charlton erected a garage on Third between Jefferson and Grandy. Cost \$100.00.

Mrs. McCoy built a garage on Second between Washington and Adams. Cost \$40.00.

Total for April \$11,120.00

May Records

J. G. Holm built a garage on M between First and Cedar. Cost \$100. J. J. Pfeiffer repaired a frame dwelling on Third between Grandy and Jefferson. Cost \$100.00.

Mrs. S. C. Zuber repaired a frame residence on Washington between Fir and Greenwood. Cost \$75.00.

Andrew Anderson repaired his frame dwelling on Cedar between Adams and Jefferson. Cost \$75.00.

F. M. Ford built a one-story frame dwelling on Second between N and O for Walter Reuter. Cost \$5000.00.

Walter Reuter, garage \$250.00. I. F. Dougherty repaired a two-story brick for N. K. West on Depot street between Adams and Wash., for store purposes. Cost \$350.00.

E. W. Kammerer repaired a one-story brick to be used as a store by George Ackles on Adams between Fourth and Depot. Cost \$100.00.

Contractor Smeal repaired the one-story residence at 1805 X avenue for Nels Nelson. Cost \$50.00.

George Lyman built a one-story

frame dwelling at 1019 V avenue. Cost \$2000.00.

R. A. Crawford built a one-story frame on Greenwood between V and W for William Glass. Cost \$500.00.

A. Wright put in a glass front in a store building on Adams between Fir and Greenwood for J. A. Garity the owner. Cost \$150.

Charles Jasper built a two-story brick store and office building on Depot and Washington. Cost \$15,000.00. The Sommer estate is the owning interest.

E. W. Kammerer repaired for E. Gutridge a one-story dwelling on Cove between the Foundry and Cherry street. Cost \$600.

Total for May \$24,250.00.

June Construction Work

William Kelly built a two-story store and dwelling for Mrs. C. C. Joel at Cedar and Washington. Cost \$2,500.

Albert Smith repaired a frame residence for Ray Baum on M between Oak and Cedar. Cost \$200.00.

A. J. Larm built a garage on Jefferson between Greenwood and Spruce at a cost of \$450.00.

Thomas Briggs repaired his frame residence on Division between Alder and Walnut. Cost \$50.00.

Joe Snodgrass built a frame barn on Ash for \$100.00.

Joseph Horstman erected a one-story frame residence on M between First and Cedar for \$2000.00.

H. C. Vinacke repaired Robert Smith's one-story frame residence on First between Adams and Jefferson. Cost \$150.

George Scott repaired for W. B. Denny his residence on X Avenue between Fir and Depot. Cost \$75.00.

Jas. O'Hare built a one-story brick garage for J. E. Foley on Washington between Fourth and Depot. Cost \$350.00.

W. C. Hanson built for the La Grande Grocery company a one-story brick warehouse on Jefferson between Elm and Fir. Cost \$8,000.00.

Total for June—\$13,875.

July Was Brisk, Too

Irwin Watson built a one-story brick dwelling on Washington for \$500.00.

George Ruby repaired his frame garage on Washington for \$100.00.

Toy Young repaired his two-story residence on Adams between Cherry and Willow. Cost \$500.00.

C. E. Cummings repaired his frame residence on Adams between Cherry and Maple. Cost \$500.00.

Total for July \$1150.00.

August Construction

H. C. Vinacke repaired for L. J. French the one-story dwelling on Third between Main and Washington. Cost \$300.00.

C. L. Thorne repaired a one-story frame dwelling on Fir between Jackson and T Avenue. Cost \$100.00.

Jack Childs built a coal house on Jefferson between Hemlock and Greenwood. Cost \$300.00.

Mrs. James repaired her one-story residence on T between Fir and Depot. Cost \$700.00.

J. L. Mars built a garage on Adams between Fir and Greenwood for \$12,000. Julius Roesch is the owner.

Total for August \$13,400.

September Construction

The Oregon Grocery company, G. H. Rush contractor, erected a one-story warehouse addition on Jefferson between Fir and Greenwood. Cost \$3500.00.

Ray Goodnough repaired the A. B. C. Laundry building on Cove between Spruce and Jefferson. Cost \$500.00.

H. C. Vinacke repaired for Chris Nelson a residence on Cedar between F and C avenues. Cost \$300.00.

Mrs. H. J. Eckley altered and repaired her property on Walnut between Main and Spring, used as a residence. Cost \$100.

Total for September \$4400.

October Business

H. E. Roskamp built for J. C. Henry a chapel on Fourth street between O and Penn. Cost \$5000.00.

Jake Jacobson repaired his one-story dwelling between Washington and Adams on Greenwood. Cost \$25.00.

F. S. Ivanhoe repaired a frame dwelling on Jefferson between Oak and Walnut. Cost \$150.00.

Ray Goodnough repaired for Dan Marx a one-story store building on Jefferson between Depot and Elm. Cost \$100.00.

James Long repaired for Mrs. G. J. Long a frame dwelling on Spruce. Cost \$500.00.

Mrs. P. L. Thornton repaired two one-story frame dwellings on Cedar between Main and Washington. Cost \$150.

Z. Lilly built a frame dwelling at 2504 Fourth street between X and Y for \$500.00.

Roy Jacobs erected a frame woodshed at No. 911 C for \$60.

R. A. Crawford repaired a brick rooming house on Adams for Ed. O'Brien. Cost \$750.00.

A. L. Pennwell erected a frame dwelling on Depot between W and X. Cost \$200.00.

Total for October \$10,435.00.

November Building Activities

J. D. Biggs repaired his dwelling on Jackson between Pine and Cherry. Cost \$50.00.

William Rollins built a frame dwelling on X avenue between Fir and Greenwood for A. A. Chambers. Cost \$750.00.

T. K. Bellney repaired a one-story frame building used for a dwelling on Alder between Adams and Pennsylvania. Cost \$900.

Conrad Neiderer built a one-story barn on Adams between Walnut and Oak streets. Cost \$100.00.

Total for November \$1800.00.